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### THE WAR OUTLOOK.

Even in the face of another great offensive on the western front, which Premier Lloyd George says may come in a few hours and certainly within a few days, there is a great and universal feeling of relief. The complete defeat of the Austrians by the Italians and the effect it will have, not only among the fighting people of Austria but in Germany itself, coupled with Lloyd George's assurance that already enough Americans have landed in France to give the Allies the ultimate victory on the western front, while millions more of American troops are available, cannot but give rise to a new spirit of hope and confidence.

The extent of the Austrian defeat is not yet known. If the enemy is able to rally his forces and prevent a complete rout, there must still be heavy fighting on that front, especially if German divisions are hurled to his assistance; but there is no longer any fear of an invasion of the Venetian plains. The most and the best the enemy can do is to hold his ground on new positions, and facing an Italian army flushed with victory and fired with enthusiasm his position is anything but satisfactory or hopeful. We may expect news of further outbreaks in Austria, and it cannot be long until these spread to Bulgaria and to Germany itself. Hunger is driving the foe as he has never been driven by the Allied armies. The Toronto Globe says:

"As the Bourbon dynasty went out in France when the women of Paris marched to Versailles to demand bread, as the Romanoffs were hurled from power when the women of Petrograd inaugurated a strike against insufficient rations, so may the House of Hapsburg fall. While the legions of Austria are perishing on the field of battle the mob of Vienna is stoning the windows of the Royal Palace and calling for bread and peace."

### THE OLD GAZETTE BUILDING.

The passing of the Bowes building in Canterbury street to Vassie & Co., Limited, recalls the fact that this building was the work-room of many newspaper men in years gone by. The Evening Times was first issued there. On a certain day Mr. John A. Bowes brought out the last issue of the Evening Gazette, and the next day the Times appeared. Mr. Bowes had printed the Saturday Gazette and later the Evening Gazette, which at one time had a great circulation. Among those who worked on the Gazette staff at various times were the late Dr. James Hannay, historian and journalist; the poet, H. L. Spencer; and probably a score or more of young men who began as reporters there and have since won success in their chosen profession. A complete list of the names of those who in one way or another were associated with the old Gazette building would include some of the names of men who are still in active newspaper work here, others who are in other parts of Canada or the United States, and some who left the profession to take up other lines of work. The list would contain many well known names. A good many books were issued from the Gazette press, including a number of which Dr. Hannay was the author, and also the poems of Mr. Spencer. The building that had been converted from a smith's establishment to a newspaper office and later devoted to various purposes, is now to become part of a great wholesale dry goods house, but as long as it stands it will be associated with memories of men who were clever writers, and some of whom left enduring monuments.

The city council has before it appeals for the provision of a baseball field and playground in the south end, the grading of a similar ground in Queen square, west end and the completion of the filling in of Victoria square, north end, to provide a recreation field there. These would all be feeders for the big athletic field at the entrance to Rockwood Park. The present summer should see all these plans carried out, and with the least possible delay.

The future of Russia is a question that must command the attention of the Allied countries. Russia, with her enormous area and population, must have a profound influence in the Europe of the future. Under German tutelage and influence she would become a menace. There can be no final reckoning with Russia left out.

One report fixes the Austrian losses at two hundred thousand. This is doubtless an exaggeration, but that the losses were enormous is beyond doubt. If Gen. Diaz can follow the enemy up and make the defeat a complete rout it will be one of the great achievements of the war.

The Sinn Féin continues to provide the enemies of home rule with new weapons, but hats off to Col. Lynch, former Boer officer, now a British colonel.

Prof. Nicolai, who escaped from Germany in an airship, says the people are patient, but anxious for peace, and that the food conditions are extremely bad.

### HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS.

If the editor of this paper had been asked to take the high school entrance examinations this year he would probably have been plucked. It may be that the pupils who did take them ought to be able to make good marks, but failure to do so would certainly not rob them of the sympathy of the casual and older readers of the various lists of questions. Is such an examination the best method of determining who should enter high school and who should go back to the earlier grade for another year? In Toronto many pupils enter high school on the recommendation of their teachers and the Toronto Globe asserts that this practice should generally prevail. It says that at the recent convention of the Ontario Educational Association the method of entrance on examination was the subject of many disparaging remarks, and adds:

"In spite, perhaps because, of the fact that it has been nearly half a century in operation it is cordially disliked by public school teachers, while it is not held in high regard by high school teachers, who would like a more trustworthy test of the fitness of public school pupils to begin a high school course."

