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MORE MEN WANTED

The English papers are warning the people to prepare for a long struggle that will tax the nation to the utmost. They say also that Canada and Australia may be expected to send more men and money, and that they will be needed.

If this is the view entertained by the English papers we in Canada may as well accept it as a fact that we have only begun to take our share of the burden the whole Empire must bear. More men and more money. More patriotism and more of self-sacrifice. That is what it means. We have made a good beginning, but only a beginning. The Canadian militia must be recruited up to war strength without delay. A second contingent must be sent. This country is at war. It must accept the full responsibility.

THE WAR NEWS.

Although Germany did not declare war on Russia until July 1, all have been stopped for garrisons on the French frontier on July 25, and all bridges, viaducts and similar works on that frontier were placed under military guard. It will be a month tomorrow, therefore, since Germany was practically at war with France. In the intervening period what has actually been accomplished? The German armies have not yet been able to force the French back upon their first line of defence. The unexpected opposition in Belgium has prevented the Kaiser from making a swift descent upon French territory by way of the comparatively unprotected Belgian frontier of France. It is true that he has over-run a considerable portion of Belgium and captured Brussels, but he has still to defeat the allied French, British and Belgian armies; and they have at least had time to entrench themselves in strong positions, and it is perhaps fair to assume that in point of numbers their armies are not inferior to his own.

Going back now to the war of 1870, we find that France declared war against Germany on July 19. On August 4 the Germans won the battle of Wissemburg, August 6, Worth and Spicheren; August 18, Gravelotte; September 1, Sedan; and on September 15, or less than two months after the declaration of war, the German armies were encamped before Paris. If the Kaiser anticipated a repetition of the successful campaign of 1870 he has been bitterly disappointed.

It would be very untrue, however, and the war offices in London and Paris emphasize this point, to assume that because the German armies have not yet over-run France they will be checked without very severe fighting and very heavy loss. An account of the occupation of Brussels by the German soldiers describes them as being "very fit." The German war machine is formidable. It may be counted on to give a good account of itself in the great battle which is now raging along the line between Mons and Luxembourg.

However, even if it should be successful in breaking through the line of the allied forces, the advance toward Paris would still be fought inch by inch, and the invading armies would continue to suffer heavy losses from day to day; and every day it is delayed brings the Russian armies nearer to the heart of Germany. There is also apparently some prospect of Italy entering the field against Austria, although one despatch quotes the Italian premier as having said on Saturday night that the government was still resolved to adhere to neutrality.

From Serbia comes news of a great victory in a battle in which 200,000 men were engaged, and in which several regiments of the Austrians were literally cut to pieces and the rest of the army so completely routed that it fled in great confusion.

The Russian army, after four days sharp fighting along a front of twenty-six miles, has penetrated East Prussia, occupied several towns, and driven back the Germans, who suffered heavy losses and are being pursued by the victors. Russian successes on the Austrian frontier are also reported.

Japan has declared war upon Germany, and has ordered the beginning of operations on land and sea against the German fortress and naval base at Kiau Chow.

The magnitude of the forces now arrayed against Germany and Austria cannot but ensure ultimate victory. Before that is achieved, however, there must be hard fighting and tremendous loss, and we must expect news of defeat as well as of victory for the allies in the fierce conflicts now raging in Belgium and along the French border.

CANADA AND THE WAR

The citizens of St. John on Saturday evening saw another detachment of volunteers leave for Valcartier, and have now another reason for being deeply interested in the fortunes of this war. Perhaps before the present week is closed the third detachment will go forward, and thus complete the city's contribution to the first Canadian contingent. That there will be a second contingent may perhaps be taken for granted. Canada is vitally interested in this conflict, and whatever sacrifice may be necessary will be cheerfully made. The British forces now engaged in battle in Belgium are fighting for Canada as well as for the United Kingdom. This country must support them in the struggle and send them reinforcements. Every Canadian must have been thrilled as he or she read the description of the scene and the report of the addresses which marked the procession of parliament at Ottawa on Saturday. The spirit of unity which prevailed, the tributes which leaders of the government and of the opposition paid to each other, the references to the fact that members of the house on both sides are giving their sons to the war, and the profound solemnity which marked the whole proceedings cannot but leave a deep impression upon the minds of all. Even as the house listened to the measured words of its leaders, troops were marching through the city to the waiting train which was to convey them on the first stage of their journey to the front. All Canada is deeply moved by the spirit of patriotism, and by a determination that no duty shall be left unperformed in this great testing time.

