

THE WAR.

"THE VOYAGE."

The voyage of life is before us,
Our vessel must slip o'er the bar,
With her flag unfurled to the gaze of the world,
And pleasure her morning star.
Go gather the grapes and the honey,
For life must accomplish her feast,
'Ere the moonlight fail and our barque sets sail
To welcome the sun in the east.
But the ship of our exaltation,
Has broken her mooring chain,
And the tempest of desolation
Has swept her out on the main.

Yet never the sword of disaster
Shall sever our spirits in twain,
Though after the feast life's cares be released
And pleasure must struggle with pain.
Go stand by the helm and take courage,
For poor is the heart that would die,
While the bow in the cloud like a soul from its shroud
Escapes through the darkness on high.
So the ship of our expectation
Shall nail her flag to the mast,
And the Angel of Consolation
Will welcome us home at last.

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A Military Premier a Great Asset.

When we were young (a long time ago) there was a soldier at the War Office as Commander-in-Chief, and politicians were less prominent in war—Admirals and Generals conducted their own business, and splendidly they did it to judge from victorious results.

Thus the fact that we have at the present time a soldier as Premier inspires us with confidence. We believe in practical as opposed to academic control. Nelson, Beatty, Vian; Wellington, Roberts, Wavell, and the expert controllers of Air Force should be free from political interference. Russia is teaching us the lesson that the fire in young blood spells victory, and U.S.A. that inefficiency will not be tolerated.

The Stars and Stripes in Northern Ireland.

The great event in connection with the War in the homeland is the arrival of American troops in Northern Ireland, where they have been very warmly welcomed. Indeed, the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack are floating together with every breeze that blows—a splendid inspiration to unity of purpose.

Canadian Medical Unit in Britain Welcomed by Scottish Secretary.

Nine doctors and 22 nurses from Canada who have come to this country as a special war service unit have taken up duty in what the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr. Thomas Johnston—officially welcoming the unit—describes as "a real international hospital."

The hospital, a West of Scotland institution, where both Service and civilian patients are under treatment, now includes in its medical and surgical organisation, Polish, American, Canadian and British units, said the Secretary of State. "I believe that this may be symbolic of what may happen to the world at the end of this war," he commented. "It may be that we shall all live closer to one another and share one another's joys and sorrows more fully than we have ever done."

The Canadian doctors and nurses form a special orthopaedic unit which was recruited—the nurses from all over Canada, and the Doctors from Toronto—by the Canadian Red Cross Society, with the co-operation of the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Nursing Association. They will reinforce, with their specialised training, the orthopaedic unit already working in the Scottish hospital to restore fractured limbs of patients to full use.

The Canadian nurses, in all-white uniforms, including white stockings and shoes, have added a new colour note to the hospital staff.

Speaking at a short welcome ceremony, Mr. Johnston said, "When we were at the nadir of our fortunes almost a year ago nothing gave us greater encouragement and heart to continue doing battle with the devils of the world than the assurance that we did not stand alone, and that everywhere our kith and kin beyond the seas were reaching out in every possible way to help the old Motherland.

"To-day we welcome the sons and daughters of Scots emigrants, who have come back to assist us in recreating a world where honour and good faith will be regarded as virtues. In the aid which you are giving us one can see new advances which we are making in the realm of preventive medicine and preventive surgery."

Nursing Personnel Missing.

It is reported that among the personnel missing since the fall of Hong Kong are 10 Army sisters. They include four members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

These four, who were stationed there before the war with Japan, are the Matron, Miss E. M. Dyson, Miss Thompson, an Australian, Miss Currie and Miss Davies.

The others missing are Miss Colthorpe, Miss J. D. Morgan, Miss A. G. Morgan, Miss Van-Wart, Miss Whitelay and Miss A. F. Gordon.

Until the above report was issued, although members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. were serving on all the British battlefronts of the war, not one had been lost.

The Territorial Army Nursing Service is merged into the Q.A.I.M.N.S. for the duration of the war, and they are all fully qualified State Registered Nurses and soldiers in the Army with honourable rank. Indeed, it is anticipated that the Matron-in-Chief, Miss K. H. Jones, may soon be promoted to the rank of brigadier. She wears the red ribbon of the Royal Red Cross and the Palestine ribbon and the Victory Medal with a Palm, showing that she was mentioned in despatches.

"Daddy Mamas."

An indescribable number of foolish directions have emanated from Government Departments, and one really wonders what will happen to the "Daddy Mamas" in a reconstructed society after the war.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., is a well-known rebel, in and out of Parliament, and referring to a new Government Order at a meeting of women's organisations recently, she voiced the resentment of those present that both women and men of the N.F.S. are to salute male officers, but that no man is to salute any woman officer. She said that it was indicative of a Hitlerian attitude, and she hoped all the women concerned would refuse to obey it. The first thing a recruit was taught, she said, was that a salute was made not to the individual but to an honoured uniform.

Now, not only was a woman engaged on dangerous civilian work regarded as being worth only four-fifths of a man for purposes of compensation, but if she wore the uniform of an officer in the N.F.S. she was to be cut by the rank and file in every town and village in the land. The whole status of women now and in the new world on which

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