

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our country first.

The Byng Boys are going through with a bang.

The "satchel and shining morning face" will soon reappear.

Your King and country needs you now—and fully intends to got you if you are a defaulter.

"Nothing but realities count," says Marshal Foch. And he and his forces are busy furnishing realities.

The punsters of Paris are doubtless pointing out what an excellent manguer of Germans Mangin is.

Please rush an order of Czecho-Slovak flags for decorative purposes, exclaims The Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Spanish grippe that had hold of the Hun armies wasn't in it with the Allied grip that's getting them now.

It is now the duty of the Government to prove that military defaulting is not a safe enterprise in this country.

Eleven lawyers are reported to be engaged on a case involving an estate at Springfield, Mo. Now what's going to happen to that estate?

It seems a long time since the Kaiser delivered one of those periodic outbursts of his about "the shining sword." But then, of course, it's lost considerable of its shine.

"We want men, not votes," said United States Senator Lodge in pleading for an extension of the draft ages. The politicians who need this admonition are not all in the United States.

We strongly suspect that when von Hintze declared that Germany was anxious for "reasonable" peace he really meant "seasonable." So we trust the Allies will continue to carry on till permanent peace is assured.

Don't forget, says The Rochester Post, that while the Allies are fighting to make the world a fairly decent and democratic place to live in, as worlds go, the Germans are fighting to re-elect the whole Hohenzollern ticket.

An extra cipher in an Ottawa despatch published in The Globe of Saturday expanded Canada's war taxation from \$100,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. The war burdens are heavy enough without being increased tenfold on the wires.

During his stay abroad Sir Robert Borden must have gathered some ideas regarding trade possibilities after the war. It is to be hoped that he will pass them on to his Minister of Trade and Commerce with an injunction to give them prompt attention.

Germany's army is on the run, its navy is cooped up in the Kell Canal, its birdmer can fly nowhere with safety, and its submarines are gradually being eliminated. The god of war at whose shrine the All Highest worships is evidently no longer co-operating

Somewhere in German officialdom there must be a record-writer with a grim sense of humor. The Berlin official report dealing with the conference of the German and Austrian Kaisers says: "The intercourse of the Monarchs was characterized by a cordiality commensurate with their personal relations as well as the interests of the people."

Says L'Evenement of Quebec: "Dr. Beaudry has known the best and the worst of the Germans—and he isn't concerned now about politics. The thing he is thinking about is the job, the big job, of defeating the Hun, and making a complete and thorough job of it." That is the thing that should concern all Canadians till it is triumphantly accomplished.

Protesting against the brigading of American troops with the British and French Senator Chamberlain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, says "They (the Americans) could not have a vigorous esprit de corps when they were brigaded with worn-out men." The "worn out men" are now wearing out the Germans in the most vigorous fighting of the war, despite the Senator's slur. The veterans of the war are fighting with the energy of fresh troops, and the fresh troops from the United States, to do them justice are fighting with the skill and courage of veterans.