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MONDAY MORNING, JULY 17.

#### Early Peace Means Early War

Every authoritative voice in Britain, while rejoicing over the successes which have been achieved in the latest advances on the western front, warns the public in the strongest terms not to be too sanguine either about present very close behind the thought in most of the cases where it is expected that the war is going to be over very soon. There are conceivable conditions under pated, but those conditions are not

straint to be good revolutionists. of neutrals, but Britain to nothing like Another authority declares that there the same extent as Germany. Britain be no revolution until after the only interfered with end the horror of war forever.

For the ruling classes of Germany nothing but a thoro drubbing will ever convince them that they cannot dominate Europe. The chancellor demands Britain should co-operate with Gerbetter terms and a better status for many and the United States in their Germany than before the war in order schemes for the freedom of the seas? to offset the hatred of humanity for What security was there for such the German nation, which all Ger- freedom as they sought? International mans are now beginning to under- law and the treaty faith of nations stand. No such terms can be given, did not afford grounds for believing and Germany ought to be pleased to that any regulations would be obbe left on equal terms with other served. If it was to depend upon nations after her military power has international law, who was to enforce been irretrievable broken.

to her.

We have no sympathy with the strike a vital blow. policy proposed by some of establishcan arise in Europe.

year are required. The stagnation in liberty. recruiting in Canada should end when this is understood. We have 150,000 men here who ought to be in khaki. When will they take the hint?

#### Freedom of the Seas

As discussions of peace terms continue to arise and subside it has become clear that one of the points most insisted upon is the freedom of the seas. This is purely a German idea, and as far as anyone can learn from the German representations it means something which has not existed before, and, if we are to accept the statements made by the chancellor, Germany demands something which she never did have before in order to gendered by her conduct in the war. with specific reasons for making it, top. has been emphasized by the German press.

Those who have not been familian with the status of the merchant navies of the world upon the five oceans, which may mean people like the inland people and do not go down to the of all press despatches. habitants of Missouri, who are an insea in ships, may think that the Germans have a right to ask for something different from what they have railway strike which seriously affected had before, and it is well to have the

matter cleared up. turing on the subject in Liverpool, and of July 13, said that a general strike he says the freedom of the seas has had been announced for July 16.

stopped to ask how it had been estab ished or whether there was any possible danger of its being interfered with in future. He sets forward the view that it is the freedom of the of peace that is now being discussed, and it is this which the German Chancellor and the President of the United States have in mind in their discus

In the sixteenth and seventeen centuries Spain and Portugal claimed to have the sole right of control over certain seas. This claim was overthrown by the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Then the Dutch in the first half of the seventeenth century established a monopoly of using the waters east of the Straits of Malacca. England battled with Holland over this and the claim was overthrown in the third and recruits joining the battery now quarter of that century. From that time on the seas have been open to

Professor Muir did not attribute this to any special virtue on the part of England, but to her knowledge that the attempt to enforce a monopoly would inevitably lead to a combination against her of the other powers. to distinguish themselves and take the thought, therefore, that the freedom of the seas was due to the fact that their control was in charge of a naval power which was not also a military power. The British navy had swept away piracy, and so made the seas safe as well as open to the world. The question arose then, whether, if the unqualified and unchallenged supremacy at sea were to fall into the hands of a power supremely strong on land as on seo. would not the tempt;tion that overcame Spain in the sixteenth century inevitably overcome the modern power also, even tho it were not permeated by a desire for com-

mercial monopoly? Such naval regulations as had exabout an early peace. The wish is isted before the present war have been necessarily modified by the new conditions of warfare. Railways had decidedly changed the conditions and submarines had had a radical influence by the enemy for six weeks. In this which an early peace might be antici- in the same direction. The idea of a blockade had been enlarged by both within sight.

Internal revolution in Germany is one of those conditions, but even

England and Germany, but the view advance at Neuve Chapelle. He has many trophies of that memorable engagement, which are on exhibition at the battery recruiting depot, 65 West Bernard Shaw, who stands up for any German blockade had been wholly ingood there is to be found in a Ger- effective, while that of the British had man, admits that the people are too been almost wholly effective, Both long submissive to authority and re-

war. That evidently has in view the or from Germany, but Germany had presence of the returned soldiers in made it plain that a Dutchman going civil life again, and their resolution to from a Dutch port to a Dutch colony in and without any chance of compensation.

