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THE WAR NEWS.

Day after day passes and the German armies have not yet made their great stroke, nor have they been able to penetrate French territory. Whether this is due to the fact that they have been perfecting the military machine, or whether it is due to the splendid resistance by the French and Belgians, it has certainly been bad for Germany, since now the Russians are crossing the eastern borders and will make it necessary for the German military authorities to make provision for a strong defence in that quarter.

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RUSSIA AND THE POLES. A Paris correspondent declares the Czar's proclamation to the Poles to be one of the great master-strokes of history. This proclamation declares it to be Russia's intention to restore Poland to its original territorial integrity, and to grant it complete autonomy, reserving only the right to appoint a lieutenant-governor. The appeal is made to the entire Polish population of Russia, Austria and Germany.

UNITED CANADA.

With the exception of sporadic and insignificant evidence here and there of a partisan spirit, the Canadian people have forgotten their political differences. This was shown in parliament yesterday when all the members joined in applauding Sir Robert Borden, and when he crossed the floor to confer with Sir Wilfrid Laurier immediately after the opening ceremonies. The Liberal weekly letters dealing with Canadian politics. Parliament will pass a war vote of \$50,000,000, and will give the government authority to take whatever action may be deemed necessary to uphold the honor of Canada in this crisis in the affairs of the Empire.

Worse than Ever. Monday Night's Street Car Service in North End Sharply Criticized. While the car service to North End for the last three weeks has been such as to make walking an exercise more popular than ever, it was generally agreed that at no time was it in a worse state on Monday evening. A car left the tracks near St. Luke's church, and for some time resisted all efforts to replace it. Even after it was put on the rails again it was necessary for repairs to be made to the tracks, so that the head of Harrison street became a transfer junction for people going to Douglas avenue and Indian town.

THE BRITISH FORCES. The British war office keeps its secrets well. We know that a considerable portion of the flower of the British army has arrived in France, and that Sir John French has been in conference with the government and the command-in-chief of the French armies. We are not told, however, the exact number of British troops taken across the English Channel, nor is there the slightest indication as to where and in what manner they will co-operate with the armies of France and Belgium. It may be taken for granted that Lord Kitchener has laid his plans well, and that when the British army strikes it will strike hard. We will wait with all the more eagerness and anxiety the news from the front, having the knowledge that when the great battles are fought British soldiers will be engaged in the effort to hurl back across the German frontier the armies of the Kaiser. The Germans are said to have a contempt for Britain's military forces, and one of their generals is credited with describing them as "good enough to fight Boers and natives, but of little use in a European conflict." This general has something to learn. A writer in the Toronto World says that Germany also greatly underestimates the number of men Britain can place in the field. This writer estimates that if necessary Britain can throw fully 500,000 men across the Channel, and still have sufficient to guard her own shores. We have no means of knowing whether the British army now in the foreign field numbers 50,000 or 100,000, but presumably the latter number is much nearer the mark.

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FATHER GETS GOOD NEWS FROM DAUGHTER IN BELGIAN CONVENT. Many in St. John will be pleased to learn of reception of a letter by T. H. Haley from his daughter, Madame Haley, of the Sacred Heart community at Ixelles, just outside of Belgium. The letter came in yesterday's mail and told of all being safe.

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Hoch der Kaiser!

Rear-Admiral Coughlan, of the United States navy, who has just retired, will be chiefly remembered because he recited "Hoch der Kaiser" at a dinner of the Union League Club a couple of years ago, and almost created international complications by doing so. The verses are as follows:

Der Kaiser von das Fatherland Und Gott und I all dings command; Ve two-ach! Don't you understand? Meinself-und Gott!

Vile some men sing der bower divine, Mein soldiers sing "Die Wacht am Rhein, Und drink der health in Rhenish wine Of me-and Gott!

Dere's France, she swaggers all around, She's sussefuld-she's no aground; To much we think she don't amount, Meinself-und Gott!

She will not dare to fight again; But if she should, I'll show her blain Dot Elias and (in French) Lorraine Are mein-by Gott!

Dere's Grandma dinks she's nicht schmal beer; Midt Boers and such she interfere; She'll learn none owns dis hemisphere But me-and Gott!

She dinks, good Frau, from ships she's gay; Und soldiers midt der scarlet coat, Ach! We could knock dem, Pout! I like dot, Meinself-midt Gott!

In dimes of peace, beware for wars, I bear der helm and spear of Mars, Und care not for den thousand Caars, Meinself-midt Gott!

In fact I humor efray whim, Midt aspect dark and visage grim; Gott pullt mit Me and I mit him, Meinself-und Gott!

LIGHTER VEIN. Looked Like It. During George Edwards' illness J. A. E. Malone has been looking after his great musical comedy interests.

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PARLIAMENT GUARDED FROM AERIAL ATTACK

Guards at Opening Yesterday Carried Real Ammunition Owing to Report of Strange Craft Seen Hovering Over Ottawa. Ottawa, Aug. 18.—Rumors which reached the militia department today that an attempt might possibly be made to engineer, by means of aeroplanes, an attack upon the parliament buildings resulted in the taking of most extreme precautions by those in authority. Such precautions have never had a parallel before during the opening of any Canadian parliament.

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By Rev. Dr. Downes. (Tune Melita). God of our fathers at whose call We now before Thy footstool fall; Whose grace has made our Empire strong, Through love of right, and hate of wrong; We pray Thee in Thy pity shield Our soldiers on the battlefield. If there be eloquence in grief, Or if in Diety relief; If heaven regards the valorous deed, Or sighs to see the patriot bleed; We pray Thee in Thy pity shield Our soldiers on the battlefield.

BOTH DROP POLITICS

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O ye who wandering temptest sown "Neath every alien star, Forget not where the breath was blown That wafted you afar! For ye are still her ancient seed, On younger soil let fall— Children of Britain's island-breed, To whom the Mother in her need Perchance may one day call! —From "Froems" of William Watson