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THE WAR NEWS

Today's cables tell of further advantages gained by the Allies in Belgium, and there is an admission from a German source that it is impossible for the German army to advance in this section. It is clear that unless the German armies are reinforced the pressure by the Allies will continue to force them backward, although the task will be slow and difficult, because the Germans are using every device in the nature of trench warfare to hold the line. The Allies endeavor to advance with as little loss of life as possible, and in this respect they differ entirely from the Germans, who in their earlier attempts to break through to Calais, and before that in their march toward Paris, hurled regiment after regiment against the British and French with an utter disregard for the lives of their men. It has been the policy of the German High Command to spare their men as much as possible, and we may be sure that in the present fighting, while there must necessarily be many casualties, especially where it becomes necessary to take a trench or other position at the point of the bayonet, yet the policy of sparing the troops as much as possible will still be carried out.

That alleged German victory in Poland is still unconfirmed. It was made the occasion for a holiday in Berlin, but Petrograd does not appear to have heard of it. Russian advisers are to the effect that the Russians have got the best of some fierce encounters during the last few days, and that in the region around Premysl in Galicia their troops are fighting under favorable conditions. If the Russians have not succeeded in advancing steadily, and if they have, actually retreated when hard pressed by superior forces, they have at least kept the enemy busy and have avoided a disastrous defeat. The tremendous power of Russia is still practically unimpaired, and in a winter campaign there seems little danger of serious disaster overtaking her armies.

The Donaldson line steamer Tritonia, well known in St. John, has been sunk by a mine off the north coast of Ireland. Several mine sweeping vessels have been blown up by mines off Scarborough, evidently left there by the German cruisers on their raid last week. Mr. Winston Churchill describes the officers and men who took part in this raid as "the baby-killers of Scarborough," and the phrase is one that is likely to stick. The raid was an utterly senseless proceeding so far as naval tactics are concerned, and the bombardment of unprotected towns was a crime against which the whole world outside of Germany should earnestly protest. The Germans have demonstrated that they are worse than savages in war, and the New York Times was quite right when it declared that the world cannot afford to let Germany triumph in this conflict.

OUR SOLDIERS.

Although the artillerymen who left St. John today are for the present only going to Fredericton, their departure was in the nature of a farewell, since they will go from Fredericton to the front. The demonstration by their fellow citizens will not soon be forgotten. These men go to form part of the second Canadian Contingent, which, like the first, will have serious work to do before any of its members return to Canada. Major-General Hughes pointed out in his address in St. John that not before next spring will Britain and France be in a position to put forth their strength to such a full extent as will be necessary to drive back the German armies. Both Britain and France were lacking in trained soldiers, and it would be criminal to put untrained soldiers in the field against those of Germany, who for years have been getting ready for this struggle. Britain and France were also lacking in equipment, and are not yet in a position to supply all the guns, ammunition and other equipment necessary to an efficient army of a million or more of men in the field. The like is true of France; but during these winter months, while the enemy is held in check, and perhaps pressed back gradually by the forces now in the field, great new armies are in the making, and these with complete equipment will be ready next spring and summer. The Canadian contingents will form a part of that new army, and it is indeed probable that the first contingent will go to the front before spring opens.

St. John is splendidly represented in the contingents going forward from this country. In point of intelligence and physical fitness our men will not be surpassed by any in the field, and when they have had proper training, and have become seasoned to the hardships of war, no troops will give a finer account of themselves in the day of trial.

This is Christmas week. Do not put off the necessary shopping till the last moment. Be fair to the wearied clerks.

There are conflicting reports about the condition of the Kaiser's health. One report says he has returned to the front, and another that he has not yet fully recovered. His generals in the field would probably not enter any serious

protest if he decided to remain permanently in Berlin.

Italy has arranged for a loan of \$200,000,000. She is determined to be prepared for eventualities that may arise as the great war progresses.

The third steamer with relief for the Belgians has left the port of Halifax, and others will follow. However great the generosity of Canada, the need of the Belgians is beyond computation.

One result of the war has been to bring Denmark, Sweden and Norway into closer sympathy. The small nations had a rude awakening when Germany violated the soil of Belgium.

