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THE WAR SITUATION

Today's cables indicate that the British have brought up their guns and munitions and completed their plans for a new drive against the German lines. The battle is in progress, and is said to be progressing well. French and British are co-operating in the most effective manner on the whole western front, and both are making headway against the enemy, despite the fact that he has been hurrying new divisions to this front in a desperate effort to check the advance.

The assertion now often made that the morale of the German armies has been broken down seems to be well founded. The superiority of the Allied artillery is now beyond question, and the guns leave much less for the infantry to do than has been the case at any previous time in the war. The effect of the relentless pressure of the great drive is seen in the eagerness with which German soldiers throw up their hands when the British or French infantry storm their position after one of the fierce bombardments which are the preliminary to a successful rush and the gain of more enemy territory. Lord Curzon declares that the military situation is distinctly encouraging, although he adds that the military power of Germany must be further broken before she will accept the terms the Allies will impose. His remark: "Keep your eye on Mesopotamia" would seem to suggest important developments there in the near future.

There is fresh evidence each day that the economic situation in Germany and Austria is growing desperate. The submarine campaign was expected to starve Britain into submission, but the starvation will be in Germany and Austria, and will sooner or later bring revolution. The latter will come the sooner if the advance of the British and French in the west cannot be checked.

The destruction without warning of two hospital ships, causing the death of wounded soldiers, including a number of Germans, is a crime that will add fresh fuel to the flame of wrath and hatred which Germany has done so much to enkindle and keep alive since the war began. We are proud and thankful that it was the Prussians who rushed and fought for the lifeboats, while the British stood to attention and faced death like the heroes who were.

Five German destroyers who tried to raid the Straits of Dover lost two of their number, if not three, and failed to inflict any damage in return. The British navy is supreme.

HYPOCRISY EXPOSED
In 1911 the prairie provinces had to elect only 27 representatives to parliament. The number was small, and the demand of the west for free wheat was refused. In the next general elections those provinces will elect 48 representatives, and the party which in 1911 solemnly asserted that to talk of free wheat was treason has now unblushingly adopted that policy. It wants to win the farmer vote of the west. In 1911, believing that a flag election was the thing, the cry of "no truck or trade with the Yankees" was raised, and it was asserted that reciprocity would wreck the empire. Many Liberals were foolish enough to be deceived by the flag-trick, and voted against their party, although in doing so they linked themselves up with the Bourassa wing of the Borden party. They can see now how they were deceived, and how they helped by their votes to cheat Canada out of the benefits of a reciprocity which the Tories now embrace as a sound policy. In the hope of gaining western votes the Tories have appropriated to themselves the Liberal policy of free wheat and flour. They have been guilty of "the treason that barbers on the right for the gold of the kings of the south." And they hope, in common with the rest of the country, to get away with it. The Montreal Star in 1911 said:

"If we turn the swollen stream of our food exports away from the west-coast lines that carry it to the British market and send it along the north-south lines to the American market, or rather, the American middleman, we will utterly shatter the costly steel framework of this nation, and debase the dominion to a string of subject provinces serving the convenience of the nearest American centres. The bridge over the wilderness at Lake Superior will be broken." Nothing has changed since 1911 so far as geography and the railways go. The only change is that the Tories could not now afford to go about denouncing an ally of Britain and of Canada. And so, to bid for the enlarged vote of the west, there is an unblinking right-about-face on the free wheat question. And the Toronto News, the chief Tory organ, admits that wheat and flour will remain free as long as the American market is open. For half a dozen years the people of Canada have been cheated out of benefits they should have enjoyed. Referring to the quotation from the Montreal Star, the Toronto Star says:

"All this is just as true or as untrue today as it was six years ago. The only thing is that the prairie provinces have

43 votes instead of 27. Votes were to be gained in 1911 by opposing reciprocity. Votes are to be gained now, it is hoped, by granting reciprocity." The Toronto Star also recalls the book called "Unconscious Traitors," published in Winnipeg, in which the author gave the Germans credit for boosting reciprocity. He said:

"I confess to having a fixed idea that the reciprocity campaign was, if not inspired by, at least fomented by German intrigue and subsidized by German gold, and a strong suspicion that German influence was visible in the Canadian campaign, and that German money was siphoned into Canadian politics in the mysterious way in which such campaign philanthropies are carried out."

