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The Situation.

There does not seem to be any doubt that Bulgaria has decided to throw in her lot with Germany and Turkey. They have every reason in the world to hate the latter country, whose yoke was thrown off largely through the work of Stambouloff, but King Ferdinand has long had it in his head that he would like to be head of a Bulgarian dominion extending to the shores of the Black Sea, the Sea of Marmora, the Aegean and the Adriatic, and without much doubt the Kaiser, through his agents, has had his ambitions still further strengthened in this regard.

The Russians are still meeting with a good deal of success in Galicia, and elsewhere they are making the enemy pay very dearly for any advance he may make. In Petrograd the present tone is distinctly more cheerful.

German Plots.

Evidence is abundant with reference to the fact that German plotting has taken place in all lands and in a most insidious way. The attempt to stir up unrest in India, the fomenting of trouble in United States factories, and many other instances, might be quoted. In addition their insidious methods have appeared in connection with financial matters. Many consider that Canadian Pacific Railway stock was used by German bankers and speculators in order to create disturbance and help affect British credit, and the Wall Street Journal discusses the fact that a credit in the United States for Great Britain to pay for war supplies, has been contemplated for some time past, "but a state of uncertainty, due to the possibility of a war with Germany, has held up this issue."

Fire Losses and Preventative Measures.

The estimated fire loss in Canada, just tabulated, for the month of August, was \$403,693, an exceedingly small figure. For the first eight months of the year the table is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province/Region and Fire Loss (\$). Includes Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, Alberta, and Prince Edward Island.

The Dominion is away at the top of the list in the matter of yearly loss through conflagrations, many of which could have been avoided by the exercise of a little care. In this regard, in view of the approaching winter season, the Conservation Commission at Ottawa has issued a timely list of warnings, from which the following extracts are taken:

large, ventilated double thimble. You should examine the stovepipes in the attic. They may come apart of rust. Fluff and spider webs are likely to gather on and around them to be set on fire when you least expect it. Chimneys—Chimneys should be built from the ground up, and never rest on wood supports. The settling of the woodwork will cause cracks in the chimney. Nor should the chimney walls be used to support joists or other woodwork. Soft brick and poor mortar are often responsible for defects in the chimney. Use a good quality of brick and cement mortar. Chimney walls should be at least eight inches thick, the flue of ample size and lined with fire clay or terra cotta. Never stuff up the flue holes with rags or paper, nor cover them with anything but a metal stock. Chimneys should be cleaned frequently.

Furnaces—Protect all woodwork above and around boilers, if within three feet, with a metal shield, also all woodwork near furnace pipes. It is best to rivet the lengths of pipe together to prevent disjoining. The pipe should fit perfectly into the chimney. Examine the pipe frequently for rust holes or other defects. Keep them free from dust, fluff and spider webs, which are easily ignited. Defective stoves, boilers, furnace pipes and chimneys should be promptly repaired or replaced. Overheating—Beware of overheating stoves, boilers, furnaces and pipes. Ashes—These should never be placed in wooden receptacles or bins, on wood floors or against wood partitions, walls, fences, buildings or any other woodwork. Use metal receptacles only and dump ashes from all buildings. Care—These matters are technical, but very simple and merely call for ordinary care. You cannot afford to be careless, when the lives of your loved ones, and the property of yourself and neighbors, are at stake. Let "Care and Caution" be the watchword and in this way assist in reducing Canada's enormous fire loss.

REFORMS ASKED BY DEMOCRATIC RUSSIAN PARTIES

Every Right in Magna Charta is Enclosed in the Manifesto.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Sept. 15.—(In Montreal Gazette)—The following facts about the reforms that occupy the attention of Liberal and Democratic parties in Russia at the present moment have been ascertained from a reliable source. They are divided into two headings—reforms demanded during the war, and reforms demanded ultimately.

