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OUR SOLDIER SONS

The citizens of St. John will witness this evening the departure of a portion of the contingent which is going from this city to Valcartier, and thence to the mother country and to the seat of war in Europe. The stern realities of war are borne in upon us, for though we see these men go forth in the pride of their young manhood we do not know how they will fare amid the hardships and dangers that await them, nor when or under what circumstances they may return to us. They deserve to be honored, for by their enlistment they have declared their willingness to make if necessary the supreme sacrifice in defense of the Empire to which they belong. They go gladly to the post of danger, and the last sound in their ears as they depart should be the ringing cheers of thousands of their fellow citizens. They must also carry with them the assurance that those dear to them will not suffer in their absence, beyond the pangs of grief at parting and the natural fear for their safety which will clutch at the hearts of those by whom they are beloved. The summons to Valcartier has come sooner than was expected, and makes it all the more necessary for the citizens to hurry to completion their plans for giving the whole contingent practical assurances of a universal appreciation of their devotion and self-sacrifice. The whole city should be abroad this evening to testify to St. John's appreciation of her soldier sons.

NEWS OF THE WAR

It is evident that the Germans are pressing into Belgium in great force, and that a great battle near Brussels must soon be fought. It is not already begun. The Belgians have been falling back before the advancing masses of German troops, but it must be assumed that the allied armies are in position at a point which they regard as favorable for the tremendous struggle which is to determine whether the German army is to break through Belgium into France or be hurled back in defeat.

Today's news from that portion of the French and German border where the French and German forces have been fighting for days is to the effect that the German advance has been checked and that the allies must have very considerable losses on both sides the Germans have again failed in their attempt to invade French territory.

All eyes are now centred on Belgium, and the news from that quarter is awaited with the deepest anxiety, since it appears to be there the Germans are massed in greatest force, with a determination at any cost to enter France by that route. We are still without information as to the position of the French and British allies of the Belgians, and are likely to remain in ignorance until the great battle has been fought.

BRITAIN'S RIGHTEOUS WAR

If there are any peace advocates in this country who take the extraordinary position that neither Canada nor the mother country had any business to be in the present war, they will not get any comfort from the leaders of the peace movement in England, all of whom so far as heard from declare that it is a righteous war on England's part, and a war which must be fought out in the interests of a higher civilization.

Kindness to animals is a virtue which ought to be encouraged, but we do not encourage it when there is a mad dog in the street. Similarly the love of peace is a virtue among the nations, but when human liberty and all the principles of right and justice are threatened by a half-mad autocrat there can be no peace until the rest of the world has attended to his case, however great the sacrifice may be. The cause of civilization and of righteousness in the world will be advanced by the overthrow of the German war-lord and the principles for which he stands. We find already as one result of the war that Russia has pledged herself to grant full civil and political rights to the Jews, and has pledged herself as well to the restoration of Poland under an autonomous government. The new Germany that will arise out of the ruins of the old, when this war is over, will be an infinitely stronger bulwark of liberty and righteousness than the Germany of today. In the present Austrian territory as well, the bounds of freedom will be widened, and new and better conditions will arise. To doubt this would be to doubt that Providence has anything to do with the affairs of nations.

POPE PIUS X

At the very beginning of a dreadful war which will recast the map of Europe the world has lost a great peace advocate in the person of Pius X, whose death occurred at an early hour this morning, hastened it is believed by grief over the awful conflict into which the

European nations have been plunged. As the supreme head on earth of the Roman Catholic Church, and representative of the Prince of Peace, he could not but recoil with horror from the prospect of so many of his own church of different nationalities rushing at each other's throats to maim and kill. He was ever a lover of peace, and it is recalled that his allocution delivered last May was so highly appreciated by the Carnegie Peace Union that special publication and distribution of its plea for disarmament and arbitration was decided on, and copies sent to each of the twenty-three thousand priests of the United States and Canada. During the eleven years since his accession to the pontifical throne he has labored earnestly to promote the welfare of the church. He has had to face great troubles in France, Spain and elsewhere, and was himself the victim of ill health for many years, but through it all he has displayed a severity, dignity and ability which have won for him the love of his people and the universal respect of those who were not of his faith.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

"Don't be stampeded. Pay your bills and go on doing business." This is the substance of the advice given by an American citizen connected with the Canadian branch of a large American factory. He contends that companies controlling industries which have been making large profits in the past should not take advantage of the first sign of a possible depression in business to shut down their plant and throw thousands of men on the labor market. He points out that the closing of factories would have a bad moral effect on business in general. He sees no cause for panic, and points out the obvious truth that if people hold back from paying their bills they will make it impossible for their creditors to meet their own obligations, and thus there would be an almost complete cessation of business in the country.

