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## THE WAR SITUATION.

There is great rejoicing today in Germany. The capital of Roumania has fallen, and nearly half of that country, including portions which will yield much needed supplies, is now in German hands. Nearly all of Belgium and Serbia, all of Russian Poland, some other Russian territory, a very valuable portion of France, nearly half of Roumania and all of Montenegro are in the hands of the Central Powers, and Greece is giving the Allies a great deal of trouble and threatening more. Is it at all surprising that the Germans, looking at the map, are defiant? Their submarine activity is unchecked, their steel, though bottled up, is still intact, and the surface indications, especially to the German people, who are not permitted to learn more than it is in the interests of the war-lords to tell them, are such as to give force to the assertion of the Manchester Guardian when it said this week:

"The progress of events and succession of bitter experience in the last brought home to the minds of most men the fact that we are not winning the war, and the further conviction that, with the present methods of waging the war, we shall never win it."

While Germany rejoices British statesmen are disputing with each other and a serious cabinet crisis has developed. This will give great encouragement to the Germans. Doubtless also they will learn that last night in Montreal two members of the Borden government deemed it expedient not to speak at a recruiting meeting, while another member was continuously interrupted and the director of national service failed to get a sympathetic hearing. They do not know in Germany that the real source of trouble in Canada is that the government failed to give leadership at the right time and is now in disfavor; and they will entirely misinterpret the situation both in England and Canada. This is unfortunate, but it makes no difference in the attitude of the people of either England or Canada, so far as the determination to win this war is concerned. Governments may rise and fall, but the stern purpose of the people will be accomplished.

The British cabinet situation may not be cleared up for several days. Evidently there is wide divergence of opinion, and the task of the new premier will tax his powers of conciliation to the utmost. Today's London press comments appear to indicate that Mr. Lloyd George will be a free hand and a fair field, but that the difficulties are great.

## THE MILK QUESTION

An interesting contribution to the discussion of the price of milk comes from the Weekly Ontario, of Belleville, whose business manager is an old cheese maker. The price of milk in Belleville has been increased from eight to ten cents per quart, and the milkmen say it is quite as cheap as cheese or butter or anything else. To this the Weekly Ontario replies:

"Last Saturday cheese sold on Belleville board for more than twenty-five cents a pound. This is high beyond the wildest dreams of what dairymen thought possible at the beginning of the war. Yet bear in mind that cheese would have to sell at forty-eight cents a pound to be equal to milk at ten cents a quart."

"Similarly, the butter that we can now buy for about forty-five cents a pound would cost \$1.04 a pound if it were boosted to the same high altitude as milk."

"These figures look unreasonable but they can easily be verified by any dairymen."

"Here is another thing, however, that is still more unreasonable. It costs more to move sixty pounds of milk from any point one to three miles outside of Belleville, to the consumer in Belleville, than it does to carry one bushel of wheat from Calgary, Alberta, to London, England."

Assuming that these statements are correct, they in the first place prove that milk could be sold much cheaper and yet yield a greater profit than if converted into cheese or butter. That fact is perhaps not generally known, but the Weekly Ontario says it can easily be verified by any dairymen. It is worth keeping in mind in the present controversy.

But the last statement made, of the relative cost of carrying milk one mile and of carrying wheat from Calgary to London, is still more impressive. The Journal from which we have quoted declares that there is "the most crazy kind of extravagant wastefulness in our present system of getting milk from the producer to the consumer." It adds that "if our railroads and steamship companies were managed in the same reckless manner, the Alberta wheat would be selling in England for about five thousand dollars a bushel, and bread would cost the Londoner something like two hundred dollars a loaf."

The Weekly Ontario does not charge that the milkman is getting rich as a result of the system in vogue, but that the consumer is a victim of an indefensible system. We quote again:

"The whole trouble lies in the present method of milk collection and distribution. There are a dozen men doing the work that could as well be done by a single individual. The wagons cross and recross each other's routes and there will sometimes be seen about as many milkmen as there are houses on a street. The whole system is about as foolish, wasteful and inefficient as could be imagined."

