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## THE WAR NEWS

Today's cables indicate that with the aid of the Russians the Roumanian armies have checked the enemy and that the danger of Roumania being overrun has greatly lessened. If the Germans and Austrians cannot carry out their purpose in this field their case is hopeless, for on no other front have they any chance of success. Once more Russia appears to have come to the rescue at a critical moment.

Not only is the news from Roumania now favorable, but the French have captured another village and advanced both north and south of the Somme. The British have also gained more ground, and with every foot gained, British and French the more clear it becomes that nothing can stop their advance, though it must necessarily be slow and arduous.

The Serbian army is more than holding its own against the Bulgars, the Italians have captured another height from the Austrians, and the Russians are again attacking in great force north of Halicz, threatening the enemy's communications with Lemberg.

At no point are the enemy able to record a gain of any importance. The situation in regard to Greece is not yet clear. King Constantine makes professions which are regarded by the Allies with suspicion. It cannot be long, however, before the provision of government is generally recognized or internal strife will break out in Greek territory.

Reviewing the whole war situation, Mr. Frank H. Simonds says:

"The certainty of German defeat is no longer to be mistaken."

## GERMANY AND PEACE.

The only talk of peace comes from Germany. The Allies are devoting their energies to the task of crushing the Central Powers, and have no time to give to consideration of possible present terms of peace. Of course Germany talks of peace on Germany's terms, but the fact that the question is discussed at all in that country reveals the great difference between the feelings of the German people and those of the people of the Allied nations. If the Germans were confident of attaining the world-dominion they set out to secure, they would not debate possible peace terms until they were in a position to dictate the terms. They know today that they cannot defeat the nations arrayed against them, and therefore realize that they cannot dictate the terms of peace. And so they are talking about the terms they would accept. The change in the mental attitude of Germany is significant. It is an acknowledgment of defeat, whether they realize the fact or not. The tide is running against them. It looks now as if they would fall in their attempt to crush Roumania, and failure there would mean that at no point on the great battle front could they hope to assume the offensive with the slightest hope of success. It would mean that the cord around Germany and Austria was being drawn ever tighter, and that sooner or later they must yield to superior force and accept such terms as the victorious Allies would impose. In view of the terrible loss of life involved, the destruction of property, and all the long list of crimes associated with the conduct of the war by Germany and her tools, those terms will not be mild or easy to accept, but there will be no alternative for the thoroughly beaten ingredients of the strife that has convulsed Europe for so long a period. Kaiserism is doomed. President Falmores, of Toronto University, which has sent more than three thousand of its staff, graduates and undergraduates into active service, told the students in a recent address that the issue is that is now being decided. He said:

"What underlies this struggle? It is simply this: Is the world hereafter to live in a permanent condition of organization for war or is it to be organized for peace? Is any one nation having so organized itself and set the pace for others, and having drawn others into its orbit, to be able, just by the rash and sweep of its power, to force all other nations, large and small, into the circle of its will? If this principle were to succeed the world would live in subjection to the general military staff of the most powerful nation. All life would be regulated to serve their plans, and individual freedom, implying initiative, self-government, toleration of differences, would be checked. Everything would be directed to serve the purpose of a military situation which itself would be determined by aims of world-wide control."

When the Allies have secured such a victory as will guarantee a lasting peace, and such reparation as will enable the nations dragged into war to begin under favorable conditions the great task of the reconstruction period, they will be ready to impose, not to discuss with the enemy, the terms of peace.

## ST. JOHN'S UNDERWORLD

The relation of bad housing to immorality in the community is a subject to which very little attention is given in St. John. At one time last winter half a dozen women, guilty of immoral conduct, were in the jail, and all of them were from the small district with which the housing report now before the city

council deals. There are moral conditions today in that area, known to the police and the Children's Aid Society, which are a grave menace to the welfare of the community. The same may be said with equal truth of some other sections of the city. The police force is too small to be able to cope with its task, and the work of the Children's Aid Society is done by members of the board without any remuneration whatever.

