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THE WAR NEWS.

Last night's and today's cables devote considerable attention to British and French preparation for the next great drive in the west. This follows previous reports that the Germans were again massing men and guns on the western front. Today's cables tell us that while for three months past the loss of men and expenditure of shells has been at a minimum, the production of shells has been at a maximum in French and British factories, and that enormous quantities are now stored behind the lines, ready to rain death and destruction upon the Germans when the right time comes. It is also pointed out that more and more men have been brought close to the lines, in readiness for the drive. Last night's cables said that reports would probably not take place till after January, because of the severity of the weather, but that when the hour strikes the men and munitions will be there in great numbers and quantity to attempt to roll up the enemy and drive him out of France and Flanders. Such a rolling up was predicted after the battle of Loos, but was not accomplished. We can but wait and hope for greater success in the next attempt.

The news of the last few days has been more satisfactory, however, in that no further gains have been made by the Germans in the Balkan region, while on other fronts the Allies have gained some minor successes. If nothing new and important develops in the Balkans we are not likely to get any news of a sensational character until the severe winter weather has passed.

There are reports today of an outbreak of the ancient bitterness between Hungary and Austria. There is renewed interest in the controversy between the United States and Germany over the Lusitania affair and the dispute with Austria over the Ancona affair.

London press comment forebodes a limited term of conscription for single men, and it now seems likely to be brought into effect without a serious break in the cabinet.

THE NEW YEAR.

For a number of years past the city of Montreal has earned a somewhat unfavorable reputation from the scenes of revelry in public places on New Year's Eve. His Lordship Bishop Parthing in a sermon on Sunday evening pleaded for a more solemn observance of the advent of the new year in this testing time of Canada and the Empire. In the course of his sermon he said:

"I cannot bring myself to believe that we have these amongst us, especially those who belong to that class which is termed respectable, who would so often against the sense of common decency as to hold revelry at this moment. The whole nation stands at a tremendous crisis. No one can know what the issues of this war can be. We are all anxious and are feeling the tension. More than this, thousands of our men are over there in the trenches facing hardships, suffering and death. They are doing this for us and for our Empire. While they bear hardships as good soldiers it is fitting that we should hold public revelry?"

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Continuing, his lordship said he would rather call upon the citizens to spend next Friday as a day of fasting and humiliation, and to gather on New Year's Eve in houses of prayer rather than places of public and unseemly revelry. Dealing with moral conditions generally in Canada he asked these searching questions:

"Do we see signs of the higher, truer and nobler life now? Yes, perhaps here and there we do, but speaking generally for the nation it is rising through its suffering to a higher life? Do we see less greed than we did, do we see a quickened determination to put away corruption from our public life?"

Unhappily there are too many evidences that a portion of the people of this country do not heed the promptings of a higher life, but, like the English shop-keeper described in Rev. Dr. MacDonald's scathing letter, are eager to profit at their country's expense; while there are also those who are content merely to enjoy life even while that enjoyment is bought for them by the sacrifice and the blood of others. People of this sort will indulge in New Year revelry, but the great mass of the people will have other thoughts. The new year in Canada should be marked by a moral and patriotic stock-taking, and a more settled determination to answer the call of country and of Empire throughout the coming year.

In St. John New Year's Day will be marked by a great patriotic demonstration, which it is confidently hoped will give an impetus to the recruiting movement and to a more universal dedication of the citizens to the cause of Empire and of humanity, that all may do their duty more conscientiously and worthily than in the year that is now passing. The chief business of Canada in the year 1915 will be war, and whether it be done by fighting, supporting patriotic funds, practising economy for the general benefit, or in any other way, each citizen should resolve to contribute a fair share, and bear a fair share of the colossal burden. It will be time enough for other demonstrations when civilization has been saved from the ravages of the Hun.

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CHANGES IN COMMAND.

Mr. J. L. Garvin declares that the change made in high commands in the British army is by far the most important step the coalition government has taken toward the ending of the war, and that it should have been taken months ago. Continuing he says—

"It is true that a beginning in the right direction was taken some time ago, when General Sir Archibald Murray was restored to his old post. Sir Archibald has now been transferred to the Mediterranean command. He is a very gallant and accomplished soldier, and did much to make up arrears. For this winter, however, we wanted even more, and far more as soon as it could be secured. We wanted a big, grand, more authoritative staff organization than we have ever possessed. We wanted at the head of it the very ablest and strongest soldier we could find. When immense responsibilities have to be faced, the brain of an army like other brains must be supported by backbone. The choice has fallen on Sir William Robertson, a hard-headed, iron-jawed Scotsman, who has risen from the ranks by sheer force of ability and character. He is henceforth the British government's chief military adviser on all matters to change the direction of campaigns as distinguished from the organization of armies. In that capacity, he becomes one of the outstanding figures of the British Empire and of the war."

