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What the Fall of Constantinople Will Mean.

The fall of Constantinople, which is expected to take place inside the next few weeks, will undoubtedly prove to be the biggest thing of the war to date.

The probabilities are that the capture of the Turkish capital is the one thing necessary to draw Italy and Rumania into the war.

Italy is, of course, vitally concerned in the expulsion of the Turks from Europe, and in the curtailing of Turkish power in general.

The Swiss Military System.

Various suggestions have been made in regard to the best method of increasing the number of men for active service abroad.

The suggestion has been made that Canada adopt a system somewhat on a par with that in vogue in Switzerland.

Potatoes Going to Waste.

A short time ago The Journal of Commerce published figures showing that while farmers in New Brunswick were receiving but 35c. a barrel for potatoes, consumers in Montreal were paying \$1.50 a barrel.

fore, a difference of \$1 which is divided between the commission man, the wholesaler and the retailer, a sum far out of proportion to what either the producer receives or what the consumer pays.

If the Government are thoroughly alive to the situation, they will investigate the matter and see why this big discrepancy exists.

Last year, largely as a result of the "Safety First" campaign carried on by the railroads, there was a decrease of 49 in the number killed, and 332 in the number injured on Canadian railroads.

Quebec last year produced minerals to the value of \$12,359,000, coming fifth among the provinces.

The cry "Send us the best you breed" is being nobly responded to by the college men of Great Britain.

The Equal Suffrage League do not intend to let the Mrs. Langstaff case go by default.

The Journal of Commerce extends its best wishes to "Le Progres Ouvrier"—a new French-Canadian weekly paper, edited by Mr. J. A. Beaudry.

There seems to be considerable justification on the part of the insurance companies in Ontario in resisting the tax which the Government has imposed upon them.

THE HUNDRED YEARS OF PEACE

Unfortunately the great celebration of the centenary of the signing of the peace treaty between Great Britain and United States has proved impracticable by reason of the terrible war now convulsing Europe.

The Federal Public Roads Bureau in its report of January 23, gives some figures which show how the land-owner gets the financial benefits of road improvements.

GOOD ROADS AND GOOD VALUES

The trouble with our voluntary system is that many young men without family ties or responsibilities of any kind prefer attending hockey matches, football games and otherwise enjoying their leisure to going to the front.

FREE TRADE AND PEACE

The best peace maintainer will be absolute free trade. Not that peace cannot otherwise be maintained, for it can.

GRANARY AND WHARF.

Here's to Canada; the world's granary and Nova Scotia its long wharf!—Halifax Chronicle.

BLIND SPECULATION

Farmers' holdings of wheat are estimated at about one hundred and seventy million bushels out of a crop of about eight hundred and sixty million bushels.

The German markets are fluctuating wildly under the influence of war news from day to day.

The United States is by far the largest copper producer in the world; in fact, we produced more than all the rest of the world together.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

It wouldn't take the average woman long to make a selection if she had a choice between a clear conscience and a clear complexion.

Society Note.—Mr. Werner Horn, a distinguished German who was the guest at a bridge recently in Eastern Canada, is now taking the rest cure in New York.

"By jove, I am glad to see you looking so gay and festive!" said Mr. Old-Friend. "You were all in black the last time I saw you."

Pat and Mike bought an alarm clock. On the first night it ran all right; on the second night it did not run right; on the third it was worse, and on the fourth it stopped entirely.

The dentist had just moved into a place previously occupied by a baker, when a friend called.

"War is one thing, football is another," said Percy Haughton, the Harvard coach, as reported in the New York Times.

Pensively Patrick gazed into the pigsty and fixed his eye on the fat little object that snugly snorted to itself.

"The lost children of Belgium (William Hurd Hillier in N. Y. Sun)

All through the by-ways of Belgium the fatherless children are crying— Fatherless, motherless children, with great eyes dully imploring.

Children for sale—yes, free for the asking to all who will take one— Threefold orphaned waifs; and they might have been yours or mine!

Headstrong prince, or medallion'd duke, or helmeted kaiser— Driven indeed by the avenging forces of Fate if you will—

All through the by-ways of Belgium, the fatherless children are crying— Fatherless, motherless children, with great eyes dully imploring.

Blank, dull fear, as they stumble astray, 'mid the dead and the dying!

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ADVANCE DID NOT INTIMIDATE

New York Believes That Within Next Months NATIONAL LEAGUE

Strength of C. P. R. Meets With in Wall Street—M. K. and T. for Foreign Account

Exclusive Leased Wire to The Journal New York, March 5.—Opening though prices were a fraction high showed an inclination to sell on there was evidence of sagging to few minutes.

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