HON. ROBERT MAXWELL

His fellow citizens mourn the death of Hon. Robert Maxwell. His fatal illness had been long and severe, and he has been known for months that recovery was impossible. Mr. Maxwell had for many years taken an active part in public affairs in this city and province, and but for the loss of health would doubtless have won still greater successes in the political arena. Beginning life as a workman, he became prominent in the building trade, and many fine structures in this city pay tribute to his ability. He took an active part in civic politics for some years, and in all political campaigns for many years he was a popular advocate of the Conservative cause. Mr. Maxwell became widely known not only as a public man, but through his connection with many fraternal organizations. He was appointed to the office of deputy receiver-general it was conceded by his political opponents as well as by his friends that the appointment was a good one. Unhappily his broken health did not permit him long to enjoy his withdrawal from the more or less troubled arena of active politics. He was always an active advocate of the cause of temperance, and contributed much to its advancement in this city and province.

If children cannot be prevented from putting their hands into the cages of wild animals at the park the cages must be fenced off. It would be better to have no animals there at all than that one little child should be maimed for life.

As an illustration of American sympathy for the Canadian minister of militia says that upwards of 60,000 men in the United States have offered for service, and declare their willingness to take the oath of allegiance and go to the front at once.

When the whole St. John contribution to the first contingent has gone to Valcartier, many familiar faces will be missed upon the streets, and every citizen will be able to number some friends or acquaintances among those who will have gone to the front.

In line with Germany's violation of the neutrality of Belgium is her barbarous policy of sowing the North Sea with mines, by which a considerable number of neutral vessels owned in Denmark and Scandinavia have been destroyed. The Kaiser is laying up much store of hatred against the day of reckoning.

There is a growing feeling that the United States will enjoy a period of business prosperity as a result of the war which paralyzes the producing power of several great nations. Prosperity in the United States is always good for Canada. Canadian as well as United States industries should eventually profit by the destruction of German export business, and a decrease in that of France and Russia. An American trade journal declares that "it is the duty of American manufacturers to prepare for an enormous foreign demand for our manufactured products."

Her Waterloo.

Mac—I was in a very embarrassing position this morning.

Fae—What was it?

Mac—I had to rescue a man from drowning when he was teaching me to swim.

THE BATTLE OF ALMA.

A lady who is an enthusiastic Britisher, asks the Times to print the following verses which she has treasured for more than half a lifetime:

Ye friends of liberty draw near,
Who never did a tyrant fear—
Attention pay, and you shall hear
A song on "Bloody Alma!"
Triumphant freedom smiled again,
And burst the Russians' iron chain,
When Briton's Lion shook his mane
Going up the heights of Alma.

Our brave undaunted allied hosts
The deep and rapid river crossed,
Each officer was at his post,
To meet the foe on Alma.
Canrobert and his gallant French
Stormed bravely many a Russian trench,
While blood flowed freely and did drench
The steep ascent of Alma.

Five hundred yards of mountain steep
Rose from the river broad and deep;
Here Hinchikoff resolved to sweep
Us all into the Alma.
Before our bayonet charge they fled
The balls like hail around us fell,
Our cheers became a warlike yell,
As we rushed on at Alma.

As wind drives heaps of chaff away,
So fled the Russians on that day—
Prince Hinchikoff ran in dismay,
And left his coach on Alma.
Before our bayonet charge they fled
And left six thousand soldiers dead;
The grass was changed from green to red
All over the hills of Alma.

Lord Raglan—"bravest of the brave!"
His orders cool and calmly gave.
He plunged his horse into the wave,
And scaled the heights of Alma.
Our bold undaunted Grenadiers
Rushed on the foe with British cheers;
The Twenty-third "Welch Fusiliers"
Have suffered sore at Alma.

