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A SENSIBLE VIEW.

While naturally enough some boasting is being indulged in by friends across the line of the part taken by Americans in the war, most of the leading newspapers are disposed to treat the matter in a fair and sensible way. The Courier-Journal, of New Haven, no doubt voices the best public sentiments of our American cousins when it says:

"It is impossible in fairness, while felicitating ourselves upon America's share in the wind-up of the war, the remarkable spirit of resolution which overtook us when we had once reached a determination and the equally remarkable record of achievement that followed, to forget that, after all, the Allied nations of Europe had fought our battles for us for nearly four years and that the greater percentage of our soldiers reached the shores of Europe not in American bottoms, but in vessels loaned by the French, British and Italian governments. We had been of great assistance to those battling nations in providing instrumentalities of war and of life, but it was a trade assistance. It was our rare privilege to raise the issue above international prejudices and ambitions and limit it only to the boundaries of the world itself.

However essential the rapid mobilization of American troops and their successful transportation to the fields of France was to the winning of the war—and that is generously conceded—it is appalling to imagine what would have happened to the cause of civilization and democracy had not the resisters of Europe been charged with spiritual zeal. It is not within the powers of human expression to do justice to the gallantry, the resourcefulness, the endurance and the courage of our Allies. We would be the last to detract from the splendid achievements of this Republic which have expressed themselves in an infinite variety of ways. We have been in a position to measure accurately the depths of the national feeling and the grimness of the national resolution, and we confidently expect to see the rewards of it spread themselves and formulate themselves in terms of a higher standard of citizenship and a broader vision of democracy. We are more proud of our country than we have ever been and we have a greater faith in its destiny. The fact remains, however, that the greater share of the credit of having destroyed the armies of the Huns and exposed the wretchedness of German kultur belongs to our honored Allies. We have reason to be thankful that we were not left out altogether from the armies battling for righteousness. We went into the war without a thought of material advantage. Let us retire from it without thoughts of undue pride, for there is glory enough for all."

The people of the great republic to the south certainly have a right to be proud of the noble stand their country has taken on behalf of the cause of liberty and humanity. The most awful war of the last century was fought on American territory for the abolition of slavery. It was the United States which put an end to Spanish rule in Cuba and Manila, and in the war just brought to a close the United States played no unimportant part in making the world safe for democracy. They sent an army of two million men across the seas, and stood ready to increase the number to ten million, had that many been needed in order to stamp out the curse of Prussian militarism.

DER TAG AT LAST.

Germany as a sea power was put out of business on Wednesday when fourteen of her ships of the line, seven light cruisers and fifty destroyers steamed out into the North Sea and humbly surrendered to a mighty armada composed of British, French and American ships of war. The naval history of the world furnishes no parallel for such a spectacle. The surrender was carried out under the

terms of the armistice and there was not the slightest hitch. The despatches say that the enemy studiously complied with the orders of Admiral Beatty, and it is just as well for them that they did so. There was no chance for Hun trickery. The Allied warships stood ready for immediate action, and would have blown the enemy ships to kingdom come had there been the least indication of treachery. After the German ships had been safely moored in the Firth of Forth, Admiral Beatty signalled that "the German flag is to be hauled down at 3.57, and it is not to be hoisted again without permission."

"Der Tag," which the Huns have for years toasted and boasted, has come at last.

The last Premier of N. B. who journeyed to Ottawa on Valley Railway business made the trip in the private car of a C. P. R. magnate. The trip was a cheap one for the then premier, but it proved a very expensive one for the province.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Perhaps Bill Hohenzollern belongs to the Try-anything-once club.

Now that there is no fighting to be done patriotism can be shown by getting out of khaki and into overalls.

When Mr. Satan takes a personal interest in a woman he gives her an all silk taste with a near silk income.

Some men get too busy loving all humanity to remember to bring home a piece of round steak for dinner.

We do not always see the faults of others more clearly than our own. We only speak of them more.

One philosopher says there are more bread-winners than bread-makers among the women these days.

A Young Thing does love the notion of a secret sorrow, but when she has one she begins at once to make it public.

Von Tirpitz hiding in Switzerland! Aw gwan! how he could he hide anywhere with those whiskers?

We might all quit believing in the existence of hell if there were any other place that seemed a fitting home for a few of our most pestiferous friends.

It is now up to German ecency to tell William Hohenzollern where he made his most flagrant mistakes during his thirty years' reign.

ALMOST LYNCHED.

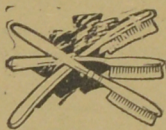
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PREPARING TO MOVE OUT

Copenhagen, Nov. 22—The Soviet authorities of Russia have ordered that a cruiser be ready at the shortest notice to sail from the mouth of the Neva river in the Gulf of Finland and it is announced that in case of danger fourteen members of the government will embark for a neutral port according to Petrograd advices.

Late Mrs. Thomas Cowie

Mrs. Thomas Cowie died at her home in Blissfield a few days ago. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Robert, her step-father, three sisters, Margaret and Ethelbert of Fredericton and Mrs. E. U. Rowley of St. John city, and two brothers, Robert of Devon and Alexander of Nashwaak Bridge. The funeral took place Friday afternoon at Pleasant Valley, York County.



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H. LE B. SMITH WRITES OF OLD TIMES HERE

FORMERLY WELL KNOWN AS ICE SKATER HERE

Took Up Roller Skating at San Francisco—Former York Co. Men With Whom He is Acquainted.

