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THE SITUATION
 The testimony continues to accumulate that the populations of both Germany and Austria are commencing to crack under the war strain. They bore their many hardships and privation with stoical fortitude in the first place buoyed up by the belief that victory would soon crown the Teuton cause, but in the fourth year of the struggle they are commencing to realize that triumph for their arms is more remote than ever and they are clearly on the verge of getting out of hand. From the dual monarchy there comes word of the spread everywhere of the strike movement and the demand for peace.

The Bulgarians made a series of attacks on the Macedonian front, but were brilliantly repulsed by the Greeks.
 Later details with regard to the Goeben and the Breslau show that they had started to attack British forces near the Island of Imbros, and succeeded in sinking two British monitors when the Breslau was destroyed by a mine and the Goeben while fleeing struck another mine at the entrance to the Dardanelles. She stranded later and her destruction will no doubt be rendered complete by British aviators.

Continued progress has just been reported by the British in East Africa. Sir Edward Carson has resigned from the British Ministry. This step has not been taken with regard to war matters but with reference to the Irish question. It has been a source of surprise that Lloyd George should have kept him in line for so long a period as he is as restless as he is capable.

THE PUBLIC JUDGE BETWEEN OLIVER AND CLARK.

Dr. Michael Clark, when Liberal member for Red Deer, spoke out very plainly in the House of Commons in rebuke of those members of the Opposition who were continually seeking to hinder the Government with regard to war measures, and who stigmatized the whole system as reeking with pill and graft. The Doctor also spoke his mind very plainly with regard to the course of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and for these and other things he earned the bitter enmity of the Winnipeg convention the last named outfit had the Doctor boycotted to all intents and purposes and boasted that he would be forced from public life. Well, he isn't and Oliver is unless he succeeds in getting back by a French-Canadian constituency, a plan now talked of. Dr. Clark was pursued into his constituency of Red Deer by the Oliver clique, but the full returns of his scattered constituency show that he was accorded a splendid victory by 1,102 majority. Oliver on the other hand has dropped from a lead of 2,228 in Edmonton to one of about a hundred and the overseas soldier vote is likely to wipe that out by many hundreds.
 Referring to the whole matter, The Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal-Unionist), says that "no feature of the general election in Western Canada has given more general satisfaction than the complete defeat of the combination which pursued Dr. Clark with intent to destroy him."

THE RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.

The rest of Canada has been paying mighty little attention to the debate which has been proceeding in the Quebec Legislature as to whether that Province shall, or shall not, seek to pull out of Confederation. The chances are that very few Quebec people themselves take any stock in the move. There are two resolutions. The first introduced by J. N. Francoeur, member for Lotbiniere, reads: "This House is of the opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the breaking of the Confederation pact of 1867, if, in the opinion of the other Provinces it is believed that the said Province is an obstacle to the union, progress and development of Canada."
 The second, in the form of an amendment, is a long winded declination as follows:
 "In view of the marked hostility that is being shown to it (Quebec) by certain leading spirits in Provinces situated to the west of the capital of our country, and the insults published daily in the great newspapers which mould or direct public opinion in these provinces, and as a consequence of the adverse attitude adopted by a tremendous majority of the electorate of Quebec and by a considerable number of citizens of other parts of the country toward the Military Service

Act, 1917, and other Acts resulting from it, this Province deems it its duty, in the interest of peace and harmony which should reign in the different Provinces of the Canadian Dominion, to address itself to his Majesty the King in Council to ask, by virtue of clause 56 of the British North America Act, the repeal of the Military Service Act, 1917, this Act being the cause of the difference existing between the Provinces, and placing in jeopardy the interests of the various Provinces which form Confederation, interests of Confederation itself, and those of the British Empire, of which we are the ever-loyal subjects. And that the Speaker of this House is authorized to sign the petition requesting his Majesty the King in Council to repeal the aforesaid Act, which petition is to be transmitted to his Excellency the Governor-General, to be by him forwarded to his Majesty in the usual manner."
 It will be noticed that both resolutions are mainly claptrap and gallery play without serious intent.

AUSTRALIA'S PART IN THE WAR.

With regard to the fact that Australia recently defeated a conscription proposal, the circumstance should not be lost sight of that under the Australian defence act, the country in proportion to population more than compares with what Canada has accomplished. In addition the vote of the overseas soldiers, in connection with the measure demonstrated that they would rather have reinforcements coming through recruiting, than otherwise.

