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THE WAR NEWS.

Austria admits that her army in Galicia is retreating, and Russian advances are to the effect that the Russian victory in this quarter has been as disastrous for Austria as that recently gained over another Austrian army by the Serbians. The Russians have also gained some success against the Germans, both in North and South Poland, and the view is expressed that the German attack on Warsaw has been definitely checked. With these conditions in the east it is impossible for Germany to withdraw forces to strengthen her position in the west, where the Allies also claim to have gained some further slight successes, despite the fact that considerable reinforcements of German infantry are said to have been brought up along the line from the sea to Ypres.

An item of interest to Canadians is the news from Montreal that an order has been received to recruit an additional one hundred and twenty officers and men for the Princess Patricia's Regiment. It is assumed that this means that the regiment is about to take the field. It is also announced that arrangements are being completed for the purchase of ten thousand horses for the Canadian militia, and that more will be needed as the war progresses.

The war news during the last few days has been very encouraging to the Allies. Despite the rigors of the winter campaign they are more than holding their own, both in the east and in the west.

THE AMERICAN PROTEST

The protest of the United States against the treatment of American commerce by Great Britain raised an awkward question. The United States does not wish its trade interfered with. On the other hand, as the London Morning Post says, the Americans cannot expect Britain to tie one hand behind her back when she is meeting a powerful antagonist. Germany is willing to pay very high prices for contraband goods, and there are plenty of Americans ready to supply the demand if there is any way of getting the goods through. They are not and are not therefore deprived of a market, but they are tempted by the higher prices Germany offers. Great Britain has no desire to cripple American commerce in the slightest degree, but she is naturally and quite properly anxious to prevent Germany from getting supplies which would enable her to prolong the war. Britain is not responsible for the war, neither is she to blame for a decline in American commerce. The real offender in the case is Germany, and it is regrettable that Germany should be a cause of friction between Britain and the United States. President Wilson recognizes the difficulty of the situation, and calls upon American shippers to abandon the practice of mixing contraband with non-contraband goods, a practice which has led to the stringent measures adopted by the British government, and the detention and seizure of some cargoes. It may well be that British vessels sometimes overstep the bounds in prosecuting the search for contraband and that in the efforts to shut off supplies to Germany, and President Wilson is probably right that certain indemnities must be paid after the war is over. Great Britain will not shrink any responsibility of this sort. The present difficulty is to satisfy the American public without giving Germany an undue advantage in the matter of securing supplies from the United States. The British press discusses the American note of protest in the most friendly spirit, and expresses confidence that the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted. The American press also manifests an amicable spirit.

THE KAISER'S CHRISTMAS

If the report from Copenhagen is true, one of the most amazing Christmas celebrations was that in a town in northern France, where the Kaiser sat down with nearly a thousand officers and men at a Christmas dinner in a hall at one end of which was erected an altar, having in front of it a manger containing a figure of the Christ. We are told that the Kaiser reminded his soldiers that they were gathered to celebrate the Holy Festival, which he said God had decreed that the enemy should force them to celebrate in that place. There hearts, he said, were turned toward God. It was a strange spectacle to see the men who ravished Belgium and sacked Louvain, and cut off the hands of little children, feasting in the name of God and having before them a figure representing the Prince of Peace. The astounding part of this whole business is that the German soldiers and people appear to be possessed of the thought that they are really the chosen people of God, and that their violation of the most solemn treaties, the atrocities of which they have been guilty, and the ambition for world power which animates them, find favor with God. The soldiers who sat at dinner with the Kaiser sang Deutschland über Alles as fervently as they sang the Christmas songs, and as devoutly as they listened to the words of the army chaplain. So far as the record goes no representative of Mahomet was present on this occasion, although the spirit of the Turk was there when the Kaiser told his men that the points of their swords were turned toward the enemy and their hearts toward God—the God of Mahomet. The German, like the Turk, would rule by the sword, and would put to a ruthless death all who declined to acknowledge his rule. A babe in a manger is no fit emblem of German philosophy or the German religion. A saying of the Great Teacher, to be acceptable to the Germans, should be amended to read thus: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, that I may cut off their hands."

