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Forward with Foch.

The "German peace" has gone a-glimmering.

Twenty-two nations have declared war against Germany. One more and it will be "23" for the kaiser.

The kaiser witnessed the launching of the last offensive. Likewise, he was the first to beat it back to safety.

Another draft of over 3,000 Canadians has arrived in Europe. Which is equivalent to so many nalls being driven in the kaiser's coffin.

The housewife finds that any kind of fruit is too expensive to can this year. The only thing that we can afford to can is the kaiser.

The war tax on matches in Ontario is only a few cents. In Montreal the bachelor who refuses to "strike a match" is fined \$10 per annum.

The German official statement refers to the colored troops serving with General Pershing as "black Americans." Aye, but with white hearts.

In London, England, somebody has produced a play called "The Man From Toronto." Needless to say, it was a comedy.—Montreal Gazette. Nay, brother, a tragedy.

The temperature in Paris has been over ninety degrees this week. The French, however, have been making it even hotter than that for the Germans along the Marne.

The postmen's strike in Toronto and Montreal had its compensating advantages: the people there enjoyed the non-arrival of the usual butchers' and other tradesmen's bills.

The amount of industrial unrest manifesting itself in Canada is alarming. The government is fully justified in determining that offences against the Lemieux Act will no longer be overlooked, as some have been in the past.

Secretary of War Baker has declared that baseball is non-essential. It is a hard blow at an American institution, but our neighbors will survive the shock. They are prepared to sacrifice anything and everything in order that the detestable Hun may be defeated.

There are many soldiers back from war hospitals who walk with difficulty. The car driver who would give them a "lift" would be performing a patriotic service. Display one of the Whig's invitation cards on the windshield of your car and show yourself to be a friend of the soldier.

The Labor Department, in the opinion of the Toronto Globe, is headed with such hopeless inefficiency that nothing effective or businesslike can be hoped from it under existing conditions. Time that Sir Robert came home and put a worker instead of a sleeper in charge of the department.

Nationalization of the telephone service in Great Britain resulted in the installation of automatic exchanges and a great improvement in the service. The cumbersome and unsatisfactory switchboard system was done away with and much better service obtained. The United States is

said to be ready to follow the example. Railways, telephones and telegraphs, in Canada as well as in England, might well be national enterprises.

THE WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLY

Food Controller Hoover, of the United States, is in England in conference with the food controllers of England, France and Italy. The visible supply of food in the world is becoming so low that drastic steps must be taken to conserve and apportion it if suffering is to be avoided in the Allied countries. The appointment of a commission is foreshadowed, with Mr. Hoover the probable head. He has shown himself a capable administrator, while his experience in Belgium under German occupation has been invaluable. Under his direction the United States has accomplished wonderful results in conserving food supplies at home and in securing and transporting cereals and food that have relieved a serious situation in England and France. We in Canada little realize all that this effort has meant to the people of England. Some idea of the gratitude expressed by English school children—and gratitude from children is always appealing—can be gleaned from the following clipping from the London Daily Mirror:

"We should have gone hungry to school had it not been for Mr. Hoover."

This is but one of many expressions of thanks sent to Mr. Hoover by British children. Twelve hundred scholars in the London County Council school, Gibbons Road, Harlesden, sat at desks in the open air yesterday and wrote little letters of appreciation of Mr. Hoover's work in helping the Allies to solve the world's food problem.

This is how some of them worded their notes: Rosie Rogers (aged eight)—Please thank every one in America for helping us to win the war by eating less food.

Ethel Smith (aged four) wrote: "Fank U Merika." Doris Young (aged thirteen)—President Wilson has chosen the most capable man in the world to be its food controller.

A boy wrote: "We British children think you American men, women and children are just splendid." The children, after they had written their essays, walked past and saluted the American flag and Union Jack.

THE SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND

The first supervised playground in Kingston was opened to the children last week, when the hitherto bare and uninviting grounds surrounding the spacious Macdonald school were converted into a place of pastime and profit for the kiddies. Some idea of the popularity of the movement may be gathered from the fact that on Friday morning thirty-five children were present, while on Tuesday afternoon this number had increased to 225. The rapidly growing attendance already points to the necessity of introducing similar playgrounds in other parts of the city. This movement is delayed only by the lack of sufficient funds to secure the required apparatus and instructors. An appeal is now being made through the press for financial assistance. The results so far are encouraging, but public support must be much more widely manifested to warrant those behind the movement undertaking further responsibilities.

The needs of the children in the northern part of the city have been provided for, but what of the children living in other sections? The advantages and benefits of supervised playgrounds ought also to be theirs. This boon can only be conferred upon them by the public contributing liberally to the cause. The appeal is to-day being made. Every parent, every lover of children, every organization which has the welfare of the nation at heart, ought to answer this appeal. The children of Canada are its greatest and most precious asset. If we can make their lives happier and brighter and more useful, we will have done something worth while.

