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THE WAR NEWS

One report today says that the Germans in their desperate attempt to defeat the British near Ypres must have sustained a loss of at least 50,000 men. They have not, however, abandoned the hope of getting through the allied lines, and it is said that the Kaiser himself is directing the operations. Thus far they have been repulsed at every point, and the allies appear to be confident of their ability not only to hold their ground, but presently to compel a German retreat. From other parts of the field the news is favorable. Russian armies have driven the Germans back in Poland and East Prussia, and are conducting a vigorous offensive movement in Galicia. Russian officials say it will not be necessary to weaken their armies in this region in order to cope with the Turk, as they have other forces available for that purpose. The Mohammedans who are Russian subjects have given assurance of their loyalty, Persia refuses to be dragged into the war by Turkey, and the prospect of anything approaching a "holy war" appears to be exceedingly remote.

Britain still awaits with anxiety full information concerning the naval battle off the coast of Chile, and it is announced that not only is there no word of the cruiser Glasgow and transport Otranto, but the Germans have no knowledge of the whereabouts of their cruisers Leipzig and Bremen. There is still no evidence of any intention on the part of the Germans to bring their fleet out into the North Sea.

THE LOCAL OUTLOOK

There are some who take a rather gloomy view of the outlook for the coming winter in this city and province. It is certainly wise to give thought to the subject, and to realize that this is a time for prudent spending. Don't discount the fact that there will be many unusual claims as a result of the war. Nevertheless the general industrial outlook affords ground for confidence that a large amount of money will be distributed as usual during the winter to wage-earners, and that the buying capacity of the people will not be as seriously affected as had been feared. So far as the farming population are concerned, they occupy an exceptionally favorable position, with good crops and the certainty of good prices. It is now assured that the lumber trade in the province will be at least as large as that of last winter, and this will mean employment for large numbers of wage-earners in the woods. The winter steamships will unquestionably bring much business to the port of St. John, for in addition to such traffic as the shipment of horses, while quite a number of steamers have been chartered to load hay and oats at this port. The city council is making arrangements to give as much work as possible during the winter to the members of the regular out-door working staff. From the standpoint of work and wages, therefore, this winter will not differ materially from others, except that there has been some reduction in the staff, and in the earning capacity of employees of commercial houses. Some factories, however, have received additional business in providing war supplies, and will thus be better able to keep their staff engaged. Some factories have been forced on the other hand to reduce their output. While it may be necessary for the citizens to help one another to a greater extent than usual during the hardships of winter, there should not be very much more of real poverty than in ordinary winters. A considerable number of homes in St. John will derive some benefit from soldiers' pay and from the Patriotic Fund.

No doubt every citizen will feel this is a time when expenditures should be carefully considered, in order that they may be distributed in such a manner as to help the common cause. So long as the soldiers are in the trenches and shedding their life-blood for the preservation of the Empire, there should be no thoughtless extravagance on the part of those who remain at home; and every man and woman should give some thought to his or her neighbor, and to the worthy causes which appeal no less strongly in war-time than in any other period. Conditions are really better in New Brunswick than in most provinces, and the great majority of the people have not begun to feel seriously as yet the burden of the war. It is to be, however, a long war; and, while every effort is made to encourage home industries and to abide by the motto, "Business as Usual," the people should not allow their minds to be diverted from the grave seriousness of the situation, and the certainty that there are burdens yet to be borne, and personal sacrifices made, before the world is at peace again.

Perhaps if Mayor Frink and those interested would look into the matter they might find opportunities for drill in some of the school buildings. The Toronto papers stated some time ago that the school buildings were being made available in that city for this purpose.

GERMAN ILLUSIONS

German egotism and German confidence in their ability to "hack their way through" to victory, are well expressed in the Saturday Evening Post, in an interview by Mr. Irvin S. Cobb with three representative Germans in Als la Chapelle. Mr. Cobb's letter was written in the latter part of September, in a hotel in the German city. One of the men interviewed was a prominent business man, another a scientist and the third a captain of field artillery. All of them expressed the utmost confidence that Germany would win. The merchant said he was so sure of victory, and that Germany would emerge the greatest power on the face of the earth, that he and his brothers had bought ground for doubling the size and capacity of their largest manufacturing plant. In six weeks, he said, France would be beaten, and Russia in six months. For England it would take a year—perhaps longer. France would be made to pay an indemnity from which she would never recover. Belgium would lose a slice of her sea coast. Russia would be crippled. Then this boastful German said: "Great Britain we shall crush utterly. She shall be shorn of her navy and she shall lose India and Egypt. She will become a third class power. She will stay a third class power."

Much more to the same effect was said by the business man. And then came the turn of the scientist, who among other things said: "We Germans are the most industrious, the most earnest and the best educated race on this side of the ocean. Russia stands for reaction, England for selfishness, Germany for progress." And so on.

Then came the soldier. He said: "Our army will win because it deserves to win through being ready and being complete and being efficient. Don't discount the efficiency of our navy either. When our fleet meets the British fleet I think you will find that we have a few Krupp surprises for them."

