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THE WAR NEWS

Today's news conveys the impression that the German invasion of Russian territory has resulted in failure. The Russian armies are again on the offensive along the whole line. The tactics pursued by the Grand Duke Nicholas appear to have involved a retirement at any point very strongly threatened by the Germans, only to be followed up by a renewal of the attack so strong as to force the Germans in their turn to retire, after having suffered much greater losses than they were able to inflict upon the Russians. This wearing down process, it is now believed, has made Russian territory safe from German invasion, and the Germans are reported to be on the defensive along the whole line. The Russians have also continued to force back the Austrians in Galicia. The situation along the whole eastern battle front offers no comfort to the Germans and the Austrians. In the meantime the allied fleets are hammering away at the inner forts of the Dardanelles, the outer forts having been demolished. It is said that the Sultan of Turkey has made all preparations for a hurried flight to Asia Minor. The forcing of the passage of the Dardanelles may take considerable time, however; but when the feat is accomplished it will be of enormous advantage to Russia. She will be able to get her grain out, and to receive war supplies through that channel.

Comparatively little news has come during the last few days from the battle front in Belgium and France. The Belgian army has been reorganized and re-equipped, and is again a formidable foe of the Germans. Some Canadian casualties are reported, but there is very little official information concerning our troops.

An English cable says that even if the German submarine blockade could be made effective the country has at least a year's supply of food on hand. The conditions in that respect are infinitely better than at the outbreak of the war. But there is no possibility of the blockade being made effective. Germany cannot turn out enough submarines to accomplish such an end.

THE GIVING SPIRIT

A very decided growth of the giving spirit is one of the results of the war, and one which it may be hoped will not terminate when peace is declared. The response of the people to the demands made upon them is really remarkable, although as a matter of fact it cannot be said that up to the present time it has involved any degree of hardship. The people have had the money to give.

There has never been a finer exhibition of generosity on the part of all the people of St. John than that of Saturday, when there was so splendid a response to the appeal of the ladies for money for the various patriotic funds. Everybody was pleased to give, whether the amount contributed was small or large. There was no attempt to dodge the young ladies who patrolled the streets and visited business establishments and the homes of the people. The result of the day's work must be very gratifying to the ladies of Royal Standard Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, who inaugurated the movement, and all the ladies' organizations, as well as individual ladies, who so heartily gave their services to aid in carrying out the details of the work so admirably organized. The citizens also are gratified with the result, to which each in some measure contributed.

Thus far during the great struggle, which has convulsed Europe and a portion of Asia and South Africa for seven months, the people of Canada have not had the horrors of the war brought home to them as they will from this time forward. The Canadian soldiers are now in the trenches, and will be there in steadily growing numbers; but they must also suffer losses, and the casualty lists will hereafter be scanned with interest by every Canadian reader. No doubt the consciousness of this fact was present with the people of St. John on Saturday, and reminded them of the duty of those who stay at home to those who go to war, and to their families and dependents.

To refer again to the great growth of the giving spirit, there is good ground for the belief that it will not shrink again after the war is over. The people have discovered that they can give without serious results to themselves, and that there is a very genuine satisfaction in giving. They are contributing now to the overthrow of an armed enemy abroad. Why should they not be cheerfully given when that task is finished, to funds for the betterment of social conditions at home, and the destruction of enemies of the public welfare in their own community?

ARMS AND MEN

Chancellor Lloyd George said on Saturday that "while England had enrolled the largest volunteer army ever gathered in any country or in any century it ought to be larger still." The chancellor also said, however, that men were needed even more than men.

The early success of the Germans was due to the fact that they had men and

arms in complete readiness, with also a splendid system of strategic railways. They had been preparing for years, determined that when the proper time came they would not be lacking either in trained soldiers or in equipment. And yet, the plans of Germany have sadly miscarried. Although France and Russia and Britain were unprepared, they were able to check the onward rush of the Germans, and hold them while the shortage in men and arms and war material of every kind was being made up. Mr. Lloyd George says that more men are still needed, but especially more arms, which shows that although for seven months all the factories of the allied countries fitted for the manufacture of war material have been rushed, and everything possible has also been purchased in neutral countries, there is still a tremendous task confronting them before their superiority in men and arms will enable them to drive the Germans back and dictate to them at Berlin the terms of peace. These seven months, however, have enormously weakened the power of Germany and Austria, and, as Mr. Lloyd George said last week, time fights on the side of the Allies.