- The reforms demanded during the war are: 1. The autonomy of Poland, the three divisions to be united within ethnographical limits, one under parliament with common ministers for war, marine and foreign affairs. 2. Full civil rights for Jews and removal of their present disabilities inhibiting Russia property. 3. Amnesty for all political prisoners. 4. Removal of disabilities of workmen and recognition of right of organization in trade unions and so forth. 5. Appointment of a special minister of munitions and eventually of a mixed munitions committee. 6. A Liberal and tolerant policy in respect to Finland. 7. Complete economy and emancipation of commerce, especially from German restrictions. 8. Alterations of the export arrangements in south Russia and generally in rates of exchange after the ultimate opening of the Dardanelles and the probable possession of Constantinople.

In addition to the above it is urged that the following concessions be granted after the war or as soon as practicable: 1. Appointment of a new legislative body elected by universal suffrage. 2. Autonomy of Lithuania, Siberia and the Caucasus. 3. Reform of the schools, autonomy of the universities, and the establishment of secular elementary schools. 4. Reforms in the church, restriction of the powers of the synod and the restitution of the patriarch. 5. Repeal of the statute of Zemstvos of 1890 and reform of municipal administration, the power in which is at present largely exercised by great land owners. 6. Restriction of those privileges of local governors which are at present exercised in defiance of the minister of the interior. 7. Restriction of the powers of the upper house—the council of the empire. 8. The responsibility of ministers. 9. Liberty of the press of speech and of assembly—in a word recognition of the essential rights conceded in the manifesto of October 1905 and April 1915. 10. Agrarian reforms. 11. The greatest possible encouragement of industries. 12. Conclusion of a new commercial treaty with terms designed to protect Russian industries—failing this, the declaration of a tariff war.

Great Painter Dead. Berlin, Sept. 14.—Via London—Paul Friedrich Meyerheim, the painter died today. Meyerheim was born in Berlin, Aug. 13, 1842, the son of Friedrich Edward Meyerheim a well known genre painter. The younger Meyerheim was noted for animal studies, landscapes and still life paintings.

Negroes rioted at Morton, Pa., because the new schools were set apart exclusively for whites. Trappers CUNNING. Following in the wake of Germans crawling across the corn fields, the

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CANADA'S LINES ARE ROMANTIC IN APPEARANCE

So Avers French Journalist, Who is Visiting at the Battle Front.

Paris, Sept. 5.—(Correspondence)—"The life of the Canadians at the front takes one back to the tales of the North American Indian, which were the delight of our youth," writes Maurice Barres, the French Academician, who is on a visit to the fighting lines as the guest of the French staff. "This week," he explains, "I saw the huts of the Canadians, built of trees sawed lengthwise exactly like the log cabins which they build for hunting boxes or the log houses they inhabit some times in the prairies north of the great lakes. A survival of the old Indian romance is found in the Canadian army. Trappers in khaki were shown me who make use of the thousand tricks of their trade against the enemy. They hunt him with the witness of the old scalp-hunters, toned down by English humanity. TRAPPERS CUNNING. Following in the wake of Germans crawling across the corn fields, the

Canadian managers to creep along without causing a single leaf to move. They remain for hours on the watch, lying on their backs and studying the ground around them by means of a little mirror. Should the Germans, reassured by the long silence over the still fields, venture out he is pounced upon, bound with rope in a couple of seconds. The other day, after a series of such fruitful exploits, the Canadian scouts threw over into the German trenches a number of little cards, inscribed: "It is useless for you to send out any more patrols; you have Canadians in front of you."

NOT ALL ARE SUCH. "I know, of course, that among these volunteers there are many modern Canadians, businessmen, professional men, workmen. All are not sons of trappers and backwoods-men. But it is a fact that they have more initiative, more ingenuity, and more enterprise than European soldiers. And to look at them; what tenacity there is in their expression. "In a huge open air depot, I was examining their military transport vans, all marked with the maple leaf, when my eyes fell on a little tent covered with weird strips and figures in green paint. "What is that," I asked. "A Canadian officer's tent." "But those green signs?" "Oh, nothing. The background has merely been arranged so that from above it will seem to form part of the meadows and woods."

