

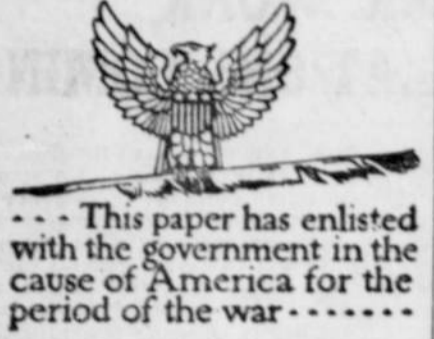
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This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war.....

CANADA IN THE WAR.

How many soldiers has Canada furnished? The question has been asked many times during the past four years. It has not been difficult to answer approximately from visible evidence on the battle fronts, and in the training camps over the border. But for some reason the Dominion government has not made an official statement about it until now. Canada's contribution to the fighting forces, at the end of June last, amounted to 456,566 men. Of this number 383,923 were overseas, most of the units being on the west front, says Providence Journal. The maximum effort was in the year 1916, when 165,553 crossed the ocean. Considering that the Canadians were at the front in large numbers when battles that worked havoc in the entente ranks were being fought, it is not surprising that the aggregate of casualties is heavy—150,084, fully one-third of all the forces and more than 40 per cent of those actually in the field. The dead alone number 42,919, more than 10 per cent of the forces in the field. It is customary to consider a casualty list of 10 per cent embracing killed, wounded and missing, as virtually destroying the fighting capacity of the unit that suffers it until the losses can be made up. Canada's army has lost more than 30 per cent, and by killed alone has been decimated.

We have a right to glory in the magnificent spirit of our men at the front. But we owe it to them to understand what they are doing, not to go into hysterics over it, says Chicago Tribune. Soldiers are already writing home to say, "Don't exaggerate what we are doing." To our brave men nothing could be more distasteful than to expose them to the disregard of their veteran comrades by blowing about them in the fashion said to be American. The splendid fighting they have just done needs no oratory to advertise it. We can glory in it intelligently, and that means that we shall let no flag-waving demagogue fill us with poison gas for his own profit.

The frequent fatalities reported from the airplane training camps of the country have given to some people the impression that personal carelessness and faulty construction have prevailed to an inexcusable extent. But the facts now given tend to modify such a judgment greatly. It has failed to take into account the large numbers of men engaged and the extraordinary measure of their combined effort. A world's record for safety in air training for war is established that from September 1 last year to July 20 this year there has been but one fatality to every 3,300 hours of flying.

The more the 800-mile flight of d'Annunzio's airplane squadron to Vienna and back is considered the more remarkable it seems both as a physical feat and a military stratagem. Can the Prussian mind conceive of flying 800 miles at an elevation of 15,000 feet merely to bombard an enemy city with paper manifestoes? Not a house was wrecked nor a child killed, and the fact gives the Viennese something to think of which is of serious moment to Berlin.

A distinguished Russian visitor told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer that the easiest language to master is the English. Maybe so, but nobody can say that about the American language. There are aged men in this country who have studied both English and American all their lives and don't know yet what "Atta boy!" means.

Doctor Hirschberg says poison ivy is peculiar more to the southern states than elsewhere. If the Doc had ever wandered around in the brush anywhere from New England to Minnesota without looking where he was going he would know better than that.

Don't make a hero out of a boy who merely does his duty. It is better to fan the seat of his pants off if he doesn't. The hero is the chap who steps beyond the confines of duty and strives courageously and nobly in an altitude of unselfishness.

A BIT OF FINANCIAL HISTORY.

The credit of the United States was so high and unquestionable that in 1900, two years after the Spanish war, 2 per cent bonds were offered at par and oversubscribed. This is a financial performance no other nation has ever equaled. United States 4 per cent bonds in 1888 sold as high as 130 and in 1901 brought 130% on the stock market. The United States has never defaulted on any of its bonds. Not one of its bondholders has ever lost a cent of principal or interest except those who voluntarily have taken losses by selling their bonds in a period of temporary price depression, says Banker's Monthly. One hundred cents on the dollar, principal and interest, has the United States always paid. Back of the \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000,000 of our national resources stands the rugged honesty of America. Liberty loan bonds are the safest security in the world.

U. S. Grant, great-grandson of the famous Union general, recently sewed two little chevrons on his private's blouse when he was made a corporal in the One Hundred and Second ammunition train of the Twenty-sixth division, U. S. A., Spartanburg, S. C. His grandfather was Gen. Frederick Dent Grant and his father another U. S. Grant, who served as an aide to Colonel Roosevelt in the Spanish-American war. Corporal Grant is a Harvard graduate and was employed by a Wall street house when the war started. He enlisted in the Seventh New York and was later transferred. At the moment of the announcement of his promotion he was driving an army truck. From all accounts it does not appear that young Grant desires to benefit by "pull," says Christian Science Monitor. It is very evident that he has not benefited by it so far.

Some ornamental barberry bushes do not harbor the rust that injures wheat and other cereals. The danger comes when the bad barberry is planted in place of the benign variety. Garden Director Frost of the Illinois state council of defense advises against planting the common or green barberry or the purple leaved barberry. These two varieties should be eradicated. The low spreading Japanese barberry is harmless.

