

BRITAIN'S PART IN WAR IS NOT FORGOTTEN

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A correspondent regrets the popular lack of appreciation of the British efforts in this war. If, indeed there is such a lack in America, it does not extend into official and informed circles. Our War and Navy Departments are well informed of what Great Britain has done. The French know well what the British have done. The Germans know better than anybody the part the British Empire has played. German professional and journalistic

statements refer repeatedly to British tenacity, and one complimented Americans but recently by saying that they were scarcely less tenacious than the British.

To be specific: The two Battles of Ypres were as decisive as were those of the Marne, so much so that had either been lost, the Marne victories would have been deprived of significance. And the British at Ypres fought under less advantageous conditions than did the French at the Marne. The French defense at Verdun was heroic beyond estimate, but Verdun was relieved by the desperate assault on the Somme of the British. If the French lost two hundred thousand men before Verdun, the British lost five hundred thousand on the Somme in 1916. One need not dim the glory

THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK TO BE NATIONAL FISH DAY

The Day will be Generally Observed Throughout the Country—Canada's Fisheries are Second to None in the World—Fish Very Nourishing if Properly Cooked—Eat Them and Save the Meat for the Boys Overseas.

The Canadian Fisheries Association has set apart October 31st as "National Fish Day". The idea is an excellent one and the Department of the Naval Service, of which the Fisheries Branch forms a part, wishes to fully endorse it. The Department trusts that the press of Canada will do its part in making the day a notable one.

It is of eminent importance that all our people should know that Canada has fisheries that are second to none anywhere in extensiveness, quality, variety and abundance. It is of much greater importance that they should individually appropriate this information by making fish a part of their daily food.

It would pay them to do so as fish is cheaper than meat, is equally as nourishing, and when properly cooked is just as appetizing.

It is our duty to send overseas every ounce of meat that is possible. This condition will continue for years after the war. Fish is the natural substitute for meat and if it were generally used by our people vastly larger quantities of meat could be realized for shipment overseas.

It would enable the fishing industry

of France by one candle-power when one states the mere fact of the performance of the British Army in Flanders and Picardy. What that performance has been none known better than Marshals Joffre and Foch or than Hindenburg and Ludendorff.

What has prevented Germany from winning this war is what prevented Napoleon from conquering the world, namely, British sea-power. The same thing at this moment is continuing the prevention by transporting sixty-five per cent of our soldiers to France. Upon this point there can be no higher testimony than that of our own Admiral Sims, who reminded American soldiers and sailors in London the other day that "The British Fleet is protecting us and supporting us and getting us to the front."

Nor is that all. British industry, labor, business, financial and inventive faculty, British women, have carried on this war into its fifth year now. The story of how Britain improvised herself into a war-producing base is one of the most incredible of all the achievements on both sides in this war. And without it all Europe would have been simply smashed flat by the German machine.

Truth is truth and fact is fact, and no prejudice, no grudge, no envy of Anglophobists can diminish the sum of British achievement. The French gratefully acclaim it. The Germans know what has beaten them. "The British are cowards and their army is contemptible," they cried in the beginning. Today they speak over and over again of "British tenacity." The bulldogs of British breed have saved human liberty, and we Americans are proud to be rushing to their relief.

to be rapidly built up in all its branches and it is eminently in the interests of Canada that this should be done. There is no branch of production that lends itself more readily to the enrichment than its fisheries.

They cost nothing to produce beyond the equipment used and the labour employed. Therefore a large exportation business in fish operates strongly and directly towards a favourable balance in the country's trade.

It is perfectly feasible that there should be universal use of fish in this country, as in one form and another it can be delivered in perfect condition on any part of Canada.

With the transportation facilities that have been available at the instance of the Department, fresh fish can be shipped to all our larger centres, but frozen fish can be sent to any place that has railway connection. The common prejudice that still exists against frozen fish is a serious thing and should be overcome without delay, as it is absolutely wrong and it is operating against expansion of the business in the direction it should take. Thorough investigation has left no possible room for doubt that a fish that is properly frozen immediately after being landed that is shipped frozen in refrigerator cars and is never thawed until it is placed in cold water in the home of the consumer, is the next best thing to the same fish just when it is taken from the water, and is much superior than if shipped fresh packed on ice. Besides, frozen fish can usually be handled much more economically than fresh fish so that it is usually cheaper. In places remote from railways, canned fish with all their original juices and flavours retained, can always be kept on hand. Also dry cured and pickled fish can always be had.

There has been a very gratifying increase in the number of people using fish during the past few years, but it should have been much greater. Moreover most of those using fish confine their purchases to a few well known varieties such as cod, haddock, mackerel, halibut and salmon, overlooking the fact that there are many other fish which are of equal excellence and which are much cheaper because the demand for them is still small. Besides no variety of fish is equally plentiful at every season of the year, and to procure any article most cheaply, it should be purchased when the supply is the largest. It has been aptly said that while some families of fish have been admitted to the best homes for years, other families equally as good have been excluded for no other reason than that they have not been properly introduced.

This introduction of new fish is one of the real needs of the time.

Flounders of several varieties locally known as plaice, soles, dabs, etc., abound on both coasts, also skate, the wings of which are excellent food, are plentiful. Pollock, cusk hake, and other species abound on the Atlantic and several species of cod on the Pacific. If, as in Europe, there was a ready demand for all of these fish, the fishermen could sell all his catches more cheaply and the prices could be lowered to the consumer. Also in our fresh waters, pike, tulibee, catfish, etc., abound. These are shipped in large quantities to the United States, where they are in ready demand. They are excellent, and should be in general use in the inland portions of Canada.

The Canada Food Board was quick to realize the part that fish should play in our food supply and has done a great deal in increasing the demand for it. The Board is in a better position than any other Department to know what foods should be mainly used. Let every one take the Board's advice, and freely use fish.

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