Mr. Cobb says that these three representative Germans expressed the views that are held by all the German people. At least they were held by all the German people in September when his letter was written. But the gentleman who then said that France would be beaten in six weeks may be a little less confident that he was, since the six weeks have passed and there is no prospect of a conquest of France. Neither is there any prospect of driving Russia to cover, since Russia is now driving the Germans to cover. Perhaps the scientist also has been forced to the conclusion that there is some earnestness and some enlightenment outside of Germany; while the soldier may be just a little less confident about the success of that wonderful war machine which covered thirty miles a day in heavy marching order in September, but which has since been forced to retreat even more rapidly over a portion of the line, and has not been able to "hack its way through," since it met the combined forces of the French and British.

Fifteen hundred university students in Toronto have enrolled in a university battalion.

Lord Fisher and Sir Percy Scott of the Admiralty are expected to make the naval arm of the British service more effective.

It is announced that the Canadian government will mobilize regiments of mounted rifles in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, and also a regiment for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The provincial government is to meet again next Tuesday. Will there be any further delay in giving the public the report of the Royal Commission on the Dugal charges?

If it is true that Germany has been compelled to transfer some of her soldiers from Belgium and France to East Prussia, it is the most conclusive confirmation of the reports of Russian successes in the east.

Aside altogether from the question of recruiting men for the second contingent, a series of meetings to arouse the people of New Brunswick to a fuller sense of the seriousness of the situation, and of the claims upon them, is desirable.

It is reported that some German professors will be sent to the United States during the Christmas season to deliver addresses and to tell the American people about the causes of the war. What Munsterberg and Bernstorff have failed to do in moulding American public opinion will hardly be accomplished by these visitors.

A catalogue of murderers is one of the curiosities in the offices of the United States Secret Service in Washington. In this catalogue all the "cranks" are listed, first alphabetically under their names and aliases, and secondly under the particular forms taken by their obsessions. The catalogue is kept up by contributions from the police of every town and city where a crank is found.

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TO-DAY

I've just seen Sandy Tavish. As I came along the street in a brand new suit of kilties and a sporran tied and neat. Said I, "My word, young Sandie, You're a son of Scotland true!" Said he, "Hoos, awn no Scottie! I'm a Britther the noo."

I met a smiling Welshman Just by Trafalgar Square. Said I, "Hello, there, Taffy, Are you off to do and dare?" Said he, "I am no Taffy. Whatever, no indeed!" To-day I am a bulldog. Off the good old British breed."

I saw young Pat McGinty. And I said to him said I "You're Irish to the backbone, And you will be till you die." Said he, "In peace I'm Irish, Sure, I cannot get away! But now the storm clouds gather, I'm a British man to-day!" —W. B. in the London Daily Citizen.

LIGHTER VEIN.

The Microbe War. "We are going to give up having Johnny get an education." "For what reason?" "Well, we can't get him sterilized every morning in time to go to school."

Station-master—I think someone will get into trouble on account of that train starting three minutes late. Assistant—Why? Any of the passengers complaining?

Station-master—No; but the restaurant man vows he'll make it hot for whoever is responsible. The passengers have had time to eat what they paid for.

"That fellow certainly is a fool." "Why?" "I told him I bossed my wife and he went and told her."

Belle—If I feel a quiver whenever I look at that handsome young man." Nell—"That's because he is a bean."

The Real Thing. A father who was taking his small son with him in the train forbade him putting his head out of the window. "The wind will blow off your hat," he explained, at the same time snatching the boy's hat and hiding it behind his back.

The boy was much depressed over losing his hat, so his father said: "Now, wait, and I'll whistle it back again," so he spoke putting the hat back on the boy's head.

A minute later the boy, whisked his father's hat off and hurled it out of the window, crying gleefully: "Whistle it back papa."

Bix—"Can you lend me five pounds for a month, old boy?" "No," said the deuce does a month old-boy want with five pounds?"

"To our silent heroes," little Willie read from the memorial bronze. "Pa, what are 'silent heroes'?" "Married men," said pa.

Mistress—"Jane, I've found my best silk petticoat in your box." "Jane—'Ave yer, mum? And you thought you had lost it? Fancy that?"

"Does your face hurt you much?" "No, Johnnie. What made you think my face ached?" "Sister said you were painfully homesick."

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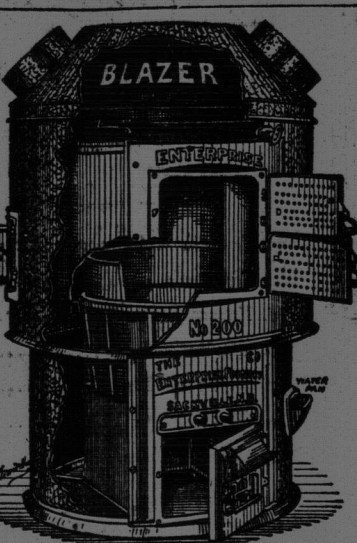
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