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CHANGING GENERALS

Douglas Haig, and being himself created Republican surprise may be sprung dur-

a Viscount and placed in command of ing the next six mo the Home forces. Sir John French has frequently given praise in his despatches to Sir Douglas Haig, and he has the ad-

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defeat a prospective candidate. Judge Hughes is an able jurist, a keen studen and a good speaker, and his record i clean. But there is nothing to indicat that he wants to run; in fact he says he will refuse to allow his name to come

to accept. Scores of other men are tioned, but with the exception of Col Roosevelt, none seems to be taken

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been President instead of Wilson the position of the United States today would have been much more dignified than it is. Wilson has tried to keep the European war and issues growing out of it out of politics, but he has not been successful. Roosevelt has seen to that

It is possible, however, that if the Colonel leads a party denouncing the gov-ernment for its "spineless" war policy. William Jennings Bryan may lead an-other condemning his old chief for his militarism-for Bryan is openly antagonistic to any policy of prepare

Meantime the Republicans are search Sir John French, according to London cablegrams, not only retires from the suprefile command of the British forces to be a really strong man in sight. But ecause of impaired health but has the it does not follow that an able candihonor of nominating his successor, Sir date will not be found. More than one

SIR RICHARD MERIDE

Sir Richard McBride is handing over ditional satisfaction of seeing Sir Horace the reins of power in British Columbia Smith-Dorrien and General Sir Charles to Hon. Mr. Bowser, and the common Munro honored with very important commands after he has publicly recog-nized their valor and ability in the field. In the English papers of late there have been suggestions that important wicker, Mr. Bowser, has been regarded changes in the higher commands in the by many as the driving force of the ad-British army were likely soon to be an-nounced, though the causes behind these be impossible for him to escape responstatements have not been freely dis-cussed. Sir John French was one of comparatively few high officers who made a reputation in South Africa, and

SENATOR GILLMOR'S GIFT TO EMPIRE: ONE SON WRITES FROM THE FRONT.

SENATOR GILLMOR AND HIS THREE SONS, in order, from left to right, Captain Dan, of the 148th bat-

which are now being completed. The apologists seek to hold the Liberal party responsible for the government's inac-Much evidently remains to be done, and tion during that period. That attempt it can be done only through organization on the part of men of light and leading in those counties where the Frenchspeaking population is numerous. cerned, properly and chiefly, with Can-ada's efforts to devote its whole fighting In France it is estimated that eleven weight to the successful prosecution per cent. of the entire population is in the army. If we were to apply that the war. The revival of this controversy in Conmeasure of duty to this whole province

servative circles is undoubtedly due to it would mean 38,500 soldiers. If our anxiety over the outstanding fact that Acadian population of 93,000 were to Sir Robert Borden and his associates. provide recruits as France has done its for those three years prior to the war. hare would be a little more than ten effected precisely nothing in the matter battalions. The Acadians are a brave, hardy and of Imperial naval defence. They must

continue to live with their responsibility. energetic people. They will never fight in a better cause than the present one. NOTE AND COMMENT If they but recognize that they will soon It is a fine compliment that Sir John fill up the ranks of the new battalion. French pays to the Empire's volunteers,

For sixteen months they have fought AUSTRALIA AND CANADA. side by side with the regulars and have The Standard, reviving the naval conshared with them "in equal degree" the troversy, argues at length in support of heroic courage so characteristic of the the impossible theory that Sir Wilfrid British race. Laurier and not Sir Robert Borden is responsible for the fact that Canada to-day has no navy as Australia has. After column or so of allegations against the military advantage, and so speak of it. Liberal party, the Standard comes to this The Allied aviators take a different view of these things. It is not their purpose to drop bombs on hospitals; they prefer

"What Australia has done is to Can- objects of strategic importance. Therein ada's shame, no doubt. But the respon-sibility rests with the government that was in power up to within three years of the outbreak of the was and with the umasiling that made it importible that

opposition that made it impossible that Canada should have in the British navy today three super-dreadnoughts." The Allies seem confident of their sible attack. The guns of the fleet are The Allies seem confident of their sible attack. The guns of the fleet are For what was not done after Septem- an important factor in the defence of

er, 1911, in naval matters, that is, for this base, and every day the Angloaree years before the beginning of the French forces are growing in numbers war, Sir Robert Borden and his asso- and their fortifications are being made ites must accept responsibility. Had stronger. The Allies, it would seem, are they carried out the Laurier naval policy, in Saloniki to stay.

