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MONTREAL, SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1915.

The General and the Journalist.

Now it is General Alderson, Commander of the First Canadian Contingent while in camp in England, who finds himself in conflict with the press.

The Victoria Cross.

Although many deeds of heroism have been performed during the present war, there have not been many Victoria Crosses awarded to the soldiers fighting at the front.

Not Like Sir Edward.

"Unless neutral nations are prepared to assist in throwing the Germans out of Belgium, no suggestions from them in the matter of preventing the further devastation of that country are wanted," said Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons to-day.

Unable to feed the starving thousands within her own domain, Germany is forwarding to the Swiss frontier 30,000 interned French civilians for repatriation.

It is a fine suggestion that, in a year when Prussianism, the incarnation of force, is being destroyed by force of arms on the part of the Allies, a suggestion should be made in Berlin looking toward a celebration of the centenary of that arch-Prussian—Count Von Bismarck.

Some of the Ottawa correspondents seem determined that there shall be a general election soon, and have fixed upon June as the time that it is to take place.

Montrealers who have been worried over the high cost of commodities will find a measure of relief in an interesting table published elsewhere in to-day's issue of The Journal of Commerce.

The boots supplied to the Canadian soldiers continue to be a subject of lively interest, which is not confined to the investigation that is taking place at the committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa.

RETRACTION IN ORDER.

When one considers the generous treatment of Canadian soldiers by the Canadian life insurance companies, Hon. Mr. McGarry's recent attack on the companies seems all the more unfair.

Before accusing life insurance companies of unpatriotic conduct the provincial treasurer might have made enquiry with regard to the companies' treatment of Canadians who have done so, probably he would not have made that unfair speech.

GERMAN DIPLOMACY OLD AND NEW.

Where Bismarck isolated France and then easily crushed her, the German statesmanship of his later time drives practically all Europe into alliance with France, and then blindly, bravely but hopelessly battles against the combined host.

STRENGTH OF THE ALLIES.

The Allies may be beaten on land and sea, but financially and economically they cannot be routed. A drawn campaign on the continent would be a victory for them if Germany could be starved out.

COLLEGE MEN ENLISTING.

Gradually, but surely England's entire interest is being centred on the war. Earl Kitchener's call to Oxford and Cambridge for student volunteers has met with such ready response that two-thirds of the undergraduates have been enrolled in the army.

HUN WARFARE.

The Germans claim to have sunk a transport conveying troops. Nothing like that, William; Kitchener isn't exactly inviting wholesale destruction of British troops.

The Day's Best Editorial

A THOUGHT FOR CANADIANS.

The writer of this daily war summary would like to impress upon readers of service age that the war is far from over—that so far as the participation of the British Empire is concerned it can scarcely be said to have begun.

A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN

You never can tell. Even good resolutions have been known to go to the bad.—Chicago News.

Music Teacher (In Judge)—What is your impression of harmony? Smart Student—A freckle-faced girl in a polka-dot dress leading a coach dog.

"Did that sea voyage do your nerves any good?" "Put 'em out of commission altogether, old chap. Every barrel I sighted looked like a floating mine to me."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Why don't you knit something for the war sufferers?" "I am knitting something," replied young Mrs. Torkins. "What is it?" "Well, I thought they were going to be mittens, but I forgot to put the thumbs in, so I'll have to make them a pair of socks."

The night porter at a big hotel was astounded to see the figure of a man scantily dressed descending the stairs in the early hours of the morning.

Here is the nicest story and the truest that is ever to be told of General Joffre. The Battle of the Marne had been fought and won. Joffre was apparently unmoved. "Do you know, General," said one of his staff, who thought it strange that at such a time a victorious commander should not almost sing and dance—"do you know that you have won what is perhaps the greatest battle in history?"

The guard has told the passenger very frankly that he was not a walking encyclopaedia, neither was he a general information bureau. The passenger sought information elsewhere, but he remarked that he would get even with the guard. That evening his opportunity came.

The air was chilly as the train drew up at a sleepy country station. "Guard!" whispered the passenger, as that official passed his window, "would you like to take a nip?"

The guard glanced furtively up and down the platform, and seeing that the coast was clear, approached the carriage window. "I have no objection," he said confidently. "It's very kind of you, sir."

"Right you are," said the passenger, producing his railway ticket, "take it out of this!"

THE SONG OF THE SONS.

One from the ends of the earth—gifts at an open door— Treason has much, but we, Mother, thy sons have more! From the whine of a dying man, from the snarl of a wolf-pack freed, Turn, for the world is thine. Mother, be proud of thy seed!

Those that have stayed at thy knees, Mother, go call them in— We that were bred overseas wait and would speak with our kin.

Not in the dark do we fight—haggle and flout and gibe; Selling our love for a price, loaning our hearts for a bribe, Gifts have we only to-day—Love without promise or fee—

Hear, for thy children speak, from the uttermost parts of the sea:

ENGLAND'S ANSWER.

Truly ye come of The Blood; slower to bless than to ban; Little used to lie down at the bidding of any man. Flesh of the flesh that I bred, bone of the bone that I bare;

Stark as your sons shall be—stern as your fathers were, Deeper than speech our love, stronger than life our tether, But we do not fall on the neck nor kiss when we come together.

My arm is nothing weak, my strength is not gone by; Sons, I have borne many sons but my dogs are not dry, Look, I have made ye a place and opened wide the doors,

That ye may talk together, your Barons and Councilors— Wards of the Outer March, Lords of the Lower Seas, Ay, talk to your gray mother that bore you on her knees!

