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## THE WAR NEWS.

In yesterday's issue of this paper attention was directed to an article written two weeks ago by the military correspondent of the London Times, which set out very clearly the tremendous obstacles to be overcome before German resistance could be broken down in Belgium and France. The great strength of the German positions was dwelt upon, and the inevitable conclusion reached that the British must have more and more men and munitions, and must expect to sustain serious losses before the enemy can be driven out of Belgium and Northern France.

Let us consider now the same military expert's view of the situation in the Balkans. He declares that nothing can be gained by trying to minimize the fact that the Austro-Germans have achieved a signal initial success in the Balkan campaign. He asserts that unless from 300,000 to 400,000 Allied troops are sent to the aid of Serbia and sent in time, the chances for a successful Serbian resistance are not great. And he says further—

"The despatch of a small Allied force from Saloniki to Serbia is not a military operation and can be justified on military grounds only if it constitutes an advance guard of a large army, or if the Greeks or Roumanians are to take the field. It is by no means certain that we should be wise, even if we could find the necessary men, to submit to German dictation of the initiative and open a great campaign in the Balkans because Germany's withdrawal of a quarter of a million men for an attack on Serbia has made the German campaign in Russia languish and it is for us to take advantage of this fact to push our offensive in the west and for Russia to strive by every means in her power to build up her new armies and complete her equipment."

The Daily Mail also utters a warning against the danger of sending an insufficient force into the Balkan war zone, for a very great army is required. Last night's London press cable said: "The situation is admitted to be a very serious one, not only for Serbia but for the whole allied cause." It would be far less serious but for the conduct of Greece and Roumania, which were expected to join the Allies but are still remaining neutral. Roumania may come in, but Greece has apparently decided to remain outside.

The point to be emphasized in all this is that more men are needed in the Balkans as well as in France and Belgium. If Germany could succeed in opening the road to Turkey she could not only delay the opening of the Dardanelles but gain access to the great Turkish copper mines and to at least a partial supply of cotton.

Of course it is possible that with a smashing offensive by the Allies, and French in the west, the Russians in the east and the Italians in the south the Austro-Germans would not be able to spare large armies to assist Bulgaria and Turkey; but are the Allies able to make such an offensive and follow it up? In any case, the entry of Bulgaria into the field on the side of the enemy makes the situation very serious.

There is one comforting assurance, which we hope will prove well founded. The French prime minister told the Chamber of Deputies yesterday that Russian troops would at once join with the British and French in the Balkans, and he expressed the view that ample troops were available without weakening any front. We would expect the entry of Russia into this portion of the great struggle to have a very strong influence upon Roumania, whose people are akin to hers, and also upon a considerable portion of the people of Bulgaria, for the same reason. The fact remains, however, that more than half a million of Austrians, Germans and Bulgarians have to be reckoned with, or probably more than twice as many men as little Serbia can put in the field. How soon can Britain, France and Russia equalize the struggle in point of numbers and equipment? Roumania could help if she would, but will she do so?

Greece has lost the respect of the world by refusing to keep her pledge to aid Serbia if the latter were attacked. Perhaps she gets her inspiration from the United States, which failed to protest against the violation of the integrity of Belgium though pledged to maintain that integrity. The conduct of Greece makes the task of the Allies very much greater, but it will also leave Greece the poorer in the end. They who deserve nothing at the close of this war are not likely to reap where they have not sown.

The news from Russia is once more of a very encouraging nature, though whether it is due to increased strength in the case of Russia or to the withdrawal of German troops to other fronts is not quite clear. Whatever the explanation, the facts afford evidence that the German hope of crushing Russia has been destroyed, and that the unbeaten Russian armies, once more on the offensive, make it impossible to withdraw troops in large numbers from that front.

Italian reports tell of the expected fall of the Austrian city of Gorizia near Trieste, and of some advance made at other points, but it is not expected that Italy will take any part in the Balkan campaign. If the Italians can increase their pressure on the Austrians from it will at least help to relieve the situation for the Allies in the Balkan sphere of operations.

The British have captured another position in the Kamerun, in Western Africa, the last German colony, and are in pursuit of the enemy. Very soon there will be no German colonies.

The success of German diplomacy in the Balkans makes the task of the Allies harder. It means a prolongation of the struggle. If, as the French premier asserts, the Allies can send plenty of men to the Balkans without weakening any front, it nevertheless prevents them from strengthening the other fronts to that extent, and on no front have they been strong enough to drive the Germans back for any distance. Hence the insistent call for more men and munitions. And that call comes to Canada, which has more at stake than any other of the countries engaged in the war with the exception of Belgium, Poland and Serbia. For, if Germany won, the German language would become the language of Canada, this country would be filled with German immigrants, and a great German state would rise on the ruins of British Canada. With that prospect before them, why do our young men shun the recruiting office?

## KEEP TO THE FACTS

The Standard quotes Sir Robert Borden as saying in parliament in 1909, in a discussion of the naval question:—"Do not forget that we are confronted with an emergency which may send this empire asunder before the proposed service is worthy of the name. In the face of such a situation immediate, vigorous, earnest action is necessary."