hey carried out the Laurier many being the solution of Sector Britain are being to the Solution of Sector Solu the improved Bristol class and two torthe improved inistoi class and two for pedo-boat destroyers, in addition to the eruisers Niobe and Rainbow, and by the end of this year there would have warmly praised for their unsemanness in recommending to the government a substantial reduction in their incomes. Their remuneration is still large but been at least one other cruiser and one they have set a fine example to other they have set a fine example t other destroyer, not counting upon the highly paid men in public life. Their fact that the construction programme action is praiseworthy to a high degree. would undoubtedly have been speeded un under war conditions. "Every German battalion mowed down

Winston Churchill and Mr. Borden, as by the Allies' fire," says the London their speeches show, had no idea of hav-ing the proposed Canadian dreadnoughts liverence." The Express adds that it

200,000

Recruiting Brisk is the Avera Have Contribu

Ottawa, Dec. 19--Res to December 15, show now called to the color During the past three 50,000 men have enliste ent time recruiting is brisker than it has bee especially in the rural During the first fifte ber, about 12,500 recru or at the rate of near Of the total number of during the fifteen days uted nearly 6,000, or amount enlisted from ion; Quebec furnished cruits; the Maritime 1,200; Manitoba and 2 2,200; Alberta, 2,200 a hia and the Yukon 2,1 Returns from the s visions and districts in up to December 15 t cruits enlisted for all outbreak of the war to 000 men, and 7,000 off

PATRIOT Municipal Council

For Soldiers' Co Assess \$40,000 Causes - Gran Detention Home

The municipal coun nuon voted the sum of tic purposes to be inc ment for 1916. The r ed unanimously and st apportioned the grant cent. to the patriotic to the Red Cross cau Among the Soldiers' tion, the local branc Club and a fund f wounded and returne the purchase of hospi In addition \$3,000 the establishment of ; tion Home. Provision an immediate grant o diers' Comforts Ass them in their present the Christmas endeav During the conside legislation Councillor nearly stealing a marc with his land tax pro in an amendment to ing an amendment Taxes Act of 1912, w ly introduce a bill to the inauguration of] ation in the county of vided for a \$1 poll tax assessment levied on matter was debated

only by the sesting McLellan. The amendment p poll tax of \$1. the re ment to be levied on property and income. The committee on also reported unfavo nosed law for drainage recommended that a pointed to confer government on the pointment of a drain A. M. Belding, clough, Rev. W. R. I

a grand total of 205. men, including about 19

\$41,000 FOR

of generals before Grant, Sherman and Meade came to the front. The Empire, after all, has much for which to thank Sir John French. He was in command at the Marne and dur-ing that the first and second class travel in the Atlantic liners must suffer as a from tremendous handicaps both in the his opinion that not only will the leisured the struggle is over.

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whit do well to remember that in the many commanders and that in the characterizes the situation confront-course of any long war such changes ing the owners of the North Atlantic he thinks, will create a great demand follow the example of Bishop Welldon having spent too much. But the war has the many commander in the situation confront-the thinks, will create a great demand follow the example of Bishop Welldon having spent too much. But the war has course of any long war such changes ing the owners of the North Atlantic are by no means uncommon. In the steamers as one of the most difficult for labor which would tend to restrict that has ever been presented to them, and he does not look for much relief of generals before Grant, Sherman and he does not look for much relief until a long time after the war is ended. Next, the month of teservists who left America to the front to

IN THE FIELD.

submitted proposals for the building of been quite so obsessed with the idea that the Canadian cruisers and destroyers they could make everybody in the world seven actually guaranteed delivery on afraid of them, they would have shown time. The call for tenders, dated Feb- a great deal more common sense."

formerly spent selfishly on themselves. Of course, this refers mainly to people

ruary 4, 1911, called for four cruisers and six destroyers, the first cruiser to be de-livered within three years from the sign-note of Lord Derby's remarks at a re-

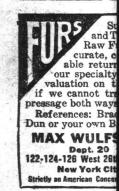
The Empire, after all, has much for which to thank Sir John French. He was in command at the Marne and dur-ing all the fighting when the British played so great a part in checking the Calais. That fighting constitutes one of the most jeriorus gares in British mil-tary history. Sir John French, too, dur-tary history. Sir ing of the contract, and a subsequent cruiser each following year. That would John French's valedictory to his troops

Patterson appeared on behalf of the Chil and asked that their \$8,000 in order to and include the opera home for juvenile de also the juvenile cour request was granted, At the evening se bonds for the cost of the morgue was au proviso that the title

main in the city. Other bond issues meet the cost of wat tensions to the new \$4,500, and to cover

tensions, \$2,500. The council adjou noon for half an ho of the funeral of th Barker in respect to

One in every seve United States was ders.



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