The statements issued by the Canadian banks show that they are in a very strong position, and ready to support and provide the necessary accommodation for all the legitimate financial, industrial and commercial interests of the country.

Mr. J. B. Daggett, secretary for agriculture, appears to have conveyed to the publishers of "Canada," a London illustrated weekly, the impression that the Valley Railway is being operated between Centerville and Gagetown. The people of Gagetown would be very glad to be assured of this fact.

The German Street Brotherhood undertook to raise \$400 for the Free Kindergarten Association. In less than a week it raised \$600. That is a remarkably good record. If a single brotherhood can accomplish so much in so short a time for a worthy cause, what could a federation of brotherhoods do for many causes in the interests of community welfare? This question is worthy of consideration.

An Ottawa despatch says that after next year civil servants drawing over \$800 per year will not be permitted to take any part in municipal politics to the extent of holding office. It has been argued that such a regulation would be an infringement of their rights as citizens, but it is contended on the other hand that in cities like Ottawa, their connection with municipal politics has led to a neglect of their regular duties by members of the civil service.

Mr. Talbot Papineau, who delivered such an interesting address before the Women's Canadian Club of St. John during the present year, is an officer in the Princess Patricia's Regiment, and with another officer is now in hospital suffering from injuries received during the burning of their tent at Salisbury Plain. Mr. Talbot Papineau is a descendant of that Papineau who in the province of Quebec was once in rebellion against British authority.

One of the resolutions referred to the incoming executive of the Maritime Forward League for their consideration urges a uniform educational system in the maritime provinces. Whoever gives a little serious thought to this question must see that there would be a great advantage if we had exactly the same system, the same qualifications for teachers, and the possibility of an exchange of teachers between the three provinces. Families frequently move from one province to the other, and the conditions with regard to the schools quite different in regard to studies, text books and grading. There is no sound reason why uniformity should not prevail.

WAR NOTES

The British steamer Tritonia, Donaldson line, under Captain Murray, well known in St. John, struck a mine on Saturday off the north coast of Ireland and foundered. Her crew was saved.

Several British warships including the Invincible on which is Sir Frederick Sturdee, commander of the South-Atlantic squadron are in the South Atlantic. A report from Amsterdam yesterday said that the Germans had evacuated Dixmude.

The Germans are only about thirty miles from Warsaw and the battle for the possession of that city is now beginning.

Buried Yesterday

The funeral of James McAllister took place on Sunday afternoon from his residence, City Road, to Cedar Hill cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. MacVicar and Rev. J. J. McCaskill; a quartette from St. Andrew's church assisted and the members of St. Andrew's Society marched.

MANITOBA'S GIFT

There are now in the sheds at West St. John 50,000 bags of flour, Manitoba's gift to Great Britain in the war. There are also several cars of hay and oats at West St. John for army purposes.

Roach Signs With Feds.

Wilber O. Roach, captain and scout-stop on the Buffalo International League team last year, has signed a two-year contract with the Buffalo Federals.

The war has put such a crimp in the boxing game in Australia that Gus Christie and Johnny Griffiths, western boxers, have returned home.



LIGHTER VEIN.

"What are you selling?" asked Diogenes.

"Mining stocks," said the man.

"Sure thing, eh?"

"No; it looks good, but it may not pan out."

"An honest man at last," yelled Diogenes. "I'll trade you my lantern for a couple of shares."

Joy of Home-Coming

"You go hunting every year?"

"Yes."

"What kind of game do you prefer?"

"Oh, I never shoot anything. But it's kind of pleasant to come home and have my family make a fuss over me because I got back alive."

"When we were married," sobbed the young wife, "he said he loved me with a love more enduring than the everlasting granite."

"And it didn't last," quipped the sympathizing friend.

"Last!" echoed the young wife, drying her tears. "It didn't last as long as a wood pavement."

An Enforced Soliloquy

Hanks—Lemme see, your son's in the medical department of the college, isn't he?

Hanks—Well, he's in the hospital.

Hanks—Practising there?

