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THE WAR NEWS

The feature of today's war news is found in the speeches of Premier Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George. The former said that the war had become a test of endurance, paid a fine tribute to the splendid endurance and gallantry of the British, referred to Italy's steady and sure advance, expressed confidence in the outcome of the struggle at the Verdun, and in the ability of the French and English to hold the western front. The latter, he said, was far stronger than at the beginning of the war, the seas were clear, and despite the German submarines Britain's supply of food and materials was coming along without any serious interference. The premier sharply censured the faint-heartedness of those who gave comfort to the enemy, and dwelt upon the importance of maintaining the great industries of the country.

Mr. Lloyd George announced that sixteen national munition factories had been established, and ten more are to be set up, and in a few weeks the supply of shells will be doubled, while the manufacture of machine guns is being speeded up with great success.

Some bitterness was injected into the debate by a discussion of conscription, but the government declined to be drawn into the affair.

There is an unpleasant rumor today about an agreement between Bulgaria and Turkey, but Roumanian still refuses to permit German munitions to pass through her territory to the Turks.

THE GALLANT 4TH

With the landing of the 4th Mounted Rifles in England the people of this city and of the maritime provinces generally have another reason for following with keen personal interest the news of the war. In the ranks of the 4th are many well known men from St. John and other parts of New Brunswick. There are in the regiment many college students and other bright and promising young men. It is the testimony of officers that the 4th is notable for efficiency, and it is especially commended at a recent review at Valenciennes. Its members were impatient to go, and rejoiced when the word for departure came. In that fine spirit of adventure and courage which characterizes all Canadian soldiers they left the shores of Canada determined to do their part in the great struggle by which Europe is convulsed, and the issue of which involves the future of their native land. Behind them at Valenciennes they left the 56th Battalion of New Brunswick and the 40th of Nova Scotia, chafing to follow, although their ranks are not yet filled. It is now the duty of the provinces to fill these ranks, that these battalions may also be well drilled and efficient when the word comes to them to follow the 4th and the 26th and the other maritime province units which have crossed the ocean. There is also the 64th Battalion to recruit, and we must bestir ourselves, or our solemn professions on Aug. 4th will not be as impressive as they should be. This is Canada's war.

A SOLEMN APPEAL

In all soberness, Ralph Connor, the eminent Canadian novelist, who has been at the front and has returned with his invalid brother to England, sends an appeal to the people of Canada. Note his words:

"Seriously, soberly, solemnly let it be said that unless the Empire can furnish, in overwhelming quantities, munitions of war, and in overwhelming numbers men of war, the bitterness and humiliation of defeat will be our portion, and the shame and slavery of an infamous and tyrannous militarism will be the portion of our children."

In the strongest terms the appeal is made to the women of Canada, and who should have a deeper interest in the future of Canada's children? The women must not hold back their men "when honor and safety bid them go."

Surely this appeal will not fall upon deaf ears. After reading it and going about the streets of the city, noting the number of able-bodied young men, one wonders if there is anything short of a German shell that will arouse all the people to a sense of the seriousness of this world-crisis. No man has a right to question the motives of another man who does not go to the front, nor can any individual know of the struggle that may be going on in the mind of another, or the influences bealing upon him, or the difficulties that harass him; but it must be obvious to every observer that Canada, New Brunswick, this city of St. John, have not yet enough of their sons in the king's uniform. The more one reads of the destructive life of the savage cruelty of the Germans; of their disregard of treaties and of international law; of the madness that seizes our heroic soldiers as they see themselves wounded and their comrades falling around them without being able to prevent the slaughter—the apparent indifference of so many people at home seems nothing short of criminal. What has happened in Belgium and France would happen in Canada if the hand of Germany could reach so far. The manhood of Canada must save Canada, and it must be done on the battlefields of Europe. If anything were needed to

arouse the manhood of New Brunswick it can surely be found in the statement of Lieut. Frank Tingley of Moncton, severely wounded and home from the war. He says:

"The Saxons are fair fighters, but there is nothing too atrocious or too bad for the Prussian Guards. Bavarians, they will do anything. In one farm house where Captain W. A. McKie stayed in Belgium, I saw a little Belgian baby with its arms cut off, the work of some of the German Huns. It was a pitiable sight and made our blood boil. I heard of lots of other terrible atrocities, but did not see any more evidences of it. As I was passing along the road one night I met two wounded infantrymen who told me that they had just left the barn door where the Canadian soldier was crucified. Despite their wounds which were quite serious, these men were white with rage at the terrible atrocity, and were anxious to get their wounds dressed, so that they could get back on the firing line and get revenge."

