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Sir,-Returning here from a visit to the Champagne battlefields my attention has been called for the first time to a question in Parliament by Mr. Bryce if it were true that I had left the British front for home out of disgust with the new regulations. 1 am going home on leave, as I had planned, after an absence of nearly two years; and I go with the expectaion of returning and with the satisfaction, as the accredited Ameri-can correspondent, of having shared with my British colleagues a nearer view of some of the recent offensive operations than has been the fortun of correspondents on any other front unless in Gallipoli, so far as I know. Nothing could be finer than the courtesy and consideration which have been shown the only neutral with the British Army in France. To say that he has had a priceless experience only faintly acknowledges his debt. Con-fident that I am a better judge of my own feelings than Mr. Bryce, may I suggest that the word he should ed is affection? I am, Sir, with all respect, sincerely

yours, FREDERICK PALMER

Mr. Palmer, who arrived in New York Defence will do a good service in makthe other day, said for publication that the Germans were not fighting nearly so is, well as they did earlier in the war and the Germans were not fighting nearly so is. As the province is to raise several that the British artillery is now firing more battalions, it might be thought inces of the Confederation which their more shells than that of the enemy. He at a glance that the mere number of the g more shells than that of the enemy. He at a glance that the mere number of the geographical situation might otherwise said that "if the steel curtain drawn over next unit to be organized is not of great make it difficult to hold together, and we Germany could be lifted the revelation importance. But that is not the case. in Quebec have the fullest confidence that you will do so." night amaze the world." He is con- The quickest way to raise any battalion To Mr. Gutelius . the Quebec board

rinced that "conditions in Germany are is to make known its commanding officvery bad." The revelation will come in er, and, as soon as possible, its other

due time. We need not expect it too officers, its point of mobilisation, the sort soon; but we must not forget that it is of quarters it is to have, and as much surely coming. The enemy's maximum other definite and essential information of power is passing. The Allies have not as possible. With respect to the 115th, which find evidence of the tr

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mists are right about this war, or asked for a fixed rate of ten cents per man, London, which says:

whether the truth lies somewhere be-tween the two extremes, the daily les-son contained in the news is the need for Quebec, with proportionate rates, accord-wool in the world, and there is tailor more men. In the London despatches of yesterday a feature was the epitome We in St. John have already heard some-clothes for civilians, but there is not

Stuil-Atterfair Generation of particular and the longer dependence of the second departed by the second depart departed by t

er it is asserted that the 104th is to be a two-battalion regiment, in another quarter it is said that recruiting for the 104th has been suspended and that all

HARD FIGHTING.

The full report of Sir John French the earlier cablegrams indicated. There later came determined but unsuccessful aright."

take the ground occupied during the undoubtedly yery heavy, how heavy the

killed in this action. From different parts of Sir John French's report the following three eloquent paragraphs are taken:

THE SEMI VERLY TELEGRAPH bines development and the several combatants bines add the several combatants bi

80th September and completed on the greater the need has been the greater the need has been the number of recruits, two following nights." He also declares that German prisoners taken recently are of poor physique and

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On the afternoon of October 8 the Young men who enlist now will have a On the afternoon of October 8 the good chance of participating in the final more easily discouraged than the Ger-man soldiers captured earlier in the war. line, but were beaten off after terrific campaign. The recruits of the present fighting, and the general action came to day should be ready to take part in the If the United States was so ready to

an end at midnight on October 9. fighting of next spring, which probably champion the rights of neutrals, the Wall will be the decisive fighting of the war. Street Journal says, the time it should The Manchester Guardian, in com-

The Manchester Guardian, in com-menting upon Sir John French's report, British naval officers report that an vaded by Germany. Says the Journal: speaks with pride of the fighting-quali- enormous number of sea birds have perished by the thousand off the east coast ciples. We have no force in this co

ties of the British and French troops, but points out that something was lacking at Loos as at Neuve Chapelle. The extensive areas of floating oil. The oil, we elect to cut off our industrial nove

German submarines.

