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THE EXHIBITION

Tomorrow the Provincial Exhibition closes. There were causes operating both for and against the success of the exhibition this year and fortunately the former won out although perhaps not to the extent anticipated. The weather, on the opening days, was somewhat unfavorable but its unfavourableness enabled many farmers to attend who, with better weather conditions, would have been unable to leave their harvest fields. The number present from the neighboring provinces was perhaps not up to expectation but on the whole the attendance was not much below that of the largest previous exhibitions.

Owing to the lateness of the harvest the grain and vegetable exhibits were somewhat below the mark and fruit especially, although there were many excellent samples, was considerably below the average.

As a correspondent last year put it, "the shadow of the war" hung over the exhibition. Large gatherings in recent years have for many reasons partaken of a sombreness known only since the war began. Few there are who have not been touched by the grim shadow and the consciousness of this multiplies itself in every large gathering. It was noticeable that the "fakers" did a less thriving business than ordinarily, probably for the same reason.

It was noticeable also that the sideshows, fakirs and otherwise, outside of the Exhibition grounds, attracted almost as many spectators as did the Exhibition itself. On the Market Square where the usual opportunities were afforded to procure something for nothing, or nothing for something, as luck would decide; also on Pownall Square where a near circus with similar opportunities, plus a glance at the fat woman, the human fly, deadly, though for the occasion harmless snakes and other monstrosities afforded food for reflection and for blowing in surplus earnings, there were large gatherings day and night and considerable cash changed hands the major portion of it remaining finally with the showman.

It was remarked by many "financiers" that had all these "attractions" been held within the exhibition grounds the exhibition would have proved a much greater success than it did. This is doubtless true, if we measure success by the number who pass through the gates. The number in attendance is certainly a measure of the success of an exhibition but not the whole nor even the principal measure. The design of an exhibition is to afford a practical illustration of what is being done agriculturally, industrially and commercially in the province, of how to do better in each line and to award prizes to those who are setting the best example. If it were true that the success of an exhibition depended upon attractions that have nothing for their object except to amuse and to extract money from the spectators, the great majority of our exhibitions here and elsewhere might be classed as failures, however; the original intention of our exhibitions is always carried out; the lessons in agriculture, in industry, in commerce are taught and learned and prizes are awarded to those who have earned them. Nevertheless it is still true that attractions, fakirs and fat women and snakes and the rest of it, if you will, are necessary to make our exhibitions a success. We are not justifying the necessity but simply stating a fact. The proportion of men and women, staid old men and women, who are really attracted by the fat woman and the human fly of the showing, and who will even try conclusions with the fakir at the latter's own game, is bigger than most of us care to admit and to our discredit or otherwise, they are all needed to make an exhibition a success.

THE WAR

The end of the unspeakable Turk is now within measureable distance. His expulsion from Europe, and from Asia also, for that matter, has received a very emphatic impetus during the period covered by our despatches of the past few days. The Turk has been one of Germany's strong arms and the paralysis which has now struck him will have its effect upon Germany.

The Bulgarians also have entered upon

the last stage of their usefulness to Germany and they too have already ceased to be an effective force and it is no longer a question of defeating them but of rounding up their broken armies.

Austria has been quaking for some time past and although still under the terror of German despotism, although her soldiers are being executed by the score for desertion, her withdrawal from active hostilities or general rebellion, is only a matter of time, probably a short time.

Germany stripped of these very considerable supports, will carry on yet for some time. Before her are, or rather before the military clique that is rushing her to her doom, are two alternatives: being stripped of their power by the Allies or being similarly treated by their own people. As long as there is a chance to hoodwink the world and the Germans by bluff and by offers of peace and promises of good behaviour in the future, so long will they continue to allow their soldiers to be slaughtered. Human life, German or foreign is nothing to German militarists. To save their own necks and their position in Germany is all that matters to them and by prolonging the war to the last minute and the last ditch they continue to hope that something will happen.

The situation on the western front promises a severe battle within the next day or two for possession of St. Quentin. The stage is already set for this by the belligerents on both sides and the German will not give it up till the last man is driven out. He will go eventually and with him the main defences of the Hindenburg Line Cambrai also will be taken by the Allies within a short time and another long step will have been taken towards the Rhine.

BRITISH DIGNITY

How surprised the world would be if it learned some day that throughout the eighty miles or so of grey British battleships, in the North Sea, a cheer went up and whistles were blown and bells rung, over the sinking of a few German ships, or over the safe arrival across the Atlantic of a half million men!

During the past four years millions men have been carried across the Atlantic, across the English Channel; some hundreds of German submarines have been sent to the bottom; the German fleet has poked its nose out from behind the defences at Kiel and slunk back on seeing the grim spectre awaiting it; in short the seas of the world have been kept free for commerce, for passenger service, for mails, for business as usual, because of the omnipresence of the British fleet and never a boastful whistle has sounded, never a jubilant shout has been heard from the navy or from the world. The British flag is reverently hoisted to the peak every morning at sunrise to the strains of The National Anthem, reverently lowered at sunset to the same accompaniment and day and night the fleet keeps a grim, silent watch over the Seven Seas and protects the traffic of the world.

"You may take the wings of the morning and flop round the world till you're dead, But you can't get away from the tune that they play

To the bloomin' red rag overhead!"
 What the British Navy has done and is doing for the world transcends shouting, is too stupendous even for conception. Grim, silent, watchful, everywhere, always, the navy is there and the world looks to it for protection, accepts it silently a matter of course, as it accepts the sunshine and the rain and the seasons that bring their various harvests.

