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## THE WAR NEWS

Will the German armies in France make another determined stand and engage in another great battle, or will they merely detach a portion of their forces to hold the allies if possible in check while their main armies continue the retreat and endeavor to escape toward the Rhine? That is the question the military observers are asking, and their views differ. The military correspondent of the London Daily Express says that the allied armies are continuing an enveloping movement in the hope of cutting the German lines of communication, and closing the avenues of escape; but he is not sure that the movement will be accomplished, or that if the net should be successfully spread it would be "strong enough to hold the quarry." Most observers appear to be of the opinion that the Germans will entrench and make another effort to hold their ground. There seems, however, little reason to believe that they will be able to do so, even if, as one report alleges, their present position should be more favorable to resist attack than that which they occupied during the disastrous battle of the Marne, from which they withdrew with such heavy loss. Their armies must be greatly exhausted, and they have not the ability to bring up reinforcements of fresh troops as is being done by the allies. The latter, ever since the tide of battle began to recede from the vicinity of Paris, have been able to bring up fresh troops, and they should now be able to confront the Germans in at least equal numbers. If the French left should be able to turn the German right and prevent its retirement through Belgium, and if the French right should be able to advance from the vicinity of Verdun and cut the lines of communication of the Crown Prince's army, then the Germans would have no alternative but to fight a battle for existence or capitulate to the enemy. One correspondent thinks it possible that the Germans will merely make a show of resistance while their main armies are retreating; but the French and British flying corps would surely be able to discover such a movement, and thus enable the allies to prevent its successful accomplishment.

If today's cables are confirmed the position of the German armies is much worse than had previously been assumed. There was a fear that the armies under the Crown Prince and the Duke of Wurttemberg, who were operating in the region of Verdun, would be able to break through the French lines. Indeed the news from Berlin has been to the effect that the Crown Prince had succeeded in the investment of Verdun. Today's news is to the effect that the Germans never really made an attack upon Verdun, but upon Fort Troyon, which is not part of the defenses of Verdun, but protects the heights of the River Meuse; and that Fort Troyon has now been relieved by the French. This means that one of the possible routes of German retreat, between Toul and Verdun, has been closed, and the armies of the Crown Prince and the Duke of Wurttemberg must move north and attempt to retreat by what is called the Stenay Gap. This would cause a congestion of the German armies in that narrow region, and make their position more perilous in the possible event of a hurried retreat. Apparently the armies on the German left, while they have not been compelled to retreat so far, have really been no more successful than those on the right, which have been forced back such a long distance from Paris. It is estimated that the loss of the Germans was five to one in the battle of the Marne. They abandoned great quantities of ammunition and supplies in their disastrous retreat. It must therefore be an exhausted and disheartened army whose generals are trying to make up their minds whether to make another determined stand or to continue a retreat which would be attended by further severe losses.

Today's cables tell us that two Austrian armies have effected a junction in Galicia, after having lost forty per cent of their effective force; but that they are still in imminent danger of utter defeat or surrender to the Russian hosts, which are putting forth their utmost efforts to achieve victory over the dual monarchy in order that they may be safe from attack from that quarter on the march to Berlin. The news of further successes by the Serbians and Montenegrins against the Austrians in the south is confirmed. There is a report to the effect that the Kaiser is going to East Prussia to direct the campaign against the Russians in that part of the field; but if he has no more success than he is alleged to have had in directing an attack upon a French position in the western theatre of war he may as well return to Berlin and endeavor to explain to his people the disasters that have overtaken his armies. It may well be believed that the German people are filled with anxiety as a result of even the small portion of the truth which they are permitted to learn through the German press. Everywhere the situation favors the allied armies, and although there are still great German armies in France, and a German army is still operating in Belgium, it cannot be long before actual warfare is confined to the soil of Germany and Austria, and the

collapse of Austria will come much more quickly than that of Germany.

What little news comes from the scene of the operations of Japan in the far east shows that the Japanese are making progress in their attack upon Tsing Tau.