Professor Ramsay Muir asks why

it? Agreements that were not certain There is no use trying to blind our to be enforced were only traps for eyes to the fact that an early peace those who acted in good faith. But now means another early war, for even if the regulations were to be en-Germany will strike again as soon as forced it would mean the disarmament of each country within the others doshe can recuperate if there be any of naval powers. They would be denucleus for military recuperation left prived of the one means by which they could assert their rights and

There was no corresponding proposal ing a perpetual vendetta against Ger- for restricting the means of offence of many, either in a military or a com- the land powers. When restrictions ambassador to Italy, concluded an mercial sense, but Germany must learn equally potent were imposed upon agreement with the Italian Governthe law of decent nationhood and be these land powers, and when these reprepared to live in peace-non-aggres- strictions were certain to be enforced sive and co-operative peace-with her by the combined action of all the properties and lives of their respective sister nations, before any real peace powers that co-operated in establishing subjects. This meant, for Germany, Meanwhile the great task still oc- abolish the naval forces of the world, cupies the entente allies and will con- Meanwhile it would be well to leave the of 30,000 of her citizens still living in tinue to do so for at least a year to freedom of the seas in the hands of Germany. come. In Britain it is stated that the naval powers which in the past another million men for the coming had proved to be the real bulwarks of negotiated by Prince Von Buelow is

#### A Septuagenarian

iness and pain, was the warning given of hostile power. to those who persist in remaining beyond the seventy. The Spectator, still voiced for abrogation of the agreement in its gay and festive youth, does not which, in addition to the alleged disin its gay and festive youth, does not regard of its provisions by Germany, appear to take any heed of such peshas resulted in misunderstandings in simistic views, and just fresh from allied nations regarding the situation admonishing the eleven-year-old gov- altho their governments were aware of ernment in Queen's Park, sets out fear-of the implicit loyalty of Italy to the lessly on another seventy-year stretch entente cause. offset the hate which she has en- at the end of which it anticipates a city of at least a million sitting around This demand, made quite clearly and The Gore and dwelling on the mountain

#### MILITARY CENSORSHIP NOW EXISTS IN SPAIN

MADRID, July 15 .- The government has established a military censorship

Martial law was declared thruout Spain on Thursday, as a result of the pneration of lines of the northern sys Professor Ramsay Muir has been lec- tem. A Madrid despatch on the night

# The Toronto World existed for three centuries in such a BATTERY GETS MEN TO STUDY GUNNERY

seas in time of war as well as in time Departure of Sixty-Ninth Incentive for Renewed Interest.

#### READY PROMOTIONS

Two Who Qualified for Infantry Captainships Decline Commissions.

With the approach of the departure of the 69th Battery to Niagara Camp interest in training has been increased whole world, and the only state that has had the power to enforce a fifty men which went overseas has monopoly in the seas has never done at the armories, but the main recruiting depot is at 65 West Queen street,

cpposite Teraulay.

The science of gunnery is one in which intelligent men delight, and there is nothing in the elementary stages that the average man cannot master if he puts his best into it. There are frequent chances for men

peals to them, such as operating the No. 3 Director, the Range-finder, the "Buzzer," laying and fuse-setting.

That the life with the guns attracts men who have held good positions in civil life is obvious. The 69th Battery contains men who were bank clerks, the state of the st insurance men, and experts in busines

Men from a dozen towns or villages thruout the province have joined the 69th Battery, and almost daily there are requests from men such as these desiring to know the procedure that will make them artillerymen. Recruits from Sudbury, Meaford, Windsor and other widely separated places are now on the strength. Two men who were qualified infantry captains have qualified infantry captains have thrown up their commissions to go s gunners in the 69th.
This battery has on its rolls men

who have seen service in this war. Gunner Walsh was with the 119t Heavy Battery, Royal Field Artillery, a unit that was so cleverly concealed at Neuve Chapelle that, while it fired war concealment means life. G Walsh's battery was part of the cealment means life. Gunne that prepared the way for the British

# TROUBLE BREWING **OVER VIOLATIONS**

a Dutch steamer, did so at his own risk Strong Demand Arises in Rome for Cancellation of Agreements.

#### **GREATER TENSION NOW**

Relations of Germany and Italy More Strained Than Ever.