Through the four eventful years that have passed, through dark as well as hopeful days, whatever may have been feared it never occurred to anyone that the British Navy should fail; it is there, here everywhere, like the sun in the heavens and its fall is as unthinkable as the fall of the sun. This feeling of shelter and confidence in the Navy has become an inherent human faith for the protection it affords is not enjoyed by the British Empire alone but by the world. The world's seas have been made safe and are kept safe by and only pirates and lawbreakers fear it.

We have only to imagine if we can, what would have happened in the past four years if the British Navy had failed. Europe and America both would have been flying the German flag or would have been trampled under the German hoof as Belgium, Serbia, Poland have been trampled.

The calm, grim, unshakeable dignity of the British Navy is one of the most impressive things, in the world today and is keeping with its immensity and the position it occupies in the government of the world. We cannot imagine it boasting of what it is and does or of its having swept an ocean of pirates. That, under Providence, is its prerogative, the reason for its existence.

BAD WEATHER IN LORRAINE SECTOR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—In Lorraine American despatches note a heavy increase in the German artillery fire. The shelling seems to denote uneasiness rather than specific preparation for a contemplated attack. The bombardment of the back areas within the American lines was kept up for hours at a stretch but was directed aimlessly and harmlessly and did little damage. It is possible that the Germans anticipate another American offensive soon and that the shelling of the Pont A Musson regions was intended to reach the supposed places of Assembly of the American troops. Bad weather still interferes with airplane scouting and keeps the infantry under cover.

13 SHIPS BUILT LAST WEEK IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Thirteen ships of all types of 55,000 tons dead weight were completed and delivered to the Emergency Fleet Corporation during the week ending Sept. 20.

HARVEST LEAVE EXTENDED TO OCT. 31

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—Instructions have been received at military headquarters dealing with harvest leave which has been granted to soldiers on the strength of the various depot Battalions. Leave to all men in Category's A, B, and C, under the military service act is ordered extended till October 31st.

25,000 Canadian Casualties Since August

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—The total of Canadian casualties reported to the record branch here since the Canadians entered the big offensive in August is 25,000.

500 Canadian Slackers in U. S.

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—Five hundred applications for exemption from military service under the "Slackers" treaty have been received from Canadians resident in the United States.

THE "FLYING CIRCUS" IN ACTION

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE LORRAINE FRONT, Sept. 25.—The American flying circus is the nickname by which the most notable American aviation pursuit group will be known in future, after having enhanced its record notably during the St. Mihiel offensive.

GERMAN SUB BELIEVED SUNK

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 24.—A large German submarine which was lying in wait for trans-Atlantic vessels 500 miles off the American coast is believed to have been put out of commission and perhaps sunk by the United States S. S. Nansemond.

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PASSING IT ON
 It is funny how generous people are in some things. The man in front of you on Sunday will pass back the collection plate with a nod that is only excelled by the cheerfulness with which he and others pass back some of the points in the sermon to their neighbors. The despair of preachers is the complacency with which the congregation will fit their remarks to those about them. The most of us are afflicted with moral long-sight and can see the mote in our brother's eye at a thousand yards when we cannot perceive the beam in our own with an ordinary hand-glass. Some of the people who enjoy these "shots" derive great satisfaction from the ease with which they can fit the cap upon others. "I can just put my finger on the man that was intended for, says a reader, and he forthwith sends his victim a copy marked with blue pencil.

Doubtless he retires at night with the feeling of satisfaction that comes from the belief that he has turned a sinner from the error of his ways. It is disappointing to load up with a good dose of buck-shot and have somebody catch it and pass it back. It seems well nigh impossible to get under the hide of some people, even with a dum-dum bullet. From Stray Shots.

BAR TO MEDAL OF CANADIAN FLYER

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Announcement that Major Raymond Collishaw, now attached to the Naval Air Service had just been awarded the bar to the distinguished service order, brings but the statement that this brilliant flyer has destroyed fifty one enemy machines.

Constantinople Shelled With Bombs and Leaflets

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Constantinople was bombed by the British royal air forces Friday and Saturday of last week according to an official communication issued by the Admiralty tonight. The statement says "The Greeks co-operated in the bombing of Constantinople on Sept. 20 and 21 and dropped thousands of leaflets into Stamboul.

A balloon shot down in the European operations in flames, set fire to three hangars which were burned out.

Your Problems Solved

BY REV. T. S. LINSOTT, D. D.
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Dr. Linscott, in this column will help you solve your heart problems religious, natural, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

A RETURNED SOLDIER

Just from the front, wounded, having lost his left arm, finds his wife has been cohabiting with another man and does not deny it; he wants my advice. If your wife is truly penitent, and will become a true Christian, and if you truly love her, it would be better for you to forgive her and live together as man and wife. How would you like her to treat you if you had been guilty of a similar offence? The way you would like her to treat you is the way you should treat her. If however, she is hardened in her sin, get a divorce and forget her.

WHY DOES GOD PERMIT THE INNOCENT TO SUFFER FOR THE GUILTY?

I cannot see how God could prevent this. He has left this world for men to carry on and if the world is to be a success, God is compelled to allow law to work out its own course. If God were to miraculously interfere and prevent the innocent suffering for the sins of the guilty he would upset his plans and that would never do. Such sufferers are more than compensated in this or the next life.

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