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## THE WAR OUTLOOK.

The week ends with matters in relation to the world war at a stage which excites profound interest. The tremendous struggle between Russia and her enemies, the result of which will be far-reaching, is still undecided. There is hope that the Grand Duke Nicholas may yet stem the tide setting so strongly against him, but it is a colossal task. The American note to Germany, and its probable reception there, is also a matter in which universal interest centres, for peace or war between these nations hangs in the balance. It has taken a long time to get down to real business in this matter, for the United States is not eager for war and Germany wishes to gain time, but the issue is sharply defined and a definite answer from Germany cannot now be greatly prolonged. There is also a prospect of a declaration of war by Italy against Turkey, the former country having hitherto been actually at war only with Austria. There is nothing new from the Balkan states and Greece, but in view of Premier Asquith's statement last week there is much interest in possible developments in that quarter favorable to the Allies. On the western front the great dead-lock continues, and the date of the great British drive is still a war-office secret; but the summer is passing and the time should not be long when an announcement may be made that the British have a very much larger army at the front than Lord Lansdowne's recent estimate of 400,000 to 440,000 men. The coal strike has been settled and we are told that the manufacture of munitions is proceeding in a more satisfactory manner. The whole situation, therefore, affords the fullest ground for confidence in the ultimate result, but the stubborn fact still stares us in the face that the Germans are still in France and Belgium, that Russia is decidedly on the defensive, that Italy has gained no decisive victory, and that the Dardanelles is still closed. In view of this fact, there is the most urgent reason for more active recruiting and for speeding up the work of providing munitions of war. From present prospects we are to have another severe winter campaign.

## HOLD THE ENQUIRY.

The attorney general says there is nothing in the charges which Mr. E. S. Carter asks to have investigated by Commissioner Chandler. There is only one way to convince the public that there is nothing in them, and that is for Premier Clarke and the attorney general to order a full investigation and have the statements of Mr. Carter proven false. So many charges made by Mr. Carter have been proven to the hilt that unsupported denials will not do. The people want to know how much money was squeezed out of the liquor dealers, and what was done with it. There are several gentlemen closely identified with the liquor dealers and who St. John who can throw light on the subject, and they must be given the opportunity. Let Premier Clarke instruct Mr. Chandler to open an enquiry. That is all Mr. Carter asks. He is a responsible citizen, and has rendered this province far greater service in the last two years than any member of the Fleming or Clarke government; for he has helped to bring to light a series of scandals that have utterly discredited the party in power, and aroused such a sentiment as must bring to pass a change in the direction of honest government at the first opportunity. In New Brunswick as in Manitoba, the government has been found out, but here it has not the grace to resign. Mr. Carter is not guessing. He knows whereof he speaks, and if the government refuses an enquiry it will be more thoroughly discredited than ever. Money was demanded from the liquor dealers and was paid. For what was it paid, and to whom? The government at the time was carrying on a flirtation with the temperance men. That was certainly a very opportune occasion for influential friends of the government to approach the liquor men and impress upon them the financial needs of the time. Whether a vote in the cabinet or in caucus on the question of prohibition was or was not taken has nothing to do with the case. It would be an easy matter to assert that there was a prohibition majority to be overcome, and to suggest that an excellent means of bringing about that result would be to subscribe a generous fund. A fund was subscribed and collected. The temperance men are especially curious to learn how large the fund was, and what became of it. Premier Clarke and the attorney general can have the whole matter explained by instructing Commissioner Chandler to hold an enquiry, and hold it at once.

## WHO IS AFRAID?

Mr. Thomas H. Haley, president of the Liquor License Protective Association in a letter to the press asserts that the charges made by Mr. E. S. Carter are "without foundation in fact and are wholly false and untrue." Mr. Carter replies that they are true and that he does not retract a single statement. He demands an opportunity to settle the dispute before a court of enquiry. He says he is informed that not one but two collections were made, and the total

amount was far too large to be regarded as counsel fees or anything of that sort. There is only one thing for Premier Clarke to do and that is to order an enquiry. Mr. Carter has a habit of proving his charges to be true.