ROME, July 15, via Paris,-A strong among the public for cancellation of the agreement between Italy and Germany whereby the rights of citizens main were to be respected violation of the agreement by Germany being alleged. The situation is such that the relations of Italy and Germany seem to have reached a greater tension than at any time since the war began. Before leaving Rome in the spring of 1915, Prince Von Buelow, then German ment under which, in case of war be tween Austria and Italy, Germany and Italy pledged themselves to respect the them, it would be time enough to guarantee of several million dollars worth of properties in Italy held by her subjects, and for Italy the safety

No state of war exists between Germany and Italy and the agreement still in force. Italy, according to official opinion here, has faithfully ob-served the agreement, refraining from touching German property and freely allowing subjects of the German Em-On Saturday The Hamilton Spectator pire to reside here. On the other hand, celebrated its seventieth birthday, and Germany is unofficially accused of violating the agreement in depriving thus passed the allotted age of mortal Italians in Germany of their liberty of existence. For altho by reason of action, preventing Italians of military strength a man may live to fourscore age residing in Belgium from leaving years yet his days will be but wear-Italians and treating them as subjects

Accordingly a demand is now being

A committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs has "approved" stan-dard street dress for women. But ing" a costume and wearing, it

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#### STRONG FEELING FOR **AUSTRIA EXISTS NOW** She Desires Peace Proposal

Should Be Entertained is General Opinion. LONDON, July 15 .- According to

the Petrograd correspondent of The Morning Post, there is a strong feeling ir. many influential quarters in Russia that if Austria again throws out feelers for a separate peace they should be welcomed by the allies, none of whom feels toward Austria as they all feel toward Germany. The Petrograd correspondent of The

Daily Mail learns that about a quarter of a million Germans have been detached from the other fronts to try to stop Gen. Brusiloff's advance.

ENTIRE FAMILY ENLISTED. KINGSTON, July 16 .- Joseph Brown Bagot street, is proud of the fact that his entire family have enlisted since the war began. George Brown enlisted in the 5th Field Battery, Harry in the 39th Battalion, Stephen in the 80th Battalion and Leslie Brown is in the haking section in Barriefield camp, being unable to go overseas with the 98rd Battalion.

# FORESTERS ENLIST HIGHEST AVERAGE

New Battalion Obtains Two Hundred Ontario Recruits.

ONCE OUTFITTED AT

Commanding Officer Seeks British well in their rear. to Eliminate Difficulties.

Judging from the rapid rate of its recruiting, the 238th Forestry Battalion, under command of Lieut.-Col. W. R. Smyth, is carrying with it one of the strongest appeals of any that unit which has yet attempted to secure upon in this section of the country. unit which has yet attempted to secure nien in this section of the country. Figures compiled to date show that during the first two weeks of its recruiting 222 men joined in Ontario alone, an average of 111 a week, which is the highest figure of any battalion to date. Naturally the non-combatant nature of this unit, coupled with the fact that its work is just as essential to the successful termination of the nature of this unit, coupled with the fact that its work is just as essential to the successful termination of the war as is the service of the fighting units, is responsible for the rapid filling up of the ranks. While figures have not been obtained from any of the western provinces, which are also recruiting for the Foresters, it is safe to say that if a man wants to join this military organization he will need to hurry to make sure of a place. The total quoted above shows the enlistment from eight Ontario depets, with others in the province to hear from. Ottawaleads with 115 men. The standing of the others is as follows: Toronto 44, Hull 20, New Liskeard 12, Windsor 11, Port Arthur 10, Maniwaki 7, Buckingham 3.

Col. Smyth is seeing to it that the Foresters do not experience some of

Foresters do not experience some of the difficulties encountered by other Such a retirem units in the way of separation and patriotic allowance to the families of

Lt. H. S. Price, who is in charge of the Toronto depot at 55 West Queen street, that any men who join in this district or who come to the city from outside points to join, may be outfitted to the company of the precessity at once and thus avoid the necessity of going about in plain clothes. One of the interesting features of the week in which the Foresters took part was the Orange parade on Wednesday, when a unique touch was given the procession by the appearance of a uniformed squad of the 238th, armed with axes instead of rifles, this being the symbol of their service to the empire

#### BELLEVILLE SOLDIER GIVEN BIG RECEPTION

Special to The Toronto World.
BELLEVILLE, July 16.—Altho they had only a few hours' notice, citizens of Belleville accorded a grand reception to Capt. E. D. O'Flynn, who had been grunted leave. He has been fighting with one of the first contingents until June of this year, when he suffered shell shock. Thousands of his townsfolk gathered at the G. T. P. Station on Saturday afternoon and greeted him on his arrival home. A procession of cars, trimmed with flags, was formed and passed thru the main streets, which were lined with hun-dreds of friends of the officer. At the ome of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. O'Flynn. street, the parents of Bridge O'Flynn, the returned officer, thank-ed his friends for their kindness, and Mayor Ketcheson addressed the gath-

#### TO PRESENT COLORS. Owen Sound and Grey County Con-sidering Arrangements.

OWEN SOUND, July 16 .- Arrange ments are in consideration for the pre-sentation of colors to the 147th Grey Battalion, to take place about the middle of August. A proposal to run a special train to bring the soldiers to Owen Sound for the event is being discussed. The county council of Grey has voted the necessary sum to procure the colors.