Up to the secretary, Rev. W. R. Robinson, falls the heaviest burden, and the citizens of St. John owe him a debt not easily repaid. Chief Simpson and his men have done most valuable work for the Society, and are doing it constantly, but only the fringe of the problem has been touched. Those who know the conditions and are doing what little they can to stem the tide of immorality, and remedy the conditions by saving some of the children, are appalled by the magnitude of the task, which calls for better housing, an enlarged police force, a rigid enforcement of school attendance, a competent paid agent for the Children's Aid Society, with probation officers, a juvenile court commissioner to be available every day, and such a probing of the plague spots in the city as will bring to light the evils that now stalk in darkness, destroying the efficiency of adults and robbing little children of a fair start in life. There is an underworld in St. John that has habits and standards of its own, and that smiles indifferently upon the amiable moralists who view it askance as it now and then reveals itself in the police court, and straightway go about their own business. The citizens of St. John are not doing their part to save the Canada for which their sons are dying yonder in France, so long as they permit conditions to exist that shame our boasted civilization.

## THE HOUSING REPORT

The report of the housing investigation made some time ago, of conditions in one section of this city, now before the city council. The report should be printed, along with all of the photographs, which accompany it, and should be circulated throughout the city. The story of the over-crowded tenements, unhealthy conditions, high rents for hovels, and other facts brought out should be spread before the citizens, with the reminder that this report covers only one section of the city, and that there are other districts of the nature. It is not that every house in a district is in bad condition or over-crowded, but that the number of such houses is large enough to be a shame and disgrace as well as a menace to the welfare of the community.

Mr. W. F. Burditt deserves the highest credit for the thorough manner in which the report now before the council has been prepared. With great patience and attention to detail he has set down and analyzed the facts as they were gathered by the inspectors, and he accompanies them with recommendations which should be made the basis of a general reform of conditions. Unfortunately, so long as a shelter of any sort is available there will be found those who are willing to live under its roof, but the welfare of the community demands that they be not permitted to live under conditions that are a menace to the public health, as well as their own. Some of the photographs which accompany the Burditt report could not be surpassed as exhibits of filthy conditions in the slums of any city on the continent.

At the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in St. Louis this week, the Rev. James Wise of St. Louis, suffragan bishop-elect of Kansas, drafted a resolution calling for a permanent church publicity commission. "In our churches we can reach many but it is through the newspapers and other periodicals that we can best reach the man outside," he said. "We are coming to the point where we must realize that the church, like all other large organizations interested in molding public sentiment can best do it through organized publicity." The kind of publicity which would do most good is not that of a single denomination, which represents only a section of the community, but the united appeal of all the churches, through a joint organization, dealing with essential things, and having behind it the driving force of all the churches.

## MOTOR CAR CLIMBS FAR UP MT. HOOD ON CLEATS

For the purpose of demonstrating the hill-climbing ability of a certain motor car, a seven-passenger machine was recently driven three-fourths of a mile up snow-capped Mt. Hood in Oregon. The November Popular Mechanics Magazine gives an account of the test, which in some respects was as unusual as it was spectacular and interesting. The car finally turned back at a point about six miles from the base, where it is said more than a 50-per-cent grade was encountered. Not far past this place perpendicular crags and deep chasms are barriers to all but mountain goats and experienced climbers. In making the trip the car did not have to buck against deep snows as might be inferred. It traveled over a wooden track consisting of cleated boards. As the car descended, a gun of eight men picked up the track sections over which it had passed and placed them ahead of the front wheels.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

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## OTTAWA HEARS THERE MAY BE AN ELECTION

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—An indication of the somewhat panicky frame of mind of the Borden government with regard to the fate that awaits it when it has to appeal to the country for another lease of power, the rumor is current in government circles that the decision to meet parliament next January for a final session has been again abandoned. "A wing of the party is said to be now advising a general election before Christmas or early in January, on the issue of a modified form of conscription."

The question was discussed some weeks ago by the cabinet, but it was then decided, and semi-officially announced, that no action would be taken along the lines of meeting parliament, and that there would be another session of parliament with an appeal for a further year's extension.

The drastic action now proposed by some of Premier Borden's advisers is to forthwith announce a policy of modified conscription, backing up the nation's service board with some real authority to get after the slackers and allocate men either to the ranks of the overseas forces or to the necessary works of production on which depend continued war output of munitions, etc.

