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Push all non-essentials aside till this war is finished. The harder Canadians work the sooner will we see its end.

Rioting in Toronto has not helped the cause of the returned soldier. Intelligent leadership has been lacking, and the veteran has suffered on account of its absence.

It's rather a pity that the intended German invasion of Canada didn't come off, declares the New York Sun, which adds: "Think what the cruel Canadians would have done to the 'army.'"

Vancouver veterans have expressed themselves as opposed to any more strikes in essential industries during the war. Returned men everywhere in Canada should endorse this doctrine.

City parks and places along the lake shore were freely sought last night in an endeavor to escape from the city's oppressive heat. Kingston is indeed fortunate in having been provided with such a splendid waterfront.

"Hold fast" was the text of Premier Lloyd George's message to the people on the fourth anniversary of Britain's entry into the war. It is a good motto, peculiarly adapted to the character of the men of the bull-dog breed.

American troops in France are imitating their Canadian cousins; whatever objective they attain they hang on to. They have no intention of giving up gains made at the cost of great sacrifices. The Hun is beginning to realize what Anglo-Saxon tenacity means.

Dr. Beland, ex-postmaster-general and for nearly four years a prisoner in Germany, tells the story of a Scotchman singing "Rule Britannia" in a German prison. That's the spirit that wins. It is to be hoped that this fearless and loyal Scot may soon regain his liberty.

Ammunition and stores to the value of over \$4,000,000 were last week captured by the Allies at one depot near Fere-en-Tardenois, while the value of supplies destroyed by the Germans at this point was several times this amount. Such losses will be keenly felt by the Hun, as his means of replacing them are dwindling day by day.

The appearance of German submarines in Canadian coastal waters opens up a new phase of the war to Canadians. The loss of several Canadian ships suggests the necessity of this country maintaining an efficient naval force to cope with such an emergency. We have the men and the material to build and man fast destroyers and patrol boats. Why not be about it?

Alien enemies, and not the returned soldiers, are now said to have been responsible for the riots that occurred in Toronto on Friday and Saturday last. In that event, the public will doubtless demand that all alien enemies be immediately interned. Canada has been altogether too lenient with the foreigner, who has found a haven of refuge here. The time has come when the government must separate the sheep from the goats.

Hidden rocks have caused the de-

and brought death of many thousands of people. Yet it was a hidden rock near the brink of the Horseshoe Falls, at Niagara, that on Tuesday saved from destruction a scow and its two passengers. The plight of these two men and their miraculous escape from death is as thrilling a story as any dime novel writer ever penned.

THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA.

In a recent letter to an admirer President Wilson has hit the gold in his clear definition of the quality of supreme executive authority in the United States. An artist sketched an imaginative portrait of the president in a military uniform, and sent him a proof. President Wilson's letter in reply illuminates the whole spirit of the democratic system of government, as follows:

"The framers of the constitution, of course, realized that the president would seldom be a soldier, and their idea in making him the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States was that the armed forces of the country must be the instruments of the authority by which policy was determined. It is for that reason that we can so truly say that our organization is in no sense and can in no sense be militaristic."

Nothing could be more timely or desirable than this occasion, which the president has improved, for setting the form and substance of governmental principles in a clear, strong light for all the world to see. The supremacy of the civil authority over the military in democratic countries is taken for granted; but at a time when enemies are quick to mislead the ignorant by subtle falsehoods, the president has done democracy a signal service by making this clear and unmistakable statement of the facts.

THE FIXING OF PRICES.

It is hoped that the request of the Great War Veterans that the Government fix the prices of the necessities of life will bear satisfactory results. It is well established that the various strikes are due to the high cost of living. The theorists will say that wages enter largely into the determining of costs, but what portion of wage earners are getting from 100 to 200 per cent. more money than they received four years ago? Most necessities of life have advanced that much, while wages have increased probably only twenty-five per cent. as an offset. The chief reason given by the Food Control Board in the past for not fixing prices was that production might be affected. What was needed was increased production rather than decreased prices. That was all very well, but were producers unpatriotic that they would cut the throat of their country because fewer dollars would go into their pockets for their effort? If so, then this type of creature should be made known and placed in the category of Judas Iscariot.

In the pork business of this continent there are firms which have added millions of dollars to their wealth through inflated prices. Butchers declare that there is no reason for the exorbitant prices which prevail to-day. There is neither a scarcity of pork nor of beef—except on paper, they intimate. It seems a strange thing that lamb from Australia will be sold to dealers in Kingston this week at twenty-eight cents a pound after being carried thousands of miles across the ocean, when the same meat produced at home has been selling for thirty-two cents a pound. As a little open confession is good for the soul, so a little price regulation will be good for the health and pockets of the people. In Great Britain they fix the prices on the necessities of life. Are not Canada's rulers big enough to tackle the job?

A TIME FOR REVERENCE.

When the anthem of a nation at war is played by the orchestra of a theatre in that country it should announce a moment of prayerful and sincere respect to the flag and the cause it represents. It should not be accepted as an exit march during which the audience adjusts its wraps and prepares to depart.

Tardily, but none the less commendably, some such idea is coming to be generally accepted. The ushers in at least the best conducted houses in some of the large cities hold back the nervous crowds, and there is some semblance of respect in the attitude of at least a majority of the audience. But the moment devoted to the playing of "God Save the King" is still, largely through ignorance and thoughtlessness on the part of many, too lightly considered. In the Grand Opera House the other evening the Whig noted that half the audience was on the way out while the national anthem was being played. The soldiers present stood at attention, but they were about the only ones who paid the respect due to the nation's hymn. Mildly accepts it as the proper time to readjust her clothes or to secure a firmer grip upon her hat,

in her hand bag, or to hold a buzzing conversation with her seatmate on the idiosyncrasy of certain other females in the matter of an adopted style of hairdressing.

