

CURRENT EVENTS

Some of the most fierce fighting of the world war has taken place since the last issue of the REVIEW. On all fronts after tremendous cannonading, infantry attacks have been launched, wrenching shell shattered and blood stained grounds from the opposing forces.

On the Western Front, General Haig's men began a drive in Flanders in which the Canadians participated, and this extensive battle is still going on, with the British in possession of considerable ground near Ypres, and the Canadians after capturing the famous Hill 70 progressing into the outskirts of the City of Lens. Although bitter and determined counter attacks were launched by the enemy no material results were obtained.

In conjunction with this the French forces have made extensive progress on both banks of the Meuse, whilst the Italians, driving from three-fronts, have completely defeated the Austrian force near Isonzo which has resulted in some 100,000 casualties to the enemy.

The Germans have been making some progress, occupying Riga, also capturing Czernowitz, but this has been offset by the determined resistance on the Russo-Roumanian battle fields, where the Eastern Allies are stubbornly repelling the men of the Central Powers.

Teuton troops in East Africa have been driven from their position on the Lugunzy River, and Kilwa and Ntuliras regions.

Germany is reported as forming plans to elude the British cordon and strike with maximum power in American waters.

Matters are somewhat serious in Russia, even under the stern hand of Prime Minister Kerensky.

Attempts have been made to again reach London but the reorganized air defence proved much more adequate.

According to a report, the former Emperor Nicholas and his family have been removed to Tobolsk in Siberia.

According to the London Times the three years of the war

cost Great Britain \$25,750,000,000, whilst the present daily cost is estimated at \$35,000,000.

Elihu Root and other members of the American mission to Russia have returned.

In a recent speech on the occasion of the third anniversary of the war Premier David Lloyd George declared that victory for the Allies was near.

Prince George, former prince of Serbia, had his horse killed under him whilst inspecting his troops recently.

40,000 Greeks have starved in Eastern Macedonia under the Bulgarian occupation.

According to reports China has declared war on Germany.

Liberia, a negro republic on the west coast of Africa, has declared war on the Central powers.

At a meeting of the Board of School Trustees of St. John, held on the 27th of August it was decided not to increase the salaries of the lady teachers but to give a bonus of \$60.

In St. John and some other districts the schools did not open until Sept. 4th.

About seventy candidates made sixty-five per cent. and upwards in the second class Normal School examinations, Fredericton, held in June.

Elaine Allison, daughter of Dr. B. L. Borden, President of Mount Allison University, Sackville, was united in marriage to Frank Dickie, Shawinigan Falls.

As uprising among the Apache Indians in Sierra Auchas Mts., has been quenched by the Mountain Rangers.

Sir Robert McBride, former Premier of British Columbia, died in London recently.

H. L. Williams of St. John, was found in his store shot. No arrests have been made so far.

Joseph T. Sears of Barker's Point led in the U. N. B. matriculation examinations.

FROM THE NEW BOOKS

We published in the May number of THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW a description of a Living Union Jack which reached us in a letter from the headmaster of a school in England. We think it well to mention that the description and accompanying illustration appear in "The Book of the School Concert," published by Evans Brothers (London) Limited, Montague House, Russell Square, London, price sixty cents net, sixty-eight cents post free.

We gladly take this opportunity of acknowledging the original source of the description of the Living Union Jack and we take pleasure in directing the attention of all our readers to "The Book of the School Concert." It contains a choice selection of songs, plays, recitations, patriotic tableaux, opening and closing items, etc., etc. We understand the demand for the book has been so great that no less than four editions have already been called for.

During the course of an investigation at Ottawa one of the witnesses, in reply to a question, said that the person in charge of a Canadian hospital abroad should be a professional soldier. Mr. Pardee, chief Liberal whip, pointed out that in Canada we have no professional soldiers, and with that fact in mind Mr. Edward W. Reynolds has contributed to THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE for August an article telling who

are the men who, though amateurs, have made good as soldiers at the Front. He gives sketches of the careers and military exploits of men such as Lieutenant-General Curry, Brigadier-General Mercer, Brigadier-General McRae, Lieutenant-Colonel Dr. Herbert Bruce and others who have helped to make the name of Canada famous, not only at the Front, but all over the world.

The real experts in office management are few, and the publication of a book by one of them is an event of interest. "Office Organization and Management" by C. C. Parsons, just published, is a book that will appeal to many thousands of readers.

"The successful organization of the present day is a complex affair. It is well-done, finished compound that issues from the business caldron into which has been thrown such a diversity of ingredients as would have astonished the business men of an earlier generation."

That the author does not shrink from this complexity is shown by the list of chapter headings: Organization; Laying Out of Office; Office Employees; Office Training; Rules and Regulations; Discipline; Methods of Payment; Promotions; Increasing Efficiency; Suggestions and Ideas, etc.

The book is published by LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, and forms part of the material in its course on Business Administration.