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MORE OPTIMISTIC FEELING IN LONDON OVER THE WAR; RENEWED ACTIVITY OF THE GERMANS IN UPPER ALSACE

IS NEW BRUNSWICK DOING ITS FULL SHARE?

St. John Correspondent Speaks Out Plainly--Thinks the Young Men of That City Are Not Coming Forward as Rapidly as They Should--Street Railway Strike Recalled--A Rich Man Who Has Fought Shy of the Patriotic Fund.

(Special Correspondence.)
St. John, N.B., July 9--A new situation is arising out of the recruiting campaign. If care is not taken some body will speak out in meeting and point out a few young and old men who have not done their duty. The patriots who have done what they could in blood and money are angry at those who are able but unwilling. The strong young men who play tennis and drive automobiles much of their time will soon be pointed out on the streets and invited to change their summer clothes for a suit of khaki. I've said once or twice in these letters that the young women--the sweethearts--in New Brunswick could soon create a boom in recruiting. If they prefer to keep their beaux for picnic and movie picture escort they should provide them with a mark of distinction--say, a white feather or a bit of yellow ribbon. The small boys on the street will do the rest.

SOME PLAIN TRUTH.
There is no use denying the fact--the young men of St. John are not up to the standard. Fellows with wives and small children have done more than their share while the single boys have stood upon the sidewalk and watched them go by in their daily work. It was about a year ago that some thousands of them were employed differently. One night there was a street railway strike and a chance to make trouble. There were thousands of young men then who were ready to overthrow street-cars, to smash windows, to break and ruin machinery; yet today, when their country is in danger, when their liberties and their property can only be kept out of German hands by the fighting men of the empire, the great majority of them are "showing the white feather." I might as well speak plainly; that's the truth and no name other than "coward" will apply to him who has not done his share.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.
"I have often regretted," said a middle-aged business man to me, "that no sons are in my family. If I had one today and he did not enlist I would rather see him dead." That spirit does not exist with all other successful men. Their sons are still driving their autos, still spending money foolishly that could be put to better use and their fathers--many of them--with money to spare for every luxury, will not listen to the appeal for the Belgians, for comforts for the wounded or the brave men who are fighting our battles in the trenches. I saw a man yesterday who is so rich he can hardly invest his interest. He is over four score years and should be thinking of heaven. His only son is independent and I cannot recall having seen his name figure in any patriotic subscription list. He could give ten thousand easier than many men could give one dollar. He could give a hundred thousand and while cancelling the rebuffs to benevolence during his whole life, stand out among men for all time as willing to do his share for the defence of the empire. He won't do it, of course; he growls at his taxes which he made next to nothing by moving from the city to the country and even there he thinks school taxes are a burden and that people have too much education! He is only one of many who can give and won't but who should be forced to contribute to help the men who are suffering and dying to save their wealth from the Germans. If this man lived in Germany the government would have taken his money

long ago--and he would be lucky after the war to get even a little of it returned.

The wife of another rich but singularly backward man was at a tennis affair one afternoon recently. It seems these meetings are quite regular and there is a pleasant custom of having tea served during the afternoon. Some one proposed that each one contribute ten cents to the Red Cross Fund in return for the social service. And the rich man's wife demurred, saying that there were so many calls upon everyone nowadays! And her husband has his big yacht, his automobiles--plural, mind you--his horses and his carriages and God knows everything else, including a stingy wife and a hard heart. And he came from England and has made his money in Canada!

But what about the Orangemen? What proportion of the men who are so warlike on the twelfth of July and who wanted to swim across the Atlantic to fight for Ulster have gone to the front to aim the rifle at Germany? Now is the hour and the day to prove the value of the Orange lodges, where the young men of the country have been urged year after year to join their fathers in the faith and be in readiness to fight for their religion. Are they as ready to fight for their country as for their faith or was their profession just a bluff and didn't they join to vote for the Tory party? Now is the time for the Orangemen to prove that they have something more than lip loyalty and that they stand ready to defend the flag they have flapped in so many political campaigns. Go to it, you sons of Derry and you Prentice Boys. 'Tis not the Irish you'll be fighting but the Germans and their Moslem friends the Turks, and you'll find more than a quarter of a million Irish from Ireland there already--with Mike O'Leary V.C.--who didn't wait to be urged to fight for the empire and for liberty.