So far as can be learned at present, the government is now wavering between the alternatives of meeting parliament, and hanging on to power for at least another few months, or of taking the plunge now and getting it all over with quickly on a bold issue.

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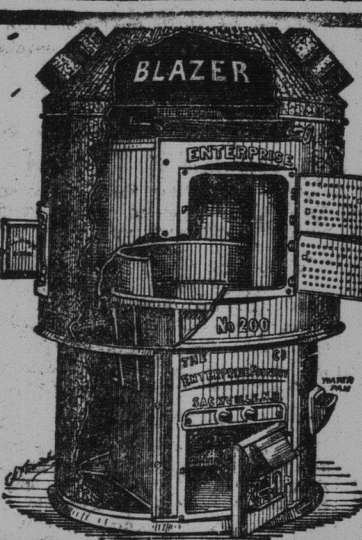
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## SPAIN MAY BE NEXT WITH THE ALLIES

Rumors of Possible Change in Policy

FORMERLY WAS PRO-GERMAN

Statement by Conservative Leader Taken to Indicate Intention to Line up Against Central Powers

There must be in some neutral countries a censorship hardly less rigorous than prevails among the belligerents. In Spain, for example, important events must have taken place, but no word of them has leaked out. Who is the premier of Spain at this time? Is it Maurea or Romanones? Was the government reorganized, and is there a coalition government in control? It is difficult to imagine that matters of so much moment could be kept secret. It is probable that in the press of war news, political manoeuvrings in Spain should be of international significance. There is a prospect that Spain may enter the war on the side of the Allies. A speech to this effect by Maurea delivered a few weeks ago attracted attention, but as

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Maurea was then described as merely a former minister, not much importance was attributed to his expression of opinion. If, however, Maurea should become premier, it is plain that his former utterances would be illumined with faithful significance.

## Spain Now Pro-Ally.

It has been generally believed that the sentiment of Spain as far as the official military and religious leaders is concerned has been pro-German since the beginning of the war. The Roman Catholic church has been assumed to be in favor of Austria, and naturally opposed to the democracy and liberalism of France and Britain. The military caste has been assumed to be in favor of Germany, and the army officers naturally have had the greatest reverence for Germany's military prowess. As regards the king himself, it was recognized that he had always been an admirer of France, and a welcome visitor there on more than one occasion, and also that his consort is an English princess. In certain parts of the kingdom, notably in Barcelona, where revolutionary sentiments are supposed to be generally cherished, the feeling has always been pro-Ally, or rather pro-civilization and pro-liberty. But it was supposed that the work of the German propagandists and the large campaign fund at their disposal had resulted in making Spanish sentiment on the whole favorable to the Central Powers. Maurea's words to the effect that Spain should side with Britain and France came therefore as a surprise.

## Spain's Hour of Destiny.

They were all the more significant in view of the fact that in the early days of the war German submarines are supposed to have been hospitably received along the Spanish coast and assisted on their voyages to the Mediterranean. In some quarters Spanish official efforts to correct these breaches of neutrality were said to be half-hearted. It was supposed that while Romanones as a Liberal was anti-German, he feared to show himself in this light because the prevailing sentiment of the country was not behind him. But Maurea is a Conservative, and it is said upon good authority that he would not have hesitated to agree that Spain ought to take some decided stand in this war. Maurea has said that isolation is impossible for Spain because she is geographically, economically and politically brought into contact with other countries in both hemispheres. He said that "Spain must either take her proper place among the nations or submit to be evicted, degraded or trampled under foot. We cannot live in a state of neutrality," he said. "We must fill the position that belongs to us or necessarily we shall see our place taken by others."

## Looking to the Future.

Evidently he has his mind upon the conditions that may exist after the war, for he said Spain naturally belonged to the group of nations that is fighting Germany, that only among them could she look for powerful allies, and that if she remained coldly neutral throughout the conflict she might find herself left with-

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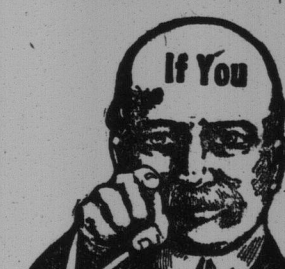
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