What the Globe says of the effect of the system in Ontario in the last forty years or more is worth quoting in full. It says:

"From the beginning of its operation, intelligent observers saw clearly that it had a blighting effect on public school work by setting up in the minds of teachers, pupils, and parents a false standard of excellence, from which the conception of true cultural results soon came to be largely eliminated. Under its influence a premium was put on the memorization of facts, and the preparation by the teacher instead of the practice of research by the pupil, because the former was generally assumed to be the method most likely to prove successful in getting pupils through the entrance test, and because the teacher's reputation in his constituency came to be more or more dependent on his success in getting candidates passed."

"The result was alike inevitable and disastrous. Success at the entrance examination came to be regarded as a sort of graduation from the public school, and thousands of pupils who never had any idea of attending a high school have been passing annually out of the public schools into practical life with no cultural preparation worth mentioning. Many years ago the attendance of high school pupils ceased to have any material influence on the amount of the annual high school grant, and for a whole generation there has been no excuse for retaining the entrance examination, which long ago ceased to serve the purpose for which it had been established. Until it is entirely swept away all efforts to improve public school education must remain largely nugatory. In Toronto, and perhaps in some other cities, it has been replaced in part by the practice of recommendation of candidates by their teachers, but the evil is so widespread and so fatal that a province-wide root-and-branch reform is thirty years overdue."

Would it not be well for the St. John school board to look into this matter and learn whether the Toronto view is better than the St. John view? While it may be possible for a generally promising pupil who failed in the entrance examination to get his or her chance in spite of that failure, it may be that better results would be gained by adopting the Toronto plan.

Of the future of shipbuilding in Canada an Ottawa dispatch says: "At the completion of these contracts (for 46 vessels) the Imperial munitions board will be out of the shipbuilding business and the government will thereafter carry on the industry as a national enterprise."

Whenever there is an important women's meeting in Toronto, mothers' pensions appear to come up for favorable discussion. There is, indeed, a province-wide agitation in favor of such pensions for Ontario mothers who have been forced to become the breadwinners.

The Toronto Star presents along with a picture of their brother who is overseas, the photographs of four sisters who in their spare time painted their house, doing all the work themselves. The brother overseas will be more proud than ever of his fair sisters.

British Columbia is now producing 1,200,000 feet per month of spruce lumber for airplanes. Has New Brunswick no lumber suitable for this class of construction work?

Will the Germans attack on the western front, or send help to Austria? The collapse of Austria would be as bad as failure on the western front.

Ontario appears to be a hotbed of religious and racial fanaticism. That is not only bad for Ontario but for the Dominion.

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### LIGHTER VEIN

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"How are you getting along with your garden?"  
"Fine. I've planted the seeds two feet deep and defied the neighbor's chickens to dig them up."

Correspondent Answered.  
"What does one raise when he sows wild oats?" asked a correspondent. Well, we know one young man who raised checks. And his crop led to a close crop in prison.

Saw the Proof.  
Average Father (showing his prodigy's drawings)—Would you believe that he never took a lesson in his life?  
Art Editor—Seeing is believing.—Buffalo Express.

No Such Word.  
Sammy—I asked one of the French soldiers what fail was in French.  
Tommy—What did he say?  
"He said there was no such word as fail in French."—Yonkers Statesman.

Not Him.  
It was somewhere in France, and the trenches looked like some river not on the map. Paddy was on guard in the communication trench and was up to his chest in water.  
Along came a Cockney, who inquired of Paddy if he could direct him to a company of the East Lancashire.

Paddy's temper was not of the best, for he had had a long weary guard. "Holy smoke!" he replied, viewing his surroundings. "Chuck it! I'm not the bloomin' harbor-master!"—French Journal.

Not So Mere.  
The small boy comes with straight and sees far. He reads the signs of the times unabashed. John, at a co-educational school in England, quite a good figure at the examinations, but failed to get the highest marks awarded in his mixed class. His father was astonished and incensed. John beamed by a girl. "John, I am surprised to find that you have allowed yourself to be defeated by a mere girl!"  
"Yes, father," says John, unblushingly, "I have; but I can tell you something—girls are not so very new after all!"—The Argonaut.

The True Celtic Wit.  
A good story of an episode that befell him in Dublin a little while before the war is told to a London newspaper by Adm. Sir Cecil Burney, who was commander of a division at the battle of Jutland.  
Accompanied by a friend, he was strolling along the quays when the conversation turned on the alleged gift of repartee possessed by the Irish command. His companion ventured to throw doubt upon that gift, saying that he believed it was only a legend.  
"Well," retorted Sir Cecil, "I can tell you this, that if you care to test your theory by making some jesting remarks to anyone you like around here, you'll get just as good as you give."  
"Well, try it!" said the other, and he walked over to where an old woman was displaying some fruit for sale on a stall. Taking up a fine melon and addressing the old lady, he said gravely: "You grow pretty good apples over here, mother; but in England we have them twice that size."  
The old lady looked up, surveyed the joker coolly, and replied in a tone of pity: "Ah, what for should I be wastin' my breath to talk to you, that takes our Irish gooseberries for apples!"