As a matter of fact the news from London with regard to business generally grows daily more reassuring. The Bank of England has resumed discounting, and the confirmation of previous announcements of the safety of the sea routes has eased the market for many important articles which are imported into this country. This is certainly a time for pessimism. It is the duty of every citizen of Canada to face the situation with cheerful confidence, and do all possible to prevent stagnation in business.

Give the soldier boys a parting cheer.

Give the soldier boys a parting cheer. Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave eloquent and fitting expression yesterday to the feeling of the Canadian people in this great crisis.

Let us not forget the children. Tomorrow's formal closing of the playgrounds should see a record crowd of people at the Shamrock grounds.

After today St. John will have a new interest in the fortunes of the war. Some of her own sons will have started on the first stage of their journey to the front, and more will quickly follow.

The very dust of the heroes who fell at Waterloo and many another battlefield ground on Belgian soil may well be thrilled by the gigantic struggle of which the world now hourly awaits the dreadful news.

The spirit which prompted the St. John Power Boat Club to place at the disposal of the government for any necessary purposes in the harbor the craft of their fleet and the services of one hundred of their members is both patriotic and praiseworthy.

The Canadian House of Commons and Senate yesterday proclaimed in no uncertain voice the complete unity and devotion of the people of this country to the flag and the Empire. As the war progresses and more Canadians go to the front the people of all parties, all creeds and all races will be drawn still closer together by the bond of hopes and fears that will be common to us all.

The fact that news of great engagements has been slow in coming must not blind us to the fact of the awful nature of the conflict which has been begun, nor should it give rise to a belief that the struggle will be of brief duration. Germany and Austria have immense resources, and will not be beaten by their knees without a tremendous sacrifice on the part of the allied armaments. This is a very serious business on which we have entered, and we are warned both by the British and French war offices that we must be prepared to hear of reverses as well as victories where millions of men, armed with deadly machines of destruction, are engaged in terrific combat.

USE THE WANT AT WAY

STEP TOGETHER

Step together—boldly tread,
Firm each foot, erect each head,
Fixed in front be every glance—
Forward, at the word "advance"—
Serried files that face may dread;
Like the deer on mountain heather,
Tread light,
Left, right—
Steady, boys, and step together!

Step together—be each rank
Dressed in line from flank to flank,
Marching so that you may halt
Mid the onset's fierce assault,
Firm as in the rampart's bunk,
Raised the iron rain to weather—
Proud sight!
Tread light,
Left, right—
Steady, boys, and step together!

Step together—self-restrained,
Be your march of thought as trained;
Fall like music from the ears:
Noise befit not hall or camp,
Eagles soar on silent feather.
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THE ANGLO-SAXON BLOOD.

Deep round her hair the dim sea grows,
Gaunt through her night the old Lion
prowls;
Alert and alone, she scans afar
The Hunters and the Hunters, her!
They abide their time, discreet they wait
About the tangled paths of hate;
While toothless now, and old, his said,
She whines and slumbers on her dead!

She toothless now—when East and West
Each Cab and Whelp of her grim breast
Snarls, writhing, tumbling, quick with
life,
And points its fangs on the bones of
strife;
And once the old roar shakes the night,
The Hunter, who has shunned the light
And thought her silence solitude,
Shall meet and know the Lion's Brood!

(These lines are by Arthur Stringer,

the author of "Open Water" which will be published next month in New York and London by the John Lane Company.)

LIGHTER VEIN.

"Eddie, what's the matter? Had a fall off your bike?"
"No, I tried to hang some pictures and stood some dictionaries up on a table and they slipped from under me."
"Woe's failed you, I suppose."

