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THE WAR NEWS.

A line in the late despatches yesterday afternoon strengthened the belief that the fighting on the western front is more than a flash in the pan, however brilliant. Field Marshal Sir John French, in reply to a congratulatory message sent him by London's Lord Mayor, said the cheering message encouraged his troops "to push the immediate success to a really decisive issue." That would indicate his intention to continue the tremendous pressure which is being exerted to force the Germans from their trenches in France and Flanders. The latest news of the fighting bears out this reading of Sir John's words. The great offensive continues, and the Germans continue to fall back before both the French and the British forces.

Yesterday we were told that if Joffre's soldiers could gain the heights of Vimy there was prospect of a great battle in the open, on the plains of Artois. Today comes the news that they have reached this point. It is asserted that their victory in Champagne and the Argonne is the greatest yet won by any force on the western front, and that it is even more pronounced than despatches indicate.

There is an important feature in the statement that the German Crown Prince's lines of communication are in danger. That opens up immense possibilities. Could he be isolated and disabled, a great step towards final victory would be taken. As it is the Germans have been dealt a staggering blow. Fully 120,000 of the flower of the Kaiser's army have been killed or wounded, and these include remnants of the much-valued Prussian Guards. The Allies evidently intend to carry the war home to the enemy. There is no decrease in the force of the offensive, and, in fact, the French and British are reported as increasing their driving power with even greater intensity at some points. The German morale will need to be remarkable to withstand the effect of the new operations.

A GREAT BEGINNING.

Kitchener's new army has stood the test. It was well represented in the recent great fighting which swept the Germans back, and added a new and thrilling chapter to the story of British valor and victory. The fighting was of the most desperate character, and the men were forced to drive through heavy enemy entanglements in the face of a murderous fire from machine guns. There was a hand to hand struggle in the village of Loos, but nothing could stop the impetuous onset of the British troops.

Not less brilliant was the charge of the gallant Frenchmen, at that point of the German line selected for their attack. An amazing part of their achievement was the capture of more than 28,000 prisoners, and this shows, as our correspondent points out, what they will do to the Germans when they get them in the open. The total German losses, as a result of the combined French and British attack is declared by the French war office to have been more than 100,000 men, killed and wounded, in addition to the 28,000 prisoners.

Last night's cables said that the German Emperor had dismissed some of his generals, but if he purposed that policy every time his armies meet with a reverse from this time forward his stock of generals will be likely to run out in a few months. The Allies appear to have reached a point where they are able to meet the enemy on even terms, so far as artillery is concerned, and it is that really the case the success of the last week is but the beginning of greater victories to come.

And yet it would be futile to entertain hope of a speedy termination of the war. Germany still has several millions of fighting men, and is still carrying on the struggle outside of the borders of her own country. Tremendous pressure must be exerted to force her armies back to their own territory, and this will involve a wastage which must be made good by continuous drafts of new men into the ranks of the Allied armies. France cannot be expected to do very much more than she is doing at the present time. The British Empire must do much more. From this time forward British armies must play a steadily increasing and very important part in the fighting in Belgium and France. Kitchener's army of 3,000,000 will be needed, and as the struggle progresses more and more men must go forward.

A THRILLING MOMENT.

In some respects the most remarkable meeting yet held in St. John in the interests of recruiting was held in the Seamen's Institute last evening. A Catholic clergyman and a Presbyterian minister, who is an Ulster man, were the speakers of the evening, and when at the close of the minister's speech the priest crossed the platform to take his hand and congratulate him upon his brilliant address, the audience were thrilled by a sudden and new emotion, that found expression in prolonged applause.

Rev. Father Carney in his eloquent address set forth with great clearness and force the reason why we are at war, and the fact that this is Canada's war, and St. John's war, and dwell upon the

fact that in this righteous struggle there are no differences of race or of religion to divide the Canadian people.

Rev. Captain Harrison rejoiced that he stood on the same platform with Father Carney, and force was added to his own appeal by the fact that he had been a member of the famous expeditionary force which marched to Khartoum just too late to save the life of General Gordon; and that now in New Brunswick he asks the sons of this province to go with him in another expeditionary force, and not to delay their enlistment, lest, as in the case of the Gordon relief expedition, they arrive too late to give the relief they ought to give to their Canadian brothers already in the trenches.

Long life to Father Carney and the Rev. Captain Harrison. May their broad-minded and single-hearted devotion prove an inspiration to every Canadian.

The committee which is seeking to secure music for recruiting meetings is having its own troubles to secure volunteers. Why?

"Kitchener's Army" has been in its first important engagement and correspondents pay tribute to the manner in which officers and men upheld the best traditions of the British in the field.

We are beginning to hear of the price paid for the recent successes of our armies on the western front. The first announcements of casualties contain a report of the death of two British leaders, a lieutenant general and a major-general.

Such stirring meetings as those of last night, taken in conjunction with the glorious news from the battlefield, should be a stimulus to recruiting. There is a duty to be done, there is glory to be won. The instant call comes from overseas to back up the brave men who are so gallantly fighting for empire and home.

Happily the water supply situation in St. John last evening, for a time serious, was quickly relieved by energetic work on the part of Commissioner Wigmore and his men. For an hour or two the city was actually without service, and naturally the thoughts of those who knew what had occurred, turned to fire and the grim possibilities of an outbreak. Fortunately nothing so tragic occurred.

The news of the British victory in Mesopotamia came with the force of a surprise, and the press reports regard it as evidence that a new expeditionary force must have been sent into that country, possibly including Italian as well as British troops. The Turkish losses are said to have been very severe, and many guns as well as prisoners were taken.