Hanks—Not exactly. He's being practised on. Football—two ribs cracked, nose broken.

"Safety First" Advice

Jack—Am I just wondering whether it would be safe to propose to that girl that I have been going with?

Fred—I don't think it would.

Jack—What makes you think she would turn me down?

Fred—I don't. I think she would snap you up.

Favorite Fiction.

(From the Portland Express.)

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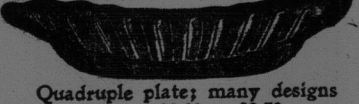
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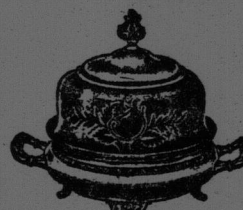
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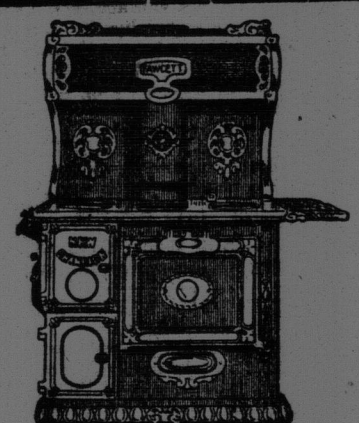
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TERRITORIALS IN ACTION

British Volunteers Give Germans Lesson To Remember

Northeastern France, Dec. 19—During Saturday and Sunday many of our Territorials came again into action around Ypres and the British volunteers have taught the Germans a thorough lesson, as did their brothers in the regular army. It takes a steady nerve and a cool head to stop a determined German rush, but the "terriers" proved themselves possessed of both these assets. Nowhere did the enemy find a weak spot in our lines, but in several places gave a little ground themselves.

Brilliant work has again been done by the armored trains on the lines running out of Ypres. The Germans heavily bombarded the railway station in the town, largely for the purpose of destroying the activity of the trains, but they have not succeeded, for the tracks are repaired with great speed, and the train has been trench fighting. The Germans seem to have returned to the close formation attack, which they abandoned for a time.

GROWTH OF AMHERST.

While times have been dull in Amherst of late because some of the industries were idle, the town is able to point to the following evidence of growth:—Customs receipts, eleven months, 1911, \$89,160.55; 1912, \$125,892.49; 1913, \$182,921.68.

Buildings erected, 1911, \$280,000; 1912, \$800,000; 1913, \$700,000.

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RECENT DEATHS

James F. Garden, a former resident of Woodstock, died recently in Victoria, B.C. He was at one time mayor of Vancouver and also represented the city in the legislature.

Joseph Porter, ex-M.L.A., of Grand Anse, died on Dec. 8, aged 74. He married in 1860 Miss Amelia Theriault, who died in 1910. They had four adopted children. These are Mrs. Bernard Doucet, of Richibucto, Mrs. LeGresley of Montreal, Mathilde who became a nun and died some years ago in Montreal, and George Theriault, now living in the United States.

The death of Mrs. Jane Corbett, widow of John Corbett, occurred on December 19 at her home in Summer Hill, Queens county. She was eighty-seven years old and is survived by one sister, one son and five daughters.

Mrs. Catherine Cullinan died yesterday at her home in Fairville. She is survived by one brother, John, of Fairville, and one sister, Mrs. Patrick Egan, of the north end. The funeral takes place on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock to St. Rose's church.

Samuel McConkey, sixty-three years of age, a prominent merchant, died at his home in St. Stephen on Sunday morning. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters. He was prominent in Masonic circles.

The death of William F. McCoy, K.C., formerly a member of the Nova Scotia legislature and recorder of the city of Halifax took place in Brighton, England, yesterday.

COMMANDER ROPER IN COMMAND OF DESTROYER

Ottawa, Dec. 21—Commander Charles D. Roper, formerly chief of staff in the department of the naval service, here now is in command of the British destroyer Broke, probably now in the North Sea.

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Patent or Suede Pumps, Ladies', \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50.

Fancy Top and Cloth Top Button Boots, Ladies', \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00; Girls', \$1.90, \$2.30, \$2.75; Children's, 65c. to \$2.25.

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