bination. Either this short-wind in attack is due to the inherent d

The Guardian argues that the sec- quantity of war supplies the United

which we may be sure are known to the enemy, and search for the cure." It sees no reason for discouragement, but many reasons for confidence, but

Civilian comment on any military operation is often at fault because not all aged as a result of the activities of these a general way it may be said that Gen- munition-laden ships, regardless of the

eral French undertook the attack upon loss of life. Fay's story will no doubt Loos at the suggestion of and in co-op-

eration with the French, and both the Another two weeks will settle the fate British and the French attacks were of the volunteer system in Great Britain. reasonably successful. Both armies At present Mr. Asquith evidently is fought with wonderful spirit, though it hopeful that it will be possible to avoid seems to be true that both attacks might conscription after all, but he has made have been carried over more extended it abundantly clear that the government ground had all of the plans worked out will not hesitate at conscription if that well with respect to supporting troops. plan is necessary in order to secure men To Mr. Gutelius the Quebec board on the zoth, and need on the zoth, and need on the morning of the 27th. He was a most distinguished and capable leader, and his loss will be severely felt." "We note you are considering rearrangement of the methods of export shipment of western grain, which at present through C.B., C.M.G., A.D.C., commanding the find evidence of the transhipment at gallantly endeavoring to secure the articles and the secure th

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Buffalo is the latest city to adopt the of the invaders of Belgium-an unthink commission form of government. Four able proposition when we consider how commissioners have been elected. Buf- lately we have assumed, to quote from Mr Lansing, "this task of championing the falo has a population of about 450,000 and is the largest commission form of integrity of neutral rights." government city in America. champion of neutrals was when Germany invaded Luxemburg and Belgium in vio

of Scotland, their death being caused by with which to dispute the practices, unless

it is intimated, came from destroyed and stop exports of food, arms, ordnance

Lord Haldane says that all the nations lation of all law and morality. at war have been "wholly surprised" by Great Britain, in control of the seas, that at war nave been wholy surpluse is to-day the champion of neutral rights the magnitude and duration of the strug-and of national integrity and inter-national morality." is to-day the champion of neutral rights

more easily discouraged than the Ger-

have begun was when Belgium was in-

"Mr. Lansing is contesting for prin-

and other supplies to Great Britain. This

under the circumstances, would be

lent to our entering the war on the

ing power as the forces of the enemy T. R. was authorized it was promised hegin to decline. Only in that way can victory be made both sure and complete. LOCAL RECRUITING. It must be hoped that no excuse for confusion will exist in connection with it would be impossible to carry out the it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale of the people of Great it to the scale

when the war began. The Springfield tons of cargo, the latter including pro-Republican is of opinion that victory is visions and war munitions for Great still a long way off, but it says: Britain, France and Italy, were on board "Mr. Asquith takes a by no means

six steamers leaving New York for Eusix steamers leaving New York for Eu-ropean ports one day recently. These his clear and forcible statement of what has been done by Britain is impressive. No nation has ever done anything comfigures give some idea of the enormous

ond alternative is the truer one, and says that "the wise course would be quite frankly to acknowledge faults, states is sending to the Allies. No ex-plosives are carried on the passenger states of any of the Atlantic lines. generations of training. Organization The confession of Robert Fay, a for-is difficult in proportion to the rapidity mer soldier in the German army, ought with which it has to be done; it may be doubted whether under to be of great assistance to the United conditions any nation could have sur-States authorities in their efforts to run down the gang of bomb makers in the

passed the record which Mr. Asquith laid before the House. There have been blunders, but on the whole things have not been muddled and the Prime Minispay of German and Austrian agents. Several Atlantic liners have been damter is justified in refusing to apologize for the government's conduct of criminals whose purpose is to destroy war."

Extending the Term of Parliament. lead to startling arrests. (Toronto Globe.)