Said act provides that "all male inhabitants of Australia who have resided therein for six months and are British subjects shall be liable to be trained"—in junior cadets, senior cadets, and in the citizen forces—that "all male inhabitants of Australia who have resided therein for six months and are British subjects and are between the ages of 18 and 60 years shall, in time of war, be liable to serve in the citizen forces; that "in time of war it shall be lawful for the governor general, by proclamation, to call upon all persons liable to serve in the citizen forces to enlist and serve as prescribed"; and it is further provided in the Australian defence act: "Nothing contained in this act shall prevent any member of the defence force from volunteering to serve in any force that may be raised by the Commonwealth to augment any of the king's regular or other forces, or to occupy or to defend any place beyond the limits of the Commonwealth." It is therefore apparent that universal obligatory military training and service does exist and has existed in Australia for the last eight years.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

King Coal certainly earned that title.
 The murder in their beds, of two former Russian Ministers under Kerensky, shows that the Muscovites are learning true German methods.
 Rev. Mr. Oke, who has accepted the call of a Brantford church, has a name which indicates that he is of the right timber.
 In the lower house of the Prussian Diet, an independent Socialist member referred to the proved military capacity of Canadians, and expressed the opinion that troops from the United States would show a like capacity. The Huns have certainly learned to respect Johnny Canuck.
 The Journal of St. Catharines has met with the misfortune of having its premises gutted by fire. A report of the affair states that there were "columns of smoke," which, of course, was quite natural.

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 the formation of the new Piave line his policy has been chiefly defensive. The appointment of General Borojevich, therefore is construed as confirming reports that the enemy proposes to maintain a defensive attitude on the Italian front for the present, and it is also regarded as a concession to the Slav element of Austria, as Borojevich is of Slav-Croatian origin. General Borojevich stands entirely outside the military court favorites like Conrad von Hoetsendorf, who up to this time has directed the Austrian military policy against Italy.
EXPRESS WRECKED.
 By Courier Leased Wire.
 Middlebury, Vt., Jan. 22.—The night express of the Rutland Railway, bound from Montreal for Boston, was wrecked two miles north of here today by an explosion in the locomotive. Fireman McCulley was killed and several passengers injured, but not seriously, it was thought. Several cars were derailed.
BRITISH OFFICIAL.
 London, Jan. 22.—"Attempted enemy raids last night east of Ypres were repulsed," the War Office reports. "Otherwise the night was quiet on the whole front."

Both Turk Warships Were Struck by Mines

Over 170 of Crew of Breslau Rescued After Action Off Dardanelles—Out of Total of 310 Men on Two British Monitors Destroyed 132 Survivors are Reported so Far—Enemy Destroyers Driven Off.

London, Jan. 21.—One hundred and seventy-two members of the crew of the German cruiser Midulla, the former German monitor, were rescued after the action between British and Turkish forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles, in which the Midulla was sunk, it was officially announced last night.
 Of the total of 310 men on the British monitor Raglan and the small monitor M-28, lost in the action, there are at present reported 132 survivors, the announcement states.
 Hurd points out that, although they were nominally Turkish ships, they are in all essential respects German, being German-made and responsive to the orders of the German Naval Staff at Berlin.
 "It would be easy," says Hurd, "to understand the initiative exhibited as an act of impulsive madness had they been under Turkish officers, receiving instructions from Turkish superiors, but the offensive in such circumstances as exist in the Mediterranean is directly contrary to the policy of the German Naval Staff, as the history of the high seas fleet in the past three and a half years has shown. Consequently we may assume that the story lies behind this announcement, though possibly it may not be one which we can publish in any detail until the war is over."
 The action, it is reported, took place at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

BOTH WARSHIPS MINED

Both the Breslau and the cruiser Sultan Selim, the former German Goeben, the other Turkish, were mined, the statement adds. The Goeben is now being continuously bombed by British aircraft in the narrows of the straits, where she straggled after she hit the mine.
 The Goeben and the Breslau, the statement explains, had emerged from the Dardanelles on Sunday morning to attack British naval forces north of the Island of Imbros. After the Raglan and the small monitor had been sunk the Breslau was forced into a mine-field.
 The Goeben headed at full speed towards the Dardanelles, striking a mine near the entrance, and was driven off.