## A STRONG CANDIDATE

At a Liberal convention in Westminster county yesterday Mr. A. B. Copp was chosen as the standard bearer of the party in the by-election to fill the seat made vacant by the death of the Hon. H. R. Emmerson. The death of Mr. Emmerson was a great loss to his party and to the country. The present is no time to conduct a political campaign, and a great deal of surprise was caused by the action of the Conservatives in holding a convention to nominate a candidate. It would have been much more to their credit if they had accepted the decision of Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier to call a truce in party politics until the end of the war. Since, however, they were so possessed by the spirit of partisanship as to call a convention and nominate a candidate, there was no course for the Liberals but to follow their example. In the selection of Mr. A. B. Copp they have chosen a popular standard bearer, who has had a large experience in public life, and who should have no difficulty in winning a majority of the votes of the people of the county. They know him well, and have confidence in his ability and integrity as a representative. It is true that Mr. Copp was defeated the last time he appealed to the electors of Westminster county, but that was the fate of all but two members of his party in an election which the people of the province have since had ample and grave reason to regret, since it has been followed by the most scandalous revelations ever made in the political history of New Brunswick. Mr. Copp is well qualified to be an able representative of his county and of the province at Ottawa, and his election to the seat made vacant by the lamented death of Mr. Emmerson would be entirely in the public interest.

## THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR

The Imperial German Chancellor has been endeavoring to arouse prejudice against England by insinuating that she would not have interfered to protect Belgium if the violation of that country had been threatened by France instead of Germany. The London Official Press Bureau very effectively answers this question by pointing out that the French government had assured England that it would respect the neutrality of Belgium. It is also pointed out that in 1870 Prince Bismarck approached England on this question, and when he was told that treaty obligations in relation to Belgium must be observed he at once abandoned any thought of violation. The German government of 1914 has not followed the course pursued by Bismarck in 1870. Replying to other unwarranted statements made by the chancellor, the Official Press Bureau notes one in which he suggests that Great Britain was false to the cause of freedom in her treatment of the Boer republic, and it very properly commends the attention of the chancellor to the statement made the other day by Premier Botha that the Boers would ten times rather be under the British flag than any other. The response of the whole British Empire following the declaration of war is a sufficient answer to other statements made by the chancellor, who is the unhappy and apparently unprincipled advocate of a lost cause.

The people of Montreal, both French and English, are extremely tolerant, and they would not permit Mr. Henri Bourassa to give expression through his newspaper to such views of the war as he has lately uttered. The French and English press of the city, so far as they notice him at all, content themselves with denouncing him. In Germany a man of his sort would very quickly find himself behind the prison bars, if worse did not befall him.

The British aviation corps has won the thanks of the British commander, and has also been thanked and highly complimented by the French commander-in-chief. The scout work done by this corps has been of inestimable value, not only to the British but the French commanders. A few years ago there were many people in England itself to complain that while France, Germany and other countries were making great progress in aviation, the British war office was neglecting this important service. Now, when the time of trial has come, it is found that the British flying corps has no superior, and that in actual warfare it has easily proved its superiority over that of Germany.

## HUMAN SWINE

A Toronto man is debited by the Telegram with this remark: "I'll not enlist until the Germans are destroying my own property." It's a little exasperating to think that thousands of noble lives are sacrificed and countless millions of money spent to protect the property of such human swine as this Toronto man.

## "A SONG OF THE SOLDIERS"

(By Thomas Hardy)

What of the faith and fire within us,  
Men who march away,  
Ere the barncocks say  
Night is growing gray,  
To hazards whence no tears can win us  
What of the faith and fire within us,  
Men who march away?

Is it a purblind prank, O! think you  
Friend with the musing eye,  
Who watches us stepping by  
With doubts and dolorous sigh?  
Can much pondering so hoodwink you?  
Is it a purblind prank, O! think you?  
Friend with the musing eye.

Nay, we see well what we are doing,  
Though some may not see—  
Dallier as they may be—  
England's need are we.  
Her distress would set us reeling;  
Nay, we see well what we're doing,  
Though some may not see.

In our heart of hearts believing  
Victory crowns the just,  
And that braggarts must  
Surely bite the dust,  
March we to the field unglrieving,  
In our heart of hearts believing  
Victory crowns the just.

