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## JOHN BULL IS A GAME FIGHTER

Took Him Nearly a Year to  
Find Where Strength Lay

HAS LEARNED THAT WAR IS SCIENTIFIC

Lloyd George As General Manager  
of the War Has Increased  
Output of Munitions  
Wonderfully.

By Ed. L. Keen.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
LONDON, July 28.—It took John Bull ten months to discover that what he needed most was a general business manager.

Of course he has learned several other lessons, among them, that it doesn't pay to conceal the truth; that the British people resent being treated like children; that they can stand hearing bad news, and that when

the situation is put before them with frankness, they can actually be as patriotic as Frenchmen—or Germans.

But the one big lesson—which the Germans have taught him—is that war now-a-days is quite as much of a business as it is a science. He has seen all the old theories of warfare upset. He wasn't prepared for the change in styles. He had no idea the system of trench warfare would become so highly developed; that such an amount of high explosive shells would become necessary; that a preponderating supply of machine guns might spell all the difference between success and failure; that the Germans would introduce the use of asphyxiating gas, liquid fire, and other like agencies hitherto unrecognized in the conduct of civilized warfare—but above all that the German superiority in the new style of fighting was due to the mobilization of the entire industrial resources of the empire co-incidentally with the

Take the matter of machine-guns alone. The Germans concentrated upon their manufacture. Result: These weapons have practically rendered the rifle useless, and caused the slaughter of British troops, when on the offensive, in numbers entirely disproportionate to that of Germans in similar circumstances. Machine guns cannot be improvised. The machinery for making them requires some nine months to build.

It was this question of munitions that finally brought home to the British government appreciation of the absolute necessity of mobilizing the industry of the nation if the war was to be brought to a successful conclusion. France did it early in the war, but her industrial resources, even in peace times, were exceedingly limited as compared with those of the British empire, and today her most important industrial provinces, including 70 per cent of her steel production, are in the hands of the enemy.

It is up to Great Britain to help not only France, but Russia, as well as herself. The driving of the Russian armies out of Galicia was due solely to their lack of ammunition.

Hitherto Britain has been concentrating upon soldiers. Now she is concentrating on munitions. "Get into the factory line and supply the firing line," has replaced on the posters the old familiar "Your King and Country need you at the front." They are even bringing back from the trenches skilled workmen whose enlistment, it is now agreed, should never have been permitted. The enrollment of volunteers for the king's army—the use of the term "Kitchener's army" has recently been abandoned in the posters—of course continues, but the enlistment of men at all qualified to work in munition shops is discouraged.

With the realization that organization of the country's industries for the manufacture of munitions had become imperative came appreciation of the fact that the machinery of the government was inadequate. Lord Kitchener had not only been overloaded personally, but the antiquated system of the war office had proved itself incapable of handling the problem. So the government—

mostly Prime Minister Asquith—decided to appoint a general business manager.

Lloyd George, the little Welsh solicitor who so successfully had been running the nation's finances, after a record of constructive reform legislation without parallel in history, was chosen. He was given the title of minister of munitions; but his commission was practically to take charge of the industries of the country. The first thing he did was to tell his fellow countrymen the truth—the grave danger confronting the empire through the deplorable slackness hitherto prevailing in the manufacture of the instruments of warfare. Next he brought both labor and capital into line. He got the trades unions associated with munition-making to agree to suspend during the war their color restricting output and to bend all their energies toward the desired object; and he got the manufacturers to agree to forego all additional profits arising out of war contracts in excess of 20 per cent. To clinch matters he had parliament put these and other regulations into legislation, including immediate government control of the workshops, and the creation of a munitions court with power to inflict adequate penalties for slackness, strikes, lockouts, etc. Finally to insure an uninterrupted flow of munitions in the largest quantity possible from the United States and Canada he sent hot-foot to America one of England's ablest business men, J. A. Thomas.

Meantime, just to demonstrate, Lloyd George went out into one of the manufacturing districts where, under the old system of sub-contracting, about 10,000 shells a month were being produced, injected a little ginger, and started an output of 150,000 shells a month, which he expects to have increased to an average of 300,000. He believes that under the system already inaugurated the United Kingdom alone will soon be able to exceed the estimated product of the Central Continental Powers of 250,000 shells a day.

