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THE WAR NEWS

What may be the most important item of today's news is a rumor that Greece is about to enter the war on the side of the Allies, in response to wide-spread public sentiment in that country in favor of such a course.

Germany practically admits the loss of two of her submarines. She must also admit that her attempt to establish a blockade of British ports has proved a complete failure.

Today's cables tell us that the allied fleets are making progress in the Dardanelles. One of last night's cables said that concentration regiments in Constantinople, and another said that the Turks would probably abandon any further attempts to invade Egypt.

The Russians continue to make headway against the Austrians and Germans, and one cable says that except in one portion of the Carpathians they are now on the offensive along the whole line from the Baltic Sea to the Roumanian border.

The news from France and Belgium continues to be favorable for the Allies. It is reported that the German army has been placed on short-rations, and that the food problem in Germany grows more serious.

Today's cables tell of a dashing exploit by the Princess Patricia's in an attack delivered against a German trench. A portion of the second Canadian contingent has arrived safely in England, and such meagre reports as are received from France show that the men of the first contingent who are now at the front have shown marked courage and excellent fighting ability.

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There is a bill before the Maine legislature to establish a close season of four years for moose in the state. A motion to postpone the bill indefinitely has been defeated by a large majority.

Mr. Sinclair, M. P., in parliament yesterday corrected a statement he had previously made. Upon going over his figures he found that the increase in the number of civil service appointments by the Borden government was only 18,046.

The Borden government has padded its figures to make it appear that a greatly increased revenue must be secured. This is used as a justification for tax increases, in the interests of the government's friends the manufacturers.

The city of Halifax makes use of twenty-eight buildings for educational purposes. Of these eighteen are owned by the board and ten are rented. Thirteen buildings have been erected by the board in the last twenty-five years, and more are now needed.

More and more men must be recruited in Canada. Not only must this country be represented at the front by a substantial army, but provision must be made for the training of the men to be sent forward as reinforcements. It is as much effort being made as should be made to ensure the continuance of St. John as a mobilizing centre in these provinces?

The 55th Battalion should be mobilized at St. John. Unless that is done the excellent facilities here will be very little used after the 28th Battalion and the 6th Mounted Rifles have gone away. The advantages of St. John are now so well established that there should be no hesitation on the part of the militia authorities in selecting this city as a continuous mobilizing centre.

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LIGHTER VEIN

College Humor "I wonder why there are so few women architects?" "Perhaps women are afraid they might be called designing creatures."

In the Rural Districts. County Justice—"I'll have to fine ye a dollar, Jeff." Jeff—"I'll have to borrow it of ye, Judge."

Country Justice—"Great snakes! It was only to get a dollar I was fining ye. Git out! Ye ain't gully, anyway."

Sunday School Teacher—"What do you understand by suffering for righteousness sake?" Little Girl—"Please, miss, it means having to come to Sunday school.—Tillie."

Impossible. Fortune Teller—"I can see money coming to you, and no sickness whatever. Client—"That's funny, I'm the new doctor on the floor below!"

Schoolmistress (endeavoring to impress upon the class the meaning of the word "entire").—"Now Polly Johnson, tell me what it is with which my face and hands are covered?" "Back came the answer with startling promptitude. "Freckles, miss!"

On one occasion a Jamaican boy who was a switch tender in Culebra Cut, Panama Canal, was found asleep with his head resting on the rails of the switch. "Dat's all right, boss," said the boy when waked. "No train can get by here without me knowin' it."—"The Youth's Companion."

Samuel and Jake arranged a hunting trip, and were to meet the next morning at Jake's home, whence they were to start. Meanwhile Samuel, passing a window, had become hypnotized by a pedometer, which he finally purchased. He was on time in the morning, and the strange apparatus at once caught Jake's eye. "What dat?" he asked, pointing to it.

Mrs. Grubbin—"I wonder why it is so many people put their valises under their pillow before going to sleep?" Mr. Brown don't know; but I suppose they like to have a little money to fall back on.

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