Hence the faith and fire within us,  
Men who march away,  
Ere the barncocks say  
Night is growing gray,  
To hazards whence no tears can win us,  
Hence the faith and fire within us,  
Men who march away.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Always is it thus.  
To buy her presents his cash is spent,  
And her words of thanks were sweeter  
Than honey,  
But when he had squandered his last red  
She married a youth who saved his money.

She Filled the Bill.  
John Sloan, a painter, was lecturing on "Models" before an art class in New York.  
"Then there is the frivolous model," said Mr. Sloan. "She, unless very beautiful, is to be avoided."  
"A frivolous model brought a friend of mine to court her."  
"No, no," he said, "I only do still life—flowers and fruit."  
"Well," said the model, looking up at him, reproachfully out of limpid blue eyes, "well, aught I a peach?"

An Explanation.  
"What do they mean by the deadly parallel?"  
"The comparison you draw between the summer hotel and the prospectus."

Accepted.  
"You're a mighty poor talker, especially to the girls. How did you raise the nerve to propose to Miss Sweet?"  
"Oh, I didn't say much of anything to her. I handed her a solitaire ring and she slipped it on her left forefinger and said: 'All right; it fits.'"

An Embarrassing Situation.  
She—Oh, dear! I forgot to wind my ankle watch!  
He—Allow me—er—that—did you?

Not for Grape Juice.  
Tailor—How about pockets?  
Customer—Quart size, please.

Extra Inducement.  
Auto Demonstrator—Now I will throw in the clutch.  
Uncle Eben—Till take the machine, then. I knew if I held off long enough you'd give me something to boot.

A Scandal in the Kitchen.  
"That horrid woman has broken up my home!"  
"Taken away your husband?"  
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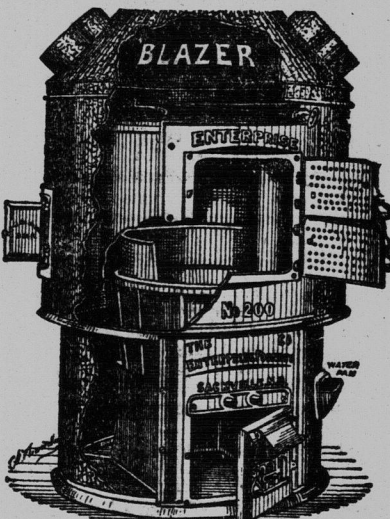
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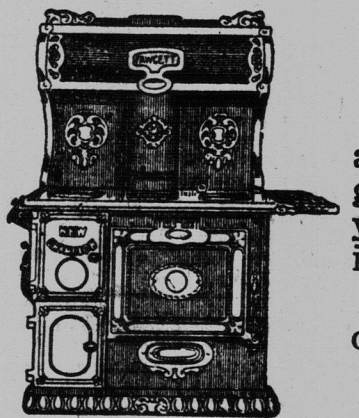
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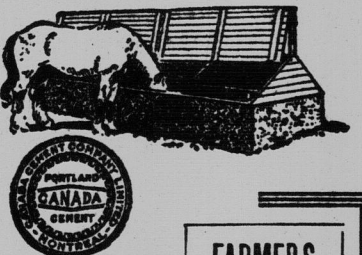
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(New York Times)

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For you shall wander where red Mars is master,  
Where bullets hiss and shrieking sharpens  
There with deft hands, your woman's tears withholding,  
You stop the ebbing of the patriot's life,  
Or you may close his longing eyes, be-holding  
In you the angel of the hateful strife,  
Now 'neath the tent-roof over which is flying  
In solemn mockery, the flag that holds at bay  
Bullet and shell—your very self deny-ing—  
You watch and work, and hope and dumber pray.

You've stanch'd the tears that flow at life's beginning—  
Your now to still them at its early end;  
Yours, too, to catch, the while the ranks are thinning,  
Some final word to mother, sweet-heart, friend.

You have a mission while the cave-man lingers,  
While to his maddened vision there remains  
Only the club he clutches in his fingers  
Only the stone to win his childish gains.

## THE MACHINE GUN

(From the Scientific American)

Many reports of the war in Europe speak of the terribly destructive fire of the machine guns.

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