In another paragraph Mr. Garvin says that in Sir William Robertson they have the right man in the right place, and he thinks that Kitchener may leave the War Office and "return to the East in the splendid and congenial role of military viceroy, wielding away from Egypt to India such as no man has ever held before him. The great work he came out of Egypt to do is practically accomplished. He has done more under the voluntary system as a maker of armies than any man being in this or in any other country imagined to be possible. No one but himself could have done it."

Mr. Balfour yesterday paid another deserved tribute to the efficiency and invaluable work of the grand fleet, which is and has been "the foundation upon which everything else has rested."

The newboys had a royal time at the Y. M. C. A. last evening. The Association does well to get closer to the boys, and to show them that there are opportunities and privileges awaiting them when they grow a little older that are well worth striving for.

The great military parade, with cadets and boy scouts, on New Year's Day, will be an event of universal interest, and will proclaim to all Canada that St. John regards victory for the Allies in the great war to be the chief goal of effort in 1915. Young men who enlist on that day will begin the new year well.

Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President of the United States, loses an opportunity to advocate the use of school buildings as social centres. Such use of these buildings is steadily growing in American cities. The fact indicates that the people have a growing desire to use their own property.

The British relieved the Ford peace ship of a considerable quantity of rubber destined for Germany. Mr. Ford probably knew nothing about it, but his German secretary doubtless knew where the rubber came from and for whom it was intended. The peace party has fallen into disrepute in Europe, and is the subject of merciless ridicule in America. The real advocates of peace are those who are fighting for it, under the banners of the Allies.

The Standard was almost hysterical with joy this morning over an apparent surplus of about \$7,000 in the provincial accounts for the year. But consider the following comparisons of three items of revenue—

	1914	1915
Territorial revenue	\$554,481.01	\$591,905.14
Succession duties	20,108.28	126,191.69
Motor vehicles	15,980.00	281,160.00

\$589,799.59 \$779,212.77

Why should not the government have a rattling surplus? Here are three items which alone account for an increase of \$180,413.18. The total ordinary expenditure in 1914 was \$1,498,744.28. In 1915 it was \$1,626,683.86. Economy in war-time does not appear to have appeared to this government.

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A story is told of an Irish sailor who decided to walk from Newport to Cardiff. He met a cart driver and asked: "How far is it from Newport to Cardiff?"

"Twelve miles, mister," was the reply. "Thanks," said Pat. "And how far is it from Cardiff to Newport?"

"Driver—'Didn't I tell you how far it was from Newport to Cardiff? Do you suppose it is any further the other way back?'"

Irishman—"Sure, and I don't know. I know it is a great deal further from New Year's Day to Christmas than from Christmas to New Year's Day."

Mrs. Jones—Dis hyah new minister am a fine preachah, but he am de least an' kindest young man I ebber see!

Mrs. Black—Yes, an he done told mah husband what weighs two hundred and forty, to 'heavah' 'he should be weighed in de balance an' foun' wantin'.

Mrs. Best—Tell the gentleman I am not receiving today, Nor.

New Maid—But he ain't deliverin' mum; he's collectin'!

"There will have to be new rules made here, or I shall give notice," said the girl in the telephone office to the chief clerk.

"Why, what's the trouble?"

"Well, some of the things said over the wires are not fit for me to hear."

"Oh, that's all right," was the flip-snap rejoinder. "You can't expect to work around electricity and not get shocked!"

Post Impressionist.

Jim—What is Bill doing now?

James—He's a post impressionist.

Jim—You're stringing me.

James—No; he's got a job with the Western Union branding numbers on the telephone poles—Dartmouth Jack-o'-Lanterns.

"Do you believe that we should have a new elastic currency?" asked the man who is always talking national finance.

"Not much," replied the man with the shiny clothes. "It's water-tight enough now. What they ought to do is to make it more adhesive."

