

the war with a half million men, and has since expanded to about 2,500,000, the low death rate is said to have probably established a record.

The report of the Canadians being mowed down by camp sicknesses proved to be unfounded, and the Admiralty now says in regard to a similar rumor affecting the naval division in training at the Crystal palace, that only two per cent. of the 8,000 men are now on the sick report.

SPREADING EXPLOSIVES.

Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, Toronto, inspector of Prisons and Charities for the Province, has sent out the following warning to all institutions under his control:

"I am authorized to advise you that notification has been received from high authority that agents have been instructed to call on engineers and plumbers at different institutions and factories throughout the Dominion of Canada asking the institution or firm to try a lubricant, of which they will leave a sample in a box. It is reported that this box when opened will explode with great force and do damage to persons and buildings, as instead of a lubricant it contains a very high and powerful explosive.

You will inform your officers, engineers, and staff of this fact, and if such an agent should call at your institution offering such samples you will endeavor to have him detained, and at once notify the police department and this office by telegram or telephone."

DOCTORS GOING TO SERBIA.

A short time ago the Government of Serbia sent to Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, an appeal for medical men and nurses. In reply to this appeal the following have so far volunteered: Albert Paling, Winnipeg; M. J. Casserly, St. Thomas, Ont.; W. J. McAlister, Calgary; A. W. M. Leclair, Letellier, Man.; O. S. Waugh, Winnipeg; D. C. Hart, Kipling, Sask.; Arthur Macann, Birtle, Man.; R. L. Hutton, Rosthern, Sask.; J. Hetherington, Carievale, Sask.; Thomas H. Smith, North Sydney, N.S.; James Peake, Winnipeg; W. A. Dymond, Winnipeg; Alex. Osmanly, Toronto; W. P. Mackasee, Springhill, I.S.; F. H. Bowen, London, Ont.; J. V. Brandon, Winnipeg; L. Zealand, Winnipeg; J. Baxter, Chatham, N.B.; W. B. McVey, St. John, N.B.; G. DeGrys, Abenakis Springs; Alfred Whitmore, Cabri, Sask.; V. Bourgeault, Marcellin, Sask.; P. E. Lavoie, Marcellin, Sask.; C. M. Keiller, London, Ont.; C. E. Duncan, Vernon, B.C.; M. F. Lucas, Dryden, Ont.; J. Murray,