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"Der Tag," the great day of victory to which the Germans looked, seems to have been transformed into a day of retreat.

Above the roar of the cannon, says the Chicago News, can be heard the faint far squawk of a dissolute German eagle trying to coo.

The capture of Lens and the great coal region that surrounds the city will cause rejoicing in France, where the people suffered severely from the lack of coal last winter.

"Let George do it" has given place to a new slogan: "Let Foch and Allenby do it." And the best of it is, they are doing it to the satisfaction of everybody—except the enemy.

The whole situation is one of terrible seriousness, comments the Vorwarts, of Berlin. The fact of impending disaster to Germany can no longer be kept from its people.

Hon. T. W. Crothers, in an address at Brantford last week, expressed his great confidence in publicity, declaring that no one could stand against public opinion. He is himself a concrete example of the exception that proves the rule.

A shortage of 400,000 tons in the usual coal allotment of this province is bound to be felt this winter. In order to make the supply go as far as possible, every householder should secure a stock of hard wood.

Modern war still possesses some spectacular elements. The British attack on Zebrugee and the Allied destruction of the Austrian naval base at Durazzo, on the Albanian coast, was as dramatic and thrilling as the immortal Charge of the Light Brigade.

Turkish rule in Palestine and Syria has been forever wiped out by the magnificent victories of General Allenby. The war has produced no other British general more brilliant than he. The conception and execution of his plans have been masterly.

Nothing less than the absolute extinction of German war-just will satisfy the Allies. The spirit of Prussian militarism must be once and forever crushed. That is the essence of President Wilson's definition of peace terms and it has the endorsement of all the Allied nations.

Canadians, remarks the Toronto Globe, are asked to limit their butter consumption to two pounds a month apiece, in order that Britishers may have more than half a pound a month. It is not a great measure of self-denial, but is greater than the measure of the patriotism of those who will not comply.

A minister of labor might well expect to enjoy the confidence of organized labor. But not so a Canada. When Hon. T. W. Crothers visited Brantford on Friday last the Trades and Labor Council declined to meet him in conference with the Board of Trade. How long can Sir Robert Borden continue to retain

office a minister who has lost the confidence of the public in general and organized labor in particular?

The bulletins of Sunday contained these two striking items: That the Kaiser had decided to offer an honorable peace to his enemies, and that the British on entering Lens could scarcely find the church among the ruins, the sacred edifices having been wantonly destroyed by the Germans. Now what sane man could conceive of an "honorable" peace from the outlawed royal leader of the Huns?

Those who scoffed at motories, Sundays should take note of the fact that four gasless Sundays in the United States resulted in a saving of 500,000 barrels of gasoline and enabled the government to load ten vessels with 50,000 barrels each for use in France. That was an accomplishment worth while. Canadians who refrained from motories on Sundays deserve some of the credit.

DREAMS DISSIPATED. Germany can only be a member of a League of Nations when the international system has been fearfully formed by a great, wise and all-embracing peace, and that can never take place until Germany, not merely has been obliged to change her profession of faith, but until Germany finds herself in a position where all her dreams of world domination are torn to pieces before her eyes, and she is left powerless—indeed, she will be left powerful, doubtless prosperous and doubtless wealthy, but no longer a tyrant who can use the nations which she is in a position to influence to serve her own dreams of world empire.—Arthur J. Balfour.

THE SUDDEN STROKE. High hearts and low fires are what we need this winter. There is every reason for both. Victory is coming. It will be won by mobility. Success depends on speed, speed depends on transport, and transport depends on coal and money. The Allies' ships are calling for coal. Every ton we save here is a ton more for them. The concentration of strong forces for a sudden blow at some vital point in the enemy line is the essence of modern strategy. The war of movement has only just begun. It will carry us through to victory—final and complete—if only we at home see that the armies and navies do not go short of either the coal or the money they need. Save your coal. Save your money. So lend force to the sudden stroke—the stroke that will spell victory.

A TIGER THAT WOULD BE A TABBY. The German tiger, as soon as it finds itself powerless to do more harm, would pose as a tabby. It purrs for peace, now that it is no longer able to impose its will upon the world. But the nature of the beast is too well known for its sudden conversion to fool anyone. The terms of peace will be dictated to a Germany which has first handed over its sword and ridden itself of a forever accused military autocracy. There will be no negotiations in some neutral country. The world knows too well to-day that the word or the bond of Germany means nothing to the Prussian warlords. Only an admission of unconditional surrender will suffice. The Americans are determined not to end this war until their armies invade German soil and bring home to the enemy some of the sufferings and wrongs it has so systematically wrought upon the fair towns and cities of France and Belgium. No proposals of peace from Potsdam will be listened to. The terms which Germany will have to accept will be those imposed by a triumphant Allied army, and they will not be easy terms. Germany has lately sought through changes in the personnel of her government, to show her sympathy towards some small measure of democracy. It is too much, however, to expect that the Kaiser and his war lords have been converted overnight and that their sole concern now is a wider measure of freedom for the people. German chancellors are sacrificed, and an attempt made to place on their shoulders the responsibility for the failure to achieve peace. Prince Maximilian of Baden, the new chancellor, is a believer in a League of Nations, and is probably more democratic than any other of the German leaders. Hence, he is selected as the mouthpiece for those in authority who desire a cessation of hostilities and a knowledge of the Allies' terms of peace. Those terms have been stated in no uncertain language of more than one occasion. President Wilson's reply to the Austria-Hungarian peace feeling left no doubt as to what the Allied nations demanded. He required less than half an hour to prepare his

reply to Austria. He may be even more expeditious in the present case. Unless the German war-god is beaten into the dust, and Prussianism defeated and destroyed, our sacrifices will have been in vain. A glorious victory is within our grasp. What our armies have won for us at a great cost must not be lost by our statesmen and diplomats.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Never Dance. The Germans appear to have abandoned the goose step for the Foch trot.

