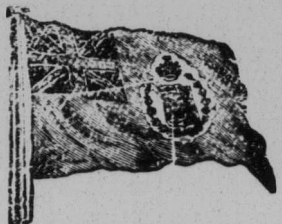


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GOD SAVE THE KING

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THE BALKAN SITUATION

The political situation in the Balkans upon which the future campaign of the Allies will be determined is still unsettled, although hopes are expressed that some decision will be arrived at within the next few days. Much will depend upon the action of the Serbian Legislature which is meeting this week, whether Bulgaria will regard about 2000 square miles of Macedonia, for which she has been agitating since the conclusion of the second Balkan war in 1913. As Serbia is being offered a quid pro quo by the Allies, hopes are entertained that she will make the exchanges.

The Greek parliament also meets this week and hopes are held that Mr. Venizelos will again accept office as Premier, seeing that he has an immense majority in the Legislature. The King of Greece is reported to have asked Mr. Venizelos if he will accept office with a pledge of street neutrality, but as the independent Greeks have no love for Kings, it might go badly for the tenure of power by the present reigning power if the King of Greece still persists in his support of the Kaiser. When his father was on the throne, it was common knowledge that about once a month he used to threaten to pack up his things and leave the Kingdom.

The entry of the Balkan nations to the war would result in the speedy collapse of the defence of the Dardanelles. Success in forcing the straits would not only enable the Anglo-French fleet to sail up the Sea of Marmara to Constantinople, but would turn the Bosphorus the principal land defences of the Turkish capital. These lines stretch across the narrow neck of the peninsula at a height of several hundred feet above sea level, and this is probably the reason why the suggestion of several strategists that a force has landed behind the lines to cut off the retreat of the Turkish army further along the peninsula, has not been adopted; on account of the obvious difficulties in its accomplishment.

The efforts of the Kaiser to bring about an early peace are scarcely likely to be realized. Already he sees the handwriting on the wall, and would welcome any intervention that could enable him to retire from the war saving his face. However none of his enemies desire "peace at any price" yet, and it is certain that in Britain, France and Russia any suggestions along peace lines will not be entertained for a minute.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER AT ST. LIN

"The first word of Canada was to declare that Canadians would go to the aid of Great Britain. I am the leader of the Opposition, and I had not a moment of hesitation. Each time that the Government engages itself in such a just cause I will support the Government. Certain spirits cried, 'What have we to do with what is going on in Europe?' 'It does not concern us.' How could anyone of French speech be found who could not be filled with courage and generosity at the spectacle of our ancient Mother Country suffering and giving humanity the spectacle of a nation truly great and strong."

The foregoing quotation from the address recently given by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at St. Lin, prompts the Toronto News to remark that perhaps the long and earnest addresses by Liberal leaders, even by Sir Wilfrid himself, on the subject of the mal-

strom of European militarism may have had something to do in forming the opinions of these unquiet spirits. Perhaps the early journalism of Hon. Mr. Brodeur in the secluded neighborhood of Rouville, perhaps the records of the government in 1899 to permit the expedition to South Africa, perhaps a hundred thousand speeches accepting the benefits of our British citizenship and advocating the shirking of all responsibility as a suitable return may have had some influence. One cannot say for twenty-five years that military service outside of Canada is a crime, and then expect everyone to consider it a virtue. Sir Wilfrid need not be surprised at the questioning spirits. He had a good deal to do with their education.

"THE NERVE OF WAR"

Canadians may well pray to be spared the calamity of having Sir Wilfrid Laurier restored to the Premiership of this country. The more Sir Wilfrid talks, the more he betrays his utter inability to think deeply or to understand the essential truths of any big question.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was blind and deaf to the sights and sounds that alarmed Lord Roberts and his sympathizers throughout the British Empire. The virtue of being deaf and blind and unprepared is glorified as follows: as a contemporary observes: "how by not having the incubus of a huge military camp, Britain had accumulated wealth, and he said 'that wealth was the nerve of war.'"

