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One of the chief faults of our public school system is the method of conducting examinations. The first time that a child gets up against a real serious examination is when they are seeking to pass into the High School. Everything must be put into writing and a very limited amount of time only is allowed for that. All the preceding months are given over to "cramming" instead of to a real appreciation of the work. When the crisis comes a little stroke of nervousness or inability to rush things down on paper may lose the day. The parents, of course, will blame the teacher, whereas, in nine cases out of ten, it is the fault of the system under which he is compelled to work. Very often the boy who fails is the most practical and best posted boy in the class. Examinations should be left much more in the hands of the teacher, who well knows the progress of his class.

When a boy or girl arrives at the sixth or seventh grades, besides the regular theoretical work, they should be compelled to put their information into practical use. For a month out of each year they should be made to serve in some department of practical work where they could apply their knowledge and see its use. The boy who makes a living selling papers in the streets knows more about money and business than many full-grown individuals. A little experience about a shop or store gives to a boy a point of view that he would never get in school. If teaching is intended to develop resourcefulness it certainly is about time that we began to adopt some of the newer methods or at least learn something from

the rugged capable boy on the street who has never seen the inside of a school.

A public school should be the most interesting place in the world. Instead of that, too often it is a nest of drones. This remark has no reference to local schools, which the writer regrets he has never visited. Perhaps one reason why the schools lack interest is that parents and citizens in general pay no heed to them and allow them to wander along in their own weary way. It is even said that a great many school boards would not know the inside of their buildings. This is not as it should be. The citizens should "hold up the hands" of their teachers. Not only school boards, but every citizen, should make it his business to visit the schools and at least lend the weight of his moral support.

The tendency to use the name Britain for England when discussing the war is gaining ground. English papers no doubt unconsciously speak of the English fleet and the English army, forgetting that no such entities exist. While England is without doubt the most powerful factor in the Empire it would never be what it is today were it not for the amalgamation that took place with Scotland, Ireland and the Dominions beyond the seas. There never could be an "English Empire," but there is a "British Empire" and the present war has shown what a potent and united force it is. Let us all be, therefore, "British" and at the same time honor old England not only for her great past but also for what she is today, the throbbing heart of the Empire.

NEW YORK NOW LETS SOME MORE GOLD GO

A Shipment of Million Dollars to Canada Announced—Decline in Exchange.

New York, Sept. 18.—The shipment of \$1,000,000 in gold to Canada and another sharp decline in London exchange were features of the local financial situation yesterday. The gold was taken by the local branch of a Canadian banking institution, and so far as could be learned forms no part of the shipments recently made to Ottawa for account of the Bank of England.

The decline in exchange amounted to 1 1/2 cents per pound sterling and was accepted as further proof of the easier conditions now existing between this market and London.

Moderately large amounts of grain and other commodity bills changed hands on the basis of 4.98 for cable and 4.97 for demand.

BOY HERO OF BELGIUM REWARDED BY KING

Paris, Sept. 18.—The hero of Belgium today is the Boy Scout Leysen, who has been decorated by King Albert for his valor in services to his country. The young man, who was born at Liege, is described in The Figaro as of almost uncanny sharpness, with senses and perceptions as keen as a savage. He was able to find his way through the woods and pass the sentries of the enemy with unerring accuracy. Leysen made his way through the German lines from Antwerp for the tenth time last Sunday, carrying dispatches to the secret representatives of Belgium in Brussels. He has discovered and denounced 11 German spies in Belgium and performed a variety of services, and all without impairing his boyish simplicity.

NO HORSES ARE ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN FROM CANADA

Sarnia, Sept. 18.—Orders have been received at the customs offices here that no horses are to be allowed to leave Canada. This means just what it says, with no exceptions. A person desiring to visit Port Huron for an hour or two cannot take his horse out of Canada, and draymen and expressmen moving stuff to the other side cannot take their horses across on the ferry boat. Not only that, but people living in Port Huron or anywhere in the United States cannot bring their horses back from Canada if they once land them on Canadian soil.

ALLIES' LEFT WING MEETS WITH SUCCESS

Paris, Sept. 19.—The Allies have progressed somewhat on the western wing and are repulsing a vigorous German offensive movement, according to an official announcement yesterday.

CONFLICTING REPORTS—PARIS AND BERLIN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The power of resistance of the Allies is reported to be relaxing. The French effort to break through the German right wing is collapsing. The German center is gaining ground. The Allies were repulsed on the right bank of the Meuse.

Another Report.

Paris, Sept. 19.—The Germans yield slightly on the left in the battle of Aisne, now in progress for several days. The army of the Crown Prince has turned on its pursuers at Mont Faucon, to the north of Verdun.

ANOTHER BETTERMENT AT SKEENA CROSSING

E. H. Fletcher, postoffice inspector, was a visitor at Skeena Crossing a couple of days last week. He expressed surprise at the amount of business the local postoffice is doing and stated that the rapidly improving conditions justified Skeena Crossing having money order facilities and that the same would be granted at once.

ANOTHER COLLISION IN ST. LAWRENCE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Quebec, Sept. 19.—The Canadian government steamer Montmagny sank in the St. Lawrence yesterday 26 miles from Quebec. The accident was at 5 o'clock in the morning and was caused by collision with the Dominion Coal Company's steamer Ligan in a fog. Crane Island reports say that 12 of the Montmagny's crew of 20 were lost.

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