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THE WAR GOES WELL

While the Germans are rapidly retreating before the British and French and American forces on the western front and yielding up positions whose loss must involve a still further withdrawal toward their own border, the situation in Turkey grows more and more favorable for the Allies. The fall of Enver Pasha and the Young Turk party, and the rise to power of government that is unfriendly to Germany means that Turkey will soon be out of the war. This, as Mr. Frank H. Simonds points out, would open the Dardanelles, enable the Allies to get control of the Black sea, with access to southern Russia, and so change the whole Russian situation. It would also bring troops from Mesopotamia to be thrown against Austria, release Roumania and bring her into the war again, and compel Austria to come to terms. Already there is a strong agitation to separate Hungary from Austria, and the wreck of German hopes goes on apace.

Today's story of renewed submarine warfare, with the loss of the lives of women and children as well as soldiers and sailors will rouse greater bitterness and renewed determination to continue the war until the Hun is utterly defeated.

One of today's reports says that Bulgaria will send troops against Turkey. On the western front the Allied armies still press forward. News from Germany shows that the seriousness of the situation is causing increased alarm and discouragement.

WILL THEY RESIGN?

What do the supporters of the old provincial government think of the revelations made at the enquiry now in progress, following those other revelations concerning the Valley Railway, the hold-up of the lumbermen, and other exploits of the record which is now public property?

What do they think of the St. John Standard as an upholder of and apologist for men who should resign their seats in the legislature? And what do they think of the supporters of the old government in that legislature who permitted all this to go on and have not yet denounced or withdrawn their support from the wrong-doers? Premier Foster is asked to consider the case of Hon. Mr. Currie, and that is quite proper—but what about Hon. James A. Murray, Hon. B. Frank Smith, Hon. J. B. Baxter, Mr. George B. Jones and some others?

What sort of reading will the report of the potato transaction make for sons of New Brunswick offering their lives for the cause of democracy? What kind of democracy? The kind that deliberately deceives the people and traffics with contractors, wasting the public revenue and glorying in the fact? How do these distinguished legislators measure up alongside of even the humblest private in the ranks of the Canadian army? The shame of the exposure made ought to impress the most hardened partizan. Men who betrayed their trust to the people should no longer be permitted to share in the conduct of public affairs. The good name of the province has suffered grievous injury. From coast to coast the people of Canada will point the finger of scorn at New Brunswick. We shall never know what it cost the province to give power to the Fleming government and its successors. What could be expected of the minor officers when the leaders were guilty of such conduct as has been exposed? The people have great cause for thankfulness that the old government was beaten and men placed in power who are making an honest effort to give the province good service and a faithful administration of its affairs. We rather expect that when the legislature meets again, if certain members are still in their places, certain other opposition members, who may be assumed to dislike potato politicians, will see seats on the other side of the house. But some of those who have been exposed may yet have the grace to resign. Their usefulness as representatives is over and past.

The Foster government has made excellent provision to enable returned soldiers who desire it to settle upon farms in this province. The story is told on another page of this issue. The government recognizes the duty the province owes to its fighting men, and the conditions for the settlement on farms of those who wish to take up farming are easy and the terms generous. It may be that no large number of returned men will choose farming as an avocation, but those who do will be able to begin under favorable conditions.

Christian Science Monitor—"In asking that all its citizens learn the English language, Akron, Ohio, is doing only what should be expected of every city in the United States. To fall back into the old ways after the war is over would be folly. Who can point to a single adequate reason why a school or a church service should be conducted in any language but English anywhere in the republic? Compelling aliens of the older generation to use the new tongue would be a hardship, but it is difficult to conceive of any other exceptions."

A MOVING TALE

Mr. George B. Jones proved a very interesting witness at the potato enquiry yesterday. He told where the balance of that \$61,500 went. The Frederickton Gleaner got \$10,000. The sum of \$14,000 went to Carleton county to purify the atmosphere in the B. F. Smith by-election, and \$6,000 to Westmorland for a like purpose. The balance went to pay some election bills. Mr. Jones does not appear to have been greatly surprised or unduly exalted that he should be made the custodian of \$61,500 which somehow dropped from the clouds. He asked no questions, did as he was told and slept well. As a member of the legislature he accepted all this as part of the day's work. It never occurred to him that there was anything wrong, or that as a representative of the people he should ask any troublesome questions. Even as a member of the public accounts committee it never occurred to him to ask any questions about the potato potatoes. But Mr. Jones balked when asked to tell to whom certain moneys were paid. Perhaps he will reconsider this refusal. It is also to be noted that his testimony yesterday does not seem to agree with that which he gave at a former enquiry. More will be heard of this, no doubt.

