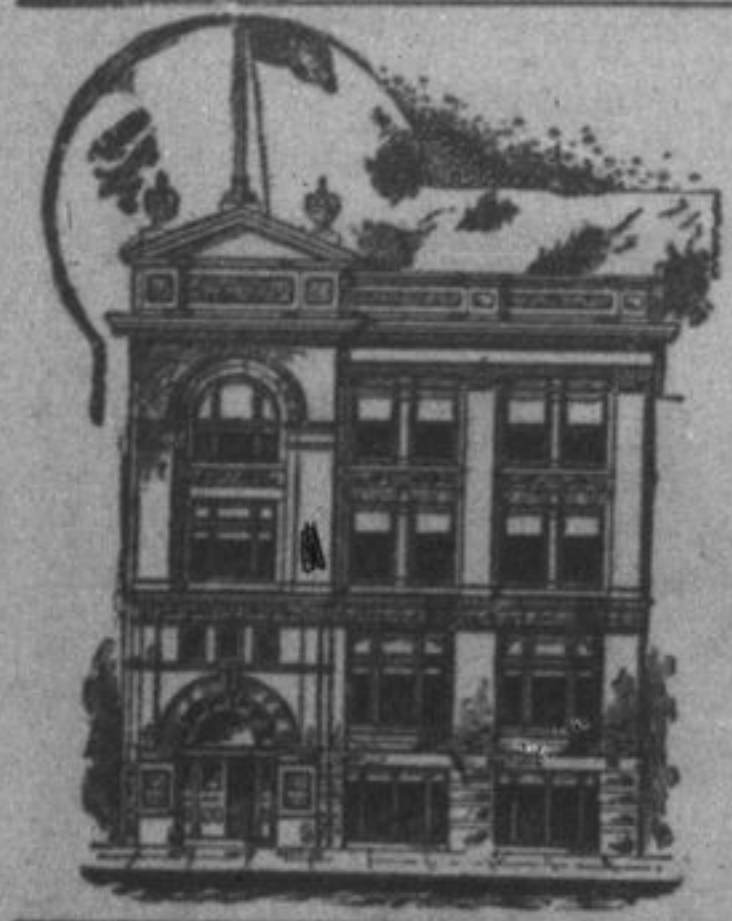


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Once again the line bends but does not break. As long as the French and British armies remain intact, any German victory is an empty one.

Voluntary workers are required for registration day. Here is a patriotic duty right at home to which hundreds of people should promptly and cheerfully respond.

A Lansdowne correspondent writes that there will be no services in the Methodist church there for two weeks. Does this mean that there are no sinners left in the village?

Count that day lost whose low, descending sun sees not another hospital bombed by the Hun.

The Kansas City Star reports that a woman has written to that paper's "Lost Relative Department" offering \$5 reward for her husband "dead or alive."

There would seem to be no question as to Japan's faithfulness to her Allies. Baron Goto, foreign minister, says: "The British people may rest assured that so long as the Japanese Empire exists, the Japanese people are their good friends."

When Tennyson wrote the unforgettable line: "Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay," he did not envisage such an Europe as exists to-day.

The first installment of a new serial story, "The Spoilers," by Rex Beach, will appear in the Whig tomorrow. It is a gripping tale of life in the north land in the strenuous days of the gold rush.

The countryside never looked more charming than it does to-day. The deep green of the fields blends with the green of the trees and shrubs, while the air is heavy with the perfume of the hawthorne and the lilac.

At its meeting in Hamilton on Wednesday the Niagara Diocesan Synod passed a resolution endorsing war-time prohibition.

The Dominion Railway Commission has ordered the railways to improve their service to the end that freight deliveries may be speeded up and less damage done to goods entrusted to the railways.

Jews in Toronto are enlisting at the rate of twenty-five a week for service in the Jewish Legion to be attached to the British forces in Palestine.

A WORLD MENACE.

Russia lies prostrate at the feet of Germany. The greater part of her rich and inexhaustible resources are at the disposal of the enemy, and it would not be giving due credit to his sagacity to doubt that he is taking the full measure of the opportunity thus afforded.

If Germany is permitted to retain and exploit this vast domain she will shortly become powerful enough to defy a world in arms. This is one of the gravest aspects of the war.

The servants of Germany. From the statement issued by the Official Press Bureau in London, says the New York World, it is obvious that the British government is in possession of ample evidence that Sinn Fein leaders have engaged in a conspiracy with the Germans to foment rebellion in Ireland.

From the submarine bases in Ireland, American no less than British shipping was exposed to attack. To pretend that the plot of these allies of Germany was directed solely against England is plain falsehood.

