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THE WAR NEWS

Today's cables tell of continued and substantial success by the Italians, and intimate also that Italy will send soldiers to the Balkans, while Russia will likewise send troops to aid Serbia. The Allies are hammering at the enemy so vigorously in the east and west and along the Italian front that it will be to detach large forces for action against Serbia. The Allies realize the importance of preventing the enemy from getting through to the relief of Turkey, and will strain every effort to prevent it.

A Paris cable says that Greece has been asked to declare herself for or against the Allies. The time for temporizing is past, and they want to know at once what they may expect from that quarter. It is believed the majority of the Greek people favor joining the Allies, but there is still grave doubt as to the course to be adopted by that country.

The French have not only done good work along the western front, but have achieved a brilliant success against the Bulgarians. The gallantry of the French soldiers throughout the war has been beyond praise.

The Austrians have dropped bombs on a famous church in Venice. They are apt pupils of the Hun, but their latest exploit will merely show the Italian people to still greater efforts, and unite them more solidly against such an enemy.

WHO IS FOR THE 104TH?

A great effort is to be made this week to get a large number of recruits in St. John for the 104th Battalion, under Lt. Col. Fowler. That popular commanding officer will be in the city on Thursday, when the campaign is to culminate in a great meeting at which it is hoped large numbers of young men will join the colors. To any who ask why such an appeal is made, the answer is found in the message of King George to the people of Canada. This war is a very serious business, and we must see it through. The one way of gaining victory, and making it sure that the sacrifices already made have not been made in vain, is to send men and more men; and as they must have months of training there is no time to be lost. The war news of the last few days has been more encouraging, but the Germans are still in Belgium, in France, in Poland and in Serbia. They are not being dislodged by slinging the National Anthem, nor by cheering at patriotic meetings. Further great orders for men must be issued at once, and more battalions must be recruited to make them effective. Will St. John be proud of its answer to King George's appeal at the end of this week, or will it be compelled to confess that the appeal failed to secure a right response? It is up to the young men.

IT WOULD HELP RECRUITING

The Citizens' Recruiting League of Toronto has passed a resolution urging the government at Ottawa to issue an appeal for further recruits to bring the total number of Canadians enlisted up to 800,000. It was held that an authoritative statement from the government was needed to counteract the effect of the remark attributed to Sir Sam Hughes that he was getting two recruits for every one needed. The St. John committee has also pointed out to the government that the remark attributed to the war minister was being quoted by some young men as a reason for not enlisting. Now that the appeal of King George has been made to the people of Canada as well as to those of the United Kingdom we have a right to expect that the government will make some such call as the Toronto committee suggests, and that it will make such provision for uniforms and equipment as will render it possible to take care of all the recruits as fast as they are secured. It would be unfortunate, in view of the King's appeal and the urgency of the situation if the militia department failed in any way to do its part in connection with the work so cheerfully carried on by civilian committees all over the country. The need of men cannot be disputed, and every possible encouragement should be given to recruiting work, so that it may not only be carried on vigorously but continuously. Doubtless the government will act promptly in the matter.

THE HARPIS.

When the Davidson War Contracts Commission last week at Regina was probing the purchase of feed for the mounts, it was learned that C. P. R. freight bills had been forged, and that at least eight cars of feed charged up to the government had never been bought. The forged bills were produced, but the original bills bearing the same proper names were also in evidence, and the fact of the forgery was clearly proved. Moreover, it was proved that the shipments alleged to have been made were not made at all.

It is plain from revelations made in different parts of Canada that the country has been robbed of an enormous sum in the aggregate, and there is too much reason to fear that the work is

still going on, in connection with government contracts of many kinds. In Winnipeg yesterday it was shown that a horse dealer paid a veterinary surgeon \$5 per head for thirty-five horses the latter had inspected and passed. When asked why he offered this amount to the veterinary the dealer said he expected about 2,000 more horses would be bought. He would not admit, however, that the \$175 was intended as a bribe. His generosity is certainly worthy of special mention, for he was not called upon to offer the veterinary a cent for his work, which was paid for by the government.

At a time when the people of Canada are being urged to practice the utmost economy and subscribe generously to the various patriotic funds, such revelations as the Davidson Commission has brought to light must arouse a feeling of the most bitter indignation. Every war has its harpies, and this one appears to have produced a fine crop of them in Canada.

IMMIGRATION.

The National Council of Women in session in Toronto last week considered the immigration question at some length. It was held that "quality, not quantity, should be what Canada should aim for in seeking immigrants," and that immigration should be regarded from the point of guardianship of Canadian nationality. A stricter enforcement of the law against the admission of undesirables was urged.

The same subject was discussed in Montreal last week by Mr. J. S. Woodworth, of Winnipeg, secretary to the Canadian Welfare League. The Mail and Empire report says:—

"Mr. Woodworth said that if the rapid influx of foreigners to the country continued a grave question would arise. From a racial standpoint there would be a difficulty, for if the people continued to live in groups the country would be not one but several countries. He showed that there would arise a conflict of cultures, and a conflict of systems. There would be new religions introduced, and the survival of the old ones might be threatened. He concluded by making reference to the conglomeration of languages that the foreigners brought, and said there was a big problem for politicians and educational communities to face."

There is food for earnest thought in what Mr. Woodworth says. The "hyphenated" American is today a source of danger to the welfare of the United States, and President Wilson has insisted that the time has come to put an end to such a condition of affairs as has been developed by the Germans and Austrians in that country. Canada wants no such experience. Neither do we want even on the smallest scale a reproduction of the Balkans in the new and yet unpeopled areas of this country. So far as the present crisis is concerned, immigration should not be encouraged at all. Our present business is war.

