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THE WAR NEWS

The loss of two British and one French battleship in the Dardanelles, through their coming in contact with floating mines, is a serious one, but it could not be expected that so formidable an undertaking as the forcing of the straits would be accomplished without considerable loss to the attacking party. The Germans have developed the floating mine to a point of perfection, and the vessels which come in contact with it usually go down. It appears that most of the members of the crews of the British vessels were saved, but the men on the French battleship were apparently less fortunate, as she sank very quickly, and apparently only a small number of her crew escaped. Other vessels have been ordered to take the places of those lost, and the attack on the Dardanelles will continue; and of course greater precautions will be taken to save the big vessels from contact with the infernal machines with which Germany now sows the waters. However severe the loss, the passage of the Dardanelles will be forced by the allied fleet.

The occupation of the German port of Memel, on the Baltic, in North-Eastern Prussia, by a Russian army is confirmed, and indicates that a drive through East Prussia from the north is to take place, very greatly increasing the difficulties of the German Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

The British Admiralty announces that there is every reason to believe the report that the German cruiser Karlsruhe was sunk in the neighborhood of the West Indies in November. If that be true, the Kron Prince Wilhelm is the only German commerce raider now at large.

Mr. Frederick Palmer, the Associated Press correspondent, has visited the Canadians in the trenches in France, and found that they were "as chipper as a winning baseball team."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the London Finance and Bullionist Limited, recently, the chairman discussed in a very interesting and optimistic way the future of the Mother Country and the Empire at large. He found in the situation many elements of promise, and declared that "from this war, terrible and devastating as it is, our Empire will emerge stronger in its might and greater in its influence than it has ever been before in all its glorious history." Continuing he said: "The heroic part of our soldiers have played and are playing in assisting in the destruction of the Power that has so long threatened the very existence of every nation that stood in the way of its insatiable ambitions must earn for it the gratitude and goodwill of the civilized world. The effect of this upon the commercial prosperity of the country must be boundless—far greater even than the most optimistic of us can easily realize. The goodwill of the world, I need scarcely remind you, is a trade asset of incalculable value. Think for a moment what the position will be when the war is ended, whether, as we hope, in the comparatively near future, or whether it is prolonged to our utmost fears. As a commercial rival of moment, Germany cannot count for at least a decade. Naturally, her capital resources will be exhausted, her credit must be ruined, her industries and great carrying trade, of which she was so deservedly proud, more or less paralysed, and her very name a by-word of hatred and reproach.

"Contrast with this the British Empire. Regenerated by the fires of suffering through which it has passed, at last really conscious of its own greatness, no longer obsessed by the craven fear of its own decadence, and with the loyalty, the love and the admiration of its children, to the furthest corners of the earth, affirmed and yet reaffirmed, our Empire is impregnable and enduring. Think also of the great Russian nation, of grateful France, of resuscitated Belgium, of the many nations, small in extent, but mighty in strength of nationality, whose continued existence has been assured—think, I say, of this great portion of the world, whose trade and commerce will be gladly poured into our lap, then we shall begin to realize the era of prosperity that will follow this period of trial through which we are now passing. And we shall not have to wait for long. Until our Allies have organized their industries this country must be their workshop, and for raw materials, such as coal and iron, there must be an almost insatiable demand. All the material ravages of Belgium, and much of France, will have to be made good, and those countries, by reason of their own industrial resources having been crippled, will naturally look to us to assist in achieving the work of rehabilitation. The beneficent work must commence immediately upon the conclusion of hostilities.

"I could say much of the way in which British credit has withstood the world-wide upheaval, but I will confine myself to expressing the belief that, however costly this war may be, our credit will be stronger at its close than it has ever been before. Our resources have been tested and proved inexhaustible; they have been conserved and administered in a way that has proved the financial advisers of the Crown to be possessed of breadth of vision, daring originality, unshakable determination and enlightened enterprise that have deservedly won the admiration of the financial-economic world. The measures adopted have been the salvation of the world's financial stability. If they had failed, not only the wealth of even the United States of America could have averted a financial cataclysm of overwhelming intensity. The result of our efforts will be that London, in a wider sense than ever before, will be the great money market of the world."

Premier Scott of Saskatchewan has announced that after July 1 no liquor will be sold at retail in that province, and the wholesale trade will be operated by the government itself with a system of dispensaries. The premier also intimated that later on if the people by a referendum asked for it the dispensaries would be abolished.