It ought to be reasonably clear to this gentleman now that the Germans, if they wanted reciprocity between Canada and the United States, have brought Sir Robert Borden to their way of thinking. The truth is that by making the United States an ally of Britain the Germans have robbed the Canadian Tories of the "old-flag" cry, and those western votes must be got at all hazards. Hence the adoption of the Liberal policy of free wheat and flour. But is it not shameful that a great party should charge its opponents with treason and at the same time ally itself with the real traitors? Had Sir Wilfrid Laurier been willing to deal with the Nationalists he might today be prime minister. He preferred defeat. Not so Sir Robert Borden and his party. They waved the flag with one hand to defeat reciprocity, and held out the other hand to the men who boasted about holes being shot through the British flag. The whiff of time brings its revenge. We quote again from the Toronto Star:

"It is a solemn warning not to allow patriotism to be made a football of designing politicians—not to allow the flag to be trampled in the mud—not to give offices and fat contracts to men who falsely claim to be more loyal than their neighbors. The alliance with Bourassa and the Nationalists was executed upon the plea that reciprocity must be defeated at all costs. Now reciprocity is an accomplished fact, accomplished by the men who denounced it as diabolical."

The citizens of St. John would have deemed it a great honor to have been permitted on Saturday morning to extend a welcome to the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, en route from Halifax to Washington. Let us hope that pleasure may be ours in happier times, when the grim shadow of war has passed from the land.

Will Sir George Foster and Sir Thomas White live on suite at their Washington hotel? Has the new reciprocity led them to bury the hatchet? By the way, they will have a fine opportunity to enlarge on Sir Robert Borden's eloquent allusions to the Union Jack and Old Glory rushing to battle together.

The cadet movement in the public schools should be heartily supported by parents and teachers. It makes for greater physical efficiency, which helps mental development, and the discipline is of distinct value. It is the kind of preparedness our young people need.

Yesterday's great military parade reminds us that recruiting is practically dead in this province. What will the government do about it? There are long lists of Canadian casualties. How will the thinning ranks be filled?

St. George's Day is honored with more than ordinary fervor this year, because of the success of British arms in the great struggle for the supremacy of righteousness in world affairs.

Toronto Globe:—"It seems almost cruel to resurrect the absurd things said by Conservatives in their obstruction of tariff relief, but the temptation is too strong."

TO STUDY NURSING
Miss Isabelle Mays, who has been a member of the circulating staff of The Telegraph and Times has resigned and will leave this evening for Worcester, Mass., where she will enter a hospital to study nursing. Before leaving, a handsome writing portfolio, completely equipped with fountain pen and silver pencil, suitably engraved, was presented to her by her associates of the two papers. On Thursday evening she was the guest of honor at a farewell dinner given in the Victoria hotel by the young ladies of the office staff.

THE DAY'S RESULT.

(Edgar A. Guest in Detroit Free Press) Is anybody happier because you passed his way? Does anybody remember that you spoke to him today? This day is almost over and its toiling time is through. Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along? Or a cheerful sort of "howdy" and then vanish in the throng? Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along your way, Or is someone mightily grateful for a deed you did today? Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping fast That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed? Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said? Does a man whose hopes were failing now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or use it, was it well or poorly spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent? As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say, You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

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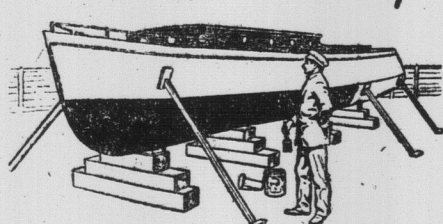
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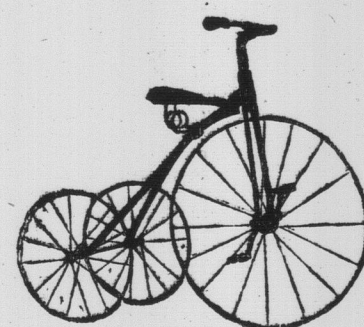
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RECENT DEATHS

Michael Doran
Michael Doran, himself a veteran of the imperial army, and whose family even to the third generation is now fighting the empire's battles, died yesterday at the home of his son-in-law, L. B. Campbell, Little River. He was a member of the first 22nd regiment, the "Cheshire Buffs," and during his period in the army he served in more than one of Britain's campaigns.

