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THE WAR NEWS.

Britain gave further evidence yesterday of her preparedness to conduct aerial warfare in a vigorous manner. Forty air machines passed over the German positions along the Belgian coast, and dropped bombs on batteries, transport wagons, the Mole at Zeebrugge, and on locks, barges and railways. At the same time French aeroplanes attacked the German aerodrome in that region, preventing German air-craft from coming to the rescue. A considerable amount of damage to the enemy's positions is reported to have been done.

Tomorrow the German blockade of British ports is scheduled to begin, and Admiral Behncke of the German marine department asserts that his country has a sufficient submarine force to cause a food famine in England by cutting off her supplies. A good deal more significance, however, will be attached to another statement which the admiral makes, to the effect that since the shutting off of food supplies Germany has come to a point where she has no longer sufficient food for her people. So far Great Britain is concerned she will not only not permit the free movement of foodstuffs to Germany, but will tighten her grip, and endeavor to prevent entirely the landing of foodstuffs on the German coast.

Garibaldi, the Italian patriot, predicts that Italy will mobilize her army within a fortnight, and that if she does not enter the war there will be a revolution in Italy. The relations between Greece and Turkey are reported to be more severely strained.

The Russian official report admits that the Germans are advancing across the East Prussian border and that the Germans and Austrians are advancing in Bukovina. In both these sections the Russians are falling back before superior forces, but in the Carpathians they claim to have gained some further success, and the military observers do not attach great importance to the German advance in East Prussia or in Bukovina.

In the western war zone there is no important change in the situation. Sir John French in an official report pays a splendid tribute to the British troops in the field, and says that conclusive evidence has been obtained that the Germans have suffered severe losses.

THE LITERACY TEST.

While the literacy test in the Burnett immigration bill was vetoed by President Wilson, and his veto sustained by the house of representatives, the question is by no means settled. Representative Burnett announced that he would introduce another immigration restriction bill immediately after the next congress convenes. The vote in the house to over-ride the president's veto was 261 to 196, but a two-thirds vote was necessary. If four of those voting may have voted in the affirmative the bill would have been carried over the president's veto. One of the speakers, supporting the bill and replying to a contention that the American people had never passed upon the subject, pointed out that the literacy test was not new, but had been fully considered by the people in President Cleveland's time a commission reported unanimously in favor of restricted immigration, and eight out of the nine commissioners advocated the adoption of a literacy test. Congress enacted such a law, but it was vetoed by President Cleveland. A similar law was vetoed by President Taft, and now another has been vetoed by President Wilson. The literacy test in the Burnett bill provided that "all aliens over sixteen years of age, physically capable of reading, who cannot read the English language or some other language or dialect, including Hebrew or Yiddish, were to be excluded; but it also provided for the entry into the country of aged relatives of persons who have become citizens of the United States. An analysis of the vote shows that public sentiment in favor of a literacy test is growing. One of its supporters was able to quote an extract from one of President Wilson's books to strengthen his contention that the literacy test should be applied. It was as follows:

"Throughout the country men of the sturdy stock of the north of Europe had made up the main strain of foreign blood which was every year added to the vital working force of the country, or else men of the Latin-Gaelic stock of France and northern Italy, but now there come multitudes of men of the lower class . . . and men of the meaner sort, . . . men out of the ranks where there was neither skill nor energy nor any initiative nor quick intelligence; and they came in numbers which increased from year to year, as if the countries of the south of Europe were disburdening themselves of the more sordid and hapless elements of their population, the men whose standards of life and work were such as American workmen had never dreamed of before."

Mr. Burnett in the course of his speech in the house pointed out that four of five criminals electrocuted in Buffalo in the last three years were aliens unable to read, and he declared that the insane asylums of the country were being filled with the very persons whom the literacy test would keep out. He contended

further that as soon as the present war is over there will be a rush to America of the worst people that have ever come across the Atlantic. One of the arguments in favor of the literacy bill was that it was opposed by the corporations which desired cheap labor, and Mr. Burnett quoted a big mine operator who, when asked why he employed the poorest of all laborers replied "for the purpose of regulating wages."

Since the literacy test is approved by a large majority in congress, and has only been defeated on two occasions by a presidential veto, it is safe to assume that either as now proposed or in a modified form it will be adopted before many years have passed.

At the annual meeting of the S. P. C. A. yesterday further complaints were made about the lax manner in which justice is administered in the city of St. John.

The Standard no longer applies the title "Hon." to Mr. Flemming. In its account of the Anderson banquet it says "Mr. Flemming was banqueting, and 'K. K. Flemming' spoke. This is very unkind."

The report that some ten thousand Canadian soldiers had remained at Salisbury Plain does not agree with the statement of the colonial secretary, in a cable to the governor-general, in which it is stated that the whole Canadian contingent have crossed to France.

It will no doubt be a source of great satisfaction to the people who find their resources somewhat cramped as a result of the war to know that Hon. Mr. Doherty, minister of justice, draws his salary as a member of parliament and a minister of the crown, and also draws a pension as a retired member of the bench.