"But I had recognized amid the splashes of paint, various hieroglyphics which again took my mind back to the days of the red skin the cat's head, the Black-Hard, and finally the Swastika, that talisman

which had come down to us from the farthest ages." Organization Broken Up. Montreal, Sept. 15.—By the arrest at Huntingdon, Que., of J. B. Francoeur, alias Hart, Alec C., and Johnny Lefebvre, the police believe they have broken up an organization which has smuggled 111 Austrians out of Canada to the United States during the summer. One Austrian was taken out of Canada disguised as a nun. The police claim Hart has made a confession of the details of the smuggling. The arrests were made on the strength of a report by a police agent, Joe Proboska, an Austrian, who claims he paid \$40 in marked money to Hart, and was taken across the line in an automobile. The money was found in Hart's safe at Huntingdon. The two Lefebvres are said to have been employed by Hart to guide the men to the States. The men were committed to trial by the Valleyfield Magistrate yesterday.

Wonderful Operation. By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Sept. 15.—Means by which he extracted a shrapnel bullet from the right auricle of a French soldier's heart, were described to the Academy of Medicine last night by Dr. Charles Infort. This surgical feat was accomplished by the use of a radiographic compass invented by the surgeon. This instrument enables Dr. Infort to locate foreign bodies in tissues with mathematical precision and permits their extraction without injury to the neighboring organs, he told his colleagues.

Dr. E. J. Danck, alienist, of Waukegan, Ill., says cramped homes and flats breeds insanity in women. New York aldermen, with the election coming on are glad to marry couples without charging fees. Wm. T. Goy, born without arms or legs, well-known in side shows, died in New York of pneumonia.

Joseph Koenig, was arrested for picking the pocket of Policeman John Scotti, on a New York street car. Martha Bembow, aged 11, Cleveland, asks \$3,000 for being bitten by the dog of Miss Elizabeth M. Sanford. One of the oaks under which the Republican party was born at Jackson, Mich., was badly hit by a storm.

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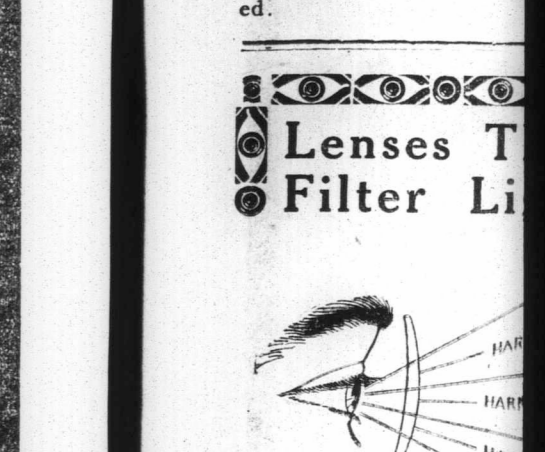
MEET TO-NIGHT. The regular quenchers of the Labor Council take evening in their hall on of Hamilton.

QUENCHERS INSTALLED. The first quenchers organized in Alexandria Park on an early hour, motion being evident at the time by several thirsty persons.

FORMAL OPENING. A. Coulbeck, chairman of Education, announced opening of the King George on Rawdon street. The start at four o'clock at speeches from several members of the Board of and possibly Judge Hard Raymond.

HAS ENLISTED. Mr. Percy Meyer, of who has been spending months in Muskoka, has Parry Sound for active is now with the 37th at N. Percy makes the fourth of the young men's class of the Methodist church who has

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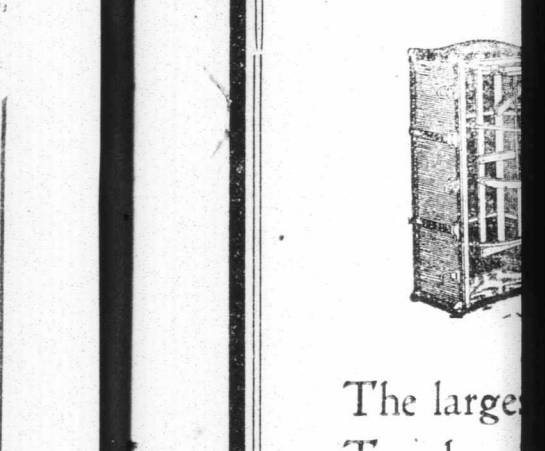
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