John Doran, a son, who went overseas among the very first, returned home wounded but a month ago. Two grandsons—Stewart W. Campbell and Frank H. Doran, and a son-in-law, John McCann, Albert of Massachusetts and G. A. of M. R. A. Limited here.

Many will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Gustav M. Hatt, 29 Golding street, in the loss of their infant daughter, Dorothy M. Hatt, who died yesterday after a brief illness.

Elizabeth Greer, widow of Robert Greer, died at her home, New Maryland, on Thursday, aged seventy-one years. She is survived by six sons, James W. and Archibald, of Maryland; John, of Danforth, Me.; Robert, of Plaster Rock, Victoria county; Harry, of Fredericton; Charles, of New Maryland; and four daughters, Mrs. Stephen Bailey, of Calais, Me.; Mrs. Christopher Rynas, of New Maryland; Mrs. John Bailey, of St. Marys; and Mrs. William Homestead, of New Maryland.

Mrs. John C. Walker died on Friday at her home in Buctouche after a short illness. Mrs. Walker was eighty-two years old.

Dr. W. G. King, a Kent county physician, dropped dead at his home yesterday. He was sixty-seven years old.

IN THE CHURCHES

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church observed their 182nd anniversary yesterday. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Dr. W. J. Clarke of Westmount.

The twenty-first anniversary of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church was observed yesterday. Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison of West St. John preached at the morning service and Dr. Clarke of

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The fact that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, commander in chief of the Balkan forces, has a favorite black charger which he has named Varna, after the place of that name on the Black Sea, where his summer place is situated, reminds one of the affection which has existed between celebrated soldiers and the horses which have accompanied them through their numerous campaigns. One of the most famous war horses was Lord Roberts' gallant charger, Voloncel, which died a few years ago, and lies buried near the Royal Hospital, Dublin. Voloncel was a grey Arab, which Lord Roberts bought in India. He rode the animal to Kandahar. Lord Roberts was very much attached to the animal, and when Queen Victoria awarded medals to the soldiers who had gone through the Afghan War the hero of Kandahar proudly hung around his charger's neck the Kabul medal with four clasps and the Kandahar star of bronze. The best known of Lord Kitchener's war horses was a handsome chestnut which he named Omdurman. The animal carried Kitchener during the battle, and ultimately went with his master to South Africa during the Boer War. Westminister Gazette.

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WOMEN TO TEACH FARMING

Society women in khaki trousers and shirts hoeing potatoes and milking cows on a big Long Island farm—the women's section of the Navy League if plans announced at a meeting at the Hotel Astor in New York on Friday afternoon succeed. Friday night fifteen women had enrolled for the agricultural class of No. 6 National Service School of the women's section of the Navy League, which will be opened at the New York state school of agriculture at Farmingdale, L. I., on April 23. The class will live in the school buildings, where they will be charged \$25 a month board for the three months of the course. There is no other charge except for the uniform. Miss Alice Carpenter is chairman of the executive committee of the school; Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg is chairman of the agricultural committee, Miss Fay Kellogg, of direct transportation and Mrs. Mary Moskowitz will be quartermaster. The agricultural course is independent of the training camp, which will open on July 5 at Farmingdale, and where the women will live in tents. This camp will be similar to that conducted at Chevy Chase last year.

Albert A. Johnson, director of the Farmingdale school, told the members of the section at the Astor meeting on Friday of the opportunities for good work by women who knew something of gardening. He said that in a radius of a three hours' ride of New York city there were 3,000,000 acres of land, of which 2,400,000 was not used for agricultural purposes. Of the 2,400,000 acres, he said, 50 per cent. could be put under cultivation. "If we put all this land under cultivation," he said, "we could feed New York city without outside aid. It is a problem of bringing the landless people to the peopleless land."

ELEPHANTS COMPELLED TO HAUL CIRCUS TRAIN

When a circus train on the Southern Pacific came to an involuntary stop near Galveston not long ago, investigation by the engineer revealed the cause, it is reported, in a carload of elephants right behind the water tank of the engine tender. Being athirst and dusty the intelligent animals had reached with their trunks through the end window of the car into the tank, and every drop of water had gone to assuage elephantine thirst and spray vast areas of dusty hide. The elephant trainer was summoned from the caboose to a consultation and solved the problem of moving the stalled train by unloading the four offending elephants, who were then chained in tandem in front of the locomotive and compelled to pull it for a distance of three miles along the track to the nearest water supply where the tender was replenished.—From the May Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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