LIEUT. STEACY LOSES AN EYE. KINGSTON, July 16.—Lieut. Wils ham Steacy, with 34th Battery, is in a hospital at Cambridge, Ens., suffering from the loss of his right eye thru a wound. He is the son of Edward T. Steacy, merchant. Two of his brothers are in uniform.

KINGSTON SOLDIER WOUNDED. KINGSTON, July 16-James O'Neill, John street, has received word that his scn. Pte. Jack O'Neill, of the 39th Bat-C.E.F., had been wounded in the Sanctuary Woods fight, receiving a rifle wound in the arm.

# **MOVE TO CUT OFF BIG ENEMY FORCE**

Anglo-French Offensive May Make Wide Breach in Foe Line.

MUST QUIT SALIENT

Further Considerable Progress Will Compel Germans to Retire.

Frank Simonds has the following to say in The New York Tribune concerning the latest development in the Anglo-French offensive:

"When the Anglo-French attack bogan the German line in Picardy was a great half circle or salient bulging out between Arras and Bstrees and reaching its extreme westerly point a little north of the Town of Albert. Both Albert and Arras were in British

In the first days of the allied attack the French and British struck directly east from Albert and the Somme towns to the south. They advanced some three or four miles until the French who were south of the British, almost reached Peronne, and both the French and British troops had occupied all the first line trenches of the Germans and the French some of the second.

This advance cut off nearly half of the German salient and carried the new allied line east of the longitude of Bapaume. Instead of holding a wide salient, the Germans now occupied parrow salient, with the French and Say

Drive Wedge in Foe Lines. In effect, the Anglo-French opera German lines on a front of perhap fifteen miles and to a depth of abou four. This was the first phase of the much advertised offensive. After this was accomplished there were several days of quiet, while the French and British consolidated their new positions and brought up their heavy ar

tillery.
The new British attack, as indicated in the latest communiques is taking a wholly different direction. Originally the French and the British advanced from west to east. Now the Eritish attack is from south to north. The effect of this British attack plain. As they advance from south to

Such a retirement would in effect open a breach in the whole German line in France of not less than twenty

the men. Other battalions report that women have been holding back their men thru the fear that their allowances will not be paid promptly, but the prospective Foresters need have no doubts upon this point.

Arrangements have been made by the specific who is in charge of the specific point.

Arrangements have been made by the specific who is in charge of the specific point. line running steaight south from Arras thru Bapaume and Peronne and east of Estrees, then the allies would encounter this, would have to halt and bring up their artillery and begin again.

If, however, no such reserve line exists, then the allies would have effected a wide breach, and we may see their troops pouring thru this break exactly as the Russian troops poured thru the Lutsk breach in the Austro-

#### NEW PACT DEVELOPED FROM RUSSO-JAP WAR Russian Foreign Minister Says

New Agreement Is Result of Previous Peace Conventions.

PETROGRAD, July 14.—A statement given out tonight by Sergius Sazonoff, minister of foreign affairs, regarding the new Russo-Japanese agreement, says:

"The convention just signed is the natural development of previous conventions concluded between Russia and Japan in 1907 and 1910. The former of these conventions expressly montions the engagement of the contracting parties to respect the principle of equal opportunity for trade and industry in China, and to uphold and defend this principle.

"This engagement remains in full force after the conclusion of the convention of 1916, which has purely a political and conservative aim, safeguarding and defending Russian and Japanese territorial rights and special interests in China against foreign as

Japanese territorial rights and special interests in China against foreign ag-"The new convention does not inaug-

urate any policy injurious to American rights and interests any more than the conventions of 1907 and 1910. These two agreements have proved perfectly in accordance with the friendly relations always entertained between the United States and Russia."

# WAR TO END SOON SAY RETURNED MEN

Hundred and Ninety valided Soldiers Have Reached Quebec.

