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THE WAR NEWS

The Russians claim that their great victory in Bukovina completely overthrows the "ephemeral" success of the Austro-Germans in Western Galicia. The official report says the Russians have taken 20,000 prisoners in Bukovina and driven the Austrians back in disorderly retreat, occupying much important territory previously held by the enemy.

There seems no doubt that Italy will enter the war before the end of the week. Decisive action is expected when parliament meets on Thursday.

Such unofficial news as comes from Germany appears to confirm the belief that she will not vary her submarine policy as demanded by the United States, but will endeavor to lay the responsibility for the loss of the Lusitania jointly upon Britain and America.

The British have made further substantial gains north of La Basse, and the French have been equally successful further south. From the general standpoint of the Allies the situation grows more satisfactory from day to day, but their task is still gigantic.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S DISGRACE

The Chatham World (Conservative), noting the fact that Premier Borden had made some army contractors disgraced when their guilt was proved in parliament, and that Premier Roblin had resigned when exposure of grave scandals shocked the province of Manitoba, says:

"How differently we act in such circumstances in New Brunswick. When an official close to the government, and with the assets and co-operation of the premier, makes a huge election fund by getting contributions from lessees of crown lands, regardless of their politics, the government disclaims all responsibility for the crime and joins with its supporters in voting confidence in the convicted premier after his resignation."

But the World sees one defect in the course pursued by the Clarke government. Why did they not pass a vote of confidence in Mr. W. H. Berry as well as Mr. Fleming? Fleming has been whitewashed—why not Berry? The World further says that the looting of the lumbermen was "the most villainous scheme of public robbery for personal or political profit that was ever unearthed." And it adds:

"Sir Rodmond Roblin says his government is constitutionally responsible for the acts of its officers. And so are the members of the Flemington government responsible for Mr. Berry and for Mr. Fleming. Sir Rodmond steps down and out. Our New Brunswick cabinet ministers get rid of the two exposed offenders and hang on to office. They know that they are responsible for Mr. Fleming's acts, and this is why they have proclaimed faith in his innocence. They are equally responsible for Berry."

CANADIANS CRUCIFIED?

The horrible story of the crucifixion of more than one Canadian soldier by the Germans appears to be supported by strong evidence, and is another proof of the utterly fensh nature of the enemy we are fighting. Indeed if the charge now made be true it is not worse than others already proved. The British committee, of which Lord Bryce is chairman, and which investigated alleged outrages by Germans, taking the evidence of twelve hundred witnesses, has reported that there was not only organized massacre but crucifixion of children. The stories of the treatment of Belgian women by soldiers, and even by some officers, are too horrible to relate. In view of the charge that Canadians have been crucified, let us note once more the findings of Lord Bryce's committee, which were in part as follows:

"1.—That there were in many parts of Belgium deliberate and systematic organized massacres of the civil population, accompanied by many isolated murders and other outrages.

"2.—That in the conduct of the war generally innocent civilians, both men and women, were murdered in large numbers, women violated and children murdered.

"3.—That looting, house burning and the wanton destruction of property were ordered and countenanced by the officers of the German army, that elaborate provision had been made for systematic incendiarism at the very outbreak of the war and that the burning and destruction were frequently where no military necessity could be alleged, being indeed part of a system of general terrorism.

"4.—That the rules and usages of war were frequently broken, particularly by the using of civilians, including women and children, as a shield for advancing forces exposed to fire, to a less degree by killing the wounded and prisoners and in the frequent abuse of the Red Cross and the white flag.

"Murder, lust and pillage prevailed over many parts of Belgium on a scale unparalleled in any war between civilized nations during the last three centuries.

"At Haecht several children had been murdered, one of two or three years old was found nailed to the door of a farm house by its hands and feet.

"Individual acts of brutality—ill treatment of civilians, attacks on women, plunder and the like—were very widely committed. There are more numerous and more shocking than would be expected in warfare between civilized powers, but they differ rather in extent than in kind from what happened in previous, though not recent, wars.

"In the present war, however—and this is the gravest charge against the German army—the evidence shows that the killing of non-combatants was carried out to an extent for which no previous war was known.

ious war between nations claiming to be civilized (for such cases as the atrocities perpetrated by the Turks on the Bulgarian Christians in 1876, and on the Armenian Christians in 1893 and 1894, do not belong to that category) furnishes any precedent. That this killing was done as part of a deliberate plan is clear from the facts herein before set forth regarding Louvain, Aerschot, Dinant and other towns. The killing was done under orders in each place. Some of the officers who carried out the work did it reluctantly, and said they were obeying directions from their chiefs."

STARVING BELGIUM.

