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THE WAR NEWS.

Today's news of the war is of a cheering character, since it tells of further improvement of the position of the Allies. The correspondent of the London Morning Post believes that the Germans have exhausted their strength in Poland, where their losses have been very great, and where they appear unable to hold some of the positions gained at enormous cost. In Galicia the Austrians are still retreating before the victorious Russian army.

With regard to the situation in Belgium and France, a very cheering report has been given out by the French war office, to the effect that the enemy has everywhere been reduced to a defensive attitude.

While the conditions are thus generally favorable to the Allies in the field, both Britain and France, and doubtless the like is true of Russia, are bending every energy to the task of providing each other with such equipment as will enable them in the spring or early summer to take the offensive in such overwhelming force as to drive the Germans back into their own territory, and gain the victory for which the world waits.

Reviewing the whole situation after five months of war there is ample justification for the statement that Germany is facing utter defeat. She has failed in the raid on Paris and the raid on Calais, and is now on the defensive with weakened forces in Belgium and France. In the east she has failed in the advance on Warsaw, and her Austrian ally has suffered defeat in Galicia. The situation in the east is no more hopeful for Germany than that in the west. The pressure is so strong both east and west, that she cannot afford to reduce her fighting force at either point, and therefore must submit to a constant weakening process, which will force the gradual withdrawal of her army into her own territory. That she will be able to make a very strong defence is not a matter of doubt, but in the end she must suffer defeat and humiliation.

THE PASSING YEAR.

At the beginning of the present year no one believed that its close would see the greatest war of all time in progress. There were those who believed it to be the intention of Germany to strike when the year was favorable; but at the beginning of the year which is now closing the view found expression in the British press that relations with Germany were more cordial than they had been for a long time. So far as public opinion in Canada is concerned, the government as late as July decided to put the cruisers Niobe and Rainbow out of commission, which is an evidence that no fears were entertained at Ottawa as to a possible war in which the British Empire would be involved. The war came, however, and brought with it the most remarkable demonstration of the unity of the British Empire that has ever been witnessed. Enough has happened during the five months of active warfare to make it perfectly safe to predict the utter defeat of Germany, and the destruction of that German militarism which has cursed the world for forty years. The world is paying a dreadful price, but in the end it will be a better world, with nobler ideals and the prospect of prolonged peace.

The Dominion of Canada has found itself in the trying months of the last half of this year. Before war was declared general business had suffered a recession, and a severe check had been given to the speculative spirit, but when the war came and the country was confronted with the tremendous issues of the great conflict the real testing time had come. With a splendid energy the people rose to the occasion, solved every problem as it arose, and after five months of war the country is not only doing business as usual, but has given a remarkable demonstration of devotion to the Empire, and of a serene spirit of self reliance under the most trying conditions. Political discord ceased, the all absorbing pursuit of wealth gave place to the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice, and a more profound attention to those things which are of supreme value in the life of a nation.

The year that is closing has brought a revelation to the people of the Maritime Provinces. This portion of Canada has borne the stress of financial depression and of the war better than any other part of Canada. General business has been on a sounder basis, there has been less of unemployment, and the condition of the people has been more generally satisfactory than that of the people of other provinces. This new consciousness that has come to our people, and which will find fuller expression in the recently organized Maritime Forces League, should be of incalculable benefit. A financial authority has said that he sees no reason why times should be as good in these provinces in 1915 as they have been in 1914, and that a comforting assurance as we say good-bye to the old year.

The pointed snub given by Mr. Hazen to the board of trade in connection with the visit of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners is a subject of interest, the more so because of what was said by Mr. Hazen and Mr. not long before.

THE BRITISH FLEET.

One of the remarkable features of this war has been the apparent effacement of the British fleet which sailed out nearly five months ago into the waters of the North Sea. No great naval battle has occurred, and most of the more apparent work done has been done by cruisers. For nearly five months that fleet has rendered the German fleet ineffective, and the value of its services is perhaps not as fully realized as it should be because there has been nothing spectacular about it, and its movements have been shrouded in mystery. We know that other sections of the British navy have driven German commerce from the seas, and have accounted for almost all the German cruisers which were at large in the Atlantic and the Pacific; but this great fleet in the North Sea, sticking to its task with bulldog tenacity, is seldom or never mentioned in the cables, and we only know that it is there because of the fact that the German navy still remains ineffective. The raid by German cruisers on the English coast and the exploits of German submarines have aroused some fear, but it is rapidly passing away, and the brilliant exploit of the British cruisers and seaplanes at Ouxhaven has strengthened the conviction that the British fleet is fully able to guard the coasts of Britain and to defeat the navy of Germany if it should come out to give battle. After five months of war the German Zeppelins have done nothing worthy of record, and there does not seem to be any good reason to fear them in the future. Undoubtedly, if Germany put forth all her force in a combined naval and aerial attack, her defeat would not be accomplished without considerable loss to the British; but that her defeat would be accomplished is not a matter of doubt.

