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THE WAR NEWS

A cable from Rome today says that Germany has definitely failed to bring about an agreement between Italy and Austria regarding a cessation of territory which would induce Italy to remain neutral. In the meantime the fall of Przemysl is said to have caused a stronger popular demand in Roumania for the entry of that country into the war on the side of the Allies. German influence in the neutral countries appears to be steadily waning.

There are no new developments of importance in the Dardanelles, but the mine sweepers are continuing their operations under the guns of the cruisers, to as large an extent as weather conditions will permit.

In Germany additional precautions are being taken to conserve the bread supply, and it is evident that the economical pressure grows from week to week. The loss of the German submarine U-29, which is reported on apparently good authority, removes the most dangerous enemy to British vessels in the Channel. The sinking of a Dutch steamer by a German submarine while the vessel was flying the Dutch flag and had a Dutch crew on board, and had her captain painted in large letters on her sides, will probably tend to make the people of Holland regard with less disfavor the British blockade of German ports.

The French are reported to have made some further gains along the western front, and Russia claims to have gained further victories in Bukovina and the Carpathians.

Today's cables say that the Austrians have evacuated the capital of Bukovina and are in full retreat into Hungary. A Rotterdam despatch says that the aeroplane raid of the Allies on the German submarine plant in the suburbs of Antwerp did serious damage. An Italian newspaper prints an article dwelling upon the "cordial" relations which should exist between Italy and Britain.

A SHAMEFUL RECORD

Whatever may have been the faults or failings of Liberal governments in Canada, the record at its worst could show nothing compared with the revelations that have been made and are being made at Ottawa, of conditions existing under the Borden government, which was to reform the administration of the country. Nothing so humiliating in our political history has been revealed as the carnival of graft in connection with military supplies during the present war. Whether it be due to connivance of the government or to incompetence, nothing but the most severe condemnation is due to those responsible for the administration of affairs. When we think of the great sacrifices the people all over the country have made and are making in order that Canada may do her part worthily in the great conflict in which the Empire is engaged, and then think of contractors and middlemen deliberately setting out to enrich themselves out of funds which should be devoted to the last dollar to the task of making Canada's participation in the war more effective, the sense of national humiliation becomes oppressive, and with it comes a desire to be rid of an administration under which such a shameful condition of affairs is possible. The low state to which the Conservative party appears to have sunk is indicated by the attitude of its press, which seeks to conceal the facts as far as possible from the public, and to divert popular attention from the crimes committed by making vicious attacks upon the Liberals, who are charged with disloyalty because they seek to throw the light of an open inquiry upon the sins committed in the very name of loyalty. The Liberal party has observed a political truce as far as it was possible since the war began, and has assented without question to every proposal of the government to strengthen the arm of Britain in the great struggle. They would, however, be false to their duty as Canadians if they did not direct attention to what is being done in connection with the ordinary administration of affairs, and the conduct of the various departments of the government. The people of Canada have risen to a great occasion. Those to whom they should look for an example of integrity and patriotism have not, however, risen to the height of their opportunity, but have played the mean and petty game of partisan politics and graft in the face of a great national crisis.

THE TIGHTENING CORDON

When the war began Germany hoped to be able to crush France by a swift stroke. She hoped also with the aid of Austria to inflict such defeats upon Russia as would lead the latter to sue for peace. These hopes were doomed to failure. The unexpected resistance offered by the British expeditionary force enabled the French to rally their strength and the German "march on Paris" was halted and then turned back. The later drive toward Calais had a like result. In the east Russia developed unexpected strength, and by a masterly strategical policy has gained the ascendancy over

the Austrians and frustrated every effort of the Germans to break through her lines. It was hoped by Germany that the entry of Turkey into the war would so distract the attention of both Britain and Russia that their offensive would be greatly weakened. On the contrary the Turkish armies have nowhere gained any success, but have met with reverse after reverse. They have been defeated by the Russians, and have failed in their attempt to invade Egypt and to seize the Suez Canal. The allied fleets are making steady progress in the task of forcing the passage of the Dardanelles, and there is good reason to believe that but for the still dominating influence of Germany the Turks would already be disposed to sue for peace. At every point German hopes have been blasted. Italy refused to join at the outset, and even the effort to secure continued Italian neutrality through the cession of Austrian territory seems doomed to failure. The Italians apparently see the force of the warnings made by the Russian press to the effect that countries which remain neutral cannot expect at the close of the war to secure such concessions as would be cheerfully accorded them if they had taken an active part in achieving the victory. Throughout the war the German navy has failed to yield any influence on the general result. The submarine blockade has not succeeded, and the dreaded Zeppelins have taken no important part in the struggle.

