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THE WAR NEWS.

The Indian army corps has been withdrawn from France to serve elsewhere, presumably in Egypt or Mesopotamia. The British cabinet is reported to be on the verge of a very serious split over the question of conscription. German submarines are again active and have sunk half a dozen Allied ships. Bulgaria is now administering the affairs of Serbia. The Turks penetrated a British fort at Kut-el-Amara, but were driven out again. Along the French front the French artillery did considerable damage to German positions. The situation at Saloniki is unchanged. The sinking of a Japanese vessel having an American citizen on board, may lead to further trouble between the United States and Austria.

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INCREASED EARNINGS.

An indication of the improvement in business in the United States is found in the railroad record. The Bureau of Railroad Economics says: "Net operating income of the railways of the United States for September increased 87 1/2 per cent, or 20 1/2 per cent, as compared with September, 1914. However, September 1914, largely because of conditions in the South, was the lowest September in the last six years. A comparison of September 1915 with the average September of the preceding five years shows an increase of 17.4 per cent, as compared with September, 1914. Total operating revenues amounted to \$286,408,584, an increase from 1914 of \$16,842,784. Operating expenses were \$177,140,771, a decrease of \$881,846. Net operating revenue amounted to \$109,267,813, an increase of \$17,697,680. Taxes amounted to \$11,788,145, an increase of \$386,008. This left \$97,479,668 of net operating income, available for rentals, interest on bonds, appropriations for improvements and new construction, and dividends. Operating revenues per mile of line averaged \$1,291, an increase of 6.5 per cent; operating expenses averaged \$776, a decrease of 1.1 per cent; net operating revenue per mile averaged \$477, an increase of 18.6 per cent, while net operating income per mile was \$426, an increase of 20.9 per cent. Taxes per mile increased 24 per cent. Railways operating 228,775 miles of line are credited by this summary, or about ninety per cent of the steam railway mileage in the United States."

BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

The Chatham World, of which Mr. J. L. Stewart, M. P. P., is editor and publisher, reviews at length the Chandler report on the Venet charges, finds the commissioner for failing to lay upon others the same severe condemnation he has laid upon Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, M. P. P. The World, after quoting Com. Chandler's denunciation of the member for Gloucester, says: "Always Mr. Stewart. Others were shown to be equally guilty, persons higher up were allowed to escape without being held responsible for the corrupt practices of the officials they appointed and kept in office, and only Mr. Stewart is made to bear the commissioner's condemnation as well as the odium of the facts."

Referring to the St. John Globe's comment the World says: "The Globe calls upon Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, M. P. P., of Gloucester, to resign and says that the Chandler report makes it imperative that Mr. Clarke force it if Mr. Stewart fails to act promptly. Nonsense. How can a government and legislature that endorsed and condoned the conduct of Mr. Fleming expel the member for Gloucester? Why strain at the Gloscester gnat after swallowing the Carleton camel?"

The World puts the whole case very neatly and clearly. Mr. Fleming was condemned by the report of a royal commission and withdrew from the legislature, but the legislature withdrew him and the Conservatives hailed him with joy as a fit and proper candidate for them in Carleton-Victoria. Mr. Sheridan of Kent is found by Com. Chandler to have taken provincial money he did not really earn, while he was a member of the legislature, and the Commissioner is constrained to say that "conduct of this kind can only result in the degradation of the public service and those who take part in such transactions." But Mr. Sheridan, though he retired from the legislature, has been appointed to a lucrative office by the Ottawa government. Mr. Robichaud and Mr. A. J. H. Stewart are still in the house and yet to be provided for. Remembering Mr. Fleming and Mr. Sheridan they may well entertain fond expectations of good things to come. They are supporters of the Clarke government and white-washers of Mr. Fleming, and if Frederick fails they can look with confidence to Ottawa, as did Mr. Sheridan.

Meanwhile, why does Premier Clarke preserve silence concerning the Chandler report? Are the manipulators manipulating? Will Robichaud and Stewart resign, or will they face the legislature?

NEUTRALITY PAYS

The war has brought great prosperity to the United States. Bradstreet's says: "A record-breaking holiday trade accompanies evidences of extraordinary activity in industrial lines, reports of light stocks almost everywhere, marked strength in grain and higher cotton prices, good collection of heavy railway traffic, smart activity in employment at relatively high wages, widespread distribution of bonuses, increased incomes from profit-sharing investments and strength in the stock market."

What the war has done for American foreign trade is shown in this striking paragraph: "November export trade was about one per cent, above the hitherto high October record, while imports were the heaviest since April, 1914, the excess of exports

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THE RESULT.

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AT THE COLLIER.