I don't say there are not some Orangemen there. There is Guthrie, a good soldier, and McLeod is "somewhere in France or England." The first is entitled to all credit--McLeod we'll praise when he does something. But let me tell the Orangemen--and there will be a good many in Fredericton July 12--that your talk about loyalty and the sacred flag and the honor of England has not been backed up in your chief centres by any great willingness to follow the recruiting officer. It is not too late yet. Let your July 12th orations urge the brethren to deeds of glory, to emulate the Catholic defenders of the empire who in France and in Belgium are doing their share. Call on the attorney general, an ex-Orange county master of St. John County, to don either his Protestant uniform or his lieutenant colonel's uniform and sound his war cry. Tell him to summon the faithful to fight for the flag instead of for the party for a change and that he as a member of the government as well as a colonel of artillery, to say nothing of his obligation as a County Orange master, has certain duties to his King and his country to perform. Now, whom shall I get to suggest to admonish Hon. Mr. Baxter, the bachelor member of the government? Shall I say our old friend A. D. Thomas, the stern guardian of the Protestant faith and the school books?

None Better!

SO LONG.

P.S.--I'd like to be in Fredericton Monday, July 12th.

GLORIOUS TWELFTH WILL BE FITTINGLY OBSERVED ON MONDAY

The celebration of the "Glorious Twelfth" which will take place here on Monday is expected to be the largest ever held in Fredericton. The weather has broken after the terrific rains of the past few days and there is now a prospect of fine weather on Monday. It is estimated that between seven and eight thousand Orangemen and their friends will be in Fredericton to celebrate the 325th anniversary of the Battle of Boyne. The great majority of lodges in New Brunswick will be represented and several lodges from the State or Maine also will march.

The procession will assemble at the Old Government House at 2 p.m. and will march over the following route: Woodstock Road, Smythe Street, George Street, University Avenue, Queen Street, Westmorland Street, Westmorland Street, King Street, Woodstock Road to Old Government House.

After the parade disbands speeches will be made at the Old Government House Grounds. Among the speakers will be Dr. W. B. Wallace of St. John, Grand Master of New Brunswick, Mr. David Hipwell of St. John, Past Grand Master of New Brunswick and other prominent men of the order.

Arrangements have been made for excursions over all railway lines and by the river steamers. A number of bands will accompany the visiting lodges.

"DER TAG" IS DUE German Fleet Eventually to Make Desperate Dash for The High Seas

Stress from many angles will soon force the German fleet into the open where she will be engaged by the impatient British dreadnoughts, and "der Tag" so ardently longed for by the Teuton will become a stern reality.

Outnumbered two to one by the fleets of Great Britain alone not to mention France and Russia, together with the war craft of the smaller nations at war the doom of her navy seems sealed.

"Der Tag" shall be in truth "that day" and English guns will wipe the insult out, and lesson the Teuton in international etiquette.

When the Union Jack will be snapping at the masthead of the flagship of the British Squadron on that day, will also be flying from the front of your home?

With these thoughts uppermost. The Mail has provided complete flag outfits for all loyal Canadian readers of these columns as announced on another page of today's issue and plan under which they are presented brings them to the hands of readers practically without cost, the small financial requirement being just sufficient to defray the assembling and distributing expense.

Be prepared to show your colors when victory perches on our banner--better still, get the flag today and adorn the front of your home with your national emblem.

WANTS GOODS DELIVERED.