The answer of the allied countries to Germany's submarine warfare is a more sweeping order with regard to shutting off supplies from reaching Germany, Austria and Turkey. It will be easier for them to limit still more the quantity of supplies reaching Germany from neutral countries than for Germany to make an effective blockade of the ports of the United Kingdom.

The American steamer *Dacia* has been captured by a French cruiser and taken into the French port of Brest. The *Wilhelmina* has been thrown into a prize court in Britain. The Allies are in perfect harmony in regard to the matter of the seizure of supplies destined for Germany and any American protest must be made to all of them.

The death is announced today of two men who took an active part in the public affairs of the province for quite a number of years. Col. E. B. Beer was for many years prominent in militia circles, and also actively interested in the promotion of agriculture in Kings county. Dr. J. D. Phinney was prominent in public life, especially in Kent and York counties for many years. During the last twenty years Dr. Phinney has been a worthy and valued citizen of Fredericton, while Col. Beer spent the closing years of his life in the city of Halifax. Both had many friends throughout New Brunswick who remember them for the active part they took in promoting the welfare of the province.

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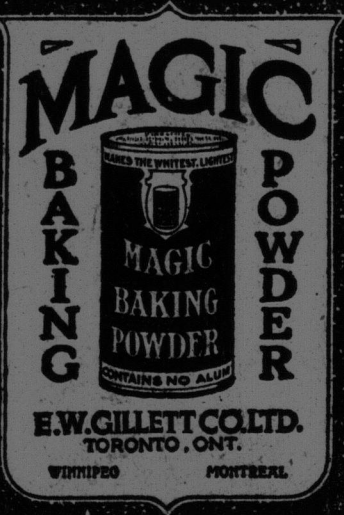
A correspondent of the New York Evening Post is unable to explain the attitude of those German-Americans who are so eager to witness a German triumph in this war. They are people who came to America because they themselves wished to get away from the burden of Prussian militarism, and yet they now appear to desire a world-wide triumph of what before was so very objectionable to them. As a matter of fact, nothing could be worse for the United States than German success, since it would mean that the American people would be compelled to arm in preparation for an inevitable war with the triumphant and aggressive German nation. The aim of Germany is nothing less than world conquest. The Germans in the United States cannot be ignorant of the fact. Perhaps they feel that if it were accomplished their importance as a factor in American affairs would be greatly enhanced.

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The Times quotes on another page today the reply of Hon. William Pugsley to the attacks made upon him by The St. John Standard. A careful reading of the interview will show how utterly unfair was The Standard's attack, and how little The Standard and its friends have to boast about in comparison with Dr. Pugsley's work for the development of St. John harbor. They carried along some of the work he had planned and begun, and some of it they failed to carry on. Had the Liberal government remained in power, with Dr. Pugsley as minister of public works, the harbor improvements at St. John would be today in a much more advanced state. He can quite well afford, as he says, to let the work which he did towards the development of the harbor, both at Courtenay Bay and the West Side, speak for itself. It is to be regretted that the apparent exigencies of the group for which The Standard speaks seem to call for bitter and unfair attacks upon the man who as minister of public works did more for the development of the port of St. John than any other representative this constituency has sent to Ottawa.

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Mrs. Eliza, wife of William Stephenson of Chatham, died on Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchison, of Douglastown. She was twenty-one years of age and was married in August last. Besides her parents she is survived by four brothers and two sisters, two half-brothers and two half-sisters.



LIGHTER VEIN.

Mistress (getting ready for reception)—How does my new gown look in the back, Nora?

Maid—Beautiful, mum. Sure, they'll all be delighted when you leave the room.

Benevolent Individual—Yes, sir I hold that when a man makes a little extra money his first duty is to make his wife a present of a handsome dress.

Stranger—You are a social philosopher I presume?

Benevolent Individual—No, I'm a dry goods merchant.

"Even animals show their feeling," remarked the comedian to a friend. "Only yesterday an animal showed me gratitude. I was wandering along a stream in the country when I met a cow in great distress. Her calf was drowning. I plunged in the water and rescued the calf, and the grateful cow licked my hand."

"That wasn't gratitude," replied the friend. "The cow thought she had twins."

Gloom (in restaurant, having waited fifteen minutes for his soup)—Waiter, have you ever been to the zoo?

Waiter—No, sir.

Gloom—Well, you ought to go. You'd enjoy watching the tortoises while past.

Too Tame.

At a dinner dance, after the maxixe, the girl's partner, a bespectacled young man, said to her, "Let's go and walk in the garden."

"I don't like to go into the garden," the girl said shyly, "without a chaperon."

"Oh, we don't need a chaperon, I assure you," said the bespectacled young man.

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