In view of such statements as these, and of the appeal of Ralph Connor, we may quote again the verse quoted by Rev. Dr. Campbell at Crystal Beach on Sunday morning:

"Who's for the trench—
Are you my laddie?
Who'll follow French—
Will you, my laddie?
Who's feeling to begin—
Who's going out to win?
And who wants to save his skin—
Do you, my laddie?
Who's for the khaki suit—
Are you, my laddie?
Who long to charge and shoot—
Do you, my laddie?
Who's keen on getting fit—
And who'd rather wait a bit—
Would you—my laddie?"

A SHAMEFUL RECORD.

The Conservative party in New Brunswick, as in Manitoba, needs to be completely reorganised, with new leaders who can command at least the confidence of their own party. Mr. Fleming is not the only one who ought to be retired. It is true he has been ousted by the machine for a federal contest, but he is not expected to run, and certainly could not be elected. In the provincial field from which he has retired, however, there are others who ought to go, for they have not profited by the lesson of the Dugal inquiry. The old standards and the old methods still prevail, and those for whom such papers as the Standard and Gleaner speak are still deterring the policy of the party. This is unfortunate for the party and for the province, but the condition will only continue until the people get an opportunity to speak at the polls. Those who express the view that the public conscience has become accustomed to scandalous revelations that it will not be aroused to action at the proper time are far too pessimistic. The Southamton Railway disclosures, the timber graft, the Valley Railway affair, the more recent Kent and Gloucester county scandals, and now the hold-up of the liquor interests at a time when their financial interests were at stake, make too long and too black a record to be overlooked or forgotten. The province of New Brunswick must redeem itself.

Keep up the good work of providing machine guns.

Perhaps the relaxation of the standard for recruits will bring more of them. They are needed.

The affair of the hold-up of the liquor dealers was too hot to handle and the Standard has dropped it. Rather significant—that.

Now let us see if any of those responsible for the steamer horror in Chicago will be punished. The coroner's jury has placed the responsibility and it is up to the courts.

NEWFOUNDLAND LOSSES

LARGE TRADE IN FISH
War Has Diverted Much of It to the United States and Canada.

St. John's, Nfld., July 28.—The transfer to the U. S. and Canada of a large amount of trade ordinarily carried on between Newfoundland and Great Britain is one of the results of the war. This arises from the changes in the shipping situation. The gradual withdrawal of trans-Atlantic steamers from this port because of the transport needs of the British Admiralty and the requirements of the British trade has reached a point where only three small steamers are now plying between St. John's and Liverpool.

Those are freight vessels of the Purcell line with no passenger accommodations. The latest reduction in service is taking of the Atlantic steamers which for fifty years have plied between Glasgow, St. John, Halifax and Philadelphia. These ships, the Mongolian, Carthaginian, Pomeranian and Sardinian, are to be transferred to the route between Montreal and British ports. Business men have necessarily made new connections in Canada, and the United States steamers making weekly trips between St. John, Halifax and New York are laden to the hatches.

Douglas Conklin of Huntington, L. I., while playing golf, dove from the tree for a hole 100 yards distant. He and the caddies spent almost an hour searching for the ball, until one of the caddies found it in the cup. The hole had been made in one stroke.

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The Exemption
"The disaster at sea is appalling!" "Yes," replied the Englishman, who now favors prohibition, "the only thing a man isn't supposed to take a chance on drowning is his sorrow."

Impossible
"I told you to take the bill up to room 12." "Well, I did." "Impossible, I hear the gentleman still singing."

In and Out
"The last time I met Blanche was soon after her marriage. She certainly took a lot of pride in her husband."