What battalion is coming to St. John for the winter? Why not two battalions? There is ample accommodation.

King George has gone to the front. We can imagine the enthusiasm with which he will be greeted by the troops from all parts of the Empire.

Sergt. Knight is welcomed back to St. John. He has been doing splendid work in the recruiting campaign in Nova Scotia, especially in Halifax.

Sir Sam Hughes has consented to the formation of an American legion to fight for Canada, the ranks to be filled by men who were formerly citizens of the United States, but who are now living in Canada. It goes without saying that it will be a picked battalion, capable of splendid service. Its example should stimulate young Canadians to still greater ardor in the cause.

Memories of pleasant theatrical days of old St. John are recalled by the news of the death of Mr. William Nannery, which occurred yesterday in San Francisco. He was one of a coterie of young men who found wholesome and useful recreation in the study and presentation of the best in drama and who won a reputation, which lasts to the present day, for the merit of their work. The members of that band of youths are far scattered; some have "gone before" their leader on the long, last journey and but few have outlived him to recall today the good times that were.

At an exhibition of articles made by the German prisoners of war at Kurume, Japan, the exhibits numbered more than 100, among them being a model fortress in section, miniature aeroplanes, musical instruments, models, paintings and embroideries. Theatrical, acrobatic and other performances were given, this camp being well supplied with talent.

Plans are under way in Minneapolis, Minn., for the construction of a twelve-story \$1,000,000 office building for the exclusive use of physicians, of whom it is estimated the structure would house some 400. Quarters for the county medical society will also be provided.

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"And I am an invalid of twenty-five years' experience. Who are you to disagree with me?"

"My dear, a burglar fired a revolver at a Boston man and the bullet struck a button, thus saving his life."

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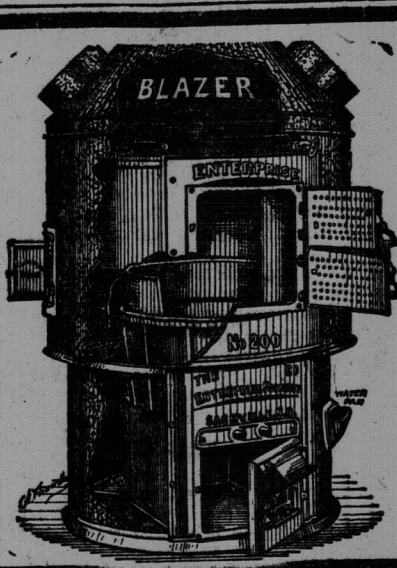
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INVENTORS MEETING WAR EMERGENCIES

(By Searle Hendee in the November Popular Mechanics Magazine.)

Since Europe has been merged in hostilities, scarcely a month has passed unmarked either by the development of some new agent of destruction, or the introduction of some new medium of defense. The creative genius of half the world has been concentrated in an effort to make war more terrible on the one hand, and safer on the other. And first

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one belligerent and then the other has met crackling success by ingenious not to say startling inventions.

The apparent deadlock on the western frontier has presented a perplexing situation. For months the armies have fought battles more sanguinary than Waterloo without making progress except in terms of yards. Trench warfare has been responsible for this.

To make the trench less secure for the enemy is an object which each of the belligerents is striving to accomplish. A patent in this direction is found in the work of a British inventor who has developed a wheeled body shield that affords immunity from rifle bullets and shrapnel when advancing upon fortified positions. The body of this is constructed of tempered steel plates, the front so rounded and tempered that bullets strike the surface at an angle and glance off without doing harm. The rear is open, while the interior is just large enough to accommodate one soldier, who rests on his hands and knees. The device is propelled forward by pushing against the ground with one foot.

It was inventive skill applied in different channel that made possible the construction of a gigantic steel network across the Narrows in the Dardanelles to check the operations of the allies' submarines in the Sea of Marmora. The barrier extends some 75 feet beneath the water and is long enough to block the entire channel from Chanak Kalesi in Asia Minor to Namsaich on the European side. It is composed of a number of great nets, each approximately 600 feet long, moored end to end by means of buoys and anchors.

The net across the Narrows has been a practical means of defense because there is little tide in the eastern Mediterranean to disturb it. This condition is not true in the waters about England, where a different scheme has been used by the British admiralty with remarkable results. Here, it is claimed, the submarines are caught by literally sinking them. The nets used for this are made in lengths of about 170 ft. with heavy iron wire. They are usually about 27 feet in width and of 15-ft. mesh. When in use they are stretched between the bows of two oil-burning destroyers and buoyed by means of large blocks of wood attached to the binding cables along the top. When an enemy submarine is sighted, the fast destroyers cut ahead of the vessel and moor the net directly in the path it is pursuing. The rough condition of the water in the North Sea greatly restricts the range of a periscope, making it effective for a distance of only about a mile. This

permits the destroyers to set the trap after observing the course a submarine is taking, and escape unnoticed. The result is that the submarine proceeds, ignorant of danger and drives its nose into the netting, the top of which is about eight or ten feet beneath the surface.

These illustrate a few of the numerous ways in which the war's emergencies are being met. For every new instrument of destruction introduced some means is promptly developed to counteract its effect or nullify its efficiency. And for every fresh obstacle encountered in the ever-changing methods of war, some scheme is devised for surmounting it.

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