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## THE WAR NEWS

A despatch from the colonial secretary to the prime minister of Canada gives the following summary of the situation:

"On the western frontier the line has remained stationary for several months. In the eastern theatre of war Germany has met with no greater success, and the Russians everywhere more than hold their own. The great effort essential to the success of Germany has failed, except for one success in East Prussia, which has gained no ground, not a single victory. She has lost two and one-quarter million of her best and bravest soldiers and any fresh effort will now have to be made with greatly inferior and disheartened troops."

The colonial secretary added that Austria could no longer be counted on as a really powerful ally of Germany, and Turkey is of even less account, while the position of the Allies grows steadily stronger on land, and at sea the British navy is supreme. This is a very encouraging summary of the situation, but it must be taken in connection with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reminder that the Germans are still in Belgium and France, and the statement of the parliamentary secretary of the war office that "every man will be needed in this great life and death struggle."

Today's reports tell us that the Russians have fought the Germans to a standstill, while in the western area the situation shows no material change. In the region of the Suez Canal the Turks are said to be in retreat.

## PARLIAMENT.

A fine spirit of patriotism marked yesterday's proceedings in the parliament of Canada. On behalf of the Liberals Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Dr. Michael Clark declared that the successful prosecution of the war is the one great issue, in the face of which partisanship should be for the time forgotten. Mr. Weichel, who moved the address, told the house that he was of German origin, and that all German-Canadians are proud of their race and of German progress in science, art, music, literature and philosophy. "But," said he, "they are not proud of the violation of the neutrality of Belgium, of the burning of Louvain or of the destruction of Rheims Cathedral." Mr. Weichel declared that Prussian militarism must be ended, and the German-Canadians would do their duty shoulder to shoulder with their fellow citizens. The address was seconded by Mr. Achim, who spoke in French, and heartily endorsed Canada's participation in this war. The speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Robert Borden and Dr. Michael Clark were intensely patriotic. It was made perfectly clear, so far as parliament can give expression to the sentiments of the people, that Canada is prepared to make whatever sacrifice may be necessary in the prosecution of this war to the bitter end. Every citizen of the country rejoices that its parliament is moved by this high sense of public duty, and of the fact that when the occasion demands it the people's representatives can forget their political differences and unite heartily to promote the welfare of Canada and of the Empire.

The seriousness of the situation is not underestimated. Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out that though the Germans had failed in their dash on Paris they were still on French and Belgian soil. It is worthy of note that in the British House of Commons yesterday the parliamentary secretary of the war office declared that more men are wanted. The statement was made during the discussion of the largest military budget in British history. From Canada, as well as from Britain, more men must go. Sir Robert Borden pointed out yesterday that Canada has 81,000 men in Britain and France, 1,000 in Bermuda, 10,000 doing garrison duty in Canada and 60,000 more under training. "From these great Dominions," said Sir Robert, "have gone and will still go forth the free manhood of a great Empire, to fight for a cause which involves not only our institutions, our freedom and our destiny, but those of the world." In this sentence the prime minister gave eloquent expression to the spirit and the purpose of the Canadian people, as well as of those of the other peoples of the British Empire.

## THE SKELETON.

It is to be regretted that on the eve of the banquet to Premier Clarke it should have become necessary to table in parliament at Ottawa such a report concerning New Brunswick affairs as the report of Commissioner Pringle on the Southampton Railway. This report shows that false representations were made concerning this railway, and that the company received in public aid from the province and the Dominion \$20,000 more than the whole road actually cost. The minister of justice has asked the minister of railways to take steps to recover the double subsidy, which was paid under false representation. The government of New Brunswick, which is the same today as it was when the Southampton Railway was built, with the exception that Mr. Fleming has retired and Mr. Baxter has entered the cabinet, cannot evade responsibility for the condition of affairs revealed by

The export of lumber from St. John for the month of January to the United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa was more than twice as large as that of January, 1914.

Cables from France show that some more of the Canadian soldiers have arrived there, and it is clear from the despatch from the colonial secretary read in parliament yesterday that all of them will soon be at the front.

The Cologne Gazette says that if there is to be any starvation in Germany the 600,000 prisoners and the people of those parts of Belgium and France occupied by the Germans will be the first to starve. There speaks the spirit of the Hun.

A leading Italian newspaper warns Germany that if any Italian ships are sunk before being boarded and examined there will be trouble. Italy is keeping her soldiers in a state of readiness, and is also taking measures to conserve her food supply.

The president of the Ontario Ploughmen's Association says: "It is nonsense for the farmers of Ontario to increase the area of cultivation, but I claim that most of them would get better results by tilling less land to a more productive end."

The St. John school board has decided to take legal action to compel the city council to pay in full the amount of the board's estimates for this year. The city council took the liberty of reducing the school board's estimates by \$10,000, and the latter body claims that such action is illegal and not to be tolerated. The board claims that the only way it could lessen its expenditures would be by cutting the salaries of teachers. The action it has now taken creates a very interesting situation.