The brave St. Arnaud is at rest,
Light be the turf upon his breast;
I hope his spirit now is blest,
Brave hero of the Alma.
Come fill your glasses for a toast,
Success attend the allied host—
The memory, too, of those we lost
Upon the heights of Alma.

—London Standard.
Ireland, 1854.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Eighteen Holes

"What an ideal golf course," remarked the fly as he alighted on a slice of Swiss cheese.

Same Rules

A college professor says that women will be ruling the world fifty years from now—Memphis News.

Unintentional

Judge—You are charged with breaking a chair over your wife's head.
Prisoner—It was an accident, your honor.
Judge—What! Didn't you intend to hit her?
Prisoner—Yes, but I didn't intend to break the chair.

Impediments

"Excuse me, sir," said the strap-hanger, "but would you mind moving your portmanteau from the gangway. I really can hardly find room to stand."
"Move, my portmanteau!" gasped the stranger, "but sir, I live in my feet!"
"Is that so?" said Jenkins, "then perhaps you would pile them one above the other?"—Western Mail.

Natural Curiosity

Poly—He actually begged me to kiss him!
Dolly—What did you say?
Poly—I told him I might be sorry for it afterward.
Dolly—And were you?

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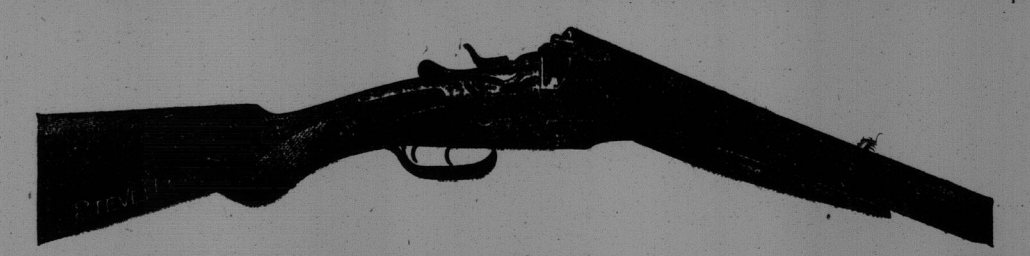
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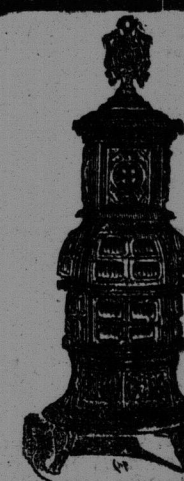
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THE INDUSTRIAL SECTION of the St. John Exhibition has been growing with each succeeding show, and the display to be made next month will, judging from the applications for space, surpass anything seen in the past.

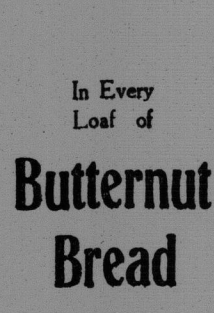
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ENGLAND'S HOSPITALS.

London, Aug. 22—England's lack of hospitals for people in moderate circumstances is the thing that most impressed the members of the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America who just met in London. All of London's wonderful hospitals, where the visitors have been watching operations by the great British surgeons, are charity hospitals. People who can afford to pay are barred, and must either go to the inadequately equipped private nursing homes or be operated upon in their residences.

Dr. Franklin H. Martin, of Chicago, general secretary of the congress, felt this condition keenly, as he had a touch of appendicitis during his visit to London and then learned that the hospitals he had been admiring would not have received him had he been forced to go under the knife.

Dr. Martin has only praise for the British surgeons. He believes them to be fundamentally better equipped for

their profession than the American. By this he means preliminary training and the necessity of each English surgeon being a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, which standardizes requirements.

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A Kindness to the Blind.

London, Aug. 22—The necessitous blind, accompanied by a guide who has paid the ordinary fare, will be allowed to travel free on the London underground railways and on one of the largest of the omnibus systems. This concession has been made by Sir Albert Stanley, and is also being arranged on the railways run by the London County Council.