Movie managers want a 15-cent piece to facilitate making change. Before setting the mints to work on the proposed new coin, perhaps movie patrons could be induced to have the exact change ready. Certainly an indulgent public is not disposed to see the managers of its favorite amusement subjected to any such serious inconvenience as nickels and dimes appear to cause them.

Prince Lichnowsky, former German ambassador to London, whose private memorandum, recently published, put the onus of beginning the war on Germany, is now a prisoner, with no especially cheerful prospect. Telling the truth is an offense of lese majesty of so deep a dye that it ranks among the unforgivable crimes in the eyes of the Hohenzollerns.

Rectors who cannot tolerate the flag, professors of sociology who refuse to accept the restraints of the law and conscientious objectors who would rather go to prison than to war are queer products of present conditions. That is, they are queer unless we accept them as more or less conscious disciples of German propaganda.

This is a war of nations, not of armies, and the man who does his full duty at home serves his country no less truly than the most heroic soldier, with the added burden of never being kissed with the utmost abandon by anyone outside of the immediate family.

In time men will stop estimating the importance and greatness of cities by the number of people who live in them. You might as well enumerate the rats, cockroaches and bedbugs as some of the two-legged city things that are catalogued under the head of folks.

Many chaplains with the allied forces in France make it a point of writing to the parents or relations of every man killed in action in their brigade, a labor of love which is richly rewarded by the consolation it brings to the afflicted.

Work will not correct all the defects of human character, but our statisticians have figured it out that not one man in a thousand who puts in a full day six days a week will be very apt to steal anything more serious than a watermelon.

"Save food by eating potatoes," advises a contemporary, which really means save food by eating food. Headings are sometimes wise and sometimes otherwise.

Lambs have made a new record price in the stock market. But, then, as we have said on other like occasions, there is no law that requires us to eat lamb.

UNITED WAR FUND SURE TO BE NEEDED

Even End of Hostilities Would Not Change This.

Though the war should cease immediately it is said that every cent of the \$170,000,000 sought in the United War Work campaign in the United States, for the seven approved organizations ministering to the American fighters, will be needed just the same.

This is the word of leaders of the fund-raising campaign and their explanation is easily comprehended. In the first place, it has been officially estimated that 18 months to two years must elapse before all the American boys can be returned from foreign soil. There are the men of many other countries to be transported home when the war ends, so the number of boats for use of the Yankees will be limited. Then there is also the fact that thousands must remain so long as the great properties and stores of the United States have not been disposed of or returned.

Immediate cessation of war activities in Europe would plainly create grave problems connected with the care of the men. Remove the great motive which actuates every man at the front today and throw him into dull inactivity, with nothing much to do but await his chance to return to home and loved ones, and the work of keeping him cheerful increases in magnitude. The soldier welfare organizations foresee all phases of this grave contingency. They foresee how great would be the need for reading matter, entertainments, amusements, recreation and the cheery personal touch.

PERSHING WARNS OF GERMAN PUBLICITY

Germany's efforts to involve the United States and her Allies into a consideration of peace terms and an armistice did not impress James F. Pershing, brother of General Pershing, as being sincere and destined to give the world what it is praying for. Mr. Pershing, who was in Oregon recently in the interest of the United War Work drive, which opens November 11, cautioned the American people against the too-common tendency to become apathetic under the idea that peace and the cessation of hostilities are at hand.

"When heaven is ready to negotiate with hell," he declared, "then will America be ready to make peace with Germany." He told of the great work being done in Europe by the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and other agencies, and called on Americans to respond liberally in supporting the campaign about to open for raising money with which to carry on these activities.

GENERAL PERSHING MODEST MAN

"All that General Pershing wants now is the success of the American boys in France, and to avoid, so far as possible, any glory for himself," declared James F. Pershing, brother of America's leader in the field, in an address delivered in Portland recently in behalf of the United War Work drive, which opens November 11. The speaker paid a tribute to the men in the ranks, and gave his audience an idea of the high esteem in which the boys are held by their commander. He showed the importance of war work in this country as an imperative necessity to the victory of the Allies in the battles for Democracy, and urged that no diminution in speed be allowed to result through recent peace proposals. Unqualified endorsement of the United War Work drive was voiced by Mr. Pershing who is one of the leading authorities on conditions now existing along the battlefield, and he was especially desirous that there be no relaxation of efforts in behalf of the several war work funds.

Best Big Sisters.
The Y. W. C. A. is known as "The Best Big Sister in the World." Of the \$170,000,000 to be raised in the United War Work Campaign \$15,000,000 will go to the work of this organization.

Hospitality to the fighting man and to his visiting friends, is the motto of the War Community Service, a mighty necessary thing.

"CARRY ON" IS OFFICIAL CRY

The caution issued recently in Portland by James F. Pershing, brother of General Pershing, against relaxation of war work activities, has been echoed in messages issued by departmental heads in Washington, D. C., copies of which were sent to Executive Secretary John Kollock, of the Oregon State Council of Defense. "Carry on" is the theme of those telegrams, whose senders felt the German peace proposals might interfere with campaign plans just formulated. Consequently, the United War Work drive, which opens November 11, will be conducted with even more vigor than had Germany not sought to bring about peace on her own terms. The departmental heads, as well as Mr. Pershing, emphasize the need of continued activities by the several affiliated organizations participating in the drive, even after hostilities have ceased.

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