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THE WAR NEWS.

The last week has not brought about any material change in the general situation, although the outlook from the standpoint of the Allies appears to have somewhat improved. The chief interest still centres in the Balkans, and we are unable to say from the information at hand what the prospects are for saving the main Serbian army from disaster. The gallant Serbs are fighting with splendid courage, and have thus far avoided a decisive defeat, while the Allies are landing more and more troops at Saloniki and making headway against the Bulgarians. There is at least a good fighting chance that the hopes of Germany here, as in the rush toward Paris and toward Calais and the attempt to overwhelm Russia, will be dashed to the ground. Italy is expected to take a hand in the Balkans, and there may soon be such a show of force there as will influence both Roumania and Greece. Even without them, however, it may yet be possible to hurl the enemy back beyond the borders of Serbia.

The Russians on the eastern front are again forcing the Germans backward, and the latter must have abandoned all hope of a further successful advance movement. In the west there is no change from the situation of a week ago. On the Italian front the armies of Italy are still on the offensive, though progress through a very difficult country is extremely slow.

The important facts to have always in mind are the constant wearing down of the German and Austrian armies and the growing pinch of want among the people of those countries. They cannot make good their loss and wastage, while the Allies have unlimited resources. The wild German boast that they will dictate peace in London and "dance upon the grave of England" is the grotesque phantasy of a disordered imagination. When the Allies are in a position to put enough men and munitions in the field the victory will be theirs. There must, however, be no pause in the task of preparation. How seriously the crisis is regarded in England may be gathered from the fact that men of military age are not permitted to leave the country without passports. Let us hope conscription will not be necessary there or in Canada.

MAKING HISTORY.

Events and incidents of historic interest are so frequent in these days of strenuous endeavor that we are apt to lose something of their significance as they pass. There are none, however, who experienced the thrill of last night's great meeting in St. Andrew's Rink, but will cherish it in memory in the years to be. Seldom is it the good fortune of a great assemblage of men and women to be able to enjoy four addresses of such sustained force and eloquence as those of Major Guthrie, Col. Fowler, Rev. F. S. Porter and Sergt. Knight, and seldom have speakers so many sympathetic and appreciative auditors. It was a dramatic moment, tense with feeling, when Major Guthrie, a hero of the present great war, handed to Col. Fowler the sword of the old 104th, and thus linked up the new battalion with the famous old regiment whose traditions are a cherished possession of the people of New Brunswick. The scene at that moment seized upon the imagination of the great assemblage, and it was some time before Major Guthrie could make his voice heard in the eloquent concluding sentences of his brilliant address. There was another tense moment when Rev. Mr. Porter, in the course of a reference to Major and Mrs. Guthrie told of the wish of the latter that her boys were old enough to take their father's place in the struggle, whose scars he must bear to the end of life. No thing that Col. Fowler has said since he set out to recruit the 104th became him so well as the modest and feeling words with which he last night pledged himself and his command to do their utmost to uphold the traditions of the old 104th, and to keep unimpaired the record of the sword that was carried in honor through the war of a hundred years ago. Sergt. Knight had fitting ground for the stirring appeal for recruits which closed the great meeting, and he did not fail, either in impressiveness or force of illustration. It was a remarkable meeting, long to be remembered, and made the more impressive because of the presence of the band and many officers of the 52nd Battalion from western Ontario, whose spokesman, Major Wilcox, in a few brief sentences pointed out the tremendous significance of this war to Canada and all its people. Such meetings that of last night lift the recruiting campaign out of the commonplace, and give it a new grip upon the minds of the people; while the presence of such men as Major Guthrie and Sergt. Knight brings home more forcibly the deadly nature of the German menace, and quickens the pulse of the normal man, arousing a desire to do more in the great struggle of civilization against the organized barbarism of Germany.

LT. Col. Armande Lavigne continues to give comfort to the enemies of Canada. And he is still a lieutenant-colonel.

THE ANCONA MURDER.

Each day's news confirms the truth of the story that the destruction of the steamship Ancona was accompanied by wanton murder of women and children, who should have been given an opportunity to escape. What the United States government will do about it remains to be seen. The press of that country does not hesitate to speak, however, and it reflects the feelings of the majority of the people. Here, for example, is part of an article from the New York Tribune:

"The mere fact that an Austrian flag was displayed will not serve to silence the suspicion that the work was that of the German submarines known to have passed Gibraltar recently and traceable by their operations in the western Mediterranean. Conceivably then, we have to deal with a second Lusitania, possibly we have to deal with Austria, probably with Germany. Yet it is equally just to reckon that the Ancona was warned and attempted to escape. In this situation there is nothing to do but await the facts. One thing, however, must spring to the mind of every American. The circumstances that are known recall vividly and painfully the similar circumstances when American women and children were slaughtered in the channel, and from that hour to this Germany has neither disavowed the act nor agreed to pay indemnity. We all know why now. It is perfectly plain that the president has never been ready to press the Lusitania case because he has found that pressing it might lead to a German refusal to disavow and thus shatter the petty but fragile fabric of his great diplomatic triumph in the matter of the Arabic. A government which abhors its eyes to the murder of its citizens, cannot permanently expect to escape trouble and exposure. To have permitted the Lusitania massacre to stand all these months has been for Mr. Wilson a political blunder which will in the end ruin him, but this is a small thing compared with the cost to his country now and hereafter in life and in honor."