### EACH HAS CONVICTION

German Resistance in France Is Weakening to

reached Quebec about 1 o'clock this morning, having come over from Hali-fax on a special I.C.R. train. Among OWEN SOUND HOTELMAN DEAD, them were two Quebec boys, a number of Montrealers and Ontarians.

and particularly striking is the viction of everyone that the end of the city Royal Ho Sergt. Richard Boulanger of the 22nd is among the mcn returning. He is coming to take a commission with the 178th. He is a Montrealer and has spent nine months in the trenches. He was at Ypres and St. Eloi and he particularly mentions what he saw at the

Boulanger was at the side of Capt. was killed. He says a shower of shrapnel fell all about them, and that he (Boulanger) managed to escape serious injury. He says that of the original 22nd there remains about 150

Sergt. Leclerc, son of the assistant superintendent of the Montreal waterworks, also arrived today. He was in charge of the French section of the and fourth lines all the way from 5th Engineering Company, second division. That corps, formed by the late There only remains fourteen or fifteen at present. Leclerc was nine months and five days at the front, and is now returning to take a con

new Canadian unit. Most of the invalided men are in acord to say that the German resistance in France is weakening, and that everybody, not by mere hearsay, but by deductions, is convinced that the war will be over before the end of Septem- day the internal political situation is

#### CHEESE MARKETS.

LONDON, Ont.. July 15.—At today's cheese market seven factories offered 900 boxes; 175 colored sold at 15%c and 160 colored at 15c; 55 white sold at 15c and 220 sold at 14%c. Bidding from 12½c 15½c to 15%c. VANKLEEK HILL, Ont., July 15.—At thru the Lutsk breach in the Austro-German lines in the east.

FOR SAILORS' RELATIVES.

The following contributions for the widows and orphans of British sailors lost in the naval battle have been received by Lady Willison, per Mrs. Geo. May, Stratford, Ont.; \$100; E. Roach, Toronto, \$25; Miss M. E. Dunn, Quobec, \$24; Eleanor C. Breckenridge, \$10: Mrs. M. Davies, \$1; Mrs. C. Lowndes, \$1; Mrs. Davies, \$1; Mrs. C. Lowndes, \$1; Miss C. Rose, \$5; total, \$181.

# **AUSTRIA TO STEP OUT OF CONFLICT?**

Regarded as Certain and Ally Papers Discuss Move Freely.

#### GERMANY DISCOUNTS IT

Evident That She Has Laid Plans to Cope With Situation.

NEW YORK, July 15 .- A cable to The Herald from Paris says: The early elimination of Austria from the war is now regarded as so

rom the war is now regarded as so certain that the chief subject of debate in the newspapers of the allied countries is the policy of Germany in relation to it. That Germany has discounted the surrender of Austria is regarded as evident.

The recriminations in the German press against the allied empire have become so open and pointed that the motive for their tolerance by the German censorship is freely discussed. The fact that newspapers which, like The Frankfurter Zeitung, are considered as semi-official organs of the German foreign office should indulge in continuous criticisms of Austria, and even in cynical gibes at her, hardly can be without a political motive.

Disputes Are Open.

The most interesting feature of the situation is that there is not merely an outburst of sharp comment against Austria in the German press, but that in the Austro-Hungarian empire there are open and acrimonious disputes between the Austrian and the Hungarian sections. These disputes are seemingly being fostered by the same semi-official organs in Germany, and this circumstance is considered as extremely significant.

The conclusion drawn among the allies is that, with the Austrian "debacle" admitted as imminent, arrangements already are being made in Germans al

France Is Weakening to

Great Extent.

QUEBEC, July 15.—A batch of 190 invalided soldiers from England reached Quebec about 1 o'clock this

of Montrealers and Ontarians.

Interesting and optimistic news were brought by the invalided men, of the Comely House, died here today. For many years he was proprietor of the city hotel. Stevens Leach, of the Royal Hotel, is a son.

# **QUESTIONS COMING**

Internal Political Situation Likely to Be Exceedingly Noteworthy.

## STIFF PROPOSITION

Opinion on Asquith's Task in Regard to the Irish Problems.

NEW YORK, July 15 .- The London correspondent of The Tribune cables

According to information gained tolikely to be exceedingly interesting in the next fortnight, the Irish settlement and the Mesopotamia situation furn-ishing two questions of immediate interest to all Britons.

Lord Lansdowne's reply to Redmond has not improved the already ticklish Irish situation. With the help of David Lloyd George and Bonar Law, Fremier Asquith has been able to negotiate difficult political hurdles in the last year, but the best opinion is that he is up against a stiff proposition in the latest barrier placed in his path, either thru inadvertence or with malice, as Redmond contended in his

Harvest Help Excursions to Winnipeg Grand Trunk Railway will run harvest help excursions to Winnipeg and the Canadian Northwest at same rates and conditions as last year. Dates as further particulars will be announce

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