If we may judge from the savage assaults of the Standard this morning on Mr. Carter and the Telegraph and Times, the government will refuse an enquiry. The Standard wildly yells: "The Telegraph and Times, in their treatment of the Carter allegations, place themselves on the level of the maker of the allegations. They lack the spirit of a man who would make a direct charge against any man in the government or supporter of that government. Let them cease their slanders and insinuations and come out with a direct statement that any man in the public life of this province today illegally received from the liquor dealers of St. John one cent and then they can be dealt with—in the criminal courts of the country."

All this is bluff and bluster. The same sort of rubbish was printed by the Standard when other charges were made that have been proven true. Evidently the latest bolt has struck even closer home, and thrown the Standard into a wild state of terror and excitement. Mr. Carter and the Telegraph and Times are not disturbed by abuse. They want that enquiry, and the people want it, for it is in the public interest. It is up to Premier Clarke, of whom the Standard boasts—

"Premier Clarke is not a man who will tolerate anything savoring of corruption on the part of his government or any of his supporters."

Here is his opportunity to prove it. My! But the Standard must be hard hit. Its shrieks of pain are even louder than usual.

As the Globe points out, Premier Clarke now has a great opportunity. So has the attorney general. What will they do about it?

Jockeying both the liquor dealers and the temperance men may not be as harmless and profitable a pastime as some politicians seem to have imagined.

The farmers are harvesting a fine hay crop, and have the promise of excellent crops in general. That is one cheerful bit of news in this year of war and financial strain. The west is also promised an abundant harvest.

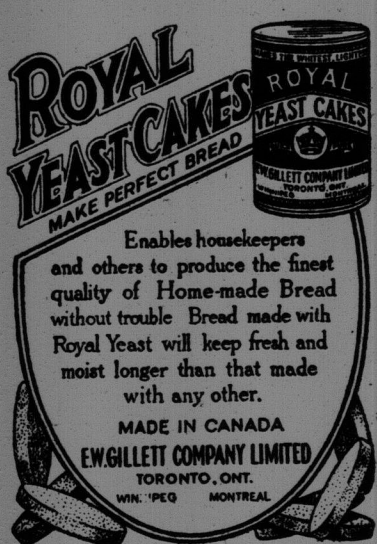
The latest American note is peremptory. While couched in diplomatic language it means that Germany must change her policy of submarine warfare or fight. Stripped of unnecessary verbiage this is what the message means.

The interest that is shown throughout the province in the machine gun campaign is very creditable. The vigorous prosecution of the war is and should be recognized as the chief business of the Canadian people. The apparent collapse of the recruiting campaign is, however, decidedly to the discredit of the province.

Referring to Sir James Aikins, the new Tory leader in Manitoba, the Canadian Courier says: "That Sir James will bring the party so badly served by Sir Rodmond Roblin and his associates back into power is not expected. All that the Conservatives hope to do is to prevent its obliteration." The Courier expects Sir James to assist Premier Norris in reconstructing Manitoba affairs, and says that "to do less would be to waste the crowning opportunity of a useful career."

Rev. R. J. Haughton of this city has an interesting war souvenir in the little leather covered New Testament which he gave to Corporal Ellis, and which the latter carried in his pocket over his heart when a German bullet found him. The bullet went through the outer cover and nearly all of the leaves, broke the back cover and left a black bruise on the flesh of the corporal, who was rendered unconscious by the shock. Mr. Haughton also has the flattened bullet. The corporal's life was saved by the book. This is one of the many notable personal incidents of the war.

The Canadian Courier says:—"At Ottawa on Saturday night Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a splendid appeal to Canada to stand firmly behind Great Britain in the struggle which seems to get greater as the months roll by. Because the British Empire loved peace and hated war, Germany has found it unprepared for this colossal campaign. Because the Empire was deliberately unprepared there is so much more to be done, so much greater sacrifices to be made. It was a ringing appeal to the nation to awake to its responsibilities. The fate of Canada as much as that of Great Britain hangs in the balance. To defend British liberty and British hearts the world over it is necessary that every able-bodied man shall rally to the flag. Canada has done well, more than was expected or anticipated, but there is still more to do. The mother of modern liberty must not appeal in vain to those to whom she has given innumerable benefits."