Impossible. A medical authority says one way to avoid Spanish influenza is to sit in the sunshine. But during the past month it has not been easy to find "a place in the sun."

Simply Justice. A London Advertiser writes: Burn Berlin! That is the thought that arises hot from the smoking picture of Cambrai's ruins. Burn Berlin to the last, palace and the last pigsty as a beacon fire to the people of Germany and the world that destruction must be paid with destruction!

The Only Fair Principle. Should not the principle be laid down that in this country from this time forward each man must assist, each according to his capacities, in preserving the free and open civilization to which he has come for shelter?

Much More Serious. Chancery Clerk von Hertling follows in the footsteps of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg: "In invading Belgium, Germany transgressed the written law." But whereas in 1914 it seemed only a crime, it is now seen to be a blunder, which is a much more serious matter.

Retribution. Philadelphia Record: No Government ever practiced mendacity on any scale as Germany has. It has lied about the cause of the war, about its own and the Allies' conduct of the war, about its crops, about the Belgians; it lied to the Russians at Brest-Litovsk; it lied to its own people about England and about America, and its current military bulletins are fictions with only slight traces of the truth in them. Now it is approaching a situation on earth that would not accept its word about anything.

Mrs. Charlotte Ellis, Cobourg, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Gearing, received word Thursday that her husband, Capt. Ellis, was killed in action on Sept. 13th. Fort Brimont has been captured by the French, who hold the whole course of the Arnes river and have crossed the Suippe river. Ottawa's population increased 2,000 and the assessment \$3,305,009 during the past year.

Rippling Rhymes

BE PATIENT Be patient when the days are hot; cold weather soon will hit the spot, with snow and sleet and kindred rot; be patient. It does no good to human hicks to rant and kick against the pricks; it will not help them from a fix; be patient. In times like these things are upset, but it won't help to fume and fret; serenely the one best bet; be patient. What if a soupbone costs you more, if prunes are dearer at the store? They can't be cheapened by a roar; be patient. What if the measly profiteer is growing richer every year? The day of wrath for him is near; be patient. What if there are abuse and wrong, until men cry: "Oh, Lord, how long?" The arm of retribution's strong; be patient. There's no occasion for despair; if night is dark, the morning's fair, and things are right side up with care; be patient. It's vain to hunt around for grief; it's vain to rend your rags and weep; if things are tough, there comes relief; be patient. These are the times that try the soul; the cheap sates with themselves condole; the brave boys laugh when in the hole; be patient. Oh, grin and bear whatever load you have to pack along the road, and hang a flag on your abode; be patient.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



THE DEBT.

Corpl. Arthur F. Thors, in London Chronicle. For every inch of Sussex Down, and every English flower, For every spot where Beauty lives to light this darkened hour; For every winding English lane; for every woodland glade— Some English lad for England the price in blood has paid.

For every inch of England, and all her treasure, too; For men who vain in West End clubs, and know not what they do; For every Matinee and Show where pleasure-seekers thronged; Some English lad has locked with Death, and flung his soul along.

For every Hope of England, for Liberty and Peace; For dreams of fairer England, when War's Red Hell shall cease; For those who greedily exploit the merchandise of Hate; Some English lad for England has passed the Awful Gate.

For every child of England who died in flood of Youth; For every broken heart that seeks the Everlasting Truth; For every hour of anguish that tore the baffled soul; Let dreams of fairer England lift eyes towards the Goal.

GEN. ALLENBY'S BAG NOW 71,000 TURKS. London, Oct. 7.—Seventy-one thousand Turks have been taken prisoner by Gen. Allenby's forces since the commencement of the British operations in Palestine and Syria, according to an official statement issued by the War Office. This is in addition to 3,000 prisoners claimed by the Arab army. Three hundred and fifty Turkish guns were taken.

BROCKVILLE SENDS HELP. Seven Nurses Go to Aid of Stricken Renfrew. Brockville, Oct. 7.—Dr. J. C. Mitchell, medical superintendent of the Eastern Hospital, stated that he received a request for nursing and medical assistance to combat the Spanish influenza epidemic at Renfrew. It has not been found possible to spare any medical practitioner from Brockville, but a party of at least seven nurses from the Eastern Hospital will leave for Renfrew tomorrow morning. The two other local hospitals are co-operating in the effort to extend assistance to the stricken town.

Entire Family Under Arrest. Belleville, Oct. 7.—Frank Wilson, his wife, and daughter, Mrs. William Babcock, and son Frank, were placed under arrest on a charge of assaulting and obstructing a police officer in the discharge of his duties. The arrest arose out of the arrest of Wilson's son, John, on a charge of theft. Sgt. Harmon had a leg broken, and it is alleged all the accused were involved.

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