The Standard in large type this morning says:—"Laurier caught in lie." If you desire to learn what does not take place at Ottawa read the headlines in The Standard. It is quite like The Standard, however, to apply the epithet "liar" to its opponents, not omitting the honored statesman who for so many years led the government of Canada, and who has been well described by the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill as "that great Imperial statesman."

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is doing a valuable work, which ought to be greatly extended. Secretary Wetmore's plea for the establishment of branches throughout the province should be heeded, and the organization should also be provided with more funds and placed in a position to carry on its work more vigorously throughout the year. The St. John branch is fortunate in having the support of a vigorous Ladies' Auxiliary and an Animal Rescue League.

Commissioner Lamb of the Salvation Army has returned to England after a visit to Canada and says he found government officials and leading men favorably disposed toward an immigration scheme to avert unemployment at the close of the war. The plan he suggests is to advance money in certain districts on guarantees given by each locality. This appears to be somewhat similar to the plan suggested by Supt. Fitzpatrick of the Reading Camp Association, that settlement camps be established as a cure for slum conditions, and to provide homes for immigrants who are unfortunately situated in the large cities.

An English writer directs attention to the fact that the idea of an international police force was long ago suggested by Hobbes, and that William Penn in 1693 put forward a scheme for a European parliament to maintain peace; and that the Abbe de St. Pierre also urged that an international army be established to deal with offending states. When the present war is over the plea for such concerted action by the great powers of the world as would forever prevent a repetition of a struggle so gigantic a scale will present itself with such force that it seems reasonable to assume that definite action will be taken.

In parliament yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier discussed cabinet changes in a very entertaining way. He pointed out that Hon. Mr. Pelletier resigned because of ill health, but was not too ill to become a judge of the supreme court of Quebec. Sir Wilfrid's picture of the arch-imperialist, Sir George Foster, limping slightly as he entered the chamber with Mr. Blondin, the arch-Nationalist, on his arm, as if he had a heavy load to carry, was vastly entertaining. The Liberal chief minister recalled the fact that Mr. Blondin had once talked about shooting holes in the Union Jack in order that the air of liberty might be breathed, and observed that the deputy speaker now found no difficulty in breathing the atmosphere of office, holes or no holes in the flag. One can imagine the feelings of Sir Robert Borden as Sir Wilfrid directed the attention of the house and the country to the record of the interesting gentlemen by whom the premier has surrounded himself.

ROYAL YEAST

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Bess—Yes, the women couldn't resist her special 4.58 o'clock tea.

There Was No Doubt.

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Quite So.

"Longevity, after all, is largely a matter of diet."

"Indeed! I had the impression it was largely a matter of time."

Some Stunt for Papa.

Decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the case of Blair vs. Blair:

"Even if the home is jointly owned, the husband has the right to regulate the household, and it is his duty to do so."

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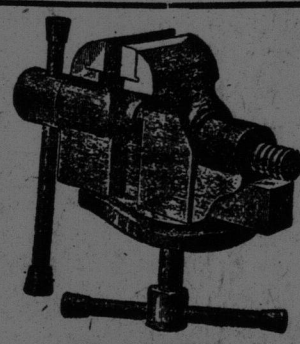
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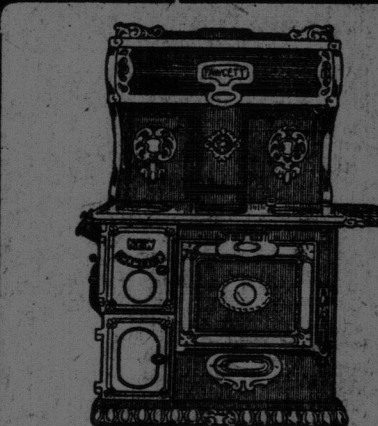
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IN PARLIAMENT

Liberal Caucus Unanimous On Session Programme

The Commons Business Yesterday

Patriotic Fund Matters—The Recent Shake-up in the Borden Cabinet

Ottawa, Feb. 16—(Special)—The first Liberal caucus of the session was held this morning and sessional plans were discussed. The note, struck by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the opening of the session, declaring the hearty co-operation of his majority's loyal opposition with the government in facilitating all necessary war measures, was also the note of the caucus, but at the same time it was decided that it was the duty of the opposition to secure an adequate scrutiny of all expenditures and to see that the country got full value for every outlay of the taxpayers' money.

On the tariff issue, the caucus was unanimous in declaring that there should be a full discussion of the port and points of all expenditures and as being in the interest of the beneficiaries of high protection and not primarily a revenue measure designed to meet the government's pressing necessities, due to extravagance in the ordinary business of administration.

The budget debate will not be resumed until Tuesday next, the prime minister having intimated that it would better suit the convenience of the house to resume it next week instead of on Thursday in this week, as originally intended.

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