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THE WAR NEWS.

The war correspondents continue to speculate upon the great battle which it was thought would have been fought some days ago, but which is still in the future. They are not sure where the greatest trial of strength will occur, since the Germans and the allied armies confront each other on a line more than two hundred and sixty miles in length, from the border of Switzerland to the border of Holland. Yesterday's cables said that the Belgian war office expects the main German attack to be made in the valley of the Meuse, in Belgium, and toward Luxembourg. The longer the main battle is postponed the greater will be the number of men engaged and the heavier the losses. Probably more than two million men are now facing each other in the fighting zone, and if the Germans continue their forward movement, the great battle which may be the decisive battle of the war must take place within the next few days. Every day brings the Russians nearer on the eastern border of Germany, and it cannot be long before, as one correspondent puts it, there will be a ring of steel around Germany and Austria, while their naval forces will be unable to bring them any relief.

Japan has now taken decisive action, and has sent an ultimatum to Germany, giving her a week in which to agree to the withdrawal of her warships and evacuation of Kailu Chau. If Germany declines, Japan will take steps to enforce her demand.

Every day brings renewed assurances of the safety of the Atlantic sea routes, and commerce between Britain and America is being restored on a steadily larger scale. The problem of food supplies is thus practically solved. The action taken by Japan will no doubt in a very short time make commerce safe on the Pacific.

There appears to be some prospect of serious internal trouble in Germany. One report says that the Socialists are rising in revolt. While this statement may not be true at the present time, there is reason to believe that as the war progresses and hardship and hunger and the horrors of war press more heavily, the Socialists will turn against the Emperor, and incite the people generally to rid themselves of the whole system of autocratic military government which has brought this great disaster upon the fatherland. The latest reports confirm those previously received that the German soldiers have been over-matched wherever they have come in contact with the Belgians and French, and this has had the effect of giving the soldiers of the allied forces that confident spirit so essential to hard fighting.

LET CONFIDENCE PREVAIL.

The Financial Post of Canada gives wise counsel when it calls upon all business men to meet the present situation with calmness and confidence. It points out that while our first duty is to aid Great Britain there is another duty not less important, and that is to keep the business of the Dominion moving as normally as possible, so that there may be the least possible interference with the daily life and the daily work of the nation. The Financial Post quotes Sir George Paish who says:—

"It is of the greatest importance that everyone should endeavor to act as if confidence seriously disturbed business would come practically to an end, and our ability to face the difficulties that may be in front of us would be seriously impaired. Orders should be given, factories should be run, and everything should be arranged to maintain as far as possible the productive power and the income of the country. . . . Everyone according to his ability must endeavor to work hard in order that individual income, and therefore the income of the whole nation, should be maintained at the highest possible level."

To this the Financial Post adds:—"Courage in the fight for the Empire is not more necessary than courage in the maintenance of the industry and commerce of the country."

This is wise counsel. Already some industries are slowing down as a result of the war, and the conditions are such as call for a spirit of determined confidence and energy on the part of all who are engaged in industrial and commercial affairs. Some industries will be stimulated, because their goods must take the place of goods which hitherto came from the other side of the Atlantic. The country has a great crop to harvest, and is in no danger of invasion by an enemy. The soldiers of Canada are ready to face whatever conditions may be imposed in the performance of their duty to the Empire, and a like spirit must animate the business community in keeping the business of the country as near as possible to a normal condition.

NEEDLESS ALARMS.

In the interval before the great battle between the German and allied forces, some press correspondents, having nothing better to do, are endeavoring to involve the United States in the general struggle on the side of Germany and Austria. One appears to see danger to American interests on the Pacific in the action of Japan. Another sees the

United States buying up German merchant steamers, putting them under the American flag and using them to carry food supplies to Germany and Austria. No doubt the inequality of these correspondents will be able to find other startling conditions or prospects if they give full rein to their imagination. The average observer, however, finds it a little difficult to discover anything the United States would gain by coming to the rescue of the German war-lord. There cannot be any sympathy in the American republic with the German system of government or its military ambitions. The whole American idea of government is in the sharpest contrast to that of Germany and Austria, and entirely in sympathy with that of the British Empire and the French republic. A suggestion that there is an opportunity to enlarge the overseas trade of the United States at the expense of a violation of the principles of liberty which are so dear to the hearts of the American people is not likely to be received with much favor by President Wilson and his advisers.