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It is to be observed that in his address to the German soldiers at Christmas the Kaiser had less to say than usual about the great triumph of German arms. He repeated, however, the falsehood which has been so fully exposed in the official documents, that Germany had been assailed and was defending herself. The fact that his assertion was made on French soil is sufficient evidence as to the identity of the real assailant.

The German official press bureau says that a pastoral letter from all the German Catholic Archbishops and Bishops calls the world-war a Divine judgment for human wickedness. Substitute "German wickedness" and the pastoral letter will be more generally approved. It is a curious fact that the letter also lays emphasis on the statement that Germany was not to blame for the outbreak of the war. The religion of Germany appears to be a sort of German fanaticism.

The members of the Montreal Harbor Commission, who inspected the terminal facilities at West St. John yesterday, were surprised at the extent of the business being done here, and congratulated the commissioner of harbor and ferries on the excellent condition in which everything was found. It is understood that they were impressed not only with St. John as a winter port, but with its possibilities as an all-the-year-round port for Canada. It is rather strange that the coming of these Montreal gentlemen, who came at the invitation of the minister of marine and fisheries, was not announced until the day of their arrival. The board of trade, which is supposed to have some interest in the port of St. John, appears to have been entirely ignored.

The Standard is quite wrong in assuming that The Times is afraid to refer to the record of Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P. The province of New Brunswick is greatly indebted to Mr. Carvell for the exposure of the most scandalous political transaction in the history of the province. It is this part of Mr. Carvell's record which grieves The Standard. It may also be observed, since The Standard dares to hint at political crimes committed by Hon. William Pugsley, that one of the first acts of the Borden government was to order a Royal Commission to investigate the affairs of the department of which Dr. Pugsley had been the head. Not a single irregularity was discovered, and The Standard is well aware of the fact; as well as of the other fact that when Mr. F. B. Carvell had got done with the Royal Commissioner the usefulness of the latter in Canada came to an abrupt termination.

NO SWAP OF ISLAND FOR JAPANESE GUNS

Berlin Yarn of Cession of Sakhalin by Russia is Unfounded—Mix-up in Washington

Washington, Dec. 30.—At the Japanese Embassy it was said that a statement Saturday by a secretary to the effect that the Embassy had received official confirmation of morning press despatches regarding the Japanese Diet was mistaken for a statement that the Embassy had received confirmation of the press despatches regarding the Island of Sakhalin, which it was reported, had been turned over entirely to Japan by Russia in return for heavy guns. At the Embassy this announcement was made:

"The statement was mistaken. No report whatever concerning the island has been received by the Japanese Embassy."

One of the items given out by the German official press bureau at Berlin on December 25 and stated that reports had been received from Copenhagen to the effect that Russia had traded her half of Sakhalin to Japan for heavy guns.

Russia Also Denies It.

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—The Russian government has authorized the Official News Agency to deny in the most categorical manner the statement that Russia has ceded to Japan half the Island of Sakhalin in exchange for heavy artillery. It is asserted that the report is absolutely unfounded.

An Optimist.

"What a cheerful woman Mrs. Smiley is!"

"Isn't she? Why, do you know that woman can have a good time thinking what a good time she would have if she were having it."

LIGHTER VEIN.

A Kansas man wrote to his newspaper and asked: "What's the matter with my hens? Every morning when I go to feed them I find some of them have keeled over to rise no more." To which the editor replied: "They're dead."

"Well, Does Anybody Say Po-tah-toes?"

"The causes of war are sometimes strangely trivial," remarked the student of history.

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "I know a once peaceful family that has lined up in factions over the question of whether it is proper to say 'to-mah-toes' or 'to-may-toes.'"

Tom Pence tells of a good sister in one of the southern states who was late for the service and explained it by saying that the horse she was driving had run away.

"You shouldn't let such little things detain you," reproached the pastor. "You should trust in the Lord."

"I did," she replied, "till the belly band broke and then I jumped."—National Monthly.

A Bargain

A young lady sued for damages in a case of breach of promise of marriage. She was offered £200 to heal her broken heart.

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Wise Pop.

Jones—Sergeant, I think my daughter intends to elope tonight with young Smith.

Police Sergeant—Well?

Jones—Well, just look me up till morning, so I can't possibly interfere with them.