Mr. John T. Hawley, who will address a recruiting meeting at the Seamen's Institute this evening, has delivered several addresses in Westmorland, Kent and Albert counties, and has also done much by his public utterances to arouse interest in and secure contributions for the Belgian Relief Fund. An Englishman himself, though now for many years a prominent New Brunswick journalist, he is admirably qualified to discuss the subject with which he will deal tonight.

The organization of neighborhood committees in different parts of the city to promote recruiting is a very proper sequence of the general meetings that have been held to arouse public sentiment and set fully and clearly before the people the issues of the war. Mr. H. H. McElellan and his friends who decided at the meeting in Victoria Rhin last evening to organize a committee of twenty-five for that section of the city, and to hold a regular series of meetings, have set an example which should be followed in every other section. The Times has long advocated the organization of neighborhoods for social welfare work, and there could be no finer beginning than in calling the people together, regardless of race or creed or political party, to labor for the maintenance of that social freedom which means so much to our Canadian life.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRE.

A. B. Crosby, ex-M. P. for Halifax was elected yesterday as president of the Nova Scotia Liberal-Conservative Association in that city.

Col. John Sheridan of Buctouche, N. B. has been appointed Indian Commissioner for the province, succeeding the late Archie Irving. He will have to resign his seat in the local house.

The Bank of Nova Scotia yesterday sold by order of the court following the admission having got \$11,800 hush money, for his share in the grafting which went on in the local government, as inspector of the parliament buildings, he said, he had altered the report book to deceive the public accounts committee.

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Helen answered: "Oh, yes, mamma; but little voice is always saying: 'Run faster, faster, Helen; your mother is after you!'"

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"One minute, I don't think she could drive a spike with a hammer. Better provide a hair brush."

"Yes," said the world traveler, "the Chinese make it an invariable rule to settle all their debts on New Year's Day."

"So I understand," said the host, "but then the Chinese don't have a Christmas the week before."

"O mother," cried Edith, "I found a little flea on Edith and I caught it."

"What did you do with it?" asked her mother.

"Why I put it back on Edith again, of course. It was her flea—Lippincott's."

A young lady entered the book store and inquired of the gentlemanly clerk a married man, by the way—if he had a book suitable for an old gentleman who had been married fifty years.

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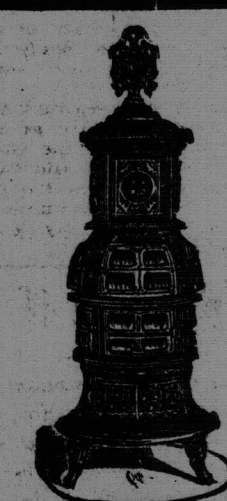
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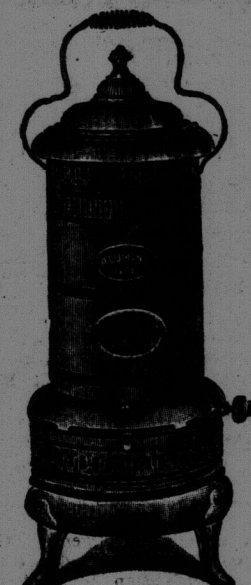
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Italian Minister Heard Confidentially of Coming Offensive—Says Austria and Germany Planned to Crush Italy

Naples, Sept. 30.—Signor Barzilai, civil governor of the Austrian territory occupied by the Italian army, as spokesman for the government, in a speech affirmed Italy's unswerving resolution to spare no sacrifices until the country was "delivered from the Pan-Germanic menace forever."

His speech was delivered before Premier Salandra, Minister of Public Instruction Giolitti, Minister of Pensions and Telegraphs Riccio, and many members of parliament and several thousand members of the general public. The address had been eagerly awaited as the most important political manifestation since the commencement of the war.

Great War Was Planned.

Signor Barzilai traced at great length the international history of the past year in an endeavor to prove that Austria's object had been to crush Italy, and that the present war was carefully prepared with the aid of Germany with that end in view. The speaker said that the Marquis Giaroli, then Ambassador at Constantinople, received on the 14th of

NEXT TIME
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July, 1914, a confidential letter from the German Ambassador to Turkey, Baron Von Wangenheim, in which it was stated that the note to Serbia would be of such a nature as to make war inevitable. The speaker then justified Italy's entry into the war and pointed out what he declared would have been the dangers of neutrality.

A government which had not known how to seize the unique opportunity to erect the essential ramparts for the country's safety and independence had acceded to suggestions for inertia while awaiting Austria to crush us," said Signor Barzilai, "would have lost, while thinking to assure the national life, our very reasons for existence. The government sought conscientiously to see if there was any means for avoiding the war by eliminating the principal reasons for it, but after long negotiations Austria made such ridiculous offers that the whole nation, confident in its destiny, rallied round the government and rejected them in a magnificent wave of revolt."

The speaker, in concluding summed up the results already obtained by Italy, notwithstanding the geographical difficulties. He said further sacrifices would be required to attain the difficult and still distant goal, but that they would be unhesitatingly made.

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Death came suddenly to Mrs. Thomas Stewart of Newcastle Sunday night. She passed away as she slept. Mrs. Stewart was 86 years of age and was formerly Miss Falconer. Besides her husband she is survived by one brother, ex-Ald. Jas. Falconer, of Newcastle.

The death of Mrs. Edith Chapman, wife of Frederick O. Chapman, night fireman on the prison staff, Dorchester, took place on Tuesday. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Milton, of Cherry Burton, near Dorchester. Mrs. Chapman is survived by a husband and four children, two sons and two daughters. The names are, William, Eva, Leslie and Fred. The daughter, Eva, is reported ill with fever at Moncton.

FORTY HAITIENS
KILLED IN BATTLE

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