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THE WAR NEWS.

The appearance of a German submarine off Fleetwood, in the path of vessels approaching Liverpool and Manchester, and the fact that this craft was able to sink three British vessels and escape without challenge, has naturally excited some excitement in shipping circles. The Germans have evidently made the submarine a very effective agency for destroying merchant vessels, and that the one in question was able to get around to the west coast of England and the vicinity of Fleetwood shows that these craft can operate at a very considerable distance from their base. German submarines were also busy yesterday in the English Channel and sunk two vessels, one of which was carrying food and clothing to the Belgians and the other carrying Belgian refugees to the other side of the Channel. It is charged that the Germans have deliberately violated international law in the attack upon these vessels, as they did not give those on board time to embark in the ships' boats before the vessels were sunk. In the case of the vessels sunk in the Irish Sea, however, it is claimed the crews were given time to get away. This activity on the part of German submarines will stimulate the British Admiralty to greater vigilance, and it will also give another impetus to the recruiting in the Mother Country, as the necessity of crushing the German armies in order that the war may be brought to an end.

It is expected that this week will witness important events in the region of the Carpathians, where German armies have joined the Austro-Hungarian forces, and where the fighting is said to have assumed the character of a general battle, in which thus far the Russians claim they have the advantage. In East Prussia the Russians continue their offensive movement, and the struggle in Poland continues without any decisive result. The Russian fleet in the Black Sea has inflicted considerable damage upon Turkish ports and vessels, and the Russian army in the Caucasus reports a victory over the Turkish forces, resulting in the capture of the commander and officers of a Turkish division, along with many other prisoners and considerable war material.

A Paris report claims that the British have retaken from the Germans some trenches which the latter had captured, and that all along the line the fighting continues favorable to the Allies. There is a report, however, that the Germans are concentrating for a fresh attack on the Yser line, and apparently the net abandoned, the hope of breaking through to Calais. The Kaiser is reported to have boasted last week that his armies would remain on hostile territory until they have vanquished the Allies. Quite a different story, however, comes to the London Daily Mail to the effect that Baron Burián, the new foreign minister of Austria, told the Kaiser and the German chancellor recently that the general situation is very bad, and that it would be better to secure tolerable terms of peace at the present time rather than court greater disaster. The Daily Mail attaches some importance to this report. Another interesting incident occurred yesterday in Rome, where it was necessary to call out the troops to disperse crowds who were clamoring for Italy to join the Allies.

It appears to be taken for granted that the greater portion of the First Canadian Contingent is now in France, or will be there before the close of the present week. Last night's cables told of the death of two officers of the Princess Patricia's in the British trenches near LaBassee, and said that the Canadians inflicted severe loss on a German regiment which attacked their trenches. If the First Contingent has really gone or is going this week to France, the Second Contingent will probably not remain much longer on Canadian soil.

It is announced that there are 178 British ships serving in the British army. The Russians have occupied the town of Tabriz in Persia, having driven out the Turks.

Should Austro-German armies invade Serbia, Greece will at once come to the aid of the smaller country.

There is great rejoicing in Germany over the achievements of the submarines.

A Russian general points out that after six months of war their second line of troops is greater, their entire armies much stronger, their men inured to war, and the progress made in East Prussia and Galicia greater than they had expected at this date. On the other hand the Germans have made no progress, while the Austrians have been steadily weakened and lost much ground.

An Ottawa despatch says that the separation allowance will be granted to the wives of soldiers who marry within twenty days from January 29, and have the permission of their commanding officers, and that men who enlist in the future may secure for their wives the separation allowance if they make application when enlisting and are married within twenty days thereafter. Dost

What Would I Carry? (Southern Woman's Magazine). Oh, what would I carry, could souls bear a burden? And what would I bring her if dead hands could hold? A rose from this garden of planting in Heaven— For oh, but she loved it, she loved it of old.

But how to accost her, with no speech of heaven? And how find the one word to prove I were fit? The love name I gave her I'd whisper and whisper. And wait for the kiss that of old made reply. But what worth are dreams when we waken, we waken? I yearn for the great dream that flies not at morn; And what worth are roses, the reddest, the sweetest? Her mouth was the one rose that bore not a thorn! —Margaret Root Garvin.

The Joys of the Road. Now the joys of the road are chiefly these: A crimson touch on the hard-wood trees; A vagrant's morning wide and blue, In early fall, when the wind walks, too; A shadowy highway cool and brown, Alluring up and enticing down. From rippled water to dappled swamp, From purple glory to scarlet pump; The outward eye, the quiet will, And the striding heart from hill to hill. An idle noon, a bubbling spring, The sea in the pine-tops murmuring; A scrap of gossip at the ferry; A comrade neither glum nor merry. Asking nothing, revealing naught, But nipping his words from a fund of thought. These are the joys of the open road, For him who travels without a load. —Bliss Carman.

For the Looking Glass. (McLauridburg Wilson, in N. Y. Sun.) Your blood is blue, Your word is bond, Your heart is true. A handsome chap, You bless the race; These things they say Before your face. 'twas skiof rooY gun a evab hoY 'efw rooy pleh dol. gu eht tach hoY self a miks woY 'leab sl trash rooY yas yett sgnit esohT 'leab rooy dnihb

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