

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our country first.

Your King and country need you—now.

The correspondents who are putting Hindenburg out of action should tell us whether he is dead, again or still.

The Guelph Herald commends the prudence of General Mewburn in putting "the Atlantic between himself and the Novitiate affair."

Germany, says The Belleville Intelligencer, won't admit she's licked as long as there's a church left standing in Belgium or France.

An Irish Brigade under command of The O'Rourke would, in the opinion of The Ottawa Citizen, prove worse than the Spanish Influenza to the Huns.

When Prince Arthur comes to Canada he will have difficulty in establishing his identity with the lad whose pictures are being printed as his.

The Viennese, by placards posted on the walls at night, are invited to "Hoch die Revolution." That will be a lot better than continuing to "hoch" the Kaiser.

Where Perth distillery long stood there will hereafter be a public park, presented to the town by Mr. John A. Stewart, M.P. May all Canada's distillery sites be put to like good use.

The Globe would respectfully suggest to gentlemen who throw lighted cigar stubs out of office windows that the Toronto Fire Brigade is not in need of exercise. It gets enough.

Every bachelor of twenty-five years or over in Montreal who is not married by September 1st will be required to pay a civic tax of ten dollars. Hard on the "lonelles" or dirt cheap—which?

Roumanians and Czechs in the Austrian army are deserting to the Italians in battalions. One of the tragedies of the war is the compulsion upon millions of men in Austria-Hungary to fight for Teutonism and Magyarism which they abhor, with good reason.

Restriction of Canada's fuel consumption next winter is a possibility. In a climate such as that of central Canada in winter such a restriction must inevitably involve grave hardship. The hardwood supply should be used wherever possible to supplement coal.

The German Administration has been supplying the troops with "tobacco" made of beech leaves. A Deputy in the Reichstag said the stuff was more harmful than enemy gas attacks. Probably the War Department thought if beech nuts were good for hogs beech leaves would be all right for Huns.

Renewed talk of the selection of a Board of Governors or Imperial Cabinet to control Empire affairs is unwise and untimely. Canada is going to control her own defence forces in the future as in the past. Against that settled decision all the endeavors to transfer control to Whitehall will prove futile.

The St. John's, Newfoundland, News urges that July 1 be hereafter Newfoundland's "Dominion Day," because on that day in 1916 "her place in the Imperial sun was won for her by the gallant lads who answered the call of honor and duty." The death of the Island's fighting sons at Beaumont Hamel "marked the birth of the Dominion of Newfoundland."