Mr. Harry Woods, M.P., Tory organizer, was here yesterday for the government meeting. As before stated in The Mail, he is carrying about in his pocket a promise of the post office inspectorship and he is beginning to intimate that an early delivery of the goods would add to his piece of mind. Other Tory politicians are seeking shelter for the coming election, and Mr. Woods, who is a sort of barometer for the party, is anxious to follow their example. Harry is very smooth and knows how to pat the boys on the back, but that sort of thing does not amount to much.

RUSSIANS ON OFFENSIVE

Petrograde, July 10--In spite of the Military distractions along the western and northern fronts, which include fitful activity between Suwalki and the Koivari river and the feint at Warsaw from the west--the main efforts of the forces arrayed against Russia are still concentrated between the river Vistula and the river Bug and are aimed at Lublin.

COL. RYERSON INTERVIEWED

New York, July 10--Col. G. S. Ryerson of Toronto, Surgeon General of the Canadian force arrived here yesterday by the French Liner Espagne. His wife and daughter were on the Lusitania when she was torpedoed. Ryerson, who has been at the front, says that the French troops are fighting bravely at every point. None of the French troops use drinking water that has not been filtered. He declared that statement by General Joffres that the enemy would be out of France by the first of the year was not an idle boast.

OPTIMISM IN LONDON

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, July 10--A feeling of optimism which had been absent for some time is again manifesting itself here. This feeling is chiefly due to General Botha's victory in German South-west Africa which at one stroke deprives Germany of territory larger than that of the German Empire. The cheerfulness of the Entente Allies also has been aided by stands being made by Russians near Lublin in Southern Russian Poland and along the Zlota Line River in Galicia.

CANADIANS REACH ENGLAND

Montreal, July 10--The steamer Northland with troops from all over Canada on board has arrived at Plymouth.

END OF GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA

London, July 10--Under the heading, "The end of German Southwest Africa," Reuter's Capetown correspondent cables;

"As a result of General Botha's tireless and swift advance and masterly enveloping movement in the face of enormous natural difficulties, he completely outgeneraled, outmanoeuvred and outwitted the Germans and the capture or surrender of the remainder of the enemy in the field is only a matter of short time. "As a result of the operations, all the British prisoners in the Germans have been released, 700 prisoners have already been taken, and any attempt at scattered guerilla warfare has been frustrated."

VALLEY RAILWAY PROBLEM WAS CONSIDERED

Although the Valley Railway problem has not yet been solved, negotiations were advanced a stage at the meeting of the provincial government last evening. President Gould and Mr. Ross Thompson attended the meeting and the whole matter was fully gone into. Mr. Gould gave the government to understand that he was financially able to go on with the road. The premier was non-committal but thought that a decision might be reached in the course of another week. It seems that the premier is of opinion that the balance of the dominion subsidy remaining unpaid should not be shown by the company as an asset. Mr. Gould, on the other hand, takes the view that it is an asset and should be so considered in the negotiations. Another meeting of the government will likely be held at St. John on Friday next, when it is expected that there will be something doing.

The representatives of Corbett and Sons and the Hibbard Company who have been striving for over a year to secure a settlement of their claims, have received a promise that they will be paid off in government bonds. They have consented to accept this form of currency and have been told to call around next week. Of course they will be on hand.

Mr. Gould left by this morning's train for his home in Presque Isle.

COMMENT ON KITCHENER'S SPEECH.

(Special to The Mail.)

London, July 10--Newspapers comment at length on the speech of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener at Guildhall yesterday, according to the views

regarding conscription. One faction maintains that the war secretary uttered a direct warning of the possibility of forced military service, while other organs profess to see in his remarks reaffirmation of the belief in the efficacy of the voluntary system.

HUNS ACTIVE IN ALSACE.

(Special to The Mail.)

Paris, July 10--The general German offensive in Upper Alsace is reported in advices from across the border. The Germans are directing their attacks against several points on the line between Pforzheim and Metz, following a repulse of their assaults on the latter position. Renewed activity by Germans in Upper Alsace is believed to be intended to draw the attention of the Allies from the Argonne and Flanders fronts where the real offensive is expected.