

If the brave Serbian forces, supported by Italian soldiers landed in Albania, checked their advance, and such semblance of a government as there is left in Albania has declared itself in favour of the Allies. Greece and Roumania still remain neutral, with increasing probability that they will yet join the Allies.

The Italians continue their campaign against Austria, but with no very striking success, their movements greatly hindered by winter conditions in the Alps.

Japan is sending a squadron of cruisers to protect her commerce in the Mediterranean, where two Japanese ships have been sunk by submarines.

Against the advice of friendly powers, President Yuan Shih-kai has been made Emperor of China. There have been several small uprisings against his new authority, but it would seem that the great majority of the people of China are in favour of the change.

Nearly all of Villa's soldiers, and all his leading officers, have surrendered to the Carranza government, and the situation in Mexico is now comparatively quiet.

A Labour Congress sitting in London has protested very strongly against the conscription measures adopted by parliament, and the three labour members of the government have resigned. It is remarkable that this protest against compulsory service comes just at a time when the people of the United States are finding it necessary to raise a larger army for defense, and some of their leading men, including ex-President Roosevelt, are strongly in favour of compulsory service.

In recognition of his services to Canada and to the Empire, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been created a baron. His new title is not yet announced.

That peat moss is better than cotton wool for making sterilized surgical dressings is one of the discoveries due to the war.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

The student of St. Francis Xavier College have received from Mr. John A. MacDonald of Halifax the gift of a fine set of band instruments.

The late Mr. Joseph Matheson of Lower L'Ardoise bequeathed fifteen thousand dollars to Dalhousie University.

At the annual meeting of the School for the Blind, Halifax, the reports of the board of managers and the superintendent, Sir Frederick Fraser, showed that 167 blind persons had been under instruction during the past year, of whom eighty-four were males and eighty-three females. Of these twenty-five graduated or remained at home, making the total number registered December 1st, 1915, 142, of whom seventy-one were males and seventy-one were females. Of these ninety-three were from the province of Nova Scotia, twenty-seven from New Brunswick, six from Prince Edward Island and sixteen from Newfoundland.

Mr. H. R. W. Smith, professor of classics at St. Francis Xavier College, and organizer and captain of the O. T. C. of that institution, has gone on active service.

The girls of New Glasgow High School sent three large cases of Christmas gifts to Canadian soldiers in English Hospitals.

During the month of November the pupils of the Kentville public schools contributed \$64.54 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

At a concert given by the teachers and pupils of the Havelock, N. B., schools, on December 11, twenty-seven

dollars was taken towards the expense of fencing the school garden.

Mr. Murray Baird of Fredericton is the Rhodes scholar this year from the University of New Brunswick.

Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Mersereau of Doaktown, N. B., has been granted leave of absence from his duties as Inspector of Schools, in view of his appointment to an overseas unit. Mr. P. G. MacFarlane of St. Stephen has been appointed to take charge of Inspector Mersereau's district.

Mr. MacFarlane's place as principal of St. Stephen High School will be taken by Mr. A. E. Tingley B. A., a recent graduate of Mount Allison.

The annual conference of school inspectors of New Brunswick was held at Fredericton on December 29 and 30th. A meeting of the Text Book Committee took place on the 30th. At the meeting of the executive of the New Brunswick Teachers' Institute it was decided that the next meeting should be held in St. John on June 28, 29 and 30, 1916.

Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools in St. John, has completed his twentieth year in this post, and has been re-appointed for another five-year term. At the December meeting of the School Board of the city, there was a unanimous expression of warm appreciation of Dr. Bridges' services in educational work.

Mr. Elmer J. Alexander has been appointed instructor in Grade X, St. John High School.

Miss C. C. Nason has resigned her position on the school staff at Port Elgin, N. B.

The teachers of Port Elgin and the surrounding districts have formed a circle for professional study, and hold their meetings in the town High School. Principal Moore is in charge, and the book now under discussion is Miss Lincoln's "Everyday Pedagogy."

At a school concert at Rexton, N. B., December 17, the proceeds amounted to \$103.35, and are to be used for Red Cross work.

Over twenty of the recent graduates of the Bathurst N. B., Grammar School are now in khaki, and their names are inscribed upon the Roll of Honour of the school. The teachers on the staff have sent letters to such of those now representing the school at the front, assuring them of the sympathy and good wishes of both teachers and students.

Mr. J. L. Steeves, B.A., formerly principal of Dorchester schools, is at present confined to his home by illness, but expects to be ready for work again before the close of the present term.

At a special meeting of the Board of Governors of King's College, held at Truro, December 22nd, Rev. Dr. H. T. S. Boyle, Dean of Divinity at Trinity University, Toronto, was elected President of the University at Windsor.

Dr. J. D. Logan has been giving a course of seven lectures on the poets and prose writers of Canada at Acadia University. The lectures were open to the public.

Since the beginning of the year about thirty per cent of the men students at Mount Allison have left to go on active service. Lieutenant Frank Smith of the York and Lancashire regiment, addressed a large audience in Beethoven Hall on his experience in the trenches. Lieuten-