The Times prints today another appeal in behalf of the starving Belgians. This appeal is written by John Galsworthy, the noted author, and portrays most vividly the pressing need for help, while the writer also sets out very clearly the special debt the British Empire owes to the gallant Belgians for the great task they performed in the early stages of the war. He makes this appeal to the people of the mother country, and pays a generous tribute to what Canada has done. Canada, however, can do much more, and the self-denial day to be observed in St. John on the King's birthday might well be observed throughout Canada. Every reader of the Times is urged to read the appeal of Mr. Galsworthy in this issue, and such a reading cannot but give rise to a resolution to do something for the Belgians, however little it may be, on June 8th. It is, as Mr. Galsworthy says, a debt of honor. At least a million and a half of Belgians are now utterly destitute and there will be two and a half millions before harvest time, while another 4,500,000 "will get their pitiful daily allowance of bread through the Commission for Relief and pay for it." At present nearly \$2,000,000 per month is needed, and the future need will be still greater. But for the stand made by Belgium the task of the Allies would have been infinitely harder and the war more prolonged and costly.

"If Belgium starves," says Mr. Galsworthy, "the civilized world incurs a stain more black than we dare to contemplate." The citizens of St. John will have an opportunity on Self-Denial Day, June 8th, to give another evidence of their appreciation of the service the brave Belgians rendered the British Empire. The King's birthday is a fitting date for a practical recognition of the ability of that other king who has so bravely led the Belgian army, and whose people have suffered and must yet suffer so much in the cause of righteousness.

The Loyalist Day celebration in the imperial this afternoon should be a memorable event in the lives of the children, and the grown-up folk should be there to see and hear.

The Rotary Club is behind the recruiting campaign, and has the assistance of the Automobile Association and the co-operation of other organizations. The ranks of the 58th Battalion should soon be filled.

That St. John loves baseball was shown by the very large attendance at the opening of the season for two local leagues last season. With the school boys' league and the working boys' league fresh material will be trained for the seniors of the future. It is healthy sport and should be encouraged.

Dr. J. L. Duval, wounded in the fighting in France, received his wounds because he cheerfully accepted a post of great danger which some others had declined to accept. All honor to this St. John hero, and may he have a speedy recovery. There is a warm welcome awaiting him, and others of our gallant fellows who have been wounded, when they return to us. But their places in the ranks must be filled by new recruits.

The Maritime Merchant insists that if these provinces wish to attract the class of American tourists who have money to spend some better provision for their entertainment must be provided, and that in this the various communities should take more interest than heretofore. There is too much truth in the remark that "we have been running our tourist business as a side-line instead of recognizing it as an important industry capable of great development."

Today our thoughts go back to the men and women who, one hundred and thirty-two years ago, landed on the shores of St. John harbor to found a city and a province, and by their sufferings give further proof of their devotion to the British flag. The men had fought for that flag, and in defeat they remained true to their allegiance. Their children's children are today fighting to uphold that flag and are manifesting the same splendid devotion. There is this significant difference in the condition, that the descendants of those against whom the Loyalists fought are in full sympathy and may yet be fighting side by side with the descendants of the Loyalists.

The American Revolution was a family quarrel. The war of today is a war in which Anglo-Saxon liberty is threatened by Prussian militarism, and the British flag stands for the same vital principles as those that are cherished under the Stars and Stripes.



LIGHTER VEIN.

Senator La Follette was talking about the dodges and squirms of a certain corrupt railroad official.

"For all his dodges and squirms," said the senator, "the man was well shown up. It's like the case of Smith."

A collector entered Smith's flat, and pushed into the parlor and said to Smith little son:

"Where's your father?"

"Gone away," the urchin answered, according to orders.

"Gone away? Humph! Where to?"

"That closet there," was the reply.

It was forced upon him.

At a wedding feast recently the bridegroom was called upon as usual, to respond to the given toast, in spite of the fact that he had previously pleaded to be excused. Blushing to the roots of his hair, he rose to his feet. He intended to imply that he was unprepared for speech making, but he unfortunately placed his hand upon his bride's shoulder and looked down at her as he stammered out his opening and concluding words. "This—thing has been forced upon me."—National Monthly.

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Chatham World on Fleming's Whitewash and What Preceded it—Why Not Whitewash Berry?

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The man who solicited the contributions asked for and received a fixed sum per square mile from lessees of crown lands. He acted with the knowledge of the premier of the province. The money he collected was paid over to a treasurer of the premier's selection, and was speculated with, invested, and handled as if it belonged to them personally.

The official who exacted the "gifts" was the one whose duty it would be under the premier for whom he was collecting the fund, to decide all disputes between the premier and land leaseholders in respect to stampage, with power to grant rebates and refunds on the enforcement of government regulations.

It was clearly shown that the contributions were not given for love of party, but as good business—given because the givers expected to get more money back in the way of stampage rebates than they contributed.

It was the most villainous scheme of public robbery for personal or political profit that was ever unearthed. Fleming has been whitewashed. Why not Berry?

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