

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Save and serve.

Our country first.

Motorists yesterday passed the fair-weather test triumphantly.

Austria is rushing troops to the help of the Bulgars. That is Italy's opportunity.

It is a new epic of the war that the Serbians are fighting again on their native soil.

The drafted Canadians are fighting superbly. Henceforth let them be spoken of only as Canadians.

The All-highest cowering in a cellar during a British air raid on Mannheim typified a beaten Germany.

Now that the Allies are smashing her concrete pill-boxes Germany is taking to building concrete ships.

The Wood of Bourlon takes its place in Canadian history with the salient of Ypres and the Heights of Vimy.

The Victory Loan Committee has authorized a poetry contest. Has it provided storage room for the manuscripts it will get?

Winnipeg bank clerks having formed a union, what is the Canadian Bankers' Union—beg pardon, Association—going to do about it?

A local contemporary prints a war map showing the Adriatic Sea east of Greece, but did not Shakespeare give Bohemia a coastline?

Wolf skins are selling high at the raw fur sales. Germany's shipment of the hides of the British Lion and his cubs failed to arrive.

Voluntary rationing, like voluntary military service, works well up to a certain point, but in a life-and-death struggle it is not enough.

President Wilson bluntly tells Germany that her word is valueless. If Germany wants to talk peace she will have to put up something more substantial.

It is better that Canada's population should gradually increase than that it should be swelled by the influx of men deficient in the spirit of patriotism and of service.

Toronto Street Railway traffic and earnings continue to mount, while the number of employees and cars continues to decrease. It is a triumph for the management at the expense of the public.

Bulgaria stabbed Serbia in the back and is now crying Kamerad. Apparently Bulgaria is now ready to stab Germany in the back. In that case the Allies may conclude to let the two assassins fight it out.

The people of Canada should realize vividly that they now own and control 14,000 miles of railway and have a direct personal interest in the success of the system. They owe it their moral and financial support.

The London Free Press points out that the State-owned railway system needs the Grand Trunk even more than the Grand Trunk Pacific. It has lines all over the West—the C.N.R.—but it has no branches or terminals in a large part of Ontario.

Reginald W. Kauffman, the noted United States writer, complains that the moving pictures are labeling Canadian soldiers as "our men" in American theatres in depicting their gallant exploits at the front. At least the "movie" men knew where to look for real thrillers.

The Spanish influenza is so called because it was epidemic first in Spain. The Spanish people say it was brought by German submarine crews. Naturally there is a disposition to attribute any widespread evil to the country which has deluged the world with horrors.

Wm. Howard Taft's glowing story of Canada's war effort in The Philadelphia Public Ledger is being widely reproduced. Mr. Taft has always been a sincere friend of Canada, and was never more so than when he persuaded a high-tariff party to consent to the lowering of the customs wall against Canadian food products.

This is the way it strikes The Kansas City Star: "If you ever looked out the window of an express train and saw an elderly lady with a bird-cage and an umbrella signalling it to stop and pick her up at a crossroads, you have an accurate picture of how Lord Lansdowne looks to the Englishmen he is calling upon to stop fighting."

The disposition of large numbers of British workers to flout their trades union leaders is a disquieting symptom. The strike among Clyde shipwrights follows the collapse of the railway strike in Wales. The Government fortunately has the support of responsible trades unionists in its decision to draft the men who refuse to return to work. It is a stern measure, but a necessary one to prevent the danger from spreading.