The publication in the Mail a short time ago of the list of costumed skaters at an old time carnival has brought forth an interesting letter from Mr. H. LeBaron Smith, an old Fredericton boy now residing in San Francisco. Mr. Smith after referring to the carnival and stating that his costume for the same was designed by Mr. George Straton goes on to tell at some length of his experiences as a fancy skater in which line he had few equals. He says that soon after arriving in San Francisco he took up roller skating. He was taught some fancy stunts by Mr. Slason Thompson and in the various exhibition contests in which he took part he was only once beaten and that was by a man named Thompson. He says he has put on a number of stunts and claims that his "Double Quick, locomotion side step" was never attempted by any professional skater. He wants his old townies to know that the Frisco newspapers have given much prominence to his work on the ice in that city.

West Devon Man

Mr. Smith says that while putting on a few stunts at a roller rink a few months ago he attracted the attention of a pleasant faced young soldier who turned out to be Corporal LeBaron Mabie a former resident of Devon. The latter was surprised to learn that Mr. Smith was an old Fredericton boy and they spent a pleasant hour talking over old times. Mr. Smith describes Mabie as "a clean cut young fellow who was all through the Spanish American war". In concluding his letter Mr. Smith says:

Former Fredericton Man

"I occasionally meet an old Fredericton boy. Malcolm Ross, a brother of George Ross, the carriage blacksmith I see once in a while. He has two boys in the war and has done well here. Alex. McLaughlin calls in once in a while. George M. Perley, a nephew of old Squire George A. Perley is at Modisto. The Hartley boys I see once in a while—B. Frank Hartley who visited Fredericton with his brother Col. Roland Hartley and W. W. Hartley of Mountain View, Col."

In a footnote to his letter Mr. Smith says:

"Remember me to all the old townsmen. Tell them it pays to lead the right life. I have never used intoxicating liquor and I have always worked against it. I voted home for the Canada Temperance Act which was carried and has never been repealed, thank God."

CARD OF THANKS.

Office of the Board of Health, City of Fredericton, Nov. 19th, 1918. The Fredericton Board of Health wish to thank the citizens of Fredericton for their cheerful compliance in observing all regulations issued by the Board during the epidemic of Influenza, or so-called Spanish gripe. The Board also greatly appreciate and most sincerely thank the various organizations and private citizens, who have so greatly helped the board by assisting in the care and nursing of those afflicted with the disease, and also providing them with sick room comforts.

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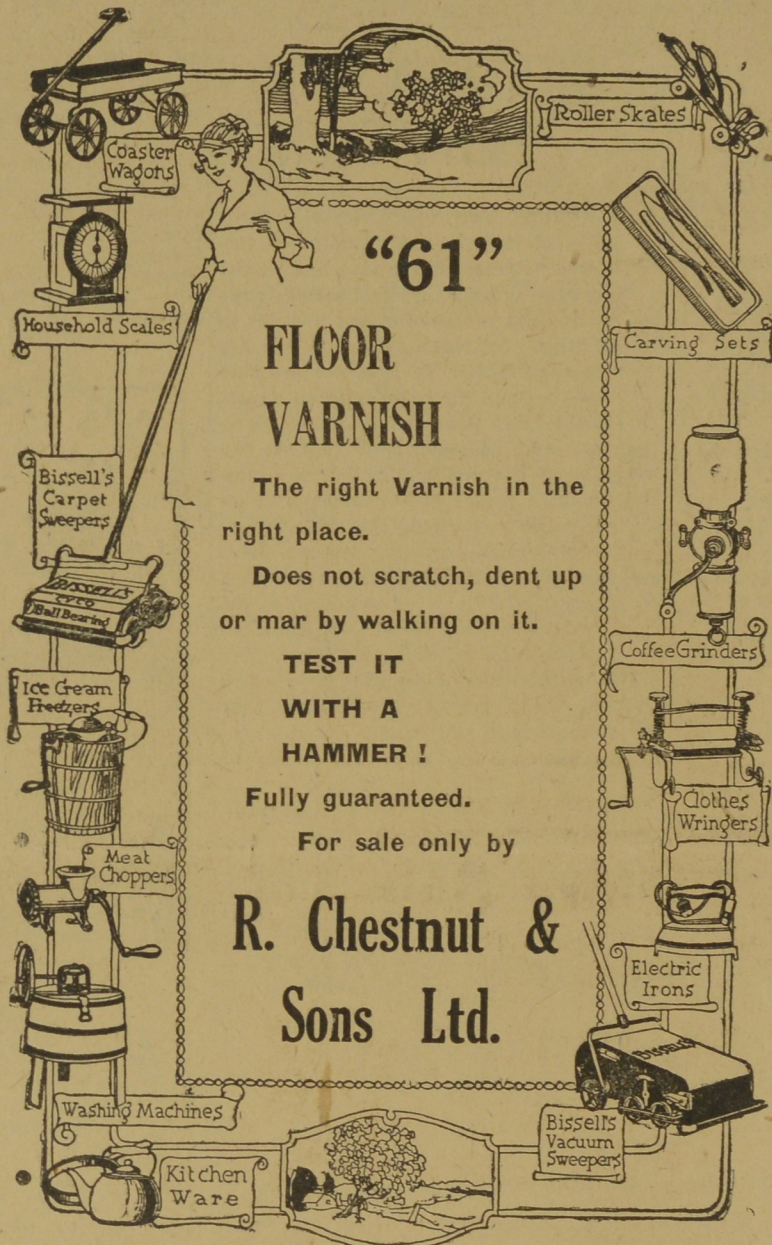
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