Canadians might be more impressed with the nerve of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, than with his attempted identification of the "nerve of war." It was however only by reason of having the "incubus" of the strong-arm in the world that Britain's wealth ever had the chance to prove itself the nerve of war. Sir Wilfrid's good intentions cannot overcome his lack of good sense. The politician who can glorify the state of unpreparedness that brought the British Empire and the freedom of the world, to the verge of ruin, and exposed Canada to the danger of becoming another Belgium should never again be permitted to adorn the serious duties of premiership with the same old set of empty play-acting phrases.

KEEPING GERMAN COURAGE UP

"British navy afraid to fight" is a headline description of the kind of stuff that is used to keep up the courage of the German people.

But Germany's rulers know full well that Germany's navy can get a fight with the British navy at a minute's notice simply by trying to go somewhere or do something to impair the naval sovereignty of Britain. That sovereignty has just stretched forth the sceptre of safety to the delivery of \$55,000,000 of British gold in New York. Germany is a nation of incurably ignorant and uneducated people if they can be made to believe that the results of a year's warfare on the ocean are evidence of Germany's sea power or that the British navy is afraid to fight.

SCARCITY OF HOUSES

There is a scarcity of tenement houses in Newcastle, never before so badly felt as at the present time. Suitable tenement houses are so scarce, and conditions so well known, that those wanting houses find it useless to advertise for them. Here is a matter for the Improvement League to take up in conjunction with the Town Council to see if something in the way of new buildings cannot be worked up.

The street running past the Wireless Station, and the new street leading to the I. R. C. station are beginning to be built up, but there is yet plenty of room for more building lots, and if suitable houses were erected on these streets by some of our citizens who are able to build, they would be taken up, we venture to say, before they would be roofed over.

With Newcastle's steady growth, the need has been sorely felt this summer, but with a continued prosperity, the need of houses will be doubly felt next year. This may be the reason why some of our young men are not doubling up.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Annie Bell left on Monday for a holiday in Amherst.

L. J. Wathen, J. P., of Harcourt, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. David Petrie of Maple Glen, is visiting her son, A. E. Petrie.

Miss Katie McMillan of Jacquet river, is visiting her aunt, Miss Helen MacLeod.

Misses Alma and Nellie Sobey of Maple Glen, spent last week with Mrs. Henry Price.

While in Carleton Place, attending the Summer School of Science, Ald. H. H. Stuart supplied the pulpit of the Hartland-Glassville Methodist circuit two Sundays, preaching in Landdowne and Hartland on July 25th, and in East Glassville, Argyle and Knowlsville on August 1st.

Miss Kathleen Russell of Moncton, who had been visiting Newcastle friends, went to Loggieville last week.

Alm and Mrs. James Stables and family, left on Monday to spend a fortnight's vacation in Rexton.

John Matheson of Boston, came on Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Thomas Matheson, and other relatives.

H. D. Atkinson, late Stationmaster at Derby Jet, has removed to town to succeed Hugh Quilly as despatcher. Mr. Atkinson is building a new residence here.

Miss Pearl Russell of Moncton, returned home last week, after a visit to her cousin, Mrs. J. Robertson Allison.

J. Russell McKnight, who has accepted a position here, arrived from Winnipeg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Day of Campbellton, were the guests last week of Mrs. E. A. MacLean.

Miss Lillian Hamblough of Grain field, is visiting Newcastle friends.

Mrs. Hiram Copp and children of Chatham, are visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Petrie attended the funeral of late Everett Tweedie at Williamstown, Saturday.

Mrs. D. W. Stothart and family returned on Friday from a visit to her old home in Richmond. She was accompanied back to Newcastle by her mother, Mrs. O. K. Black.

Mrs. J. E. T. Linton and children, Clive and Marjorie, who spent the last few weeks in Woodstock, returned on Saturday night.

Mrs. Byron Keating, of New Haven, Conn., who was visiting Mrs. P. J. McEvoy, left on Friday for Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. William Donaher, of Roxbury, Mass., are visiting relatives here.