There may fairly and reasonably he differences of opinion among thoughtful Canadian patriots as to the expediency of prolonging by imperial legislation the life of the present house of commons, either indefinitely or for a fixed interval of time. It may be taken for granted that the imperial parliament would act in such a case only on the virtually unanimous request of the Canadian house of commons, and that cannot be had except as the result of careful consideration and outspoken dis26TH NO **FIFE TR**

Corp. C. B. Smith Turn Came to Novemb WOUNDED MEN

WANT Pte. F. A. Rushton,

Unable to Go Back ther Takes His Plac Honors Donald Blue

In a letter dated (Clarence B. Smith, of t writes that he is safe came too "close for battle which raged duri by the 26th in the tre tober. He said the tu go into the fire trenc again on November 15,



LANCE-CORP. BRU SION

Brunswick battalion the enemy across "N since Monday last, g Sunday next. Always Lame, Comin

Private F. A. Rusht and Mrs. Joseph Rush hospital in England t wounded and will alway does not regret this, could go back. His has arrived in Englan of the 55th battalion and family honor on the

Flanders Private Rushton's lett

follows: My Dearest Mother: Just a line to know write, as I have not hea months. Try and dro let me know how you a as I have written lot received no answer. home at any time, as lame, but this cannot sorry to say I cannot trenches, but will rem what I can for a whil orncliffe now, and Sh good time. So will hav father to write. So goo soon to your

British attack. The British losses were of the circumstances are known. In

public does not yet know. Three British Major-Generals were

"I regret to' say that Major General Sir Thompson' Capper, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., commanding 7th Division, was severely wounded on the 26th, and died

the new battalions. While in one quart- intentions of the act of parliament in- Britain, and it is true also of us in Canthe new battanions. While in one quart- intentions of the act of parameter un-er it is asserted that the 104th is to be a cluding a clause to the above effect un- ada. We must have thrift as well as ties of the problem—the great strength

new men will be assigned to the 115th. rail route, and thirteen cents for rail and dependents, both now and after the war. that in some dis- lake. It was also pointed out that un-This may mean merely tricts recruiting is to continue for a less the government reduced the rate second battalion of the 104th, but if such Quebec, Halifax and St. John would

is the case there should be an immediate lose the trade promised them, while the on the battle of Loos, which was pubofficial statement placing the whole ques- farmer of the northwest would lose lished in the London newspapers of tion beyond possible misunderstanding. three cents per bushel in the price of all November 2, shows that this action was The province has the best possible his wheat, which was his inducement for much more serious and prolonged than

feeling both toward the 104th and the the great expenditure on the railway. 115th. If has been a matter of pride The memorial added: "The railway was heavy fighting from September 25 it believes that the lessons of Neuve that the 104th was quickly raised and would not suffer by making this cheap to October 2 inclusive, and several days Chapelle "have not yet been read that there was plenty of reserve power rate which need only apply to export for the creation of a second battalion grain, because all other goods could pay German assaults in an attempt to re-But any division of effort should be regular rates."

avoided as a matter of sound policy, and In a letter to the Prime Minister the therefore the Department of Militia and president of the Quebec board wrote: "This wonderfully short and level rail-

should be a popular battalion and one Fort William and Port Colborne and the

et reached theirs

MORE OPTIMISM

The London Statist is among the op-timists. The pessimists in Great Britain mediately where the recruits are to be timists. The pessimists in Great Britain bave been having their innings of late. The treachery of Bulgaria gave rise to a great number of speeches and newsa great number of speeches and news- men to this battalion.

paper articles of a most gloomy charac- It is a matter for common congratulater, some of them forecasting trouble tion that recruiting has gone forward in Persia, in India, in Afghanistan, and, with a better swing of late, and anything and water route thirteen cents per bushof course, in Egypt, all flowing from said here is not offered by way of criti-Germany's success in establishing com-The common purpose of everybody is to tidewater at less than ten cents per munication with Constantinople.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, who has been much fill up all of the new battalions as rapid- bushel and still make a reasonable ly as may be. Ottawa can assist mater- profit, the situation would seem to call criticized for his optimism, recently proially in these matters by having a clear-for considerable explanation in addition claimed his opinion that no decision could possibly be expected in the southby leaving no room for hesitation or Rogers promised at the Winnipeg meeteast of Europe, and that the best obmisunderstanding as to the duties and ing. It was the business of the governservers of the war maintain it must be powers of all officially concerned in these ment to have elevator and port facilities

