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THE WAR NEWS.

The great struggle in Poland is still undecided. The only thing that appears to be clear from the latest reports is that the Russians have not gained the great victory reported several days ago, and that there is still some doubt as to the result of a battle in which the losses on both sides have already been enormous.

The capture of General DeWet brings the rebellion in South Africa nearer the end. From the military standpoint he was much the ablest man connected with the outbreak.

The city of Winnipeg has raised nearly \$850,000 for the Patriotic Fund, all to be paid by September of next year. In view of the dull times in the west this is a remarkably good showing.

A little group in Ireland is opposing enlistment, and giving expression to anti-British sentiment. It is being promptly and effectively dealt with by the police, and is so small in comparison with the loyal population of the country that its pernicious activities can exert no influence.

An appeal is made for recruits for the 62nd Regiment, for home defence. It is desired to bring the company up to the war strength of 250 men, and many who are unable to go to the front have here a fine opportunity to connect themselves with the local militia and take a comparatively easy course of military training.

The announcement of the appointment of Mr. Frank D. Alward to the office of harbor master is well received, and is in line with good business in regard to civic appointments. Mr. Alward has had many years experience in connection with the affairs of the harbor, and his appointment is in the line of deserved promotion.

The government is pursuing a wise course in arranging for employment during the winter for those Germans and Austrians who are now interned in this country. It is announced that they are to be set at work in Quebec and Ontario, clearing land for agricultural purposes. They will thus be doing a work of considerable value and at the same time earning their living.

The suggestion that a Home Guard Battalion might easily be formed with companies representing various organizations, such as the Knights of Pythias, The Moose, The Foresters, the Knights of Columbus and others, is an admirable one. The various companies of such a battalion, representing different organizations, would vie with each other to attain the highest efficiency, and the drill they would receive would be of great benefit to all who participate.

The correspondent of the London Times at Salisbury Plains, speaking of the footwear of the Canadian soldiers, says:—"One hears things said about the Canadian contractors who furnish the field force with footwear, and it is well that the troops had not to go to the front in the boots in which they came over." The Montreal Star the other day had from its correspondent at Salisbury Plains a sharp criticism of the officers of the first contingent. Let us hope that the second contingent will be both well-officed and well-shod. The men who are going to put their lives in jeopardy for Canada should be led by competent officers, and should be equipped in the most substantial and comfortable manner.

The meeting which is to be held at Amherst on December 17, and which will be a maritime conference of representatives of boards of trade, manufacturers and representatives of agricultural, industrial and commercial interests generally, is one of great importance. In the words of the chairman of the executive, Mr. J. H. Douglas of Amherst, it is aimed "to bring together at one meeting the producer, the consumer and the manufacturer, with a view to foster and conserve throughout our whole people a truly maritime spirit."

Can Disarmament Be Effectuated? Whenever talk of the re-establishment of peace after the present war comes up, disarmament or the reduction of armaments is sure to be an important issue. Just how the nations shall effect a programme of disarmament is a vexed question. The Encyclopaedia Britannica cites as "the only existing case of contractual reduction of armaments," the Disarmament Agreement of May 28, 1902, between the Chilean and Argentine republics. By this agreement the two governments arranged to reduce their fleets "according to an arrangement establishing a reasonable proportion between the two fleets, and respectively promised not to increase their maritime armaments during five years, unless the one who shall wish to increase them shall give the other eighteen months notice in advance."

The Britannica authority points out that an agreement of this kind is more feasible among states whose navies are small, because in the case of large navies it would be difficult to agree on a principle for assessment of the proportionate fighting value of the respective fleets. Even comparatively slight differences in the ages of ships may make great difference in their fighting value.

Miss Elizabeth Currie, a nurse of Nova Scotia, was married in New York yesterday to Karl Osterhaus, of Washington, son of Rear-Admiral Osterhaus, U. S. N.

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Encouragement "Well," said the infirm old aunt, dependently, "I shan't be a nuisance to you much longer." "Oh, don't talk like that, aunt," said her nephew, reassuringly, "you know that you will!"

College Humor "Willie, is your father rich man?" "No, Sallie, he's a professor, so I can be educated for nothing." "Oh, that's nothing; my father is a minister, and I can be good for nothing."

And Sit Hard The Allies will do it if they can. What? Why, sit on the Ottoman. Avoids Monotony "Do you always leave a card when you call?" "No; sometimes it's an umbrella."

Anxious About the Future Bobby (after listening to family quarrel)—Mamma, if a boy is good all the time he's little, does he have to get married when he's grown up?

Dead Broke "We are all dead broke out our way this fall." "How do you all live, then?" "Oh, we lend each other a little."

No Casualties "I see that another naval engagement is reported." "Between the British and Germans?" "No; the captain of a cruiser has become engaged to the admiral's daughter."

Incomplete "The collection here seems vurry incomplete," remarked Mrs. News-om, going through the museum. For one thing, I haven't seen a skull of Cromwell. They have a very fine one at the museum at Oxford, England."

REDUCING HOME EXPENSES. Restaurant Man Finds That for Every Cup of Tea or Coffee Fifteen Lumps of Sugar Disappear. The high cost of living has laid its hand on the much persecuted shoulder of the restaurant man, and that individual has been forced to shout "assistance!"

"What am I going to do?" inquired one, and then the reason for his moan came in a plaintive key. "I love my patrons, but friendship and platonic affection cease when they begin to take all the sugar I have. The other day I took an inventory of the stock of this establishment and I found that my patrons were using fifteen and a half pounds of sugar to every cup of coffee or tea that was consumed. I knew that could not be true, and I put a watch on my help, thinking that someone was stealing the sugar. I saw none of my help go near the barrel, while the sugar continued to go at the same rate. "So I watched my customers. Many of them never used sugar in their coffee or tea before this war, and now they dig into the bowl and take out a large handful of the lumps. Do you think they put any of it into their coffee or tea? No. They put the lumps into their pockets and take them home. "The war and the high cost of living are responsible. People taking their lunches down town feel that they cannot afford to buy sugar for the family. What am I going to do? If I catch them and tell them to put it back they do not come here for their lunches any more, and if I let them keep on taking it I will be broke soon. "My place here is patronized largely by women. They come in and take their lunches and go back to work. The other day I noticed one of the women, after she had finished her lunch, wrap something in a paper napkin. I walked nearer to her so that I might see what she was doing. She was taking, and what do you think I saw? The woman had wrapped up three pieces of butter."

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Was Personally Attended by Dr. A. W. Chase

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