That ye may talk together, brother to brother's face— Thus for the good of your peoples—thus for the Pride of the Race.

Also, we will make romise. So long as The Blood endures, I shall know that your good is mine; ye shall feel that my strength is yours;

In the day of Armageddon, at the last great fight of all, That Our House stand together and the pillars do not fall, Draw now the three-fold knot firm on the nine-fold bands,

And the Law that ye make shall be law after the rule of your lands, This for the waxen Heath, and that for the Wattle-bloom, This for the Maple-leaf, and that for the southern Broom.

The Law that ye make shall be law and I not press my will, Because ye are sons of The Blood and call me Mother still, Now must ye speak to your kinsmen and they must speak to you,

After the use of the English, in straight-flung words and few, Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways, Baulking the end half-won for an instant dote of praise,

Stand to your work and be wise—certain of sword and pen, Who are neither children nor Gods, but men in a world of men!

IN THE LIMELIGHT

A Series of Short Sketches of Prominent Canadians.

Most people who happened to come in contact with J. N. Greenshields, K.C., prior to the past decade would visualize him in a gown, perchance taking exception to the attitude of a Judge, anon leading a reluctant witness skilfully along a desired path, very possibly laying down the gospel in no uncertain terms to a jury.

When the writer first saw Mr. Greenshields it was at a time when the latter's reputation as a criminal lawyer had reached its height and before he had withdrawn largely from the practise of that department of his profession to devote his attentions to his constantly enlarging business interests.

Granted surroundings so dramatic—given a situation involving diverse elements of human weakness and treachery—Mr. Greenshields was in his element.



No factor in this contest of wit against wit escaped him for an instant. Having assumed charge of a case he devoted to it every ounce of his great energies, both of body and mind. Acute indeed would be the witness who could evade his searching questions. Once started along a certain route there was no escape through misstatement or equivocation—only the truth would do and the truth had to be forthcoming.

As was natural in the case of a man occupying such a dominating position in his profession, Mr. Greenshields was one of the central figures in most of the celebrated criminal trials in Canada during the past half of a century.

Time would fail to tell of all the murder trials of international fame in which Mr. Greenshields has been a conspicuous part. Some of the murderers may have been hanged, as is the custom with murderers in this country, but if they met a deserved fate it was not because their legal representative did not conduct a skilful defense.

For the past few years Mr. Greenshields has practically withdrawn from the practise of law. He has contented himself with acting the part of an advisor in matters legal to the companies with which he is connected. Not a few of them he was instrumental in promoting. He had much to do with the establishment of the Shawinigan Cotton Company, the Wabasso Cotton Company and the St. Maurice Valley Cotton Company.

Trade with countries primarily interested in the blockade was in 1914; Germany, imports to United States, \$149,359,266; exports, \$158,294,986. France, imports, \$104,215,131; exports, \$170,104,041. England, imports, \$287,391,443; exports, \$599,812,295. Austria, imports, \$16,683,880; exports, \$12,801,195. Denmark, imports, \$2,844,827; exports, \$41,945,344. Netherlands, imports, \$37,499,623; exports, \$100,743,803. Norway, imports, \$11,976,758; exports, \$19,825,207. Turkey in Europe, imports, \$7,948,495; exports, \$1,788,157.—Boston News Bureau.

CLARION CALL.

"Every available man is needed for the front as soon as possible; the German power is not yet shattered, and remains resolute with its strength unimpaired." These are the words of the Premier of Australia in an appeal for recruits. He sums the matter up correctly. He is forming a reserve of half a million men to be sent as necessary.—Kingston Standard.

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CLEANING UP.

British Columbia has started to clean up. When its real estate "trust" companies became a by-word with the public, British Columbia evolved and enacted a new and very stringent Act relating to such corporations, which should have a very beneficial result. Probably no other Province is more beset with "fake" notations than is British Columbia. The situation is again being met squarely. At the instance of Attorney-General Bower, the Legislature is amending the Companies Act to give the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council the right to revoke or cancel the certificate of any corporation on sufficient cause being shown.—Toronto Saturday Night.

MAJORITY OF BEARISHLY

Optimistic Interview Schwab Attracted of Attention

TOBACCO STOCK

After the First Half Hour There is Activity, While Prices Inward Tend

New York, March 6.—Trading in prices as a rule showed Friday's strong close. The market was to be good, and quiet, appeared to be in progress. Reading of the former at 145, and the Pressed Steel Car on which it had been reduced to 25 dropped 2 points to first sale. Other equipment is being developed some strength.

American Beet Sugar opened there was a persistent reiteration of usual report will show earnings of while well-informed interests copy those estimates are too high and the common will not exceed 7 per cent.

New York, March 6.—On a little market with good support, although of traders were bearishly inclined the first half hour there was somewhat while prices showed signs upward tendency.

The optimistic interview of Chrysler a good deal of attention recognized as one of the greatest of the steel trade.

There was a sale of Liggett & points, and American Tobacco saw 1 1/2 on last previous sale on Thursday interests said they knew of strength in the tobacco stocks.

OIL COMPANY PURCHASES BIG PRODUCE

New York, March 6.—Announcement Pennsylvania Oil Co. has purchased parties of H. E. Bryner in Pennsylvania taken as evidence of forthcoming oil situation.

The South Penn. Co. is now in ever to meet a period of good time and it is conservative to say that get earnings are yet to be realized. Increased Pennsylvania production producing property in Mexican fields.

Although the company's Mexican practically ready to start shipment is probable that beginning of export try will await a decided change in

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