Today's cables tell of a naval victory by the French over the Austrians in the Adriatic. The combined French and British naval forces in the Mediterranean should have little difficulty in destroying the whole Austrian fleet.

Every day brings the Russian hosts nearer to striking distance on the eastern border of Germany and Austria. The meagre reports of movements which have come to hand indicate Russian success in such preliminary engagements as have taken place.

While the German plan of campaign is said to be to break through the center of the French line near Luxembourg, the French are said to be pressing forward in Alsace, to threaten the German army in the rear and cut off its line of communication.

The New Brunswick members of the first contingent for foreign service will soon receive marching orders, and it is fitting that their courage and devotion should receive due recognition. To that end a great meeting of citizens will be held this afternoon in the Imperial Theatre.

The Canadian parliament will be in session tomorrow. It will be a short session, and will show to the world how Canadian statesmen can set aside all partisan feeling in the face of national danger, and devote the resources of the country to the great task of Imperial defence.

There is still doubt whether the heaviest German stroke will be levelled against the allies in Belgium or in Luxembourg. Hitherto the heaviest fighting has been in Belgium, but the Brussels correspondent of the London Standard says it is believed the main part of the German army is now concentrated in Luxembourg.

Mr. J. K. L. Ross of Montreal has contributed half a million dollars to the government for general military and naval purposes. From the citizens who are able to contribute so great a sum to the woman who gives her mite to the fund for the hospital ship, all Canadians are giving evidence of the patriotic spirit by which they are animated in this crisis in the affairs of the British Empire.

Against Gambling.
Bern, Switzerland, Aug. 17.—The federal government has received a petition signed by 101,970 voters, demanding a change in article 35 of the constitution which permits gambling. About the only gambling in Switzerland is in the casinos, patronized by tourists, and with bookmakers on English and French races. Public opinion on the subject has been growing steadily for several years. An anti-gambling committee with members from all the cantons has organized the petition, which must be considered by the government as it has 50,000 signatures and under the law this is sufficient to bring the matter to the attention of the authorities.

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"No, my good man," he said "I am not asleep. The fact is I am frightfully near-sighted. When I took my glasses off just now I was no longer able to see myself in the mirror opposite. Naturally I supposed I had already gone home."

Really Important.
A political meeting was on in a certain Iowa town and Thomas R. Marshall, vice-president of the United States, was to speak. The hall was packed and the air was stifling. For some reason, it was impossible to open the windows, and one had to be broken.

It was feared that the noise would startle the audience and perhaps throw them into a panic. The mayor of the town stepped forward to give warning. The audience, however, had not assembled to listen to the mayor, and overwhelmed him with cries of "Marshall! Marshall!"

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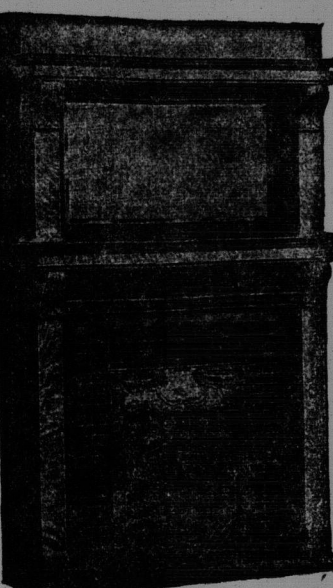