VISCOUNT BROOME SAVED

Viscount Broome, Commander of the British monitor Raglan, which was sunk in the engagement with the Turkish cruisers Midulla and Sultan Selim at the entrance to the Dardanelles, is among those saved, according to The Evening News.
 Viscount Broome was chief beneficiary under the will of the late Earl Kitchener, of whom he was a nephew, and is heir to the title.
MAKING TURKS QUIT
 London, Jan. 21.—The Daily Express, commenting on the Dardanelles action, says:
 "The escape of the Goeben and the Breslau to Constantinople in August, 1914, was one of the chief factors that induced Turkey to enter the war against the allies. Their destruction

ATTACK ON WAR OFFICE STIRS

Col. Repington of the Times Resigns as Rebuke to Authorities
 London, Jan. 21.—The bitter attack on the War Office, and the higher command of the army by The Daily Mail has made a decided stir throughout the country. Coincident with this comes the announcement of the resignation of Col. Repington, the military correspondent of The Times. Both newspapers are under Lord Northcliffe's direction and the public couples the two incidents.
 Col. Repington told interviewers today that he had resigned on publication of the article, and protested strongly against what he termed "inquiries against the army by politicians. In the same interview he said:
 "The Government has lost the confidence of not only in Labor, but of the great majority of the people, and if existing methods are allowed to continue will succeed in wrecking both the military and naval services. The great crime of the Government is that it will not tell the nation the truth."
 A Fierce Attack.
 Declaring that the army has seen one good man after another sacrificed to cover up its blunders and intrigues of politicians, he continued:
 "Twelve months ago the Government knew quite well what the position was. It was placed before them in a memorandum by the army authorities, but no effort has been made to meet that demand. The same game is played every time in this attempt to shift the responsibility for blunders from the politician to the soldier and sailor."
 Col. Repington is considered the foremost military critic in England. He is credited with exceptional insight into the knowledge of the army and its relations with the higher officers.
 132 Tanks Lost.
 The Daily Mail publishes a two-column article which vehemently attacks the Government and the General Staff in connection with the finding of the Staff, announced in the House of Commons on Tuesday, that the British higher command had not been surprised by the German attack on the Cambrai front on November 30, when the British lost part of the ground gained in the offensive a few days earlier. The article says that the Government, under the pressure of the General Staff, is hushing up the incident, while the Germans claim to have captured or destroyed 132 tanks and to have taken 9,000 men and 100 guns. The writer adds:
 "A particular army clique has had supreme military control for two years, and has repeatedly failed to

Business Men Held "At Home"

The "At Home" of the business men and their friends at the Y. M. C. A. last evening was a splendid success every way. The members of this business men's class which meets twice a week had the opportunity of introducing their friends to some of the pleasant things their popular leader Mr. George Mosley has in store for them each week. Exhibitions of indoor tennis and volleyball were given. In the latter game, "the Sky Pilots" succeeded in easily putting it over the other fellows to the tune of 3 to 0. After the game, a musical programme was enjoyed in the club rooms, which have been recently redecorated. The genial president of the club, Mr. E. C. Tench, was in the chair, and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the guests of the evening and called for the different numbers on the programme.
 Miss M. Jones, always a favorite with Brantford audiences, gave two splendid numbers on her violin.
 Miss Marie Underhill of Toronto, contributed two well rendered solos, and Miss Ryerson proved a great favorite in two humorous readings.
 Mr. Walter Carpenter, in his ringing voice, sang two patriotic airs, Mr. D. L. Wright accompanied all the musical numbers in his usual finished style.
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 Russian agreement of 1907 as henceforth suspended. He emphasized that Great Britain desired Persia to remain neutral in war time and retain complete independence after the war.
 Cambrai Inquiry.
 London, Jan. 21.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—In the House of Commons Hon. A. Bonar Law stated that all the documents connected with the Cambrai inquiry were submitted to the war cabinet at whose request Lieut.-General Smuts reported was approved by the cabinet and was not subject to revision by Earl Dwyer or any army councillors. The decision not to publish the report was taken by the war cabinet.