Tomorrow, New Year's Day, The Times will not be issued. This journal extends to all best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

International comment on the American note of protest to Britain indicates a general feeling that the matter will be amicably adjusted.

The province of Alberta, under the provincial direct legislation act will have submitted to the people, probably in June next, a referendum on prohibition.

A despatch from San Francisco gives currency to a rumor that German reservists in the United States may get together on the Pacific Coast and raid British Columbia, in order to compel Canada to keep her troops at home. Canadians will not lose any sleep because of the publication of this yarn.

The Toronto News is not in favor of the single tax, but in a discussion of the question says:—"But we go more than half way with the single taxers. A far greater proportion of ground rentals should be appropriated for public purposes. Land held out of use by speculators should be taxed into use or out of the hands of unproductive holders." This is a notable concession and shows how the levian of tax reform is spreading in Ontario.

What is the matter with the militia department? A Montreal despatch yesterday said that 128 men were to be recruited there at once to reinforce the Princess Patricia's Regiment. Today a Montreal despatch says that after 128 men volunteered they were rejected, and told that the force is to be recruited at Quebec. But a Vancouver despatch today says that 127 officers and men from the 60th Battalion there have been ordered to the front to reinforce the Patricia's. What news will tomorrow bring, and where is the censor?

DEATH OF I. E. SHEASGREEN

I. E. Sheasgreen died this week in Portland, Me., where he removed from Woodstock a few years ago. He was about forty years of age. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Katharine McCormack of Woodstock, and one child.

Mr. Sheasgreen went to Woodstock when a young man from North Esk, Miramichi, and was employed as a drug clerk for C. G. Connell. The latter wished to remove to Digby, and the business was purchased by Mr. Sheasgreen. Possessed of abilities of a high order and a genial disposition, he built up a large business, but ill health caused him to dispose of the property a few years ago and remove with his family to Portland, Me.

He was a member of the town council for two terms and was the youngest man probably ever elected to the board. He was chairman of the fire department and improved the service wonderfully. He was one of the young leaders of the conservative party, and his name was frequently mentioned as one of the ticket for the legislature, in days gone by. The party recognized his services, and Mr. J. K. Fleming, on behalf of the party, made him a presentation of a purse of gold on the eve of his departure to the States.

Mr. Sheasgreen was a prominent worker in the congregation of St. Gertrude's church, and a practical Catholic. He held about all the offices in the gift of the A. O. H. there, and when provincial president of that body he personally organized the North Shore, which is now the strongest district numerically in the maritime provinces, and he was the provincial delegate at a national convention. He was a popular, eloquent speaker, a true friend, and leaves many admirers to mourn his death.

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Willie—Paw, what is a hermit?
Paw—A hermit is a person who attends to his own business, my son.

William—Paw, are there any women hermits?
Paw—No, my son.

Maw—Willie, you go to bed.

The Square Deal

"Look here!" said an excited man to a druggist. "You gave me morphine for quinine this morning."

"Is that so?" replied the druggist. "Then you owe me twenty-five cents."

His View

Ferris—I'm going to move.
Harris—What's the trouble?
Ferris—The fellows on each side of me ran for the same office this year.

Harris—What of that?
Ferris—Well, I can't stand it to live between a swelled-head and a sore head!

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AMUSING LETTERS TO CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Evidently British Girls Like The Dominion Boys—Pathetic Epistles Come, Too

(Suff. Correspondent of The Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Salisbury, Eng., Dec. 10—"A Sport, Canadian contingent, Salisbury Plain."

The private at the base post-office paused in his work of sorting a great stack of mail. In his hand he held a very ordinary-looking letter nearly addressed as above, and postmarked "London." The private was not aware of the identity of "A Sport," nor was there anything in the address to indicate to what unit the said gentleman was attached. So he handed it over to the sergeant.

The sergeant was equally puzzled. He knew there were lots of sports among the Canadians, but which one had the best claim to this note? He declined the responsibility of passing upon this problem, so off went the letter to Lieut. Murray, O. C. of the Postal Corps. Mr. Murray endeavored most assiduously to persuade some of the sports of his acquaintance to accept the now mysterious note, but without success. Ultimately it found its way back to the dead letter box at the base.

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WORK ON SUNDAY.

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Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 31—A charge against a bank accountant, brought as a test case, for breach of the Lord's Day Act by working in a bank on Sunday, was dismissed by Police Magistrate Dumble, on the grounds that bank clerks were not included in the classes of persons specified under the act.

Household Economy

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