Another interesting story came out yesterday. A check for the payment of \$9,831 to A. C. Smith & Co. in July, 1915, approved by Mr. Daggett and Hon. James A. Murray, was taken to the bank by Mr. Daggett and \$5,077.60 of the amount was used to retire a note drawn by him in favor of Mr. George B. Jones. The balance was placed to Mr. Daggett's credit in a temporary account. This opens up another inviting field for exploration.

There is a gay and joyous atmosphere about these excursions into high finance which makes the public want more and more information about them. The Globe says there was financial juggling, if not financial grafting, and says that Mr. Jones yesterday added another nasty chapter to a dirty tale. Mr. Jones does not think so. Neither does Mr. Daggett. They are convinced it was all quite all right. Hence they cannot be expected to regard with approval these other observations by the Globe.

"It is therefore on record that a member of the legislature supplied most of the potatoes that the premier negotiated the Sumner loan, also with Mr. Tennant the Valley railroad contract to repay the Sumner loan; that the minister of agriculture knew all about these transactions; that the deputy minister knew of the loan and of its repayment, and that the former attorney-general acted as the private banker of the deputy minister, aiding him in settling a phase of the potato loss. Other features of the evidence, relating to the method of payments, to the sale of culls and to the answers to legislative enquiries, throw floods of light on a transaction which, beginning with bad potatoes, developed bad financing, bad politics and bad lying. The disclosures of the Dugal investigation and of the Valley railroad, while they revealed much political rotteness, made no such exposure of business incompetence as is laid bare in every phase of this bad potato business."

These observations by the Globe are really worthy of a place in the Standard, double-column, but they seem to have been overlooked. Perhaps the Standard will feature them on Thanksgiving Day.

The Standard today comes out boldly in defence of the whole patriotic potato transaction. It lays the stall upon the Telegraph and Times, but forgets to mention the Globe. The gentlemen who control the Standard's utterances are being exposed, and apparently feel they must do something—if it is only to throw some more mud at the Telegraph and Times.

Once more let it be said for the benefit of the Standard that it is uttering a falsehood when it charges that the Times attempts to defend the action of Hon. William Currie. This journal has pointed out, however, that what Mr. Currie did was also done by Hon. Mr. Culligan. What has the Standard to say about Mr. Culligan?

FOR MORE BIG GUNS
Congress Is Asked to Increase Appropriation.

Washington, Oct. 10—Huge increases in the artillery programme have been decided on by the ordnance department, which has asked the House Appropriations Committee to add \$1,000,000,000 to its estimates of \$2,467,000,000 to carry out its part of the enlarged army programme. The war department has decided to provide more big guns for each of the eighty divisions that the United States expects to have in France next year.

No Australian Prohibition.
Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 10.—The Australian government has no intention at present of introducing prohibition as a war measure. This announcement was made by W. A. Watt, treasurer of Australia, in reply to inquiries from members of the House of Representatives.

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RECENT DEATHS

Rev. Father Dion.

Rev. Father G. E. Dion, provincial of the Fathers of the Holy Cross, and parish priest at St. Lambert, Quebec, died this week aged sixty-six years. He was ordained priest on September 24, 1876, became superior of the college of St. Laurent and later became head of his order in Rome from 1892 to 1898, when he returned to Canada, as provincial of the order here. He had been ill for the last three months.

Harry Ryan.