## LIGHTER VEIN.

Magistrate (to burglar)—"What is your trade?"  
Prisoner—"Locksmith, yer worship."

Magistrate—"What were you doing when the police entered?"  
Prisoner—"Making a bolt" for the door."

Tramp—Please mum, I'm a Belgian refugee.

Lady—Are you? Mention a town in Belgium.

Tramp—(contingating a moment)—I would, mum, but they have all been destroyed.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Leading Man Traveling Company—We play "Hamlet" tonight, laddie do we not?  
Submanager—Yes, Mr. Montgomery.

Leading Man—Then I must borrow the sum of two pence.

Submanager—Why?

Leading Man—I have four days' growth upon my chin. One cannot play Hamlet in a beard.

Submanager—Um—yell—we'll put on "Macbeth."

"How effusively sweet that Mrs. Blondest is on you, Jonesy," said Witherell.

"What's up, any tender little romance there?"

"No, indeed, why, that woman hates me," said Jonesy.

"She doesn't show it," said Witherell.

"No, but she knows I know how old she is—we were born on the same day," said Jonesy, "and she's afraid I'll tell somebody."

Hokus—Plubduh seems to have a wonderful opinion of his knowledge.

Fokus—I should say he has. "Why, I have actually heard him attempt to argue with his son, who was in his freshman year at college."

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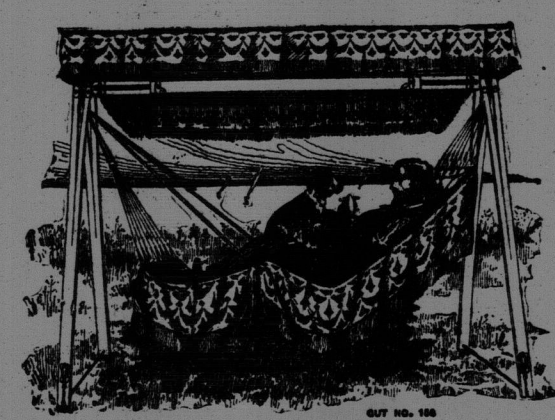
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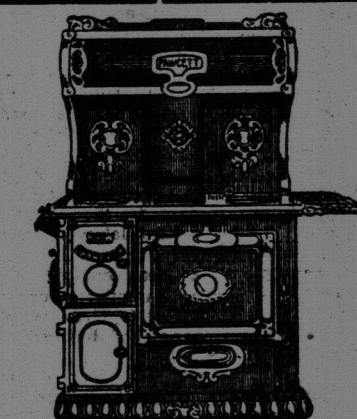
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Petrograd, via London, July 23, 10.45 p.m.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen, operating between the Bug and the Vistula, continues his wild sledge hammer blows against the Lublin-Chom line of the Russians, directing them now particularly against the city of Lublin. His immediate objectives are Belyce, Travnik, Voslavitz and Grubchow. Belyce is twelve miles southwest of Lublin.

Of only slightly less importance in this region are the battles on the Bug, between Krylow and Dobrotova.

West of Warsaw the Russians have moved back to their second line of defenses at Blonie and Nadarsyn and their positions in front of Inavogrod. The latter positions are regarded the strongest in the Russian line, as is indicated by the fact that the Germans assaulted them furiously in their two former campaigns against Warsaw and were unable to breach them.

To the northward battles are raging at Novo Georgievsk and along the entire Narva line, which embraces the strong points of Pultusk and Roan, commanding the crossing in the bend of the river, Ostrolenka and Lomza.

On the Niemen front the fighting is concentrated at Koslovaruda, south-west

of Kovno, on the railroad which runs to Gumbinina.

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