Two apples sold by auction at Covent Garden, London, on behalf of the Prince of Wales' Fund, realized \$1.00.

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"Oxtails are always behind, sir."

The soldiers were dining and orderlies were hastening back and forth with pails of steaming soup. Wolsley stopped one of them and ordered him to remove the lid of his pail. The man obeyed promptly and the general said:—

"Let me taste it."

"But—" began the orderly.

"Let me taste it, I say," exclaimed the general testily.

"Disgraced!" he exclaimed "for all the world like dishwater!"

"That's what it is, sir," replied the orderly, saluting gravely.—Buffalo Commercial.

Mayor Mitchell of New York, at the conference of mayors in Philadelphia, said: "A city should be conducted as a household. You know, of course, the kind of Scotch household I mean—the kind where the father, setting off on a fortnight's business trip, says in the hall: 'Good-bye, all, and, Kathleen, don't forget to make kettie Dugald take his glasses off when he's ha' lookin' at naerthings.'—Buffalo Commercial.

A correspondent of the London Kelt relates:—"As might be expected, recruiting is not without its humor. A sturdy young recruit was asked by one of the clerks filling in the papers what denomination he belonged to. The question elicited the startling information that he was a grasshopper. 'Good gracious!' exclaimed the clerk, 'what is that?' 'That's what I am, sir,' replied the recruit, 'who sits in the park on Sundays, and replies:—

The moving picture director was having trouble in getting one of the scenes right. The girl was supposed to resist the attempt to kiss her, but the rehearsal was far from satisfactory.

"Think, now," said the director, coaching her, "haven't you ever tried to stop a young man from kissing you?"

"No," was the girl's frank reply.

Representative Walter M. Chandler, of New York, tells a story which he heard the other day about a fellow-member, a married man. This gentleman was one night awakened about two o'clock by a nervous wife who shook him vigorously.

"Get up, John!" she whispered in a quaking voice. "Get up and get your pistol. There are burglars in the house!"

The member, half awake, caught only the last part of the sentence.

"Not much," he grunted disdainfully, as he turned over for another beauty sleep. "There may be thieves in the senate, but there are none in the house!"—Washington Star.

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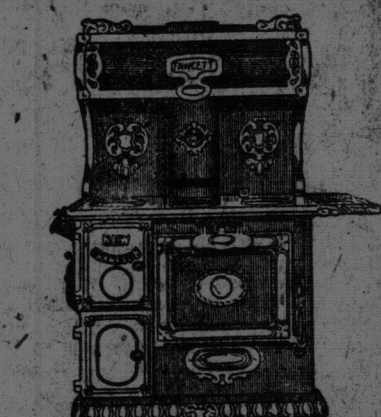
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Sir Douglas Mawson, distinguished Australian scientist and explorer, who is now touring Canada, made a declaration in an address to the members of the Empire Club of Toronto the other day, which is of very timely interest. Speaking with reference to the part being played in the present war by the overseas dominions, he declared that for motherland is proud of her sons, in this hour of need, and that the sons are proud of their opportunity of rendering service to the Empire.

"Regarding sea forces," said Sir Douglas Mawson, "we are proud of our navy. According to the Toronto Globe's report, a member of the Empire Club at this point, interposed with the inquiry, which no doubt was intended to be a jibe, 'What about the Canadian navy?' Sir Douglas Mawson's reply, we imagine was not altogether relished by his interrupter. He said:

"We are one with you in regard to the Imperial confederation, in which all the overseas dominions should have representation, and we believe that the Imperial navy should be augmented by colonial navies, when danger is threatened." "But," he added, "the Empire is composed of autonomous states, complete in themselves, and the control of their own armies and navies develops a greater

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"Recent events have proved the rigour of Australia's position," Sir Douglas continued. "Her own navy, including the dreadnought Australia, forced the late Admiral Von Spee to keep his hands off Australian ports. If we had relief or assistance from the Imperial navy we could have only been spared third-rate ships under present or past circumstances, which would have meant that the formidable German navy which was stationed at Kiochen could have dealt us some serious blows."

"New Zealand's position during the presence of the German fleet in those waters," he went on to say, "was very different from Australia's. That country had made contributions to the Imperial navy and therefore could not protect itself for the time being, and was in a 'blue funk' all the time, because the British ships in those waters were not of the first class. But the Japanese navy rendered very valuable assistance."

Sir Douglas Mawson, at a reception

tendered to him in the city council chamber of Toronto, also made reference to the navy question.

The Australian fleet has kept the coast of Australia clear of German raiders," said Sir Douglas. "Our navy—for I have lived in Australia most of my life—is a rather new idea, and we are proud of it. We thought at first of sending our money to England, but of building our own navy and have it in our own waters."

The sensation of the fur season, the entire balance of F. S. Thomas' fur stock at half price.

Dr. George F. Matthews, surveyor of customs for the port of St. John, has been placed on the superannuation list, dating from February 1, after sixty-two years in the service. Chief Clerk Samuel W. Wilkins has been appointed surveyor and Charles F. Tilley has been made chief clerk.

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