Her escort, in place of standing at something resembling attention, often turns about in his place and ogles the crowd, that the young ladies may not count their entire evening wasted nor the elder groups be torn with jealousy at the thought of having missed him; or he, too, talks stocks or war or weather.

All such practices should be discouraged. Let the thoughtful speak kindly to the thoughtless. Let the moving picture theatres flash a request for respectful attention on their screens. Let the flag and the anthem be duly and respectfully revered. In this military city of Kingston we should set an example.

PUBLIC OPINION

Rival in History. (Ottawa Free-Press) Crossing the Marne may yet rival in historic interest that other crossing—the Boyne.

A Splendid Time. (Brandon Expositor) This is such a splendid time of the year to be in England, so why suggest that Premier Borden should come home?

The Biter Bit. (London Advertiser) Canadian editors in London were subjected to a gas attack. Some of them must have thought of the biter getting bitten.

Out of Court. (New York Sun) Count von Luckburg says the search of his person at Halifax was "a disgraceful breach of international law."

The Kindly Allies. (Springfield Republican) Ex-Chancellor Michanalis tells his countrymen that the huge indemnity exacted from France in 1871 did the German people great harm. This time the Allies mean to be kind to the German people.

Not Only Toronto. (Toronto News) Too many fatal motor accidents have been occasioned by criminal recklessness and folly. The driver who killed one woman, wounded another and then ran away is one of a too numerous class infesting the streets of Toronto.

Must Settle It Himself. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review) There can be no real settlement of the Irish question from the outside. That is the point the Irish people should keep constantly in mind. The Irish question will always remain until the Irish people agree among themselves on some form of settlement.

Rippling Rhymes

KULTUR You ask me what this "kultur" means, that's boomed by Prussian kings and queens? Well, staying babes with submarines, that's kultur. I make a solemn pledge today, and later think it may not pay, whereat I throw the pledge away—that's kultur. I see the Red Cross banner fly above a shed where sick men lie; I bomb the shed, and they all die; that's kultur. I line myself with brutes and beasts, I give the vultures daily feasts, I burn down churches, hang the priests—that's kultur. At every hour to God I cry I'm always pointing to the sky; in every act God I defy—that's kultur. I send my neighbors' sons to fight against the sacred cause of right; but mine are safe at home each night—that's kultur. I claim that butchery is wise, that tears are good for human eyes; I swear to all ungodly lies—that's kultur. Oh, think of all that's wrong and foul, of sins that travel cheek by jowl, of kings who stuf while subjects howl—that's kultur. And think of all the homes destroyed, the fair fields now an aching void, of those by treachery decapitated—that's kultur. There is an evil fiend abroad that knows no conscience, truth or God; we go to strike it to the sod; it's kultur. —WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



BOOKS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

Among the things which are sorely needed at the soldiers camps is good reading material. Hon. Dr. Cody is taking measures to supply quantities of books through the department of education; but these ought to be supplemented with books from private bookshelves—volumes which can be parted with easily. The following lines in Punch signed E.V.L., sets forth the need:

"Oh for a book and a shady nook! You recollect the rhymes, Written how many years ago, In picnic happier times? To-day, no shady nooks are ours With half the world at strife, And dark ambition laying waste The pleasant things of life; But still the cry for books is heard, For solace of the magic word, "Oh, for a book!" the cry goes forth—

"Oh, for a book to read; To soothe us in our weariness, The laggard hours to speed!" From countless hospitals it comes Where stricken soldiers lie, Who gave their youth, who gave their strength, Lest Liberty should die, How small a favor to implore: The books we've finished with—no more!

A book can have a thousand lives, With each new reader one; A book should have a thousand lives Before its course is run, And we few kinder things can do, Our gratitude to show, Than give the freedom of our shelves To those that need it so; Nor let them ask without avail The sweet beguilement of a tale.

Married And Away. Trenton, Aug. 8.—On July 29th, Capt. D. E. Foster, formerly minister of St. Andrew's church, Trenton, was notified at Calgary to proceed overseas. Before leaving he was united in marriage with Miss Jean Colbourne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Colbourne, Trenton. The marriage was solemnized at Caledon, Aug. 1st, 1918, by Rev. J. Burkholder, Presbyterian minister at Caledon.

Lieut.-Col. D. F. Pidgeon, president of the Ottawa branch of the G.W.V.A., last night resigned from that position. His convictions are that a man in uniform should not hold office in the G.W.V.A. or any other organization. Col. Pidgeon is head of the Soldiers' Estate Branch, of the Militia Department.

Mrs. Mary E. Mott died Sunday in Utica, N.Y., after a lengthy illness, aged forty-seven years. Deceased was born in Fairfield East, the daughter of the late James Glazier.

Arthur J. Carey, resident of South Mountain, died in the Brockville General Hospital on Sunday after a brief illness, aged forty-four years.

At Brockville no trace has been found of the body of Mrs. E. J. Jewett, nee (Miss) Stella Morgan. Grapery operations are continued.

On Saturday, Mrs. Briston, Westport, while fishing, caught a bass weighing four and a half pounds.

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