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THE WAR NEWS

There is not yet an actual state of war between Italy and Turkey, but today's cables from Rome indicate an early rupture between the two countries. Indeed, such a result would seem to be inevitable.

In the east the Russians are still being pressed back, and the Germans have captured some forts, but have not been able to overtake the Russian armies, which are retreating to new defensive positions and hiding their time for more vigorous action.

Little has been heard of late about the Belgian army, but last night's cables tell of another determined effort by the Germans to capture the famous bridgehead at Dixmude, on the Yser, and of their repulse by the Belgians, whose accurate fire destroyed most of the attacking forces. In Alsace the French made a slight advance at one point, but along the whole western front there has been no important change.

THE COMPULSORY SERVICE. Col. Arthur Lee, M. P., home to England from the front on a short leave, today a meeting of his constituents yesterday that nothing short of compulsory service would solve Britain's difficulties in the matter of men, money, munitions and exports.

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circled around the transport while in the danger zone, and how extremely difficult it would be for an enemy submarine to make a successful attack. The utmost care has been taken to provide every Canadian transport with ample protection, and when we think of the great number of vessels that have gone from these shores with large or small detachments of troops since the war began, we realize how much is owing to that class of naval vessels which can successfully defy the submarine.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ROYAL EDWARD. The destruction of the Royal Edward in the Aegean Sea naturally turns our thoughts to the English Channel, and the marvelous work done there, in the successful transportation of hundreds of thousands of supplies to France and Belgium. There is little danger of any interruption of this traffic, for the destroyers, seaplanes and the various devices adopted to deal with submarine dangers appear to have absolute control of the situation.

THOSE "IRREGULARITIES." Before Commissioner Chandler in Fredericton yesterday evidence was submitted to the effect that a man whose name figured on the pay roll for cedar posts supplied never furnished the posts or saw the check or got the money. The check was made out in his favor, and was endorsed by his mark, with the signature of A. J. H. Stewart, M. P. P.

AN APPRECIATED and APPRECIATIVE LETTER. From an Out-of-Town Customer. Dear Gundry: The \$12 Bracket Watch received some time ago has turned out so entirely satisfactorily that I am writing to ask you to send me an 18 kt. Wedding Ring; size 5 1/2, best style, and to pick me out a nice single stone diamond ring, about \$50; size 5 1/2.

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LIGHTER VEIN

Colorado Geyser. An irate old gentleman was eating in a Denver cafe. Near him sat a youth who was loudly "chabbling" his soup. The old gentleman, in disgust, finally turned to the noisy diner.

He Never Disappointed. The interviewer—Why did you assassinate all your wives as soon as the honey moon was over? Canada herself would have had vessels of this class to aid in the great work of protecting her transports.

Thinking of the \$6,400 Saved. "Chugworth seems to be at home in any sort of company." "That's true. I've seen him park his automobile with a lot of \$7,000 cars and not show a trace of embarrassment."

HUMOR IN A LAW COURT

Cross-Examining a Witness as to "Minute" Details. (From the Lamar Democrat) Did you ever sit and listen to a lawyer as he cross-questioned a witness of the opposition? It takes a wonderful and active mind to handle this part of the trial. It runs something like this: "How long did the defendant stay in the house?" "About 15 minutes."

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SIR JAMES AIKENS NOT AN INDESPENSABLE LEADER

Some Chilly Comment on New Conservative Chieftain of Manitoba by Canadian Courier. Canadian Courier—As a leader of a forlorn hope in Manitoba, Sir James Aikens has not added to his reputation. His political friends may admire his courage in taking hold of a discredited party in Manitoba and trying to save it from extermination.

ADAM, MONOPOLIST

(Canadian Courier) Sir Adam Beck always was a monopolist. Since he was placed in charge of the buying of horses for the Canadian army he has shown his dominant characteristic. He refuses to allow the British and French authorities to buy horses in Canada. As a result large shipments of horses from the United States are being made into Canada every week for the British and French buyers who have headquarters here.

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