decided upon either the Russian or the vital matters. western front, and probably the west-

ern. Mr. Belloc steadily asserts that a THE WHEAT AND THE PORTS. marked decline in the number of the enemy's effective troops must soon begin to show itself, "not earlier than Novem- al Transcontinental Railway can haul need not be worrying about a cheaper ber, but certainly not later than the wheat from Winnipeg to Quebec at 6.38 freight rate to Maritime ports. What

turn of the New Year." The Statist is disposed to agree with erate profit. The regular rate for wheat, wherever the market is best, and they Mr. Belloc. It argues that there is no all rail from the west to Montreal is should have it. No doubt if the duty

real ground for gloom as to the outlook, eighteen cents per bushel, and by the were removed a considerable portion of and it asks the people of the Empire to rail and lake route, via Fort William, their wheat would go to American remember that the war with France thirteen cents per bushel. lasted from 1768 to 1815, a period of The National Transcontinental Railtwenty-two years, the American war of Independence from 1776 to 1783, and the other line, was built to give the people circles there must be a growing recogni-Crimean War from 1854 to 1856. The cheap and quick transportation between tion of the fact that the wheat growers

the east and the west. Just now the must be at liberty to take advantage of Statist argues that the Allies have done western people have been taking advant- the best price available at any time. The wonders in fifteen months, that a three years war was to be expected, and that all is going well. The Statist sava. Rogers in Winnipeg to urge upon him grain for export, and with a proper all

all is going well. The Statist says: and the government that the National rail route to Quebec, St. John and Hali-"Whichever way one looks one sees Transcontinental Railway give a rate fax we should have a steadily expanding that the Germans have gained no real

advantage anywhere. They are almost on the eve of winter in Russia, when Winnipeg to tidewater.

will play havoc with them. The western farmers asked Mr. Rogers

They are obliged to spend another win-ter in the trenches in France. And they are madly engaging in another expedi-cessity for removing the duty on Amer-White, Minister of Finance, that if the port: "The 28th was passed in consolidatrope, ican wheat in order to give our wheat Dominion government announced that tion at the extremity of E ing the ground gained and in making a certain number of internal moves of Anything more insane than the strategic free entry to the American market, and all money deposited in the Post Office plans of Germany it is scarcely possible recorded the statement that the delay in Savings Banks until the end of the war divisions, in order to give the troops to conceive.

"In our deliberate opinion Germany "In our deliberate opinion Germany has committed the grossest and the gravest mistakes; whereas the Entente Allies have done more in fourteen months than we ventured to hope they asking for free entry to the American as a war fund. casualties had been heavy to refill their could do. And we may add that in

could do. And we may add that in market. At a great meeting held in The people of this country have bor-what may happen in the Balkans, Ger- Winnipeg last week members of the Ca- rowed in Great Britain much of the our own deliberate opinion, no matter what may happen in the Balkans, Ger-many and Austria-Hungary are already madian Council of Agriculture, repre-money which the Dominion has spent the First Army south of the canal became now very much extended by the salent with which it indented the enedefeated, and from now onwards will senting the United Farmers of Ontario, thus far upon its share in the war, but be outmatched both in numbers and in the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' As- the time has come now when Canada

my's line. "The French 10th Army had been very heavily opposed, and I considered "Recollect that the result of war de- sociation, the Manitoba Grain Growers' must raise large sums of money within pends upon three things-namely, the Association, and the United Farmers of its own borders, in addition to securing

CANADA MUST SAVE.