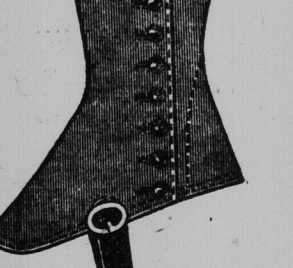
Announcement of the death of Harry Ryan will prove a great shock to a large circle of friends in St. John and elsewhere where he was well known. Early Wednesday morning Mr. Ryan became suddenly very ill and yesterday pneumonia developed rapidly and death followed last evening. Mr. Ryan was twenty-three years of age and leaves his father, Daniel Ryan, of Fredericton, also five brothers and three sisters. The brothers are Fred, of St. John; Ernest, of Fredericton; Lloyd, with the soldiers at Quebec; Jack, of Halifax, and Roy, of Fredericton. The sisters are Mrs. Harry Day, and the Misses Isa and Mamie, all of Fredericton.

Mr. Ryan was well known locally, being the popular manager and owner of the St. John Garage, in Duke street. His short illness, followed so closely by his death, proved a severe shock to his family as it will to a number of friends. Mr. Ryan was an athlete of note, being a clever basketball player having participated in many games for both the Y. M. C. A., the Y. M. C. I. and other local teams.

Rev. Dominique Cormier.

Word reached Bishop LeBlanc last night of the death of Rev. Dominique Cormier, which occurred during the day at Haute Aboussague, about six miles from Shediac. His lordship was previously informed that the young priest had a severe cold, but he was not aware that it was so serious. Naturally his death caused a shock. It is believed he succumbed to the prevalent epidemic.

Rev. Father Cormier, whose home is at Barachois, close to Shediac, was ordained at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception about five years ago, following his course at St. Joseph's and the seminary. He was stationed at the episcopate.



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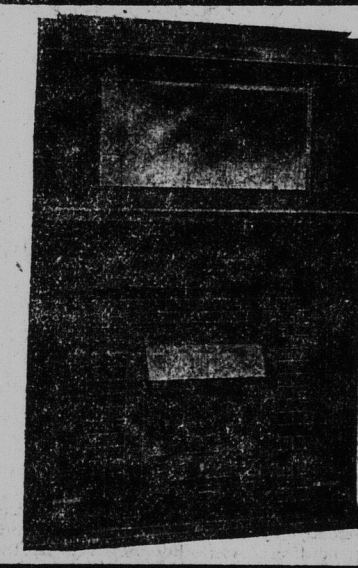
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Engineers, who died after a brief illness at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, was buried from his home in Boundary Creek on Saturday.

The death of Lewis Delaney, eldest son of David and the late Rose Delaney, occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence of his aunt, Miss Palmer, Fairville.

The death of Kenneth Colquhoun, Stevens, for some years a member of the

LADY ROBERTS CHAPTER.

The Lady Roberts Chapter, I. O. O. F., held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday at the home of Miss Olive Gregory, Douglas avenue. Miss Mar-

jorie Robertson, regent, presided. The following donations were made: Ten dollars to the fund for the Siberian expedition, and \$29 to the Navy League, which the members have joined in a body. A \$50 Victory bond was purchased.

The war is doing something for civilization. It is estimated that table waste in Toronto has been reduced 75 per cent since 1914.

The "All-Highest" Now Sees The Beginning of the End

The most cheerful word Wilhelm seems to have for his people just now is his "confident hope" that "in these most serious times" they will "resolutely gather around me and give their blood and wealth until the last breath"—much like the late Czar's defiant proclamation that he would fight to his "last muzhik"—and some think that when the German people "gather around" as requested, a fate such as befell the one ruler may await the other.

"It is the beginning of the end," declares the Prime Minister of Great Britain, with whom the press in all allied lands agrees, though mindful that it is not the end—only the beginning thereof. And we are admonished on all sides that although "we have passed over the crest, and are now going down hill," we should in no sense slacken our war efforts. All Pershing has promised, the Atlanta Journal points out, is: "Send us men, guns, and supplies quickly," and we'll win in 1919." The news of victory must make us "speed up, not slacken," continues this journal, for "all hopes of crushing the enemy by the beginning of 1920 are based upon gigantic performances by the United States."

Do not miss reading THE LITERARY DIGEST this week—October 12th. The leading article which is graphically illustrated with maps and half-tone reproductions covers the war situation for the past seven days from every angle. Other news-stories of timely interest in this number of "The Digest" are:

Shall the Peace League Include Germany?

European and American Newspaper Comment on President Wilson's Speech, Endorsing a League of Nations After the War is Won

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