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THE WAR NEWS

Last night's cables said that while the German attempt to capture the British channel ports seemed to have been checked for the time being, yet they were still pushing on with all the forces at their command.

The announcement that the British steamer Manchester Commerce, so well known in St. John, has been sunk by a German mine in the waters north of Ireland, while on her way from Manchester to Montreal, comes as a decided surprise, since it shows that the Germans have been able to get out of the North Sea and around the north of Scotland to sow mines close to the regular steamship route by the northern channel between English and Scottish ports and Quebec.

This paper expressed the view yesterday that after the defeat of Maritz there would be no more talk of serious trouble in South Africa. News came last night, however, that Gen. De Wet, the formidable Boer cavalry leader in the South African war, and Gen. Beyers have started a rebellion in the Orange Free State and Western Transvaal.

Surveying the whole situation from day to day, the magnitude of the task which confronts the allies becomes more and more manifest, and the fact is more strongly pressed home that the great need is now and for many months to come will be more men, to reinforce the armies now fighting in Belgium and France.

SCHOOL GARDENS

Mr. R. P. Steves, M. A., superintendent of elementary agricultural education in New Brunswick, contributes a short article to the October number of the Agricultural Gazette of Canada on the subject of school gardens.

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TORONTO HOME GUARD

There should be an inspiration to St. John and other cities in the account of a church parade and inspection which took place in Toronto last Sunday. It was the parade of the home guard of Toronto. More than 1200 men and boys were in line. The number included 1048 non-commissioned officers and men, 41 officers, 95 instrumentalists and 72 boy scouts.

The London Chronicle says that we are probably on the eve of important events at sea.

The Ottawa Dairy Company which has decided to sell milk without profit during the winter months has demonstrated the fact that the milk of human kindness may be found even in Ottawa.

The St. John Standard has described the Montreal Evening News as not a Conservative but an independent paper. The moving spirit and one of the joint owners of the Evening News, is Mr. B. A. Macnab.

As a contribution to the discussion of the canten in the army may be quoted the following extract from a letter written by General Sir John Haldane, Williams, who is British military attaché at the general headquarters of the Russian army.

The people of New Brunswick are beginning to ask what happened to the Beaconsfield meeting last evening as indicated by the Dugal charges, Hon. Mr. Hazen is still acting premier. If Mr. Fleming should be invited to resume his duties as premier, he has a right to that consideration.

Commissioner Wigmore was introduced to the fourteen Conservatives at the Beaconsfield meeting last evening as one who would be an able representative from St. John with Hon. J. D. Hazen. The commissioner in the course of his remarks is reported to have expressed the view that Conservatives should talk elections all the time.

The death of Mr. A. Bowler, agent general for New Brunswick in London, comes as a sad surprise to all his friends in this province. Mr. Bowler has done good service since he was appointed to represent the province in the Mother Country. An Englishman himself, and a practical farmer, he had gained a practical knowledge of farming conditions in this country, and was therefore well qualified to set before intending emigrants the advantages of New Brunswick.

Wherever two or three Conservatives are gathered together, as in the case of the "largely attended and enthusiastic meetings" of fourteen in Beaconsfield last night, they pass a series of resolutions concerning Mr. Hazen. This is part of a painful and prolonged effort on their part to keep themselves convinced that Mr. Hazen is a great statesman. It must add a drop of bitterness to their cup when they reflect that, while Mr. Hazen is acting as war minister and also as first lord of the Canadian Admiralty, Major-General the Hon. Sam Hughes is in England gathering unto himself all the glory and reputation.

TO CANADA.

(By Percy Mackaye.)

Men of Canada, Fellow Americans, Proud our hearts beat for you over the border;

On our own battlefields Many's the shout we wage— Yankee, Canadian, redcoat and ranger; But our old brotherhood, Staunch through the centuries, Shouts in our blood now to share in your danger.

Ab, it's a weary thing Studying and watching here, Numbing ourselves to a frozen neutrality; Yes, in a world at war, 'Tis our good part to keep Patient to forge the strong peace of finally.

Though, then, our part be Peace Yet our free fighting souls League with your own 'gainst the world— just of Vandals; Yes, in the dearest night, We, with your women weep And for your shrouded dead burn our shrine candles.

So, by the guileless law Of our souls' faith, that no border can sever, Freedom—now may you fight, Waging the death of war, Silence the demons of cannon forever!

Kin-folk of Canada, So may your allied arms Smite with his legions the Lord of Disorder! God speed your noble cause! God save your gallant sons! Would we might sail with them—over the border! Boston Transcript.

Correct. Teacher (the subject being trees)—"Now, who can name the pine that has the longest and sharpest needles?" De Blois—"Indeed! What was it?" De Carve—"A wealthy patient made me cut something off his bill."

Auntie Wants to Know. City Nephew (on vacation)—"Tim Rural Aunt—"Do tell! Ain't the doctor able to do his own studying?" Unpleasant Amputation. De Carve—"I performed a very disasteful operation this morning." De Blois—"Indeed! What was it?" De Carve—"A wealthy patient made me cut something off his bill."

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OLD TIME APPLES (By Peter McArthur.) Every once in a while I meet some old codger who cannot bite an apple without leaving a tooth in it, who makes me listen to a long droll about the apples they used to have when he was a boy. They have no apples like hain nowadays. To listen to them talk you would think that the natural fruits of pioneer days were better than the choicest that our present well cared for orchards can produce. For a long time I was inclined to believe this kind of talk, for I could remember certain apples that were the joy of my childhood. There was one yellow apple especially that grew on a tree where the stable now stands. It used to be ripe about threshing time and I remember how I used to eat them and toss them skilfully to the wonderful man who drove the horse power. He would catch them while

standing on the revolving platform and stop whistling and yelling at the horses long enough to munch them. Those apples certainly tasted good to me. Besides, they were heavy and firm and just the thing that a boy needed to throw at some enemy on the straw stack. A straight swift throw and a quick dodge around the barn settled many a score in the good old days. Every fall I ate those apples and until a week ago my mouth would water whenever I thought of them. But last week I found that a neighbor had grafted them on a tree in his orchard and I had a chance to try them again. They were all right in their way, but I have not seen varieties that are much better. I am quite certain that they are the same apple, for they are the same in texture, appearance and flavor—but some divine quality has left them—or me. I could hardly finish the one I started to eat, for back of it pleasant flavor there was a harsh tartness that I found unpalatable. And the result of this was that I took a short stab of a pencil and fashioned for your amusement a little ballad of old-time apples.

The Apples of Yester Years. In my turbulent youth in Victoria's days— (For that phrase, O Flaccus, the praise be thine!) The apples I plucked and stowed away Were especially edible, juicy and fine. To my palate unspiced they were whole by divine. But the evil days have fallen I fear, So I parody Villon and sadly repine— Where are the apples of yester-years? In the beautiful seasons ere came to stay The cooling moth with its evil line, And the Fascidium (Hip Hoory!) There's nothing like Latin to make verse shine!) The apples we revelled with seemed to combine All creature comforts with mental cheer, And no one without them would venture to dine— Where are the apples of yester-year? It is too much Science, so some folks say, And they shake their heads with a scowl conical, Too much Bordeaux and lime-sulphur spray Have put on the apples "The Indian sign" The olden apples were rare as wine Pressed from the grapes in a comet year; So I ask at the close of this ballad of mine Where are the apples of yester-year? L'Envoi. Prince, I vow by the sacred Nine, You can get them today and they're not so dear. I. B. PURSER & CO., Ltd., Boston, Mass. So I picture you in cider—a brimming stein— For, we still have the apples of yester-year.

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