Reviewing the whole situation it is now apparent to everybody outside of Germany that there can be but one end to the conflict. In the United States they are beginning to lay wagers on the possible date of the conclusion of the war, with Germany defeated. Such news as comes out of Germany shows that the people are growing despondent, and that the economic pressure is being more and more keenly felt. The morale of the German army must have been seriously affected by continued failure to achieve the desired end. Like an animal entrapped and that side of the steel cage, vainly endeavoring to break through to victory and freedom. The latest news from all parts of the field continues to be favorable to the Allies, and though the task to be performed is still titanic, and the losses to be sustained are enormous, the end of Prussian militarism must come before the snows of another winter fall upon the blood-soaked fields of Europe.

Some opponents of the commission plan of government are suggesting a board of control. Halifax has the board of control system and is now trying to get rid of it, and it has proved utterly unsatisfactory in a number of other Canadian cities, notably in the city of Montreal.

The fact that repairs to the surface of the new pavement on King Street are necessary so soon after it was laid down raises the question of the best material for paving such a thoroughfare. An engineer who has had wide experience in the United States expressed the opinion several years ago that although it would be rather noisy the most economic pavement for King Street would be of granite, with pitch filling.

The kindly words spoken at the reception to Rev. Dr. MacVicar last evening on the eve of his severance of pastoral relations with St. Andrew's Church, and his return to the missionary field in China, expressed the feelings of many outside the boundaries of his own congregation and denomination. Feeling that because of former experience in China, and a considerable knowledge of the language, he has some special qualifications for work in that vast country, which is reaching out toward a new and better civilization, he answers what he regards as the plain call of duty, and goes back to the Orient. With him will go the best wishes of very many friends he has made in the city of St. John.

The most independent gentleman in New Brunswick is Mr. W. H. Berry. He apparently has as little regard for Royal Commission as for mosquitoes. Moreover, he does not appear to be at all disturbed by the burning anxiety of Premier Clarke and the other members of the provincial government to have him come forward and render them this aid in purifying the departmental administration of the affairs of the province. One can imagine the profound sorrow with which the waywardness of Mr. Berry fills the hearts of the members of the government. It is really unkind of Mr. Berry. Let us all hope the members may survive the shock and go on with the noble task of reform, even if they are denied the invaluable assistance of the man from Oak Bay.

In the April 21, 1885 issue of Graham's Daily Mail, a newspaper published in Philadelphia at that time, the leading articles were on "The European War and the Allies," "The Situation in Mexico," "Prohibition and Submarine Exploitations." The paper also commented on the high price of wheat, the intimation that Great Britain was too ambitious about "ruling the waves" and the need of more enlistments in the United States. The Crimean War was then in progress and the "Allies" were England and France.

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"Now for my trump card," he said.

"We will elope and save the expense."

The old man caught his hand. "She's yours, son, she's yours."

Mother—Johnny, did you take your cough medicine regularly in school as I told you?

Tommy—No'm. Tommy Budds liked it, an' he gimme an apple for it."

"Do you think you will be able to keep me out of jail?" he asked, after he had made a full confession to his lawyer.

"I may not be able to do that, but I can make the state spend a lot of money in putting you there."

"Is your part of the country as wild and woolly as ever?" "Just about. Only last week I saw a friend of mine have a very narrow escape from a band of infuriated Indians. He made a remark that displeased them and about nine of them ran at him, some carrying clubs."

"What did he do?" "He merely said 'play ball, or I'll fine every one of you'; and they played."

A Double-acting Retort

Husband—I wish you'd stop this everlasting exclaiming about my expenditures.

Wife—No, I shan't. Cackling saved the capital of Rome and I'm going to see if I can't save your capital that way.

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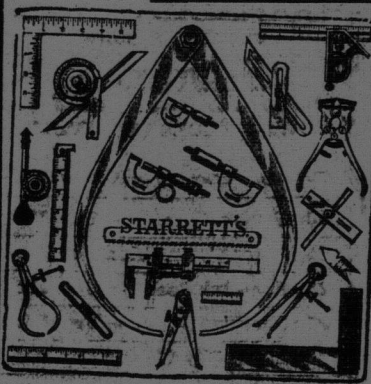
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NEWS OF SASKATCHEWAN

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applications have been received for the use of such lots for gardening purposes. A much larger scheme is being considered by some of the business men of the city which aims to utilize large tracts of land near the city for the raising of truck produce. The land situated near the city is particularly suited to the raising of vegetables, but up to the present time has been used only for the production of grain.

A shoe blacking factory will probably be located in Regina in the immediate future, providing the scheme of prominent Regina business men succeeds. It is proposed to sell stock at \$2 a share no citizen to be allowed to subscribe for more than one share.

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