### FRENCH HAVE FOUGHT HARD

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cluding the Prussian Guard, from Arras. He kept open the lines of communication and train load after train load of reinforcements poured into the north of France. The allies owe him a great debt, for his was of the finest performances of the war.

After Arras, the Germans tried to break through on the Yser; they tried to get past Dixmude, defended by the gallant Admiral Ronarch and his daredevil Breton marines. La Bassée saw very stubborn fighting and lastly one of the greatest engagements of the whole war came at Ypres with the British in bulldog fashion, holding practically the whole of the line.

But after all, Arras was the main gate to the coast and had de Maud'huy failed there, the other fighting probably would not have occurred. His victory was the decisive one.

In subsequent battles had the allies been forced back at any point reinforcements were at hand and the thing could have been remedied. The British victory at Ypres, by some said to be the biggest battle not only of this war, but of all time, was not of itself decisive since de Maud'huy had won out at Arras by October 2; insuring the arrival of reserves all along the line as far north as the sea; and, had the British given way they very probably would have been supported by fresh troops and the German advance arrested before the coast was reached.

Thus it was de Maud'huy who held the gate to the sea and probably saved Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne with all that such a victory meant for the allies.

### BOY WHO ENTERED HARDWARE STORE ARRESTED

Dorn McConnell was yesterday arrested by Officer Hunt, on the charge of stealing a revolver and other articles from the S. B. Crouch hardware store. The boys confessed to entering the store through a window and taking the articles when they were shown to him at the sheriff's office this morning. The theft occurred a few weeks ago and the officers have been on a search for some time in an endeavor to locate the missing articles. The search finally proved that the McConnell boy was the one who had entered the store, but when the sheriff went to the house to arrest the lad, he found that he had disappeared. For several days the officers watched the house, but the boy kept in hiding in the brush behind the house which is situated well up on Mt. Nebo in Alexander's addition. After watching the house for the day, Hunt last night saw the boy sneak into the house by

the rear door and placed him under arrest. He will be turned over to the juvenile officers for trial.

### SPORTSMEN WANT DAM ACROSS RIVER AT UMPQUA

At a recent meeting of the Roseburg and Douglas County Merchants Association the Umpqua fish hatchery was discussed at considerable length. At the present time the hatchery is equipped for caring for salmon only and it is the opinion that it would be of benefit to this section of the state if trout and steelhead eggs could be also taken from it. In order to accomplish this it was necessary to construct a dam across the river which would stand the winter waters. Two pools for feeding and rearing the fry would be required.

With a permanent dam a fine lot of steelheads and trout eggs could be taken each year. Governor Withycombe has been asked to give the proposition his consideration.

## The Young Lady Across The Way



The young lady across the way, who is taking a lively interest in nature this spring, says a pair of cute little squirrels have built a nest in a tree in their yard and she's scared to death of fear the bad boys of the neighborhood will steal the eggs.

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THE VITAL CONSIDERATION.  
Tell me not, in sprightly measures,  
Of her beauty at the ball;  
Tell me not what wondrous costume  
She was garbed in—not at all!  
Boast not of her queenly figure,  
When she knew she was on show—  
Is she beautiful at breakfast?  
That's the thing I'd like to know.

WELL—TELL EVERYBODY!  
Mrs. B. G. Wilcox spent Saturday night at the home of A. Bump.—Correspondence, The Baraboo Republic.

AN OFFICE SECRET.  
When the space-writing Johnny can't think of a thing,  
He writes of the poets who sing in the spring.

CLARIFIED.  
"I notice you have a great many big mosquitoes here, but they don't ever bite. Why is it?"  
"Well, you see there was a veterans' reunion here last summer, and the insects all broke off their beaks on wooden legs."

WAS LOUIS HENRY'S WIFE?  
Louis Richter moved on Monday from Sec. 34 to Sec. 36. That will leave Henry to batch unless he finds a cook. "Hurry, Henry, the cowbells are ready."—Rice Lake (Wis.) Chronicle.

SHE MADE IT OF HIM.  
"So Bumley is dead. Did he make a good husband?"  
"No. His wife did."

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