Well-Known Physician
Some years ago there was a toll-gate on a plank road leading to Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit. All funerals were allowed to pass along this road without paying.

One day, Dr. Pierce, a well-known physician, while paying his toll, jokingly remarked to the gate-keeper, "Considering the benevolent character of our profession, I think you ought to let us pass free of charge."

"No, no doctor," said the gatekeeper, "we can't afford that. You send too many dead-heads through as it is."

Lawyer-Judge, I want you to fine this man who was knocked down by my client's car.
Judge—Fine him? Why?
Lawyer—He had a nail in his clothes and it punctured a new tie.

Fiddle Youth
Alps—Geese came to our house every evening for three months.
Mai—Well?
Alps—I don't know whether he got tired of my company or just wanted to hear all our music machine records.

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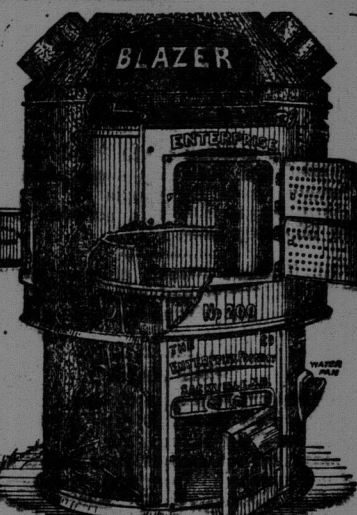
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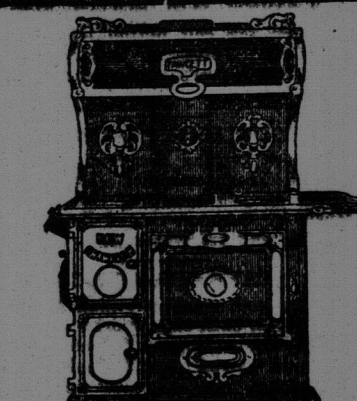
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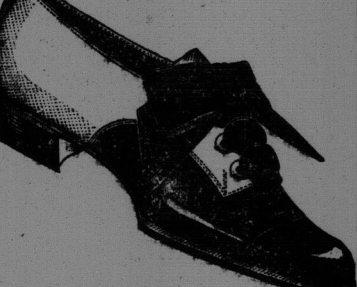
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STIRRING SPEECHES AT RECRUITING MEETING IN RAILWAY CENTRE

Hon. C. W. Robinson and Hon. F. J. Sweeney in Call For Rally to Colors

Hon. C. W. Robinson and Hon. F. J. Sweeney were among the speakers at a great recruiting meeting in Moncton Monday evening. The Transcript report says:

Hon. C. W. Robinson spoke briefly but in an inspiring manner on the object which had brought them together. Although he feared that his inexperience in such matters would fit him to render but little aid to the recruiting campaign, he was heart and soul with the movement and intended to do what he could to help the good cause along. He reminded the young men that England and the empire of Great Britain is now almost the only nation in the world where the army and navy for national defence are raised by voluntary enlistment, but this splendid symbol of freedom can only be retained through ready enlistment in time of danger.

No one wanted to see the free British soldier reduced to the status of a conscript and he did not believe that the young men of Canada and of Moncton would ever allow such a thing to come to pass. He believed that for the present the young men are needed, but if the older men's services too become necessary thank God he and others present were willing to do their duty. It is the duty of the young men to enlist and of the old men to give machine guns, money, or anything else what can be turned to good account by the boys at the front. "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall."

Hon. F. J. Sweeney

The Hon. Frank J. Sweeney, K. C., followed Mr. Robinson and spoke in a humorous eloquent vein which made a tremendous hit with all his hearers. His theme was the unity of the British Empire in times of peril. In times of peace, he said, our people are also, but too small in their dealings with one another. Race, color and creed cut but too much of a figure in our politics and those who have never seen our empire in time of war, might imagine from the hickering in times of security, that the whole was ready to fall apart at the first breath of adversity.

But such is not the fact. The chairman has referred to the splendid showing of the Irish in this war and his words are true, and I am proud of the great showing made by the people of Ireland. But at the present day there are no Irish, there are no Scots, there are no Englishmen, Hindus, South Af-

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