

The Evening Times and Star

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THE WAR NEWS

Once more the news from the Balkans appears a little more favorable, not because the Allies are gaining any success in the field, for they are still retreating with loss; but because Greece has assumed a more friendly attitude, has made an important concession to the Allies, and may, if the Bulgarians cross her border, plunge into the fight against them.

Reports from Germany are to the effect that she is pouring machine guns in thousands to the Russian front and to Bulgaria and Turkey, but there come also further indications that the German Socialists are growing more and more outspoken in their demands for peace. The German press is again very bitter against the United States, and Austria is said to be even more deeply incensed over the American note relative to the Ancona affair.

Nothing of importance has transpired on the eastern or western Italian front. We still look in vain for an important Allied victory in any quarter. Last night's cables paid a tribute to three companies of Irish regiments who in the retreat from Serbia sacrificed themselves with dauntless courage to save their comrades from annihilation. Sergt. O'Leary is not the only fighting Irishman in this war.

THE CALL FOR MEN

A Canadian in London writes to the Halifax Herald on the subject of recruiting. He says: "With regard to home recruiting one needs only to mingle with our boys here who have been in the firing line and repeatedly faced almost impossible positions without sufficient support to appreciate the reason of the bitterness and urgency of their cry for more men. The Overseas Dominions have now a splendid opportunity by recruiting to help in saving the precious lives of our boys already at the front, and incidentally, but truly, of helping dictate the terms of peace."

Why do young men hold back? They know their old comrades are calling them, and that it is their duty to go. The ranks of the 11th Battalion must be filled, and most of the men must be got in this city. These "there are the 140th, the 162nd, the 182nd and the 140th the 140th. New Brunswick must not fall in her duty at this hour, when the liberty her people enjoy is threatened and civilization itself is challenged by the barbarians who murder women and children and have been guilty of the worst crimes that have blackened human history. How can young men who are fit and free hold back any longer?"

Today's cables tell of further horrible atrocities committed by the Bulgarians upon the Serbian people. The Bulgars are apt pupils in the school of the Hun.

Another step has been taken in the long delayed task of completing the Valley Railway. The route from Gagetown, however, has not yet been decided upon.

The Hungarian premier is said to have put down all peace talk with a strong hand. That, however, will not make food cheaper in Hungary, where the prices are even higher than in Germany.

The sergeant who says Britain has tried for more than a year to be beaten and could not accomplish it, is perhaps not without some show of argument to support his view of the case. At all events it is a quaint way of explaining the blunders committed.

The citizens generally will heartily echo the kindly and appreciative references to Supt. Bridges which were made at the meeting of the school board last evening. Dr. Bridges has given very earnest and faithful service, in a position calling for educational and executive ability of a high order. He brings to his task dignity as well as energy and watchful care, and sets a fine example to all who come under his influence in the schools or out of them.

Referring to the necessity of all St. John men working together and taking their military troubles direct to Ottawa, the Times is informed that some six weeks ago the board of trade appointed a delegation to go to Ottawa to endeavor to straighten out matters regarding the quartering of troops here, but that the delegation never went because it was told the government, or a certain member or members of it, might resent such interference. This is extraordinary if true. The government has not shown any resentful disposition. It has acted in response to direct representations. The fault therefore appears to lie with some unwise counselors in St. John rather than with the government. Why not make an end of this sort of thing, and everybody take it for granted that the government will act—at least until it has refused to act? Some of its own friends do not appear to have been giving it a fair chance. The conditions of which complaint is now made might have been remedied if proper representa-

tions had been made at the right time by those who have most influence with the government.

His Canadian subjects rejoice that King George is able to resume in part the important duties of state, and will hope that he may soon be restored to complete health and vigor.

The annual report of the Evangelical Home of the Salvation Army in this city tells very briefly but clearly the work of an institution which is in the truest sense a place of mercy and of help for the unfortunate.

St. John is not the only place where recruiting could be stimulated by proper official action. The Chatham World says: "The Halifax military authorities, represented by Col. Dean, undertook to fit up our Exhibition building and the pulp mill rooms for recruits, on certain conditions, and the town promptly complied with the conditions. But nothing has been done by the military men. Recruiting would be livelier if the men could go to barracks at once, and get their uniforms." The source of complaint will not be removed till New Brunswick can appeal direct to Ottawa and not to Halifax.

From previous performances much was expected of the Harmony Male Glee Club at the Opera House last evening, and the audience which crowded the building was not disappointed. Director Ernest Scott Peacock has shown us what can be done with vocal music as a medium of expression, an educative factor and a source of delight. He showed it last evening by blending forty male voices in harmony and presenting a rich and varied programme that was not too classical to be appreciated by even the uncultivated ear. One of the lessons the existence and success of the Harmony Male Glee Club should teach us is that much more use should be made of vocal music in our schools and in our community life. Young voices should be trained in every section of the city, and there should be annual festivals with competitions to lend an additional interest to the striving for mastery of an art which contributes so much to the pleasure of life. We are neglecting great opportunities to use a power that is of incalculable value in its appeal to what is finest in human nature.

A JEKYLL AND HYDE

College Athlete Sent to Jail For Six Months

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 11—Gentle of speech and refined in bearing, Loring P. Cross, college graduate, athlete and member of a good New England family, appeared in the police court here eager to clear his mind of the story of an existence rivaling the dual life of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Cross is twenty-four, and is six feet three inches tall. He admits that when darkness came every day his character would undergo a transformation that drove him to terrorize women and girls. To satisfy his crave for tormenting girls, partly inspired by reading Robert Louis Stevenson's story, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Cross moved from city to city, planning his itinerary so that he could make these jumps easily and without detection. He frequented the streets of Newark in his quest for prey.

The authorities may communicate with other cities in which Cross has lived in an effort to determine whether he did harm elsewhere. Cross says he did not read Stevenson's classic until he left Haverford College.

Cross seemed relieved when taken into custody, and expressed willingness to be locked up where his practices would be curbed. The police assert that Cross usually picked out girls detained at their places of employment, and returning home late at night. He is said to have waited for his victims behind poles, a detective disguised as a woman strolled along a dark street in which Cross operated and captured him. Many women and girls have identified him as the man who accosted them.

Cross was sent to jail for six months, being unable to pay the fine imposed.

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LIGHTS REVEIN

Pieces and Plenty "Willie," said his mother on her return from a shopping expedition. "I told you if you were good while I was out you might have a piece of cake, and how I find you've eaten all there was in the box."

The Higher Education A pupil in the aeroplane school was out for a spin in his biplane and in attempting a dip got caught in a tall tree. "What are you doing up there," called a passing farmer. "Glittin' eddies."

Logical "The word 'stan' at the end of a word," announced the teacher, "means 'place of.'" Thus we have Afghanistan, the place of the Afghans; also Hindustan, the place of the Hindus. Can anyone give me another instance?"

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