## "I Need Hardly Say

how thankful I was to get out alive, and fully made up my mind that I would write and tell you how useful Dr. Chase's Ointment was." writes a survivor of the Gallipoli Peninsula campaign. We found that it afforded instant relief from poison from shrubs and bushes, and got to using it for all manner of minor wounds and grazes."

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## Colonel Mackinn Attack's Mewburn

Finds Fault With Military Service Act Enforcement and Expects Frankness Will Cost Him His Job  
Montreal, June 24.—Criticism of the military service act branch of the militia department under Major-General Mewburn was made by Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. Machin, in an interview here today.

Colonel Machin is director of the military service act branch of the militia department of justice and member of the Ontario legislature for Kenora. He said "The fact that the minister's son was at college, points rather to personal spite than public necessity. Having already obtained control of the militia police the entourage now purposes controlling the operation of the military service act and its officials."  
"There is evidence that a powerful cabal exists at Ottawa against the minister of justice, which showed its hand last week in the disgraceful and brutal raid of the Jesuit College at Guelph. The fact that the minister's son was at college, points rather to personal spite than public necessity. Having already obtained control of the militia police the entourage now purposes controlling the operation of the military service act and its officials."  
"Let me say that the quota of men authorized by parliament has practically been raised. The militia department have granted some ten thousand men leave of absence after they had been enrolled, and this they do not propose to count. But nevertheless they have been raised under the military service act by operation of the department of justice."  
"If I am allowed, which I very much doubt to continue my work, there is no question that before the end of August the province of Quebec will have produced 25,000 men under the M. S. A. "As an Anglican, I desire to protest as emphatically as I know how against the brutal treatment meted out to the Jesuit College at Guelph, and to say that the men who are responsible for this action ought to be made to realize that when they are indulging in such spite they are encouraging a strife between religious denominations and to be prepared to accomplish responsibility of such a grave character, simply to fulfill personal vanity, then they are worse than the Huns."

Doesn't Care About Job.  
"I do not care anything about retaining my job; that is not an important matter but the important business is to carry on this war for humanity. The minister of justice has rigidly enforced the military service act ever since I have had the honor to serve under him. There has been no favoritism, no one could have administered the act any better than the minister of justice had done, because the act itself invited exemption rather than conscription."

"There is a strong desire on the part of the militia department to take over the work of the military service act and the officers who have heretofore been connected with it as a part of that department. It has been openly stated, and I have been informed from private sources, that it would be accomplished before July first. The only reason that I can ascribe for any such desire is the personal ambition of the entourage of the new minister of militia. And as a Canadian citizen with eight months experience in the government department I would like to know for another job."

Some Quebec Parishes Did Not Register  
Montreal, June 24.—That within the county of Dorchester, Quebec, there were some parishes in which every inhabitant had refused to register was the statement today of Superintendent Registrar Crease, of this city.

"If they and all defaulting persons do not fulfill their duty within the thirty days' grace now granted by the government," he added, "the law will deal severely with them, as registration is a public necessity and a duty and must be enforced."

A curious effect of registration in this city is reported by Chief Registrar Crease today. He states that under the false impression that registration would commit them to labor on the land in the far west, domestic servants to the estimated number of 3,000 have left the city within the last fortnight for their homes in Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

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### METHODIST MINISTERS

Interesting business was transacted at the monthly meeting of the Methodist ministers of this city held in Centenary Church parlor yesterday morning.  
Full arrangements have been made by the proclamation of the Governor General all the churches for the carrying out of for a special day of prayer next Sunday. Concerning the removal of the Rev. Hammond Johnson from St. John to Moncton, the following resolution was passed by standing vote:  
That this meeting expresses its high appreciation of the sterling Christian character of the Rev. Hammond Johnson and of the valuable services he has rendered to the Methodism of this city; also that, while it regrets his departure, it earnestly wishes him all blessing in his future ministry.  
Mr. Johnson replied in suitable terms. Rev. George Somers received a similar expression of appreciation of his efficient work on the Silver Falls Circuit and best wishes for equally successful work at Bedouet, P. E. I.  
As president of the Methodist Ministerial Association for the next term, Rev. Henry Penna was elected and Rev. Ernest A. Westmoreland as secretary.

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