This is very plain speaking. The Times yesterday quoted a distinguished American who declared that the great mistake of his country was made when the violation of Belgian neutrality was permitted to go unchallenged, and said that has since transpired has confirmed the correctness of his views. Arrogance and utter disregard for neutral rights have marked the course of Germany from the beginning, and the fact that the United States did not protest at the very beginning, and back up its protest with vigor and determination, has encouraged the Germans to believe that they can pursue their barbarous course with impunity.

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Pa—"Because it is usually so dry, my son."

Willie—"There are so very few really good men in the world."

Hubby—"Yes, you were mighty lucky to get Deputy Minister of Mines, in the annual report of the Bureau of Mines for 1915."

Mr. Gibson says that such a coin would be easily distinguishable from all other coins. It would be attractive in color, pure Cobalt being similar in appearance to pure nickel, but somewhat more silvery, tarnishing slowly, if at all.

Being very hard, it would be difficult to counterfeit.

GREATEST EFFORT TO COME

Every Branch of French Munitions Service Has Been Extended

Paris, Nov. 12.—Every branch of the munitions service has been extended to a formidable extent," said Minister of Munitions Thomas, in an interview granted a Paris newspaper. "With one or two exceptions the demands of the commander-in-chief for all kinds of shells now are more than covered. But however intense the recent efforts, they are as nothing to what will be necessary. The success of the Champagne offensive was due to our increased production, to a complete and speedy victory, the whole effort of the nation will be required."

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In Liverpool the reduction of the hours for the sale of intoxicants from 108 to 88 in the week has met with almost unanimous approval.

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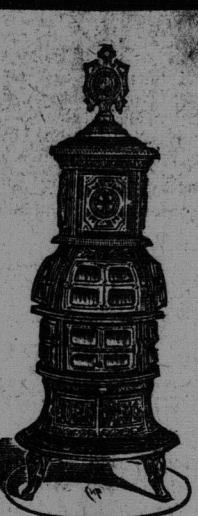


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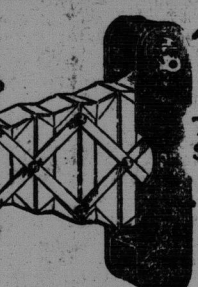
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MAJOR LEAGUE STARS ON SHOOTING TOUR

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—Christy Mathewson, the master of the famous fade-away curve; "Doc" Crandall, of the St. Louis Reds; "Chief" Bender, one-time Athletic star, and later of the Baltimore Orioles; and Harry Davis, captain of the Philadelphia Athletics, have started on their trap-shooting tour. The quartet, three of them pitchers, compose the first baseball players' trap-shooting team that has ever attempted a zig-zag tour about the country in a clay bird battle with shooting clubs.

Davis Island, home of the Heron Hill Gun Club, will entertain the baseball trap-shooters' quartet Wednesday in a match with the Heron Hill gunners. The world-famed ball players will buck some of the best trap-shooters in this section, and the chances are, although every one of the four famous ball players is a crack shot at the traps, they will find the going with the local gunners pretty rough. The Heron Hill Gun Club has made every arrangement as complete as possible for the match and plans are now being laid for the care of one of the largest crowds that ever witnessed a trap-shooting contest in this city. Ex-baseball players will be included in the team that will face the diamond heroes here Wednesday, but the team will really not be picked until Wednesday on the grounds.

The tour of the ball players started yesterday at Richmond and winds up in Boston November 27, at the Paleface Gun Club. Eighteen cities will be visited on the trip, and the team composed of "Matty," Crandall, Bender and Davis will face the local trap-shooters in every city.

The manager of the commercial house was interviewing the applicants for the vacant position. A youth was required to solicit orders.

"Ahem!" he coughed pompously as the

first youth was shown in. "Your name is Brown I believe?"

"Yes, sir."

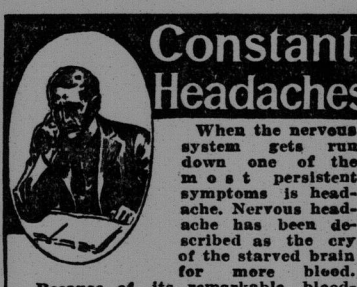
"Well, I have looked over your testimonials, and they are very good; your appearance, too, is smart. But there is one question I should like to ask you. I presume you have never got into trouble of any kind?"

"Once, sir," replied the youth. "I did a month in jail."

The manager started to his feet. "I'm afraid," he began—"but wait," he added, "you have been straightforward in telling me. What was your offence?"

"I assaulted a man who wouldn't give me an order sir," was the laconic response.

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