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All indications point to bumper crops in England this year. The Germans made another miscalculation when they thought they could starve out the mother country.

"The wild beast is at large," says Bonar Law. "There's no use arguing or reasoning about it. The only thing to do is to destroy it. That's the duty, and it is up to all the Allies to set their teeth until that end is achieved."

The United States is wasting no sympathy on Ireland these days. Says a Philadelphia newspaper: "Every young man in Ireland who refuses to go, sends a young American in his place." Ireland, in resisting conscription, has forfeited the friendship of those nations who have had to fight her battles for her.

Several very fine fields of flax, with its pretty blue flowers, are to be seen in the city. This is the first time the experiment has been tried here. The object is to supply seed for the English and Irish growers. The experiment will be watched with interest. One of the largest fields is located at the corner of King street west and lower Alfred street.

The child welfare movement has a great work before it. When we consider that 27 per cent. of the children born in any Canadian city die before reaching the age of one year, it must be admitted that this loss in child-life is a national disgrace. The conservation of child-life requires and deserves state support and direction.

The governments of both Canada and the United States have condemned the International Bible Students' Association as a disloyal and seditious institution, and both have inflicted punishment upon its adherents. Loyal Canadians cannot afford to have any connection with a society which is so widely condemned.

Anyone in Canada who is inclined to criticize the price they are compelled to pay in order that the Germans may not invade our shores should consider the plight of Belgium. The Hun is levying tribute on that unfortunate little country at the rate of twelve million dollars a month. If Germany could land an army in this country a far greater sum would be exacted from us.

The increasing number of railway wrecks suggests that more thorough supervision is required. An operator and agent, located not many miles from Kingston, was recently required to remain on duty for three days and nights because no relief was supplied. A traveler mounted guard while the official snatched a few hours' sleep. As long as such conditions are allowed to exist, wrecks are bound to occur.

The rabid anti-British press in the United States has at last been exposed. It was financed and controlled by German money. Dr. E. A. Rumely, president of the New York Mail, has just been arrested on a charge of selling out to von Bernstorff and the German imperial authorities. Millions of dollars have been expended in the United States on Hun propaganda, and it now begins to look as if all this money had been worse than wasted. To the everlasting credit of Canada

be it said that no German agents ever secured a foothold in this country.

A NATIONAL DISGRACE.

The appalling fire loss in this country is nothing short of a national disgrace. Per capita, it is the largest of any country in the world. We are deliberately and needlessly burning up each year millions of dollars worth of property and goods. The record for the month of May this year is somewhat more favorable than that of the corresponding month of the previous year, but the slight improvement does not alter the conclusive fact that the five months of 1918 continue to be unfavorable under any and all aspects. Lightning, as usual in the month of May, was the cause of 151 fires. Up to the present, the fire loss in Canada is 25 per cent. greater than for the corresponding period of last year. If this rate of destruction continues, the loss will exceed \$32,000,000 in 1918, and, together with expenditures upon insurance and fire protection, will constitute a burden of over \$65,000,000. This means about \$10 out of the pocket of every man, woman and child in Canada, or almost \$40 for the average family. In view of these startling figures, isn't it about time that we, as a people, adopted some drastic measures looking to a reduction of this appalling and useless loss? Our record last year was bad; it bids fair this year to be even worse.

DEFENDING THE ARMIES.

A few busybodies have been active in trying to show that the Canadian soldiers in England and France have been moral degenerates. This falsehood has been exposed by various churchmen and military authorities. Among the latest to testify to the high moral standard existing in the army at the front is Bishop Fallon, of London, Ont., a former Kingstonian who has just returned to England from a visit to the Canadian forces in the field. Further testimony as to the clean living of United States and Canadian soldiers is offered by Irvin S. Cobb, the well-known correspondent and magazine writer. He says:

"As for their morals, I am firmly committed to the belief, as a result of what I have seen and heard, that man for man our soldiers have a higher moral standard than the men of any army of any other nation engaged in this war; and when in this connection I speak of our soldiers, I mean the soldiers of Canada, as well as the soldiers of the United States. Any man who tells you the contrary is a liar, and the truth is not in him. This is not an offhand alibi; statistics compiled by our own surgeons form the truth of it; and any man who stands up anywhere on our continent and says that the soldiers who have come from our side of the Atlantic to help lick Germany are contracting habits of drunkenness or that they are being ruined by the spreading of sexual diseases among them utters a deliberate and a cruel slander against North American manhood which should entitle him to a suit of tar-and-feather underwear and a free ride on a rail out of any community."

ARMIES CONSERVE FOOD.

The waste of foodstuffs in the American army is being reduced to a minimum. By a recent order authorized by the quartermaster general, a division of conservation and reclamation has been organized to save war supplies and reduce expenditures as well as to provide for a more satisfactory distribution of garbage. This measure has already been taken by the British, French and other Allied countries, which have established such services with surprising results.

THE NEW PLAN, AS WORKED OUT BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY AUTHORITIES, DOES NOT REDUCE THE SCALE OF FOOD RATIONS FROM THE FORMER STANDARD, BUT AIMS TO SAVE MUCH THAT WAS LOST THROUGH CARELESSNESS. KITCHEN WASTE WILL NOW BE CAREFULLY SORTED SO THAT IT WILL NOT BE DUMPED INDISCRIMINATELY INTO A WASTE RETAINER. FOR EXAMPLE, BREAD AND BREADSTUFFS NO LONGER FIT FOR HUMAN FOOD WILL BE FRIED AND PACKED IN SACKS. COOKED MEAT WILL BE GATHERED UP FROM THE PLATES OF THE MEN AFTER MEAL TIMES AND LIKEWISE SAVED. RAW FOODS AND MEATS SUCH AS THE TRIMMINGS AND SCRAPS UNFIT FOR HUMAN FOOD WILL BE SEPARATED AND SAVED. COOKED GREASE, DISCARDED AS OF NO FURTHER USE, FOR HUMAN FOOD WILL BE PACKED IN SUITABLE RECEPTACLES. BONES, INCLUDING ALL THOSE DISCARDED IN THE PREPARATION AND SERVING OF THE MEN'S MEALS, WILL BE SAVED. ALL THESE ARTICLES WILL BE WEIGHED IN THE KITCHEN AND A STATEMENT OF THE QUALITIES WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO THE CAMP CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION OFFICERS AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF BY THEM, AS FOOD FOR ANIMALS OR OTHER PROFITABLE PURPOSES.

