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THE WAR NEWS

The heaviest fighting continues to be in the eastern area, where the Germans are making a desperate effort to break through the Russian lines. The heaviest fighting since the early part of December is said to have taken place during the last two days, when the Germans threw enormous forces against one point in the Russian line, and where in the terrific fighting whole companies were destroyed. The losses on both sides must have been very serious, but since the Germans were the attacking party their loss would be much the greater of the two. Farther north of the point where this great battle occurred, another Russian army crossed the Bzura River and now threatens the German flank. The Russians continue to hold their own at all other points.

In the west the allies have made some slight progress at some points during the last few days. The French have compelled a German commander in Lower Alsace to remove his headquarters to a point farther back, and all attempts of the Germans to advance have been repulsed. The repulse of the Turks near the Suez Canal is confirmed, but a Turkish attack in greater force is anticipated.

An Ottawa despatch quotes Captain Janney, who has just arrived from England, as saying that the British could now place another million men in the field at a moment's notice. The first Canadian contingent has lately been inspected by the king and Lord Kitchener, and it is announced that Sir George Perley, who has gone to France, is there to look after the arrangements for the Canadians who will shortly go to the front. An interesting story comes from Ottawa to the effect that a number of leading officers of the United States army have taken up their residence in Canada, and are considering the formation of an American brigade, to enlist and fight for the cause of Britain. The German proclamation concerning the blockade of all ports in the United Kingdom is not taken seriously in Britain or elsewhere, since Germany has not the power to make any such movement effective.

BRITAIN'S ANSWER

England's answer to Germany's paper blockade of British ports is of a character to show to the world and to Germany especially that the game of bluff is a very poor game to play when the interests of humanity are at stake. The British answer takes the form of 3,000-400 soldiers under the British flag, who will assist France, Russia, and Belgium in relieving the world from the curse of Prussian militarism. These soldiers will assemble from all parts of the Empire which Germany had supposed was ready to fall to pieces at the sound of the German war drum.

Germany's announcement of a blockade has not created any panic in shipping circles. "Business as usual" is still the motto of the steamship companies of Britain, the United States and Canada. It is very properly observed that if Germany were able to cut off Britain's food supply she would not have waited six months to do it. While she has been able to do some damage with submarines her fleet is still kept in safe shelter, and will be more likely to remain there because of what happened to the squadron which approached the British coast on a recent Sunday. This war is to be settled on the continent, as well as in the waters around the United Kingdom; and when 3,000,000 British soldiers join the French and Belgians in confronting the German armies which he spared to meet them, all sorts of German proclamations will be merely waste paper.

"THESE LITTLE ONES"

When will the citizens of St. John become aroused to a sense of their duty toward the children who are not getting a fair chance in life? A group of strong men could almost have wept with a father and son who were present at a hearing yesterday before Mr. Justice McKewen to determine the future of the boy in the case. There were originally father and mother and boy. The mother went away. The father came to St. John and during last summer was able to pay the board of himself and the boy. For the last two months the two have been sleeping in the harness room of a barn. They have been eating food that was bought ready cooked. Not long ago the father went away for over a week and the boy was left alone. His case was taken up in behalf of the Children's Aid Society and a shelter was found for him. In the meantime his father returned. At yesterday's hearing the father said he was unable to take proper care of the boy, who is twelve years old today, and who has attended school so little during his lifetime that he scarcely knows his letters. The father was quite willing that the boy should be taken over as a ward of the Society, and expressed his willingness to pay so much per week toward his maintenance. It was evident he really cared for the boy and that the boy was passionately fond of his father. Yet, for the boy's good it was necessary to separate the two. The boy is a particularly bright and pleasing lad, who with a fair chance will doubtless become a clever man.

On Wednesday a boy who had no

home at all, and whose mother is in prison, was brought to the president of the Children's Aid Society. He had been given shelter for a week but that could not continue. Arrangements were made for his transfer to the Municipal Home, but a lady who knew the boy and loved him made a better arrangement. She has got a good home for him for a few weeks, and friends will pay the very small amount per week which the family with whom he is domiciled are to receive. Whether he too will become a ward of the Children's Aid Society is not yet decided. This boy is eight years old and of a most lovable disposition.