armies the confident feeling which they to talk about terms. ground which had been won." "I have to deplore the loss of a third most valuable and distinguished general now share. Undoubtedly the troops un-

should be a popular battalion and one quickly raised to its full fighting these transhipments and elevator charges der French and Joffre thoroughly beof division during these operations. On the afternoon of 2nd October Major General F. D. V. Wing, C.B., command-ing the 12th Division, was killed." The average civilian may have

thought that in modern war a major observer said nearly a year ago, a Ger-If the present all rail rate to Quebe general is usually not within range of many which ceases to advance is a beatis eighteen cents per bushel and the rail the enemy's effective fire. General en Germany. French's report removes that impres-

el, and the National Transcontinental sion. The death of these officers of high THE ATTITUDE OF GREECE. command constitutes a strong tribute to New victories for the Austro-German the quality of British leadership and courage, and, unfortunately, means that losses among officers of lower rank, and among the rank and file, must have been very great.

It was a long time after the battle of Neuve Chapelle before the British public began to learn that the moveready for the business. It is being urged in some quarters that ment at that point was not wholly suc

cessful because the reserves did not get if the western farmers are to have free up in time. The principal English It has been estimated that the Nation- access to the American market, they newspapers translate Sir John French's report on Loos as meaning that the

British victory there was incomplete cents per bushel and still show a mod- they want is a chance to sell their wheat through the same lack of co-operation which marred the operations at Neuve Chapelle. The British commander-inchief, in his report, gives great praise to most of the troops engaged, and what mills-unless the Canadian millers were

was accomplished is all the more admirable because a great many of the battalions were made up of men who never before had participated in serious fighting, if any.

> would dare to wreck the nation by mans in Greek official circles. By September 28 the British position throwing in its lot with the Central had become so extended that Sir John Powers and their Turkish ally, the hated French evidently did not have at hand a sufficient force to make him confident that he could hold all of his ground with certainty, and the French took over a portion of the British front. On this ment to French and British representapoint Sir John French said, in his retions, and the strikingly significant order

of Great Britain regarding fresh cargoes for Greek ships are the basis for a growned and in making ing fear that Greece may prove un-

faithful. What will happen if she should go against us? The fight for the Allies puted successes, which have been respon would be made harder; the day of vic- sible for the new movement in the Bal

and money would be greatly increased. But the Allies would win just the same. aim, to continue to utilize the over-It is not in the power of Greece, or of whelming power which resides in the Greece and Roumania both, to carry vic-British Fleet and to observe the elementtory to Germanic arms. *

preathless suspense for Constantine's answer. That he must give it one way

gregation seated in the pews I ask mase. "Where's the puir?" When I look at the Regarding the operations in the Bal collection at the close of the service I ask "Where are the rich?" or the other before many days, or pos- kins General Ruszky, who is successfully

cussion of a formal pr

Edith Cavell.

London.)

Misunderstood.

Young Man (dining with his girl)-

save."

by the government of the day to the house for its approval, Those who talk lightly of the pro-The Balkan situation appears to be

der French and Joffre thoroughly be-lieve they are able to penetrate the en-emy's line at any point and to beat him any day on anything like even terms. The Germans cannot advance on the with respect to Serbia, and had agreed western front, and, as a wise military observer said nearly a year ago, a Gerthe moment it looks as though the Allies would be late in applying a remedy to the Balkan situation, but if they are late with a request from the Canadian parthe Balkan situation, but if they are late liament, remains to be cited in justifithey will no doubt strike in force when cation of like action under dissimilar their preparations are complete. The conditions. There are many phases of next few days will be filled with anxiety. the matter, but this is the one that in-

and Bulgarian forces in Serbia come at a most inopportune time. They may and Burgarian tortes in collection and sugarian tortes in optimized a most inopportune time. They may men at the head of affairs have long time. defeat the diplomatic arrangements considered it possible that Greece might It must always be borne in mind that

which the Allied representatives are try-ing to make with the government of the dame At all grants the way agoing the private member of the elective chaming to make with the government of be done. At all events, the war cannot the private member of the tector opin-ber has as much right to his own opin-Greece. The Greek people are solidly be won in the Balkans. ion as the party leaders have to theirs, and that if anything like perfect unaniwith the enemies of Germany. No more