In addition to the saving of waste, the nutrition officers of the food division of the medical department of the army organization will cooperate in the reduction of waste in preparation, waste in service, waste in storage and loss from spoilage through delay in serving food after

It has been issued. It is also planned that the conservation and reclamation branch of the quartermaster's corps will organize and take charge of farming and gardening operations for each military camp, cantonment, army bounds and general hospital, the produce to be utilized in the rationing of troops and foraging of animals. The United States Department of Agriculture will furnish experts to superintend these agricultural operations. The labor relied upon to undertake the heavy part of this field work are the interned aliens, enemy prisoners, drafted men disqualified for overseas service, conscientious objectors and military prisoners. Men partially disabled will also be utilized, and it is thought that the outdoor work will restore them in most cases to physical fitness for transfer to the fighting units.

In the early days of the war there was an enormous loss from waste of food and all other materials used by the armies of Great Britain, France and all warring countries. Waste was not unknown in connection with the Canadian army. Reclamation of materials for repair and return to store is now one of the services most strictly insisted upon by the Allied armies. Food is no longer wasted at the front, even under the trying conditions which pertain on active service. It can and should be even more carefully guarded from waste in the homes of the people at war.

PUBLIC OPINION

Outraged. (Toronto Star.) And to think that there was a time when the demise of a Sultan would have been described as the death of Europe's most depraved monarch. Nobody would make such a mistake now.

Get Busy. (Philadelphia Record.) The sooner we set all our idlers at work the sooner we shall bring an end to the war. Labor shortage is the greatest handicap for great undertakings. Victory will perch on the banners of those peoples who can best make repair keep pace with ravage.

Rubbing It In. (Brooklyn Eagle.) Where was the Vice Admiral of the Atlantic, von Tirpitz, when Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann made his sensational speech in the Reichstag on the impossibility of securing a military decision because of the "powers from overseas" that have entered the ranks against Germany?

Deeds, Not Words. (New York Sun.) All in all, the outlook for the conversion of our enemies by wholesale is not encouraging. Doubtless, the truth is mighty and shall prevail.

Rippling Rhymes

BUSY ANIMALS
The hens are laying luscious fruit, and cackle in their pride; they seem to know that from the Teut they'll help to take the hide. My Dorking hens, in other days, were rather stern and dour; but now when'er a chicken lays, she cackles by the hour. My old red cow's as fine as silk, she cackles our needs, I think; the way she's turning out the milk would drive a man to drink. She stands around and chews her cud, until the milking's done, and seems to say, "This foaming food will help to can the Hun." It may be I imagine it, but Dobbin seems to know; he pulls up harder on the bit, he's always keen to go. I hitch him to my one-hoss plow, and as he does his trick, methinks he says, "I'm striving now to quash the Prussian hick." This Dobbin horse was wont to balk before we drew the sword, and I would pet him with a lock and lam him with a board. It may be I imagine things, but let us hope I'm right; we'll surely spoil the kraut-fed kings, if all the dumb brutes fight.

But it is likely to, takes our utmost force to give it prevalence. Words may lose the war, if we trust too far to words alone. But words are not going to help us very greatly toward the winning it.

THE TONGUE.

(Anonymous.)
"The boneless tongue, so small and weak,
Can crush and kill," declared the Greek.
"The tongue destroys a greater horde."
The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."
The Persian proverb wisely saith,
"A lengthy tongue an early death";
Or sometimes takes this form instead,
"Don't let your tongue cut off your head."
"The tongue can speak a word whose speed,"
Says the Chinese, "outstrips the steed";
While Arab sages thus impart,
"The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."
From Hebrew writ the maxim sprang
"Though feet should slip ne'er let the tongue."
The secret writes crowns the whole,
"Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul."

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.

A Complimentary Reference To a Bank Official.
Picton Times.
That the Old Boys are still mindful of their old home town fair is proven by the fact that one of them in the person of W. A. Bog, assistant general manager of the Bank of Montreal, has most generously donated the sum of \$50 to help make Banner Year the greatest ever.

To Mr. Bog's father, the late Col. Bog, who for years was secretary-treasurer of the Prince Edward Agricultural Society, more than to any other one man can be given the credit for the success of that splendid institution, for he was untiring in his efforts, during the long years he held office, in the up-building of a bigger and a better fair. It was through him that two of the oldest directors on the present board—two to whom the credit for the success of the fair in later years is largely due—W. J. Carter and H. B. Bristol—were induced to become directors. It seemed indeed that just as his years of effort were bearing fruit, that he should be called to cross the great divide.

In conversation with one of the residents of our town, who had been quite intimately associated with the late Col. Bog, the following tribute was paid to his memory: "Col. Bog was a man whom it was good to know. He was the soul of honor, and could not do or think a mean act, because he would not know how. He was a tireless worker and loved the beautiful as witnessed by the immense array of flowers that he always kept blooming in the registry office, the cemetery and the College institute grounds. Like father, like son, his proven true in Col. Bog's case, for W. A. Bog and Augustus Bog who have risen to great prominence in the business and banking world, are worthy sons of a worthy sire."

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