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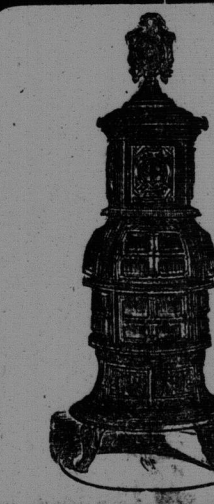
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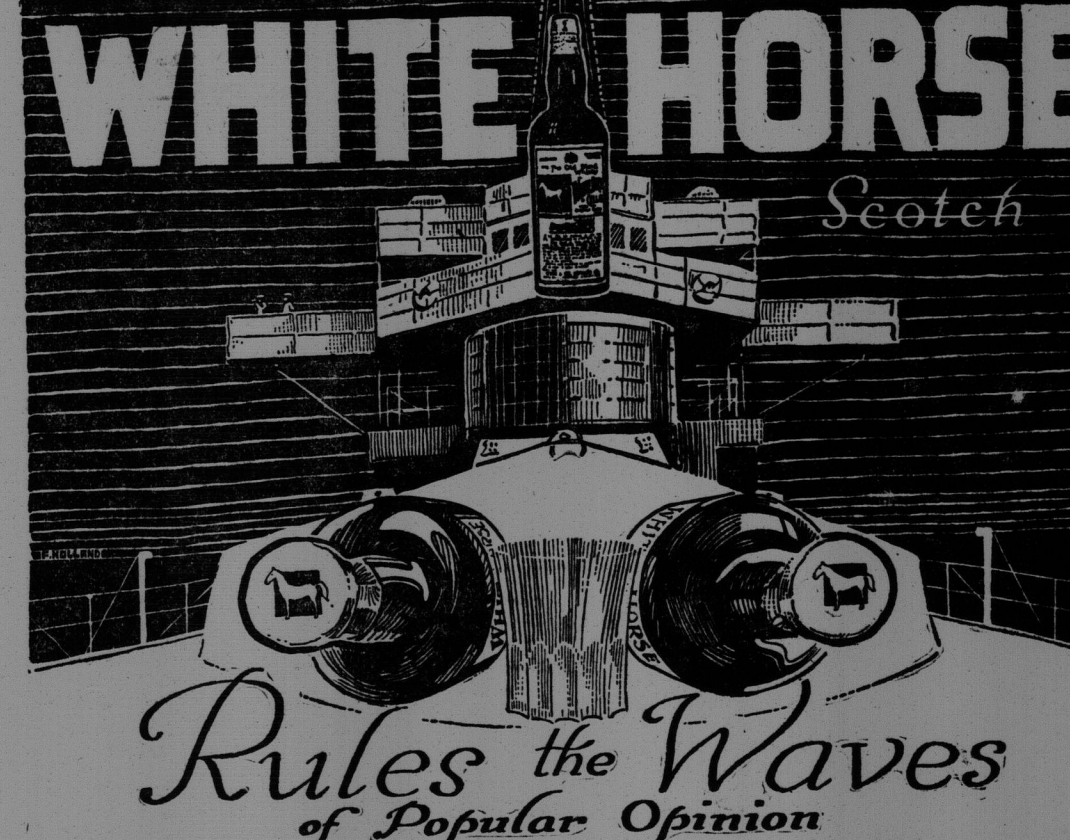
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The funeral will take place this morning from his late residence to St. Rose's church for requiem high mass. Interment will be at Sand Cove cemetery.

The death took place at his home, corner King and Ludlow streets, yesterday morning of Samuel Wilson, an old and respected resident of Charlottetown. Preceding the 1877 fire Mr. Wilson was a resident of the North End for thirty-six years. The deceased was seventy-three years old and is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Galey, and several children.

The funeral will be on Tuesday afternoon from his late residence to Greenwood cemetery.

Frank Rheel, aged 97 years, formerly an employee in Hart's cigar factory, died on Saturday at his home in Golden Grove. The funeral took place this afternoon from Chamberlain's undertaking rooms.

Spent Night in the Woods.
The four children of Michael Flynn of Lepreau, all under twelve years of age, lost their way in the woods when they were out picking berries on Saturday. They spent part of the night in the branches of a tree but became cold and had to walk about to keep warm.

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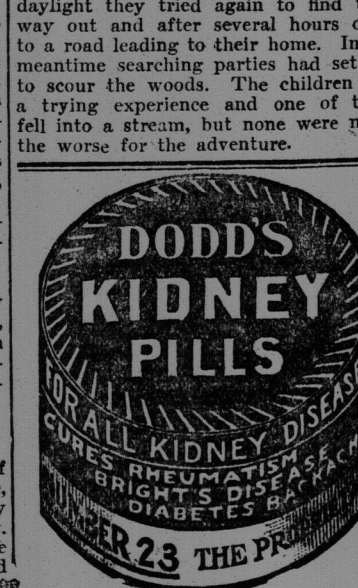
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