And here is the remedy the Belleville paper suggests:

"There is here a fine opportunity for municipal enterprise. Milk-dealers will scoff at any effort along this line as an impractical dream. It may be as yet a dream, but it is not by any means impractical. If at least fifty per cent. of the present unnecessary cost and useless repudiation of service could not be extinguished it would be for lack of the simplest rudiments of organization the same as must be practiced every day by the ordinary business man if he would survive. Our city council should take this matter up forthwith. The establishment of a central supply-depot where customers could obtain milk at cost price would be a boon to many families who are being grievously pinched the present winter."

It would only be by municipal control of such a system that it could be expected to give relief. If the element of competition were removed by a combine the people would practically be compelled to pay whatever price was asked. A municipal milk depot would be a radical departure from present methods, but it certainly offers an opportunity to reduce very materially the cost of distribution. But, of course, milk is only one of a great number of articles for which the people are asked to pay prices that pinch. Municipal action alone cannot relieve the situation. Tariff reduction in many lines would help. In some cases direct government action to eliminate speculation is necessary. But no such action is anticipated.

## POLICE MATTERS.

The members of the St. John police force are the poorest paid of those of any important city in Canada. An alien enemy on parole earns higher wages in St. John today than are paid to a policeman. Chief Simpson is expected to provide the city with able-bodied, intelligent, sober and honest men, well-trained and familiar with the city, for pay that is so inadequate that man after man resigns, and changes are of almost daily occurrence. Not only is the pay too small, but because the force is too small for the territory to be covered the men are compelled to work long hours. The conditions should be such that desirable men would be seeking places on the force, and there would be some guarantee that after a man had gained valuable experience he would not be eager to sever his connection with the department. Those familiar with affairs at police headquarters know that the men are doing valuable service, for which they should be better paid. Enquiry in other cities reveals the fact that the services of policemen are valued much higher than in St. John. This matter should engage the attention of the city council.

There is another improvement which is urgently needed. If children or women are taken to the police station at night there is no room outside the cells unless a cot is placed in the inspector's office, next to the guard room, where the cries and blasphemy of drunken men in the cells below can be plainly heard through the night. An extension to provide decent quarters for women and children could be built if the money were available. In Fredericton a private room outside of the police premises is provided and paid for by the city, where a woman or girl or child may be properly cared for during the period of detention. If those organizations which stand for improved conditions in St. John would visit the central station and familiarize themselves with the conditions under which police work must be carried on, they would realize the need of greater public interest in the whole matter.

The proposal to send three or four clergymen to minister to British prisoners in Germany has, after many months delay, been definitely refused by the German government.

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The great musician's perfect note—  
Mine not to foreign strand to fare,  
Where Robbie sang and Dickens wrote.

Yet I have walked the Scottish heaths  
With Burns beside my inglenook,  
With Tennyson have woven wreaths  
Of Hawthorne from an open book,  
With Dickens caroled Christmas cheer,  
With Spenser loved a faerie queen—  
For, tho' my feet may linger here,  
That other land my soul has seen.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Sure to Come Back.  
A customer walked into a boot shop and asked for a pair of boots. The clerk showed him a satisfactory pair, but the customer said that he had not enough money with him, and asked if he could let three shillings go over until the next day.

The clerk consented, for which, after the stranger had left the shop, the proprietor severely reprimanded him. "You'll never see the man again," he said in conclusion.

"Never fear," replied the clerk. "I wrapped up two boots for the left foot, so he's sure to come back."—Youth's Companion.

Hint to Young Writers.  
A young writer who has been rather unfortunate in the matter of sales recently confided to a friend that he had at last written something that he was sure would be accepted by the very first magazine to which it was sent.

"You don't say," exclaimed the friend, interested, "and what is it?"

"A check for a year's subscription,"

The prison visitor on his usual rounds noticed that a new man occupied a cell that had been empty for some time.

