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selected. If the demand is to be taken as a criterion a roll-call of five thousand is quite sufficient justification in itself.

The commanding position which Germany built up in Europe in the last forty years was the result almost entirely of the technical education and the resultant efficiency of the national units. The reason that Germans could swarm over England, as they did, and secure all kinds of employment was their efficiency, gained at just such technical schools as Toronto is shortly to have in operation. The countries of the future that will go forward are those in which the gospel of efficiency will be most ardently preached in the temples of technical education. London, Manchester, Birmingham, Belfast and other old country centres have great institutions of technical education, and Toronto will have no more profitable investment and no more valuable feature of her municipal life than the splendid technical school, the opening of which will probably be the most important feature of Mayor Church's term of office.

War and Literature

"Poetry and Drama," a quarterly review which has carried on an energetic and intelligent career for two years, has just announced in its eighth issue that it will be suspended for one year, or until the war permits. The statement is of interest from one point of view, and highly suggestive of the attitude of mind of the British people. "As the weeks pass," says the editor, "it becomes increasingly evident that the attention of the public must inevitably remain fixed on one issue only—the preservation of national liberty. The consideration and, indeed, the production of literature require leisure of mind. The suspension of this periodical is designed to last until we have been so fortunate as to regain that leisure."

It will probably be found, as it has been found in France, that the literary and artistic men of Great Britain are more ardent and for their numbers more actively patriotic than any other class. This need not be taken as a slur on other classes. Literary men should have a keener appreciation of the issues involved than any others. If they did not show themselves more ready to make the great sacrifice for the principles they recognize and understand they would be less worthy than those who hang back for material considerations or from failure to appreciate the issues involved.

The literary and artistic circles of all the nations engaged in the war have been thinned by their contribution to the armies in the field, and Englishmen who have stirred their fellow-countrymen by their spoken or written word have not been lagging in adding deeds to drive home the thoughts of their hearts. The poets, sears, and the great war will bring a wonderful revival in literature. It is thought that the best writing comes white hot from the author's mind and heart on the field of action, and while much that is moving and vital has come into existence in this way, the enduring literature has apparently rested on this cooled and hardened lava bed, built up laboriously, a line a day. So perhaps we may have to wait a year or two after the war till the poets have had time to recover "leisure of mind."

Belgian Heroism

History records no more heroic stand than that made by the little Belgian army in its effort to retard the German onslaught sufficiently long to permit of the concentration of the French army and the arrival of the British expeditionary force. After Liege, says the special correspondent in Belgium of The London Morning Post, when the force of the most violent blow of the Germans was broken, the Belgian army had not a day's rest from fighting. Feeble in numbers, attacked just as it was in the middle of reorganization, it struggled courageously against the mass of the invaders, but always using up its numbers pitifully during the violent combats. These had always to be followed by retreats, but the army literally dug its feet into the ground in its endeavor to gain time. By so doing it won great glory and gave the allies a confidence in its usefulness, which was abundantly justified during the operations on the line of the Yser River.

Driven at last to take refuge in Antwerp when threatened with capture it again executed a retreat, which by its rapidity must have inflicted the most bitter of disappointments. As a result of this retreat, particularly fatiguing and demoralizing, the Belgian soldiers badly needed a period of repose for reorganization. The development of the campaign rendered this impossible, because the road to Dunkirk and Calais had to be closed to the advance of the German army. The Belgians therefore backed on the Yser and aided by a French brigade at Dixmude, awaited the attack, its six divisions holding the river from Dixmude to the sea. Fighting with heroic courage again and again it repelled the German onslaught between the 16th and 20th of October, when French reinforcements arrived and relieved the exhausted Belgians. In the twelve days' battle that ended with driving the Germans back across the Yser, the Belgians lost one quarter of their effectives. "But," The Post correspondent reports their leaders as saying, "What does it matter? We have carried out to the very end the mission

LEFT TO HOLD THE BABY



with which we had been entrusted, to cover the left wing of the allied armies and to stop the march of the Germans towards Dunkirk. It is a feat, he writes, of which they have the right to be proud.

LETTERS TO SOLDIERS EFFICIENTLY HANDLED

Occasional Delays in Service Due to Lack of Mid-Week Steamers.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 24.—The post-office department has investigated complaints about the delays in transmission of mail for the Canadians at Salisbury Plains, and it states that nothing has been left undone to expedite the forwarding of these mails. The delays in several cases investigated were due to the absence of mid-week mail steamers from either Halifax or New York because the British admiralty has requisitioned so many steamers.

Letters to the soldiers should indicate their battalion and brigade if possible. Col. Victor Williams, general camp commandant at Salisbury Plains, has reported the mail service most satisfactory considering the difficulties.

COCHRANE AND AMES TO SPEAK AT SUDBURY

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, accompanied by H. B. Ames, M.P., left tonight for Sudbury, Ont. Mr. Ames will deliver a lecture there tomorrow evening, on patriotic subjects, and the minister of railways will preside.

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Speech in Lords Did Not Tell All They Wanted to Know.

SILENT AS TO RECRUITS

Gave Out Nothing of Vital Information to Germans in Addressing Lords.

By D. Douglas Egges, one of The World's Staff Correspondents with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. LONDON, Jan. 24.—"Wait till Kitchenier speaks," is a present-day phrase which has proved a worthy successor to the memorable "Wait till Buller moves" of the South African war. It is six weeks ago since the war secretary gave a resume of the operations in western Europe, and for the most part of that period the British public has been on the keen edge of expectancy to learn just how much and what has been done. More particularly was the nation interested in the progress of recruiting. Whether sufficient numbers were flocking to the colors or whether the alarmist rumors of indifference to the nation's peril would lead to the introduction of conscription. Well, Kitchenier has spoken, and if the average Canadian has followed the war service of The Toronto World he will have learned little new from the cabined reports of the "military organizer's" speech. In fact, "K. of K." has said nothing beyond what the newspapers have already printed.

Successes Confirmed. In his speech in the house of lords he confirmed the recent Russian victory and the overwhelming success of the Serbs. He pointed out that the initial