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THE WAR NEWS

The Russians have lost Kovno, but still hold forts to the south, and today's cables tell of very heavy losses inflicted on the Germans in another part of the fighting front. It is by no means a one-sided affair, even if the Russians are losing ground. There is still anxiety, however, concerning the safety of some of their armies.

The Italians are still gaining ground against the Austrians, and relations between Italy and Turkey are more severely strained.

The New York Tribune has a story about a wonderful new British gun for which Kitchener is waiting, but no enthusiasm is likely to be aroused by such stories until the shells begin to fly and that German line in Belgium and France begins to waver and fall back.

Two more Canadian artillery brigades and an army medical corps have arrived safely in England.

The German submarines have sunk seven vessels in the last day or two, but all of them were of small tonnage. The Zeppelin attack on London killed ten and wounded thirty-six persons, but did not do any other serious damage. There is still an absence of any news of great moment from any part of the war zone, unless Kitchener's visit to the western front is more than a mere tour of inspection.

WHERE WILL IT END?

Evidence submitted before Commissioner Chandler at Fredericton yesterday was to the effect that men operating for Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, M. P. F., cut railway ties on crown lands in Gloucester both before and after Mr. Stewart secured the lease of these lands, and that no stumpage was paid to the province. The cutting began in the fall of 1913, and it was not until December of that year a lease was issued to W. G. White, who four months later transferred it to Mr. Stewart. No report was made by the government sealer concerning the cutting of lumber throughout the fall and winter, and the following winter, and Col. Leggie testified yesterday that no stumpage was received by the government. It was also stated in evidence that some of the trees cut were very much under the regulation size. The testimony of Col. Leggie also brought out the fact that the first cutting, before a lease was secured, was clearly a trespass on government lands.

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Evidence was also submitted yesterday to prove that the Farm Settlement Board paid \$1,000 for a farm, the owner of which only got \$1,500; and he swore he was told by the manager of the Royal Bank that the latter had sold the farm to Mr. A. J. H. Stewart for \$1,000, and the latter had turned it over to the Farm Settlement Board for \$1,500. It was proved that the bank got \$1,500, but only \$1,000 was credited to the account of the owner of the farm. The \$500 is alleged to have gone to Mr. A. J. H. Stewart. The owner of the farm says the bank manager assured him that neither he nor the bank got any part of it.

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The St. John Standard this morning slightly censured in its report the facts both in regard to the trespass on crown lands and failure to pay stumpage, and the sale of the Knowles farm.

Does the Standard represent the attitude of Premier Clarke in this matter? What does Premier Clarke propose to do about it?

What does the Conservative party in New Brunswick propose to do about it? Is there any sense of shame or sense of right left in that party? Who is its spokesman? Is it the Standard—or Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, M. P. F.?

THE CHILDREN'S AID

Having been provided with some funds the Children's Aid Society is losing no time in taking up its important work. Necessarily there is much to be done to get the machinery in full working order, and indeed that cannot be done until funds to provide a shelter are made available; but urgent cases can be dealt with and much good accomplished by merely having an active agent with the power of the law behind him. It will be necessary to get a list of desirable homes for children in the province, and this will take some time. In the meantime the society should have the co-operation of the citizens, so that within a year or two the approach that St. John has no proper means of caring for its neglected and dependent children may be at least partially removed. No less than five cases were before the advisory board yesterday. Delinquent parents must be made to understand their responsibility, and the penalty for their failure to accept it; but, more important still, the helpless little ones must be given a fair start in life. For this, and this only, the Children's Aid Society exists.

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TREATMENT OF SOLDIERS

If the story of the enlistment, equipment and treatment as to pay of the Canadian soldiers is ever written in full, it will reveal evidence of stupidity, incompetence and worse. Why should a young man's father have to buy boots for him weeks after he had enlisted, and why should he go for weeks without a uniform? Why should any portion of a soldier's pay be held back? Who gets the benefit? Why should a man accepted by one medical officer and put in uniform be rejected by another doctor and sent home? Many more questions which reflect upon the conduct of military affairs are being asked, because the men who do not receive proper treatment have a right to ask them, although apparently they have no redress.

The press has been very conservative in dealing with even well-founded complaints, because of a desire to encourage recruiting, which is the great need; but the best means, after all, of encouraging men to enlist is to make it certain that they will get a square deal. It is about time Sir Robert Borden and Major General Hughes returned from their junketing tour and gave their personal attention to military matters and the organization of the industries of Canada for war purposes. This country sorely needs leadership, and it is not altogether the fault of the men if recruiting is slower than it should be. If it is true that many young men have accepted unfair treatment as part of the sacrifice they are to make for their country, and their conduct shines by contrast with that of the persons in authority who draw large salaries—and draw all of it—brought to do their duty to the fighting men; but whether it is politics or something else that is at fault a remedy should be applied without delay. This country has now been at war for more than a year, and there is absolutely no excuse for a lack of system and the assurance of a square deal to every man who enlists, whether it be in the matter of equipment, food or pay.

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RECRUITS AND HORSES

A Western Paper Makes Some Cautious References to One Brand of Maritime Province Patriotism

(Saskatoon Press.)

There were two interesting items of news from the maritime provinces in the despatches this week. One related to recruiting statistics, and the other to the buying of horses for war purposes.

The recruiting statistics showed that the maritime provinces recruited three-fourths of one per cent of their population, as compared with three and three-fourths per cent from Saskatchewan. The maritime provinces were a fraction above Quebec, which was the lowest on the list. The news concerning the buying of war-horses was in the form of evidence given before the War Contract Commission, which is trying to clear out the Angus horse stables in the maritime provinces. The evidence showed that the government purchasing agent was looking for veterans. The majority of the horses acquired were between the ages of ten and twenty years, sprung in the knees, touched in the wind, and otherwise afflicted. Witness after witness testified that the animals they sold were aged and infirm, but the price received for all horses bought for the government in Nova Scotia have been \$172.50. The purchasing agent, a well-known political leader, stated that old animals were good enough to shoot up. So every honest farmer who had an old steed (and had the reputation of being right) brought it along and showed his patriotism by cheating the country at the great hour of her need.

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Only Three Disparal Irish London, Aug. 18.—A French doctor who has just returned from a German prison declared that when the Germans attempted to form an Irish brigade to fight against England from two thousand and prisoners at Lemberg only three agreed "who else" others mobbed the guards who made the proposition.

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(Bangor Commercial)

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The officers of the company are Hon. J. K. Stinson, president; Frank C. Hinchey, vice-president; Irving G. Stinson, treasurer; and Waldo F. Lowell, general manager.

The company has acquired large timberland holdings in New Brunswick and will carry on an extensive business in timber and the manufacture of lumber.

Mr. Hinchey has been interested in timberland in New Brunswick for some time, making frequent trips there.

Mr. Lowell, formerly of the Lowell & Engel Co. in Bangor, has resided recently in Fredericton, N. B., since becoming connected with a lumber concern in that province, and has had long experience in the business, both in this section and elsewhere.

The head of the new company is the president of the First National bank of Bangor and the treasurer and vice president of the same institution.

EXAMPLE TO YOUNGER MEN.

Amherst News—Joseph Crawshaw passed through Amherst yesterday with the 40th Battalion for Valcartier. A wife and five children were given secondary consideration to his country, but he need not worry—Amherst will look after them. Thomas Crawshaw, an uncle of "Joe," is also a recruit with the 40th.

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