Miss Marguerite DeWolfe of North, led the class in Boston City Hospital, with a mark of 96.

John Keough, who has been teaching in the west, is visiting his parents in Blackville.

Mrs. Percy Vanderbeck, of St. John, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Vanderbeck, of Millerton.

Mrs. Percy Gremley is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. S. Mullin, Redbank.

Miss Josephine Dickie, of Campbellton, is visiting her aunt, Miss Frances Cliff, of Upper Derby.

Mrs. A. C. Allen is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Metcalfe, of Moncton.

Miss Bertha Buckley, of Methuen, Mass., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Geo. Hansen, of Fredericton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McEachern.

Miss Eva Wentzell of Halifax, is visiting Miss Gertrude Buckley.

Miss Ruth Anslow, of Campbellton, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Collett, returned home on Monday.

Miss Dorothy Nicholson is visiting the Misses Bate, at Bay du Vin.

Miss Mollie Morley is spending a very pleasant visit to her brother Jack, in Hantsport, Nova Scotia.

Miss Lou McEwen is visiting at her home in Shediac.

Mr. Everett Keating of Moncton, is spending his vacation with relatives in town.

Mrs. Mary Lawlor is visiting friends in Dalhousie.

Mr. Roy Mayes has returned from a pleasant vacation spent with relatives in St. John.

Mrs. Martha Black returned on Friday from Boston, where she spent the winter months with relatives.

Miss Clara Lawlor is the guest of friends in Moncton.

Miss Winnie Howard of Coal Branch and Miss McFarlane of Moncton, were guests of the Misses Lawlor a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Amy, who have been spending a couple of weeks in Campbellton and Gaspe, arrived home Thursday.

Miss Maude Roman of Boston, arrived home Friday to spend a couple of months with her parents.

Mr. Blair Hutchinson, of the Royal Bank, Campbellton, spent the week-end with friends in town.

Miss Dorothy Russell, of Moncton, is visiting Mrs. Martin MacArthur.

Miss Alberta Major, of Malden, Mass., is visiting her father, Mr. Joseph Major, in town.

Messrs. C. P. McCabe, J. J. and E. J. Morris, returned from Summerside, P. E. I., on Thursday.

Mrs. Robert Jarvis and little son, Ambury, and Miss Jennie Copp, went to Fredericton on Tuesday to spend a few weeks with friends there.

Messrs. W. B. Snowball, Thos. Fitzpatrick and Wm. Skild of Chatham, were in town on Friday in the interest of the Labor Day Celebration to be held at Chatham Sept. 6th.

Miss Margaret Synnott, of St. John, is spending her vacation at her home in Chatham.

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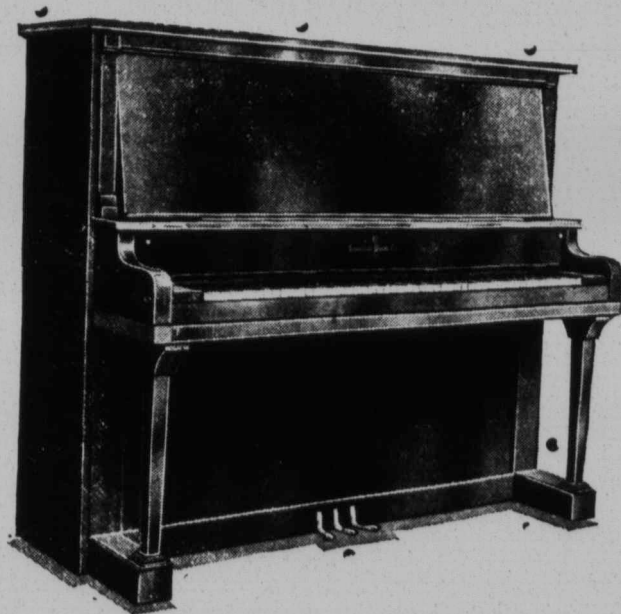
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