William Dean Howells, at a dinner in Boston, said of modern American letters:

"The average popular novel shows, on the novelist's part, an ignorance of his trade which reminds me of a New England clerk."

"In a New England village I entered the main street department store one afternoon and said to the clerk at the book counter:

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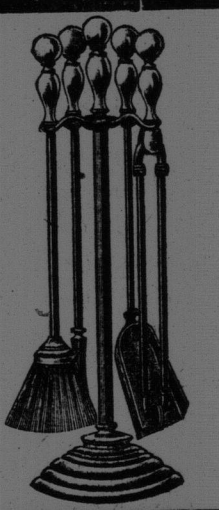
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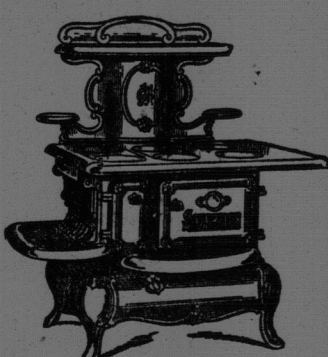
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SAY GERMANS PLAN RAID ON VANCOUVER

San Francisco Hears Reservists Are Gathering at Sacramento and Moving North

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—The Los Angeles Times has the following dispatch from San Francisco:

"That the pronouncement of German Ambassador von Bernstorff that the Monroe Doctrine does not bar the Germans from raiding Canada is, in truth, a call to the 25,000 German and Austrian reservists now in this country to assemble, is the inference of Secret Service officers, who of late have been investigating the immigration to the Pacific coast of men of German birth."

"Germans have been coming into Sacramento singly and in pairs with precision and concentrating at the capital for orders and information before they board trains for the North."

"The testimony that they are bent on invading Vancouver, B. C., is hearsay."

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and the evidence that there is a heira of German reservists to the Pacific Coast

is circumstantial, and of a kind to engage the attention of the secret service.

"Reports from secret agents were coincident with the statement of von Bernstorff that an invasion of Canada was not interdicted by the Monroe Doctrine."

Trainers report an unusually large number of Germans coming west just now, and Pullman porters have observed German officers' uniforms in not a few grips into which they have permitted themselves to peep.

"A tailor is reported to have received orders for German uniforms, and an attack by French and Russian colonists Wednesday on two men in German uniforms, riding horseback in Fourth avenue here, gave a riotous aspect to the rumors of an invasion of Canada."

"Secret service reports of a possible movement of these reservists against Canada are known to have occasioned diplomatic discussion in Washington recently of the question whether or not the United States would view an overt act against England in Canada as a violation of the Monroe Doctrine."

"There are reports of frequent meetings of Germans and Austrians in Oakland and San Francisco. The English Consul does not put much credence in the reports. The French, who are numerous here, are exercised over the matter, however."

"The plan is said to contemplate the occupation of Vancouver and the destruction of Canadian Pacific Railway bridges and tunnels with a view to obliging Canada to keep at home troops said to be destined for service in Europe."

GERMAN FUEL BASE FOUND IN ENGLAND

Spirit Supply Firm, Said to Have Aided Submarine Operations, Raided—Throws Light on Kaiser's Ambition to Invade Britain

London, Dec. 30.—The British naval and military authorities have just acquired a first class stroke in the direction of blocking German air raids on England. It has been discovered that the Motor Spirit Supply Company, which was supposed to be English, and which has in the last year maintained an elaborate series of depots on the coast and across country, was in reality a German concern. The scheme was to supply German airships and aeroplanes with petrol when they succeeded in landing and inaugurating their campaign of terrorizing the British Isles.

It was discovered recently that German submarines ran under motor craft already had received spirit supplies from these depots, and it was thereupon decided to raid and seize them. They are

now in the possession of the British authorities, together with considerable quantities of petrol found there.

This news, which has not yet been published in London, is designed to create an immense sensation when it is known, because of the light it throws on Germany's comprehensive and stealthy programme for an invasion of England.

TOWER OF LONDON NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD CANADIANS

London, Dec. 30.—Two members of the Canadian Veterinary Corps, incarcerated in the Tower of London for disorderly conduct, broke their window bars, escaped when the guard was being changed, and returned to camp. These are the first escapes from the Tower of London recorded for a full century.

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