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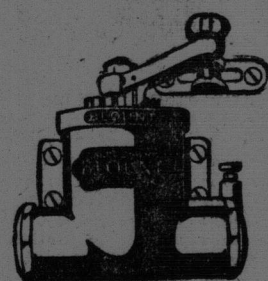
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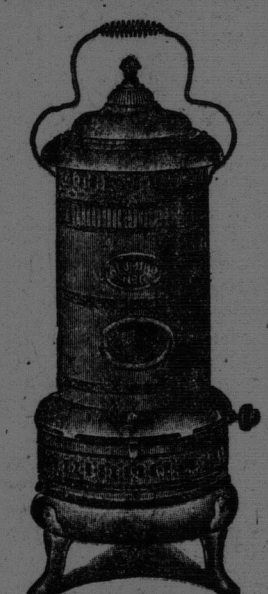
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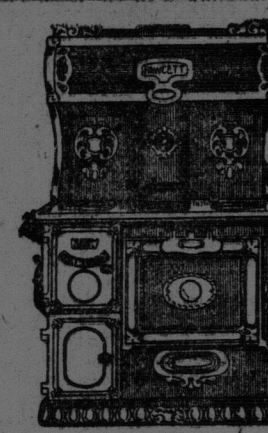
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CASUALTIES IN 26TH BATTALION

One Killed and Several Wounded—Recruits Received For 115th Yesterday—The Navy Men

The casualty list last night from Ottawa included the names of William A. Martin, 26th Battalion, Galt, Ont., killed in action; Ross A. Murphy, Bass River, Kent, N. B., Henry I. Bertin, Bathurst, N. B., Henry A. Adams, South Africa, all of the 26th, wounded, and Leonard McQueen, 9 Ann street, St. John, 26th, wounded but returned to duty; George Brown, of Florence, C. B., is reported wounded, and Edward Davies, Westville, N. B., suffering from shock, with the 26th Battalion.

Recruiting is steadily becoming better for the 115th Battalion, and yesterday saw more names added to the roll, including Albert Davies, Adelaide street, R. C. Leonard, Cody's, N. B., M. Bland, Genoa, Italy, and Frank A. Mueckler, Brussels street.

At last night's recruiting meeting in Mill street, M. E. Agar presided, and Judge Knowles gave an inspiring address. John Frodham, J. T. Kelley, H. C. Johnson, and Walter Dunlop took part in the programme of musical numbers.

Lieut. Melvin C. Copeland, 69th Battalion, is being congratulated by his friends upon his promotion to a captaincy. The step to higher rank was confirmed yesterday.

At his home in Cannon street last night, Douglas Hannah of the 104th Battalion, was made the recipient of a wrist watch by friends. His uncle, James Hannah, made the presentation.

Three west side boys who have joined the Siege Battery, Kenneth Kearney, 60c, sold everywhere.

John Rowley, and Edgar Bissett, were last night tendered a banquet at Bond's by some of their friends. Their health was toasted, and best wishes expressed for their success.

The visiting sailors who arrived here yesterday from Bermuda have been officially welcomed to the city and yesterday were tendered the freedom of the Soldiers' Club, the Imperial Theatre and the Seamen's Institute, while the officers were given the freedom of the Union Club as well.

WANT IT KNOWN THAT THEY SPEAK ENGLISH

Business Men of Jamaica Indignant Over Receipt of Communications in Spanish From U. S.

Washington, Dec. 30—Henry T. Wilcox, United States consular agent at Port Jamaica, has sent a protest to the department of commerce against the ignorance of many firms of exporters who

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keep sending to the island advertising literature written in Spanish. Mr. Wilcox says he is receiving frequently letters from Jamaica business men, enclosing circulars and letters written in Spanish, with the request that the business men of the United States be told that the common language of the island is English.

Many American firms, he says, go to the trouble and expense of publishing catalogues in Spanish for export use in Jamaica. These catalogues are doubtless used in various Latin-American countries, but special editions are run off for distribution in Jamaica, where they are entirely wasted. Such literature is not only thrown away promptly, but the recipient, Mr. Wilcox says, is offended and irritated by receiving it.

In trying to get up in the world some men use their friends as stepladders. One thing at a time and that done well, is a very good motto, as many can tell.

If man were as wise as he thinks his wife thinks he is what a wonderful world this would be.

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