These two cases show the need of a proper shelter for children. There are many cases in the city which should receive the attention of the Society, and yet, because the Christian gentlemen who make up the Municipal Council have refused to give the society a grant they are unable to provide such a shelter. The best they can do is to deal with a case here and there, which is not likely to involve expense, and where satisfactory arrangements may be made with little difficulty. How much longer do the Christian people of St. John, the church going people of St. John, the praying people of St. John, the self-respecting people of St. John propose to stand this sort of thing?

Who are the gentlemen who are willing to come forward and save the city if the present commissioners or any of them should be recalled? It is a business proposition.

A great falling off in the contributions to the patriotic fund in this province is reported. While the receipts in January were only a little over two thousand dollars, over seven thousand dollars was paid out.

It would be a distinct loss to the city of St. John if all the work which has been carried on by the Playgrounds Association should have to be abandoned. Yet that is the prospect unless funds can be raised to continue the work on a limited scale.

The uniform of the Sixth Mounted Rifles will soon be seen upon the streets of St. John. The opinion appears to prevail that this force will be sent to Egypt. As soon as the second contingent has gone there will doubtless be active recruiting for a third infantry contingent as well as for the Mounted Rifles.

The New York Herald prints today a scathing denunciation of Germany's declared policy of destroying neutral ships if after a stated date they attempt to enter ports in the United Kingdom. The Herald wants to know what the United States proposes to do about it, and declares that country cannot and will not tolerate the destruction of any American vessel in the manner proposed by Germany. The government has discussed the question, but is waiting for fuller information. So many voices in the United States are calling for an end to the present American government policy of silence in relation to German disregard for international agreements and for the usages of civilized warfare, that it is difficult to see how the government can very much longer remain silent, no matter how many people of German descent there may be in the republic.

If public attention were not so large an extent centered upon the war and its effects, the people of St. John would regard the present civic situation as one of unusual interest. Some people are talking in favor of a return to the ward system, cheerfully oblivious to the fact that it is under the ward system the "boss" flourishes best. It is also alleged that the commission plan of government is autocratic, despite the fact that no city government in St. John ever gave so quick a response to an expression of public sentiment as did the present city council after being visited by a delegation of citizens from the board of trade, and again yesterday when visited by another delegation which represented the Trades and Labor Council. The last thing St. John should want is a return to the utterly discredited ward system of civic politics. What it really needs is a continuous and not hysterical and spasmodic public interest in civic affairs.

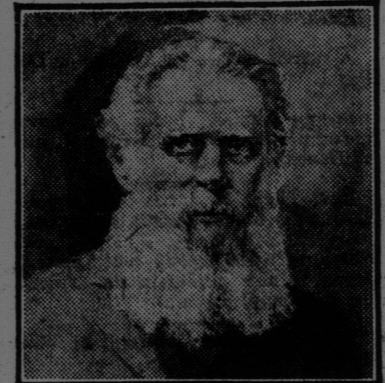
AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The third week of the stay of the Young Adams Company at the Opera House concludes tonight with a performance of the stirring western play, "A Cowboy's Revenge." The usual good vaudeville features will be given between the acts.

For the coming week, Manager Young has selected two good plays. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Wednesday matinee, a dramatization of "Island," taken from the famous novel written by Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, will be offered. This book has been almost a household classic for two generations—the play is fully as event, pure and interesting as the novel. At the Wednesday matinee souvenir chocolates will be distributed to the ladies. A splendidly written comedy drama, "The Gambler and the Girl," will be presented for the last half of the week. An entire change of vaudeville features will be made with each change of play. Seals are now on sale for all performances of the week.

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Brown—"I can't see that it makes any difference what one's name is, I would just as soon my name were Brown as anything else."

Cissie—"So would I, Oh, I didn't mean that—I mean—"

It is said that in a Japanese translation of "Rock of Ages" the first line, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me," reads, "Very old stone, split for my benefit."

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—Pathfinder.

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"I did," asserted the short man. "Did you call the police?" asked the tall man.

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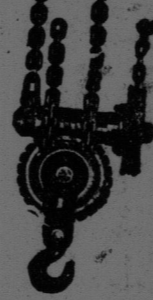
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