convincing proof of this is needed than _ The attitude of King Constantine of mity is desired every member must be allowed to do his own thinking as to the their wildly enthusiastic reception to a Greece is more puzzling than ever. His allowed to do his own French cabinet minister a day or two blunt statement a day or two ago that merits of the proposal and the reason ago. But King Constantine cannot be depended upon; he may do as Ferdinand the other of the belligerents ceases to frid Laurier were to agree on all the did. If he should join Germany his sub-jects undoubtedly would protest ser-some quarters to mean that Greece on both sides might form themselves in iously, but Constantine controls the may swing to the side of the Cen- to a "Cave of Adullam" to obstruct the army, and the army is ready to strike tral Powers on the slightest pretext. But passage of the necessary preliminary at a moment's notice, either against a the Allies evidently are acting upon the both sides to put it through, then the foreign foe or in putting down any up- suggestion that the only effective way regular parliamentary procedure should rising among the people at home. of holding the friendship of Greece will be carried out in good faith.

The Balkan situation never has been be to prove that it is not needed, and more critical for the Allies. It is almost they are landing at Saloniki a steady (By Moray Dalton, in the Spectator, unthinkable that Constantine of Greece, stream of men. Meantime their diplowhose very kingship has been made pos- mats are making every effort to offset What shall we say of you, Edith Cavell? sible by Great Britain and her Allies, the poisonous propaganda of the Ger-For you no flowers and no passing bell, But one last upward look at a grey sky

And you, who watched so many others Don't overlook the British Fleet i Don't overlook the British Fleet is die, the London Daily Telegraph's advice to Did pass uncomforted, unhelped, alone Powers and their Turkish ally, the hated enemy of every loyal son of Greece. But the latest developments in Serbia, the cryptic statements of the Greek king, the the difficulties of the Allies and to un-cryptic statements of the Greek king, the the difficulties of the anage "Fearless and kind," this shall be carved in stone, And set one day above an honored grave, "Others she saved, herself she could not

which the enemy is suffering. In reminding us that the Central Powers are ringed in by the naval and military power of the Allied nations, the Telegraph says:

Waitress, may we have a spoon here "History may show that it is Ger-many's failures, and not Germany's re-Waitress-Why, yes, sir; go ahead, if you don't mind people around .-- Bosto Transcript.

tory would be deferred; the cost in men kans. In no single particular has a The Cook-Sir! sir!! There's a Zep'lin man calculation been fulfilled. It only remains for us, with sure and confident outside, and if you don't come wi' the keys of the cellar, we'll all be in-in-Heaven in a couple o' minutes The Curate-God forbid !-London Opinion. ary rules of strategy of a maritime Power

Meantime the world will wait with the Allies are engaged." Kirk Deacon-"Whin I look at the cor

Loving

Private F. A. Rush 28574, 28rd Res. Batt pany, West Sandling

Wants to Go Back.

The Bangor Comme Mrs. D. A. Twitch Highlands, informs the her brother. Donald in the Tenth Canadia returned to his home (N. B.), from the tre where he was serious invalided to a hospita later to England, from sent home to recuperal Private Blue enlisted and was first a membe talion of the First Con ing transferred to the ving under Major took part in three battl bert his left thigh was shrapnel and he susta wounds in his right lep had to lie out eight ho

in charge by the Ambi that delay, he says, wa efficiency of the hospit rather to the fact that unprotected place and reach him in safety. utterly impossible to wounded are they lef

of time, he says. The shell of the bu his first German, Pri saved and this is one sessions.

A day or two after rived at Campbellton, v ing his home with an whole town turned ou reception. The band home where he was torchlight procession her accompanied him to th bers where the mayor gathering that filled the speeches were made a told a most interestin work of the Canadian

In spite of his wou wants to go back to is looking forward to t can return and do his

The Late Bruce Johnsto The news of the deat Bruce A. Johnston, 26



ranks with reinforcements. "The 47th Division made a little more ground to the south, capturing one field

gun and a few machine guns. "On the evening of this day the sit-