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**Northcliffe's Turndown.**

A correspondent said: "There goes the most successful and deservedly successful journalist in the world," referring to Lord Northcliffe. "In this war he has done more for the Allies' cause than any other man except Lloyd George."

"A hard chap to interview, though. The last time I wrote him for an interview he wrote back:

"I am sorry but I must ask you to excuse me from acceding to your request. I am like the little boy at the school treat, who, when the squire's wife came round to him with the strawberry jam, promptly said.

"No, thank you, ma'am. I works at the place where they makes it."

**Warm Praise For Canada**

Baltimore Sun.

Kipling called Canada "Our Lady of the Snows" but the story which correspondents tell of her war record prove that when her pride, her loyalty and her affection are engaged Canada is the Vesuvius of the nations. Every American should read the recital of the sacrifice and the heroism of the Canadians. Before the war certain brainless Americans talked of annexing Canada and of making it share in the benefits of a republican government. Until we can lift ourselves to the same level as this high-minded people the best thing that we could do would be to get ourselves annexed by Canada. We hope that the letters of our correspondent will cause our hearts to beat with admiration, and will stimulate us to a generous emulation. For the next generation at least to be a Canadian will be equivalent to being one of the elect of thy earth.

Economic conditions in Serbia are deplorable and are growing worse every day. The Austrians, Germans and Bulgarians are said to have carried off all of this year's harvest, which was very abundant. The inhabitants have been deprived of food-stuffs and most families have but one loaf of bread a week. Meat, lard, butter and spices are unobtainable. There is virtually no milk in Serbia and children, who are dependent on this food, are dying by the thousands. A great number of families, whose men folk perished in the war, are doomed to starve. Interned Serbians who are prisoners of war in Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria are dying from hunger and various diseases. According to private information, 80,000 have perished in Austria and Hungary.

**The Irish And The Huns**

(From the London Referee).

In the trenches one evening a battalion of the Leinster Regiment held a "kailee" (ceilidh), or Irish sing-song, at which was a spirit rendering of the humorous ballad "Bryan O'Lynn," sung to an infectiously rollicking tune. The opening verse sung:

"Bryan O Lynn had no breeches to wear,

So he bought a sheep-skin to make him a pair,

With the woolly side out, and the skinny side in

Faix, 'tis pleasant and cool, says Bryan O'Flynn."

The swing of the tune took the fancy of the Germans in the trenches, less than fifty yards away. With a "rumty-tum-tumty-tum-tumty-tum-tum," they loudly hummed the air at the end of each verse, until the Leinsters, singing at the top of their voices gave the words a topical application:

"With woolly side out and the skinny side in,

Sure, we'll wallop the Gerys, says Bryan O'Flynn."

Hearty bursts of laughter and cheers arose from both trenches at the conclusion of the song.

**England Will Avenge**

London, Sept. 7.—(Montreal Gazette cable.)—There was a sad funeral procession yesterday of the ninety-eight naval victims of the Monday night's air raid. The cortege was two miles long. British officers carried a wreath with the inscription: "Rest in peace, England will avenge."

**Will Be In Khaki By November 27**

Toronto, Sept. 5.—By Nov. 27th, the first-class of conscript drafted under the Military Service Act will be in khaki.

This is a declaration made by Premier Borden to representatives of the executive of the Great War Veterans' Association, when they attended a conference with the Dominion cabinet at Ottawa on Aug. 29.

**Six Escaped Germans Caught**

London, Sept. 5.—The recapture at sea of six escaped Germans is announced by the admiralty. The statement follows:

"British light forces while patrolling the North Sea on September 1, captured a small boat containing six German prisoners who had escaped from this country."

**In What Month Were You Born?**

Here is an old astrological prediction which is said to indicate with tolerable certainty the character of a girl—according to the month she happens to be born in.

If a girl is born in January, she will be a prudent housewife, given to much melancholy, but good tempered.

If in February, a humane and affectionate wife and tender mother.

If in March, a frivolous chatterbox somewhat given to quarreling.

If in April, inconsistent, not intelligent, but likely to be good looking.

If in May, handsome, and likely to be happy.

If in June, impetuous, will marry early, and be frivolous.

If in July, passibly handsome, but with a sulky temper.

If in August, amiable and practical likely to marry rich.

If in September, discreet, affable, and much liked.

If in October, pretty and coquettish, and likely to be unhappy.

If in November, liberal, kind, of a mild disposition.

If in December, well proportioned, fond of novelty, and extravagant.



**Seven Lights**

At eventime there comes to me  
A vision, and when shadows come  
It seems to let me clearly see  
A row of lights; I count each one.

The lamp of Sacrifice is lit,  
And by it stands the light of  
Truth;

The lamp of power is next to it,  
And Beauty next in line, for-  
sooth.

The lamp of Life near Beauty  
stands  
And sheds its rays of noble  
gleams,

And Valor kneels to touch the  
hands  
Of Recompense: O dust of  
dreams.

The light Obedience shines bright  
It leads afar—its beams are true,  
It beckons on by day and night,  
Just as it beckoned, dear, to you.

Bright are these lights that con-  
stant shine;

Each night the vision fair I see,  
But brightest of the lighted line,  
The last calm lamp—kind mem-  
ory.

**Her Turn.**

"What would you do if I turned you down?" she asked.

After a few moments she nudged the young man and said:

"Didn't you hear my question?" He looked around apprehensively and murmured: "I thought you were addressing the gas."

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