It appears to be perfectly clear from the returns brought down at Fredericton that none of the gentlemen in any way connected with the shipping of those patriotic potatoes from New Brunswick to the Mother Country came out of the transaction any poorer than he went in. If some of them came out richer, they will be better able to contribute to a campaign fund to encourage the further growth of the patriotic spirit in our midst.

Three Germans have been sentenced to imprisonment in New York in connection with a plot to obtain a false American passport for one of them. The arch conspirator, however, was declared by the counsel to be a representative of the German government in the United States. The Germans stop at nothing to achieve their purpose. According to the accepted German philosophy any road to success is the right road.

The Chatham World finds in some remarks by the Fredericton Gleaner ground for believing that the Clarke government may increase the rates of stampage. This is what the Gleaner said: "That the present and prospective price of lumber justifies an increase of the rates of stampage at present being paid is an assertion that cannot be successfully contradicted; and in view of present conditions the government would be lacking in its duty as trustee of the public interests if it did not take such steps in this regard as the situation demands."

An examination of the records shows that since the commission plan of government was adopted three miles of pavement have been laid in this city and paid for out of appropriations, compared with one-fifth of a mile laid in the last six years of the old system of city government. Under the old system the appropriation was expended in repairs which practically left the streets as bad as before. During the present year there will be a further addition to the permanent pavement, as the wisdom of this policy has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of every citizen.

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Candid hostess (on seeing her nephew's fiancée for the first time)—I never should have known you from your photograph. Regrets told me you were so pretty. Reginald's fiancée—No, I'm not pretty, so I have to try to be nice and it's such a bore. Have you ever tried?

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Mexican—You'll have to give me a more definite description than that. What does he look like—Puck.

One on Billy

Billy Sunday stopped a newsboy in Philadelphia the other day and enquired the way to the post office.
"Up one block and turn to the right," said the boy.
"You seem a bright little fellow," said Sunday. "Do you know who I am?"

"None."
"I'm Billy Sunday, and if you come to my meeting tonight I'll show you the way to heaven."
"Aw, go on," answered the youngster; "you didn't even know the way to the post office."

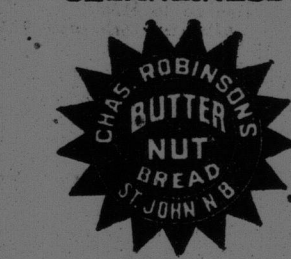
Diamond's Peculiar Position

The South African Diamond Mines are closed. The cutting and polishing industry of Antwerp is ruined. The only other centre of the kind, Amsterdam, is little better off.

At present there are no diamonds being put on the market. The controlling syndicate is holding their surplus stock.

The Canadian government has recently levied a war tax of 7½ per cent.
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house and the watermain, as frequently happens, then the case is serious. In former days these pipes were usually dug up and replaced, at a great expense, or the plumber worked away with a long iron rod from the cellar trying to punch and drill the ice out of the pipe at 60 cents an hour. Now, in many cities, this task is turned over to electricity and the work is easily accomplished, at little expense, and without disturbing the pipes or earth.

In many cities and villages the central electric station has a small transformer mounted on a wagon or sleigh. When a pipe is to be thawed the transformer is brought up in front of the house and connected to the electric light wires. Other connections are made with the frozen pipe and the current is turned on. In a few minutes the passage of electricity through the iron pipe causes the pipe to get warm and the ice is melted out.

An electric battery held against a frozen pipe will thaw it out very quickly. Of course the iron has to be applied to the pipe before it is broken by the expanding ice.—Meriden Journal.

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Barrie took the chair as presiding officer and then kept to it firmly. Throughout the entire proceedings he did not utter a single word, but remained as if glued to the horribly conspicuous chair, looking his predicament, but inwardly amused at the expressions on the faces of all about him, which made dimly clear the fact that he was a failure as a presiding officer.

When the meeting was almost half finished, Barrie took advantage of a talkative group in front of him, and quietly stole away before anyone had a chance to miss him. But the next week a well-known Saturday review printed a satirical article called "Mr. Barrie in the chair." The thing was simply withering in its ironical account of the dumb presiding officer who eventually fled, leaving the meeting to preside over itself. The greatest regret was naturally expressed by those who had persuaded Barrie to come to the Burns celebration, and among his friends tremendous indignation was felt and vented. But, some day they will know, if they have not already found out, that the article was

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