The Evening Times and Star

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GENERAL LESSARD.

The announcement is made that the

Canadian government has bought two

The St. John armory presented an in-

While the United States is neutral in

It will be most unfortunate if this city

man frontier. The disposition of the

more than 100,000 men.

THE GREAT STRUGGLE

An Ottawa despatch says it is consid-Europe been so shaken by the tramp of ered likely in military circles that Genarmies as at the present time. Stimulated to greater efforts by the assurance of dian troops to be mobilized at Quebec. British support, France is hurling her General Lessard is of French and Scotlegions against the German foe, whose tish descent, and has had a notable troops had already been massed along military career. He served in the Norththe French border. German armies have west rebellion in 1885, and commanded penetrated Russia, and have thus far the advantage of having taken that country almost unawares. Russia's armies are now in motion, however, and the military resources of that country are so Orange Free State, including actions at great that it is only a question of a Vet River and Zand River, as well as great that it is only a question of a short time when she should be able to drive the enemy back across the border, and follow them into German territory.

Wet River and Zand River, as well as in the Transvaal, including actions near foot is bleeding. How did you cut it? Second Bather—On the water's edge, and follow them into German territory.

The Belgian army single handed would be unable to cope with the German Colesburg. He was mentioned in deforces in that quarter, but a French spatches, received the Queen's Medal army has been hurried toward the Bel-gian frontier to co-operate with the Bel-General Lessard was presented to Their gians, and it cannot be long before Brit- Majesties King Edward and Queen gians, and it cannot be long before British troops are also thrown into the scale
against the armies of the Kaiser. Germany's task would have been much more
simple if she could have sent her armies
unmolested through Belgian territory
into France; but that has been denied into France; but that has been denied pointed out that General Lessard's her, and she must fight every inch of the knowledge of the French language would way. The tone of the German press is be of great advantage to him in foreign

extremely boastful, but there can be no service. of the Franco-Prussian war. Through all the intervening years France has remembered her spoilation at the large transfer of the British military. membered her spoilation at the hands of campaign in Europe. Germany, and has been steadily preparing for this day of reckoning. All France is united as one man to wipe out the nemory of defeat. On the eastern bor-submarines from Chili. These will be ders of Germany the Russian Empire, a substantial addition to the defence slow moving but massive and deadly, forces of the Pacific Coast. will leave no stone unturned to humiliate the power that has striven to balk its overtures have been met by a continual spiring scene last evening, with scores increase of armaments, realizes now her opportunity to join in the elimination of the most disturbing factor in the counsels of Europe for the last forty years. Pelgium and Holland must fight to preserve their integrity, and it would seem that even Switzerland has not been held that even Switzerland has not been held in the great war its trade will be seriously inviolate by the vaulting ambition of the German war-lord. Ere many weeks have passed there will be bloody work along the German border east and west, and business. the most terrific naval battles of all histhe most terrific naval battles of all history are pending. The loss of life will be enormous, and the cost almost beyond computation. But we may hope that out of a conflict so appalling in its character may come an international underling this couples. The formal announcement is made that a Canadian army division approximating 210,000 men will be mobilized at Quebec, ready for foreign service, Col. Hughes will have no difficulty in selecting this causeles.

standing which will forever make impos-sible the repetition of so great a crime that he has already received offers from

GERMANY'S TASK.

If the Germans anticipated in this war cannot be provided with an efficient a repetition of their success in the street car service at the time of the ex-Franco-Prussian war of 1870, they have been disappointed at the very outset.

The city council must see to it that the streets are put in such con-Perhaps the wonderful success of their dition as will make a rapid service posarms from the very beginning in that war has led them to believe themselves invincible. In the war of 1870, however, The government is right in its conthe French plans miscarried at the be-ginning, and the Germans were able to should remain at the head of his departsecure an immediate advantage which proved disastrous to France. One also gathers from the history of that war serve with distinction in the field, but that the French suffered greatly from he can best serve the interests of the bad generalship, especially on the part of Marshall Bazaine; and, moreover, there was no unanimity in Paris, where ment. the imperial and republican factions were in constant disagreement, and the Until the war is over the St. John country was thus without a firm di- Standard may be assured that it will recting hand at the helm. The conditions are now completely changed.

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There is a strong government in Paris, and all France is united in a determination. and all France is united in a determina-tion to prove that what occurred in 1870 preserve. They will be too busy telling cannot occur again, and that the Paris their readers of the splendid unanimity road is not to be trodden in this year of and enthusiasm of Canadians in the face

launch their armies through Belgium into France, but the cables tell us that unity of action in Canada at the presthey have not only failed, but have been ent time. He invites the Liberal, as defeated with considerable loss in the well as the Conservative press to exer- Office 26 Delhi St. attack on Leige. The pompous proclamation of the German general, demanding an open road through Belgium, received such an answer as must have been a of war. The wishes of Col. Hughes serious blow to his vanity. His squad- will be respected, since partisanship has rons were driven back with heavy loss. no place whatever among right thinking In the meantime French forces are said people in this crisis. to have effected a junction with the Belgians. The Belgian road into France The great need of Britain at this time will therefore prove hard travelling for is men. No one, outside of Germany at General Von Emmich and the army of least, doubts that the German fleet will

be taken care of, perhaps at great cost, In 1870 Germany had but one foe to but otherwise in a thoroughly satisfacreckon with. Now she has at least four, tory manner. The land forces of Gerand instead of being able to continue many, however, are a different proposi-the aggressive steadily in one direction tion. Even when attacked on three sides along a line only a few hundred miles in by the armies of France, Belgium, Engwidth, she must defend her borders both land and Russia, her resources are so east and west. Her plan of war of 1870 vast that the struggle will be titanic was comparatively simple and easily in its character, and the victory dearly taught her enemy a lesson which the latter will not fail to turn to advantage in gium, to effect a junction with the army of that country and press across the Ger-

Let us hope the report, that the forces sent from Canada and other do-Germans committed outrages against the minions cannot of course be indicated at people of the town of Vise in retaliation for their defeat at Liege, is not well also will be given an opportunity to prove their mettle in the field.

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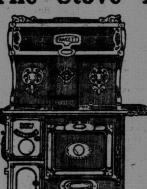
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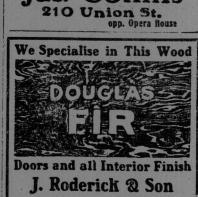
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