The American Bankers' Association publishes some rather startling figures regarding the thriftlessness of the men of the United States, the most improvident, although the richest, of nations.

The association investigated the financial fortunes of a great number of men. It found that of one hundred average healthy men, twenty-five years old—when they reach the age of sixty-five.

The gravity of the situation is accentuated by the fact that a large number of the men who are thus unable to take care of themselves at sixty-five are possessed of dependents for whom they should be caring.

These facts are what are behind the demand for social insurance. We want to take away part of the earnings of a man in his prime and accumulate a fund which, supplemented by contributions from the government or from employers, will be sufficient to care for the worker in the event of sickness, accident or old age, and which will provide insurance money for his dependents upon his death.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Big "IF." (London Free Press)

Get in your coal. This is the fuel administrator's advice, and it is good advice—if you have the price and the storage capacity.

Conclusive. (Cleveland Plain Dealer)

Brantford men are reported to be boasting about the case with which they can obtain quarts of whiskey in Hamilton. Evidently the fable of the killing of the golden goose which laid the golden eggs has not reached Brantford.

Slight—Very. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review)

For the first time in many, many moons, the Labor Department's figures indicate a decrease in the cost of living. It is a slight decrease, so slight indeed, that the average consumer would never have discovered it for himself, still even a decrease on paper should be welcome these days.

Must be Remedied. (Montreal Star)

Were an eugenic test required for marriage in Canada, one young man in every three would be denied the privilege of establishing a home of his own.

One Way to Clear It. (Toronto Telegram)

Canadian civilians are doing the war work of the Y.M.C.A. according to the valuation that Canadian soldiers place upon that work. The fair and just way to arrive at that valuation is for fathers, mothers, wives and sisters to write the straight question to the soldiers.

Something Toward It. (Toronto Telegram)

It was the last car for the suburbs that night. Suddenly there came the tinkle of a coin dropped on the floor of the car, and the benevolent old gentleman who was sitting in the corner seat leaned over and picked up something.

Soft for the Speaker. (Toronto Telegram)

When a Speaker of the British House of Commons retires from office it is the established custom to grant him a peerage, together with a town house and pension of \$20,000 a year for the rest of his life.

Rippling Rhymes

HE ALSO SERVES

Before the war across the sea our thoughts were all of boodle; we shewed enough of loyalty by whistling "Yankee Doodle." We groaned when'er we paid a tax, and raised old Nock and Harry, and said the burden on our backs was much too fierce to carry.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

COME ON FRANKIE AIN'T YUH GONNA PLAY MARBELS?

NO - IM AFRAID OF GETTIN HOLES IN ME STOKINS



Edith Cavell.

By A. W. Marston, Cazenovia, N.Y.

Last night, in Belgium's capital, She tended sick and sore— A nurse in foreign hospital, Upon a foreign shore.

To-day beneath the German frown She stands in Asquith's place, Ambassador from Britain's crown, Type of Britain's race.

Poor, though to sacred service taught, And far away from home, A heart with English instinct fraught She still can call her own.

Eye, tear her body trunk from spur, Bring cord, or ax, or flame, She only knows that not through her Shall Britain's come to shame.

Rich Sussex fields around her seem, Like dreams to come and go, And sheets of cherry blossoms gleamed Like living sheets of snow.

The smoke above her father's door In soft, gray eddies hung; Must she then watch it rise no more— Doomed by herself so young?

Yes, duty calls with strength like steel, She puts the vision by, Let prostrate Belgium feel the heel, An English nurse must die.

And thus, with eyes that would not shrink, And knee to man unbent, Nor faltering on its dreadful brink, To her red grave she went.

Vain mighty fleets of chilled steel frames, Unless Great Britain keep untamed The valor of her sons.

Then let her name through Europe ring, A maid of mild estate, Who died as brave as Sparta's king, Because her soul was great.

Consulting Surgeon to Army. (Montreal, May 31.—News has been received here privately that Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hutchison has been appointed consulting surgeon of the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Sir Gilbert Parker Resigns Seat. (London, May 31.—Sir Gilbert Parker, the author, has resigned his seat in Parliament.

150,000 Sick in Madrid. (Madrid, May 31.—The epidemic which is sweeping over Spain, a disease which somewhat resembles grippa, is increasing in severity.

A PRIVATE BAPTISM. The King is Godfather to General Haig's Son.

New York, May 31.—The Evening Sun says: Sir Douglas and Lady Haig's infant son was christened privately at Lady Haig's house recently.

Gen. Von Kessel is Dead. (Amsterdam, May 31.—General von Kessel, military commander of Berlin, died suddenly at his home yesterday, according to advices from Berlin.

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