Years ago Robert Ingersoll, in exquisite English, revealed to us the beauty and charm of childhood's laugh—the laugh heard to-day on the new playgrounds as the kiddies disport themselves. Here is the tribute he pays: "Strike with a hand of fire, oh, weird musician, thy harp strung with Apollo's golden hair; fill the vast cathedral aisles with symphonies sweet, and dim, deft touches of the organ keys; blow, bugler, blow, until thy silver notes do touch the skies with moonlit waves and charm the lovers wandering on the vine-clad hills; but, know, your sweetest strains are discords all compared with childhood's happy laugh, the laugh that fills the eyes with light and every heart with joy." Childhood's happy laugh is nowhere more in evidence than on the supervised playground. There he is surrounded by wholesome influences, and his hours of relaxation and exercise are proving an invaluable help in character building.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Pretty Good Prophet. (Ottawa Journal-Free Press) At that you Herling is a pretty good little prophet when he says the Germans won't retain Belgium.

A Diagnosis. (Philadelphia Record) Cholera is said to be prevalent in Russia. Cholera morbus, perhaps, from swallowing an unripe peach.

Neither Have We. (Brockville Recorder-Times) Have you noticed in Brockville that the small boys of to-day are so different from the small boys of our childhood days in that all through the summer holidays they turn regularly to a perusal of their school books in preparation for the next school term? Neither have we.

The Only Assurance. (Chicago Tribune) The fact about the German people, the great majority of the German people, seems to be that they are essentially militaristic and aggressive in their attitude. In these circumstances an association of nations against Germany seems to be forced on the world as an inevitable policy, the only certain assurance against renewed wars of aggression.

Must Ask the Huns. (New York Tribune) Having put civilization to the sword, having committed themselves headlong to their barbarous faith in force alone, now by what right do the Germans claim for themselves immunity from the just and inexorable consequence? By what audacity of self-exaltation are they insulted when they are required to choose between surrender or destruction?

The Feeble-Minded Woman. (London Free Press) Is there no law which will protect feeble-minded men, no matter what their propensities appear to be quite safe from assault of sexual character, but feeble-minded women, of like passions, of otherwise, are always in danger of becoming the prey of brutes whom the pathologists and the courts allow to pass as normal. A law strong enough to cover their situation is their only salvation.

A National Need. (Montreal Herald-Telegraph) We have no national highway system where there are good roads they often lead to nowhere in particular, and leave off without order or arrangement. In one place we see a stretch of concrete; in another a dirt track. Some are built of gravel; some of sawdust. Often there are gaps which make motor traffic impossible. There is badly needed some organization to plan a highway system for this country on a national scale; a system which will make the local point of view give way to the national, and give good through highways in all the settled districts of the country.

Some dead Huns have been canonized.

A LETTER HOME.

By Grantland Rice. Dear heart, some day, when I come back Across the night that blurs our view, When I have found the long lost track That leads again to home—and you— When I have stalked across this stretch Of filth and mud and clotted gore, To see beyond the last lone trench Old dreams rise through the mist once more—

We'll know, beyond these blood-shot scenes, That leave their wake of blight and pain, Just what an old-time twilight means When dusk steals out some friendly lane, And, hand in hand, home bound we Beyond the mangled and the dead, To watch once more the old moon lift Its silver etchings on ahead—

To meet the darkness without fear Of what to-morrow's fate may bring; To reach and find the other near Through spring's eternal wandering. And know, at last, our ways are one, Are one forever and a day, Until we meet the last dim sun That leads us on the outbound way.

We'll know what it means to see A far light glowing through the gray, Dim dusk of April's witchery, When I come back again—some day— A light from home—and not the flow Of battle flame from darkness hurled, A light from home that sends its glow To two lost lovers down the world.

Dear heart, I've found out here, at last, We've never understood before; The happiness that we thought past Is but a breath of what's in store Far from the cannon, wheel to wheel, That tear apart the midnight hue, The dawn of life that we will feel Dear heart, when I come back to you.

War Department officials have begun a study of the war time regulations, with a view to amending them to include all engaged in sport or amusements. If that were done the order exempting the motion picture industry might be revoked. At Orange, N.J., on July 23rd, Dr. Thomas N. Grey, pioneer of the national "save the babies" movement and author of many medical works, died at the age of sixty-five years. The Anglican General Synod, originally arranged to meet in Winnipeg, will be held in Toronto, in St. James' Parish House, beginning on September 11th next.

Rippling Rhymes

INTO GERMANY

I hope before this war is done, and we've suppressed the frightful Hun, our men will march on German soil, and sundry treasured landmarks spoil. The German people ought to know just how it feels to have a foe shoot up their houses and their kirks and overturn the whole blamed works. They should be given half a chance to see what deeds were wrought in France, their cities made an aching void, their sauerkraut factories destroyed. They ought to see the bombshells burst among their fields of vinerwurst and see the flash of snickernease beneath their waving pretzel trees. I would not advocate their plan of dealing death to dame and man, of slaying babes and hanging priests, for Allied soldiers are not beasts; but I would see our men in line somewhere along the storied Rhine, and have them rake the country well, and show the Teuts that war is hell. Unless we bring it to their door, they'll soon forget the years of gore, and say it's what they're yearning for, when some mad ruler lusts for war. Oh, let the Teutons have enough of all this blood and carnage stuff.

—WALT MASON.

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