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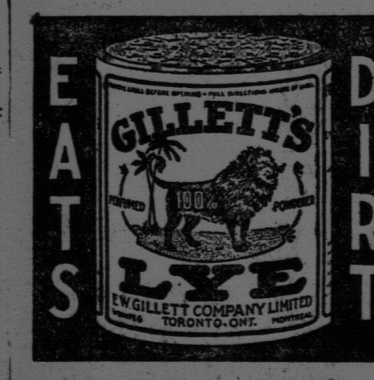
RECRUITING IN ST. JOHN MUST TAKE ON NEW LIFE IF THE RANKS OF THE 110TH ARE TO BE FILLED THIS WINTER.

The New Year's Day demonstration should help. Col. Roosevelt is reported to have said that he is not a candidate for the presidency, but will support either Hughes, Hailey or Knox as a Republican candidate, and endeavor to secure for either of the three the support of the Progressives. If that should be the programme, the Democratic party would have the fight of its life. As a president, Mr. Woodrow Wilson has not fulfilled the hopes and expectations of his friends.

Referring to a suggestion that breweries, under prohibition, might be converted into creameries, the Montreal Financial Times says:—"Enquiry by The Financial Times has elicited the information that there are considerable differences between the structure and plant of a brewery and that of a creamery. It is in fact alleged by brewers that a second-hand brewery is almost useless for any purpose except brewing; though in view of recent developments it seems possible that such a plant might be employed in making shells."

Mr. Henry Ford has abandoned his peace mission, and Mr. William Jennings Bryan has cancelled his trip to Europe. Both have got a considerable amount of free advertising. The Ottawa Free Press observes:—"Very often the agitators who publicly weep copious tears because of prevailing conditions have an eye to what there is in the weeping in the way of benefit for themselves. There are Henry Ford and W. J. Bryan. Ford's heart is wrung by the sufferings of the poor lads in the trenches, and he is undergoing the misery of a winter sea voyage in an attempt to get them out. But Henry knows that through his grief he is getting advertising that is worth millions of dollars to himself and his business—for advertising is a selling thing, whether it be in the form of praise or ridicule. Bryan is all cut up because of the proposal that his country should spend more money on instruments of slaughter, but by being thus cut-up he hopes to further his own political objects. In our own country we have Bonaparte and Levergne. No need to mention their political ambitions."

John Einfield, rural mail carrier of Aitchison, Kan., has completed his 19th year in the government service, and during that time has traveled 129,000 miles. He has worn out five mail wagons and is now using his seventh horse.



A FAVORITE POEM

When a man ain't got a penny, An' he's feeling kind o' blue, An' the clouds hang dark and heavy An' don't let the sunshine through, It's a great thing Oh my brethren, For a fellow just to lay His hand upon your shoulder In a friendly sort o' way.

It makes a man feel curious; It makes the tear drops start An' you feel a sort o' flutter, In the region of the heart; You can't look up and meet his eyes; You don't know what to say, When his hand is on your shoulder In a friendly sort o' way.

Oh the world's a curious compound With its honey and its gall With its care and bitter crosses, But a good God must have made it, Leastways that is what I say, When his hand is on your shoulder In a friendly sort o' way.

LIGHTER VEIN.

M'Simpson is very fond of his wife, so much so that after a little tiff with her, he went about looking very down in the mouth. Hello, old fellow!" exclaimed Jenkins, on seeing him. "What's worrying you?" "My wife and I had an argument the day before yesterday," said M'Simpson, "and something I said offended her so much that she hasn't spoken to me since." "I say," cried Jenkins, with pitiful eagerness, "would you mind telling me what you said?"

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VILLA MUST ANSWER TO GREAT BRITAIN Killing of Benton Has Not Been Forgotten—Extradition Will be Asked; Should he Leave Mexico El Paso, Tex., Dec. 28.—The British government is looking for Gen. Francisco Villa. Consul Honnau C. Miles, of El Paso, is making every endeavor to locate him. Extradition of Villa from the

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seven soldiers of the Canadian contingent overseas. The news from home contained in this "Gazette" is highly appreciated by our gallant soldiers, many of whom have little opportunity of seeing a Canadian newspaper. The publication is printed at less than cost, through the generosity of a Montreal newspaper proprietor, but even so, further funds are required to carry on the publication, especially in view of the fact that the number of Canadians overseas is steadily increasing. Large subscriptions are not required, but any small amounts sent to Miss Shaughnessy, honorary treasurer, at the office of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Windsor Station, Montreal, will be spent in this good cause."

The German Empire consists of four kingdoms—Prussia (which includes the old kingdom of Hanover), Bavaria, Saxony and Wurtemberg; six grand duchies, five duchies, seven principalities, the free cities of Lubeck, Bremen and Hamburg, and Alsace-Lorraine, which—for the present—is an "imperial province."