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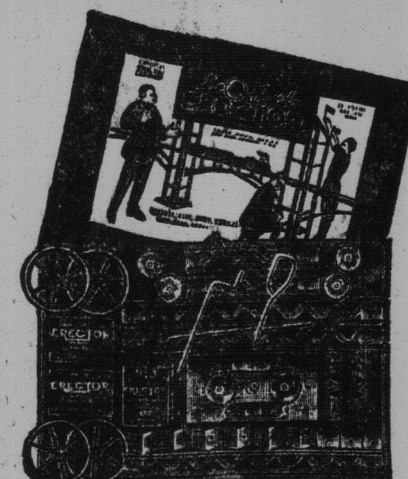
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News of the Soldiers

More Men Needed on Western Front—Twelve Recruits Received Here Yesterday

Major Roland Barnes, son of Mrs. T. William Barnes, of Hampton (N. B.), has been awarded a bar to his military cross, according to word received by his parents yesterday. Major Barnes is now in No. 45 Clearing Station Hospital, France, suffering from a severe wound, which he received during the engagement

in which he won his added honor. Official announcement says that he won the bar to his military cross for leading his company with great courage, gaining the objective and later consolidating and maintaining the position for thirty-six hours.

Major Barnes only reached his twenty-first year a short time ago and is one of the youngest and most highly honored with a battery being mobilized at Fredericton; at that time he was attending the University of New Brunswick. Before the battery went overseas he was, however, given a commission and transferred to the Mounted Rifles, with which unit he went to France. He passed through all the heavy fighting and conducted himself with great gallantry, so that last June he was given his captaincy and awarded a military cross.

A despatch from Moncton says that Mrs. Ada Thomas, of that city, yesterday received a telegram from Ottawa stating that her husband, Lance-Sergeant Lloyd Thomas, previously reported wounded, is now officially reported wounded and missing since Sept. 19.

Lieutenant Copp Gallant Officer. The report that Lieutenant Pearson, Copp, son of Captain and Mrs. A. O.

Copp, of Vancouver (B. C.), and formerly of Riversdale, Albert county, had been killed in action, has been confirmed. The first message said that he had been killed, another followed stating that he was wounded, while the final announcement was that he had made the supreme sacrifice. Letters of sympathy have been received by the parents from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick and Lieutenant-Colonel Warden, the officer commanding the unit of which Lieutenant Copp was a member. Both officers concur in the statement that young Copp was one of the most courageous officers in the division.

Letters received in the city from Canadian officers now on furlough in England are to the effect that there is great need of men on the western front. Lieutenant Louis Ritchie is now at the Canadian Military School, Crowborough Camp, Sussex. Lieut. Arthur Finn, a son of the late M. A. Finn, is doing light duty with the Ninth Reserve Battalion at Folkestone after several months of active service at the front.

Word was received in the city yesterday to the effect that the 104th Battalion band had left for Scotland on a ten days pass. It is understood that the battalion will do guard duty in London during the coming winter.

Miss E. Friars, of this city, received a letter yesterday from George S. Friars, a soldier in Bramshot Camp, England, to the effect that he had his arm broken and was being treated in No. 9 Stationary Hospital.

In the midnight casualty list, the name of one New Brunswick man was mentioned, previously reported wounded, now wounded and missing, Lance Sergeant L. M. Thomas, Moncton.

Change in A. S. C.

Lieutenant Key, who for the past few months has been the officer in charge of barracks in this province, has received an overseas appointment. He will cross as an officer with the 800 men of the Army Service Corps. Lieut. E. Carleton Brown, of Moncton, will take his place.

Recruits.  
Twelve recruits were secured in the city yesterday at the recruiting office: William A. Foster, St. John, Machine Gun Draft; William F. Mallar, Glasgow, 280th Battalion; Charles F. Broden, Glasgow, 280th Battalion; William Reider, Halifax, 280th Battalion; Arthur Anderson, St. John, Naval Service; William Fyres, St. John, Naval Service; George Devlin, St. John, Naval Service; Arthur Gaudreau, Moncton, 165th Battalion; R. P. Boudreau, Moncton, 165th Battalion; V. Cormier, Moncton, 165th Battalion; Adelard Richard, Moncton, 165th Battalion; and William Donaldson, Moncton, 165th Battalion.

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S. C. O.

General Turner, who has now arrived in England to take up his duties as general officer commanding the Canadian forces in Great Britain. The delay in this matter is regretted by officers at the front. It is pointed out that Canada is paying a large number of aviators who, on arrival in England, are merged into the Royal Flying Corps. Many become brilliant aviators, whose work, if associated with a Canadian corps, would give the credit due to the Dominion.

Several Canadian airmen have distinguished themselves thus far, but little is heard of them.

The importance of a Flying Corps as a permanent service for Canada is also emphasized and the establishment at the present time is believed to be much less difficult than it would be later.

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