All Sir Robert Borden has done since 1909 has been to offer to borrow money to build three dreadnoughts to be manned and maintained by the mother country, and he had not faith enough in that proposition to take it to the people. He had to little faith in his own talk about an emergency that the cruiser Rainbow and Niobe were practically put out of commission and when the war broke out these craft were useless till fitted out and manned for service.

This is no time for political wrangling, when the duty of Conservatives as well as Liberals is to think only of the war and their common duty, but the Standard must not be permitted to mislead the people for purely partisan purposes.

Sir Robert Borden is coming to St. John. He comes as the prime minister of Canada, charged with great duties and great responsibilities. He ought to be regarded as the representative of all the people in this crisis, and not as the partisan leader of a political party.

The Liberals of St. John will endeavor to regard him and will be very glad to hear him say as he said in Toronto that the government has done what it has done since war broke out because it had the undivided support of all the people, of all parties. He will have that support as long as the war lasts, unless he yields to the baser element in his party and places party considerations before national welfare, and throws the country into the turmoil of an election campaign. No Canadian who is worthy of the name would desire to hamper the government at this time.

Liberal press in Canada has been more lenient in its criticisms of the Canadian government than has the English press in dealing with the home government. So far as the war is concerned there is only one party in Canada, and Sir Robert Borden has himself paid tribute to the one-ness of sentiment throughout the country.

Let us hope that the reorganization of the Canadian shell commission will bring more contracts to Canada and provide that none of them are farmed out to give a profit to middlemen.

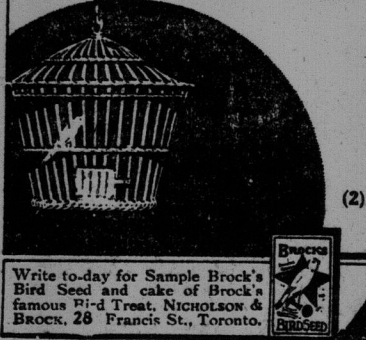
The fine old Coffin manor and extensive grounds should be an ideal place for the re-cupation of wounded soldiers. Mr. Burden's offer, referred to in detail elsewhere, is most commendable.

Whatever may be thought of the inaction of President Wilson and his cabinet, the people of the British Empire are very grateful for the warm sympathy of the great mass of the American people. It has been of immense value and has found expression in many practical ways. One of them was referred to yesterday by the British chancellor of the exchequer in discussing the loan placed at the disposal of the United States. He pointed out that despite bitter opposition by certain American interests whose sympathies are with Germany, the loan was negotiated on fair and reasonable terms.

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"Support my family," piped Mary, in her shrillest voice.

"What is the most wonderful thing man has done?"

Mary's hand shot up instantly. The teacher smiled, nodded to the child, and leaned back expectantly.

"Support my family," piped Mary, in her shrillest voice.

"But what evil influence could that have on you?"

"Why, it learned me to be a porch climber, mum," said No. 411.

Two holiday makers in Devonshire caught a glimpse of Dartmoor Prison, while strolling along.

One of them thought to take a rise out of his companion. So he said: "There, look at that!" he exclaimed, "say, old chap, where would you be if that place had its due?"

"I'd be walking alone," he replied quickly.

"Are you going to the exposition?"

"Nope; can't afford it."

"How did you buy an entire new outfit to wear at the exposition?"

"That's why we can't afford it."

The caution of the New Englander in giving a direct answer to a direct question is proverbial. Two natives of a New Hampshire town met after the funeral and the first asked:

"Was not your father's death very sudden?"

Slowly drawing one hand from his pocket and pulling down his beard, the other replied thoughtfully, "Well, rather sudden for him."

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## RECENT DEATHS

Edward Goodens.  
Edward Goodens died yesterday morning after a lingering illness. He was a native of England, a member of the Sons of England, and was formerly employed by Murray & Gregory. His wife survives.

Miss Carrie, Thompson died recently at Denver, Colorado. She was a cousin of Senator Thompson, and is survived by her mother, Mrs. Thompson, who now resides in Denver.

Edmund Crossman of Greenville Junction died recently. Mr. Crossman was born in New Brunswick forty years ago. He was married in 1886 and went to Greenville Junction a year later. He was in the railroad business from 1887 to 1912. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, an Orangeman and a member of Columbus Lodge, F. & A. M. of Greenville. Surviving are his wife, four brothers and four sons.

The death of Charles Frederick Moorehouse occurred at his home in Marysville on Monday, aged eighty. He was unmarried and is survived by one sister, Miss Georgina, with whom he resided. Mr. Moorehouse came to Marysville in 1877 to accept a position with the Gibson Lumbering Company on the office staff, which position he occupied until the Gibson Company retired from business.

Mrs. Nellie McGibbon, wife of John McGibbon, of Burr's Corner, died on Monday evening after a lingering illness. She was thirty-three years of age.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Annie S. Barr, wife of Robert Barr of Fredericton, died, aged fifty-one. She is survived by her husband, two sisters and three brothers.

Mrs. George Green died in the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, on Saturday night after a short illness. She was thirty-three years of age and is survived by her husband, who is a member of the staff of the Bank of British North America in Fredericton; two sons, and one daughter, five brothers and one sister.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN  
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