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THE contribution which occupies most space in a newspaper is not always the most important. In this issue there are two short articles which are both interesting and important. Mr. Sherbinin is a Russian who has lived in Canada for a number of years and whose opinions of the present situation in the Balkans have a peculiar significance. It will be quite evident to readers of his brief article that Mr. Sherbinin regards the war somewhat in the light of a religious crusade. Whether his views are right or wrong they are exceedingly interesting at the moment when the Slavonic and Hellenic races seem to have triumphed over the Mussulmans.

The other short article deals with the relative strength of the British and German navies. Captain Neitzke has served in the German navy and is now on the retired list. He has spent some time in Canada and knows this country fairly well. His contribution is intended to show that the figures as to the relative strength of the two navies, given out by the British newspapers and politicians, are misleading. If his figures are reliable, and they seem to be authoritative, then Canada is being stampeded by false information.

In an early issue we shall publish an historical sketch of the civic reform movement in St. John, N.B., which resulted in the establishment of commission government in that city. This article is written by one of the four members of the committee which drafted the new charter. Mr. W. F. Burditt is one of St. John's prominent citizens and a vice-president of the Board of Trade. His article should be interesting at a season when a large part of Canada is devoting itself to a discussion of municipal elections and municipal reforms.

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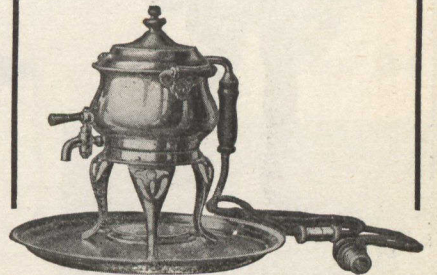
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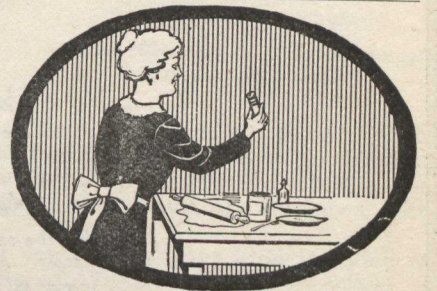


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