Class 1's Lawyer (having passed his exams)—Well, I'm over! I've been worked to death the last two years trying to complete my legal education. Old Lawyer—Cheer up, my boy. I'll be a long time before you will have any more work to do.

The Way It Looks.

"I've been sining up conditions in criminal circles," began the young man of the notebook, "and I've reached one conclusion."
"What's that, pretty bad world?"
"Not only that, but the size of the gift determines the size of the guilt."

Utter Foolishness.

"Yes, he's a big duffer. None of the summer girls want anything to do with him."
"Rocks the boat, does he?"
"He's more foolish than that. He rocks the hammock."

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BIG JUMP IN THE PRICE OF DRUGS IS EXPECTED

Already Some Lines Have Gone up Twenty Per Cent.—Importations From Germany (Ottawa Journal).

That there are many chemicals necessary for the manufacture of some of the most useful of drugs which may be procured only in Germany, was the statement made to a Journal reporter this morning by William Cochrane, of the firm of Allan & Cochrane. For this reason the prices of these drugs so necessary to the treatment of many serious diseases will advance as the supply now on hand in the jobbing and wholesale houses nears depletion.

On account of the war the prices of English and French drugs have already advanced about twenty per cent, and a still greater advance is anticipated in the near future. Substitutes may be procured in Canada and the United States for many of the chemicals which have been brought from Germany and Austria heretofore, and these substitutes will be every bit as effective, though in every case they will be more expensive.

Several druggists interviewed expressed the opinion that there will be no shortage of drugs of any kind for some time to come, although prices have been increased generally, those drugs which are manufactured from raw material procurable only in Germany demanding especially increased prices. Many drugs manufactured in Canada and the United States are also increased in price about 20 per cent, owing to the fact that the materials used in their manufacture are imported from the Old Country.

MUCH TRUST IN JELICOE
Commander of English Fleet Has Been Called "Future Nelson."

Vice-Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, who has become the chief commander of the British fleet, is regarded as a man of remarkable ability. Combined with large thinking powers and of action based on wide experience in many naval spheres, there is in him an alert keenness, restless activity, and strong nerve power which have sometimes caused him to be spoken of as a "future Nelson."

He is both a scientific and a practical officer, besides being an administrator of first-rate order, and few men have done better work for the gunnery of the British fleet. In this department of his activity he rendered the greatest service as Director of Naval Ordnance in the administration of Lord Fisher, and from that time have come the enormous advances in the ordnance equipment of the fleet.

Sir John is one of the survivors of the Victoria disaster, which did not shake his nerve. Then he was flag captain to Sir Edward Seymour in China, and he was severely wounded in the advance to the relief of the Peking legations. Afloat, he has served as rear admiral in the home fleet, subsequently in command of the Atlantic fleet, and lately of the second battle squadron.

He has displayed great organizing and administrative capacity on the Admiralty Board as third sea lord and controller, and latterly as second sea lord, in which office he has rendered great service in developing the opportunities of the personnel.

Sir John is 65 years old, and has been described not only as a "future Nelson," but as the "Kitchener" and the "Roberts" of the navy. He attained flag rank early in 1907.

ENGLAND'S JUSTIFICATION
(New York Evening Post)

Whatever may be the real and deeply underlying reasons for England's going to war with Germany, it cannot be denied that she had a sound reason, under international law. By invading Belgium Germany was violating a treaty to which all the European powers had set their hand and seal, and in the observance of which England had a peculiar and even vital interest. She was thus well within her legal rights in asking both France and Germany whether they would respect the guaranteed neu-

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trality of Belgium. But the military plans of Germany could not then be changed. She admitted through her chancellor, that she was going counter to the law of nations, and made anxious profession of her purpose to "rectify the injustice" as the German chancellor, phrased it, after the war was over; and in her natural desire to keep England neutral, undertook to give the most formal promise never to annex any portion of Belgium. This promise, coming from an avowed treaty-breaker, was received for what it was worth by the House of Commons—that is, received with jeers. Thus Germany in order to snatch the military advantage of a march through Belgian territory, brought upon herself the immense military disadvantage of adding England to the countries with which she is at war.