AUSTRILIANS CRY ALOUD FOR PEACE

Despatches From Vienna Say That Ministry Has Resigned

STRIKE SPREADING
 Demand Abolition of War Service Law Relating to Workers

FOOD PROBLEM ACUTE
 Desire Resumption of Work in Industries Engaged in Making Foodstuffs

Amsterdam, Jan. 21.—The Austrian Ministry has resigned, according to Vienna despatches to the Berliner Morgen Post. Count von Togenburg, Minister of the Interior, has been charged with the task of forming a new Cabinet.
 The brief Vienna despatch does not make it absolutely clear whether the Ministries has resigned, the Imperial Ministry, of which Count Czernin is the head, holding the portfolio of Minister of Foreign Affairs, or the minor body, of which Dr. von Seydler is president. But the fact that Count von Togenburg, who held the post of Minister of the Interior in the von Seydler Cabinet, has been asked to organize a new Ministry, would indicate that it is the latter.
 Recent despatches from Vienna reported a crisis in the Austrian Cabinet, Dr. von Seydler being opposed not only by the Czechs and the South Slavs, but also by the Socialists, while the German deputies were also hostile owing to von Seydler's war attitude.
 Appeal to Workers.
 A Vienna despatch under Saturday's date, received here today, reads:
 "No newspapers appeared today, the only issue being a sheet published by the Arbeiter Zeitung, which contained nothing but announcements regarding the strike and peace developments.
 "The strike movement is spreading throughout Austria-Hungary and one estimate places the number of workers out at 1,120,000.
 "At the head of the announcements was one by the directing board of the German Socialist Democracy of Austria, making an appeal to the workers of both sexes. The board said the appeal had taken cognizance with satisfaction of the declarations regarding peace by Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, and recognized their firmness. The board, however, held it to be necessary that labor be enlightened concerning the Government's attitude upon the concrete questions which are the subject of the negotiations at Bresl-Litovek.
 "This demand and other demands of labor were today the subject of negotiations with the Government. The Food Minister received a large delegation of strikers, the appeal recited, and reported to them on the food situation.
 "The delegates had an opportunity frankly to enlighten the Minister concerning the views of labor, and particularly to leave him in no doubt that the demand for peace took precedence of all other demands.
 "Later Saturday the appeal continues, the district executives of all the Vienna districts met to receive the report on the negotiations with the Government. The assembly resolved to demand the abolition of the provisions of the war service law relating to the rights of workers, and requested the organization of democratic committees to continue its effort to obtain justice for the victims of the unusual conditions. It was decided that railway and street car services were to be maintained undisturbed and that work was to be resumed in all the industries engaged in the manufacture of foodstuffs and wines, and in gas and electric plants. The appeal concluded: "Labor has maintained exemplary discipline in these existing days. The party board expects it will calmly await the result of the negotiations with the Government, trusting in its representatives."

PLANK GOES TO YANKEES

N. Y. Gives Five Players and Cash for Two St. Louis Players
 By Courier Leased Wire.
 St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22.—Eddie Plank, veteran pitcher and Merrill Fry, second baseman, were traded to New York Americans by St. Louis today for five players and cash.
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WAR BONDS.
 By Courier Leased Wire.
 London, Jan. 21.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Thirty-one million pounds sterling in war bonds were sold by the Bank of England last week. Nearly a million pounds sterling were sold by the postoffice in the week ending January 12.
PLOT AGAINST ALLIES.
 By Courier Leased Wire.
 Buenos Ayres, Jan. 21.—The police discovered today a plot to blow up five tank cars loaded with alcohol bound for the Entente Allies. A burning fuse was removed from one of the cars just in time to prevent an explosion.

LOCAL
HIGH SCHOOL CLUB
 The high school club met weekly meeting to-night.
SHORT LEAVE.
 Letters have been received from Lieut. Eric Cockburn who had been fortunate to secure leave for the New Year holidays, in England. He is not front again, where he last sixteen months in anti-artillery.

OCCUPIED PULPIT.
 "Mr. Geo. Wedlake occupied the pulpit at church yesterday at Rev. J. J. Liddy's services."—Galt Report.
CURTAIN AT 8 P.M.
 In keeping with the of fuel and light, Mana of the Grand announces that will go up for "Evil"—tomorrow night o'clock sharp, and at 7 for all coming attractions notice.

CHIMNEY FIRE.
 Late yesterday afternoon a fire department had to deal with a chimney fire in progress. The house with smoke, and some experienced in reaching but this was finally with comparatively done.

COUNCIL TO MEET
 The city council will be at 7:30 p.m. sharp, meeting was called by 8 p.m., and started the Mayor MacBride stated, was fixed by by-law p.m. Interposed Aid. Bodmons opined that 7 was an hour. On consultation, the hour was found p.m. If a quorum be 7:30, the meeting is adjourned.

WESLEY LEAGUE.
 Mrs. Allen gave an paper on "Making the Wesley League" at the Wesley League. Mrs. Farr presided and Miss E. Lesson. A violin solo by Mr. Gordon Cook. The brought to a close by a quieted by Miss Baird.

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