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THE WAR NEWS

The news from Greece is still far from satisfactory. Among other rumors to-day is one that the pro-German party in Greece is seeing an agreement of some sort with Turkey, looking to a new Balkan alliance.

STRICKEN SERBIA

Of the sufferings of the people of Serbia a letter from Monastir, dated Nov. 23, says:—"Serbia is starving. Men, women, children, and even animals, fleeing before the advance of the hostile armies, are dying in hundreds by the roadside and the mountain passes. In large areas of this war-racked country there has been no food for many days. Packs of dogs prowl the breadless land like wild animals, searching for food. The world war has developed no scenes of greater horror than those being enacted along the trail of the marching armies. The road from Nish to Monastir is lined with dead horses, interspersed with the bodies of men and women and children—fugitives who dropped out through exhaustion and lack of food. More refugees are still streaming in, stumbling into the outskirts of Monastir, semi-delirious because of the privations they have suffered, or hysterical with joy over their safe arrival in a spot where they may at least find some little food. Mme. Slavko Crois arriving here today after a terrible twenty-day trip from Nish, described some of her experiences. "Even the horses we rode were starving," she said. "Some fell exhausted by the roadside and died before our eyes. We were members of a government party, and the most we could get to eat each day was a scanty half loaf of bread. The others, women and children as well as men, dragged themselves along day by day on foot with little or nothing to eat. Women fell ill for lack of nourishment and lay down in the road to die, surrendering their babes and little children to the care of strangers."

The centre of interest, however, continues to be in the Balkan region. Developments there will have a very important effect in determining the duration of the war.

AUSTRALIA LEADS

Australia is setting the pace for Canada. The Commonwealth proposes to increase its force at the front to 800,000. In Canada we have been talking of 200,000. Australia has a smaller population than that of Canada. The Toronto World explains that there is a larger proportion of foreign born people in Canada, and that many of the French-Canadians and "have been accustomed to a 'parochial view of their responsibilities,' and that perhaps there is a smaller constituency of British blood to draw from than in Australia. Admitting this, however, the World rightly contends that Canada should put forth greater efforts. It says: "It is all the more necessary that those who understand the world obligations which the traditions of British freedom everywhere and always impose upon her children, should bestir themselves in Canada to make and take opportunities wherever possible to show their appreciation of the world-task which Britain has undertaken for the sake of truth and freedom. If we cannot equal Australia, nearer though we are to the centre of the war, we should not fall far behind."

Germany cannot win. Col. Feyler, a military critic, tells a Swiss journal that Germany cannot win this war, and proceeds arithmetically to demonstrate the truth of his assertion. He points out that Germany has lost her best troops and must now depend upon the older men and mere youths. The long front on which she is compelled to fight has been the chief cause of the loss of her best men. Then Col. Feyler makes this comparison:—"For three Germans killed or put out of action per kilometer and per day on a front of 1,200 kilometers the Empire loses in one year, roughly, 1,800,000 men of a population of 70,000,000, or one-fifth of the total. On a front of 1,000 kilometers Russia, with a population of 160,000,000, loses only one-one-hundred-and-sixtieth, or three times less, with 40,000,000 inhabitants, without counting her colonial populations, loses 450,000, or one-three-hundred-and-ninetyth. Lastly, Great Britain, on a front of 120 kilometers, loses one-one-hundred-and-forty-sixth of the population of the United Kingdom, exclusive of the colonies."

Chatham World—L'Acadie strongly urges the formation of an Acadian battalion, and shows how advantageous it would be to the status of the Acadian people of Canada. Nearly six hundred, it says, are already in the ranks in different companies and battalions, and the Acadians get no credit for them. To form an Acadian battalion, it says, "would be an act of national loyalty; an indubitable proof of good will to defend the Empire and the constitution which guarantees to us rights for which we are ready to fight against any enemy who may menace them."

There is some discussion in Montreal and Toronto papers on the subject of the care of wounded soldiers. The Toronto Telegram, Conservative, offers these among some other remarks:—"Canada is blessed with an abundance of big business ability. The trouble is that Sir Robert Borden and his associates with two or three exceptions, possess no big business ability themselves. Still less do they possess the knack of finding big business ability outside the ranks of the government or of its hangers-on. Canada's wounded and invalided soldiers are being made the victims of inadequacy and inefficiency in the Militia Department. A business man like Sir John Eaton and a dozen other business men in Canada could soon find ability sufficient to solve twenty such problems as the problems that swamped the administrative resources of Canada's Militia Department."



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Smith replied:—"Do you take me for a prophet?"
"No," responded Jones. "Up to the present I have always regarded you as a loss."

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Very Tryng.
"Well, that's enough to try the patience of Job!" exclaimed the village minister as he threw aside the local paper. "Why, what's the matter, dear?" asked his wife.
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In Germany, a land of big families, a decrease of 23 per cent in the birth rate of July last, as compared with the same month last year, is noted.

ST. JOHN THE MAIL STEAMSHIP PORT
Decision Letter from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to Premier Borden—Halifax Pretexts

The following letter by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to Sir Robert L. Borden is of much interest—
Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal, November 23rd.

Dear Sir: I wish that it were possible to comply with your request to have our passenger ships call at Halifax on the inward and outward trips this winter, but, as I said to you personally, I am convinced that it cannot be done in the interest of the country.

The war has brought upon us a condition of things with reference to our Atlantic steamship service, that could not have been foreseen, and that it will be difficult for us to satisfactorily meet, even with our greatest efforts. As you know, a great many of our ships have been taken by the Admiralty, and we have found it impossible to replace them, a sufficient number to replace them. In these circumstances, we must either utilize such steamships as are available to the utmost, or we must permit a substantial percentage of our Canadian exports to be diverted from our Canadian ports.

Apart from all other considerations, the Halifax call would involve a delay to our passenger ships of from two or three days on each round voyage, with a like reduction in their freight carrying efficiency. Our endeavor must be this winter to avoid unnecessary detention of a single hour, so as to secure the full advantage of their carrying capacity. By running direct to and from

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