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THE WAR NEWS

The desperate struggle in front of Warsaw continues, and the military critics still express the view that Russia will have very great difficulty, if she is able at all, to prevent the capture of the city by the enormous forces hurled against it by the Germans and Austrians. However, it is hard fighting ground, and the Russians are resisting their foes with great energy and determination.

The situation in the Dardanelles is more satisfactory. Another British submarine has made its way into the harbor of Constantinople and inflicted a good deal of damage. The British forces in Asiatic Turkey have captured another town, Bulgaria has refused to permit the shipment of supplies through her territory to the Turks, and this action, following the example of Roumania, is regarded as significant. The Italians continue to make gains in the operations against Austria. There is still, however, an absence of important news from the western front, where the Germans refuse to be dislodged by the British and French. It is believed more news of importance will soon arrive from this quarter, as the summer is passing and Kitchener's army has yet to be heard from.

The sinking of the American steamer Leelanaw by a German submarine has caused further irritation in the United States, as it was done in contravention of a treaty between the two countries, as interpreted by the American government.

VACANT LOT GARDENING.

A generous St. John lady last spring offered the free use of a considerable area of ground for free gardening by children or by poor people if the scheme could be worked out. No advantage was taken of the offer, because our people have not yet grasped the idea of the benefit to be derived from tilling the soil of vacant lots. The Square Deal, of Toronto, the organ of the Tax Reform League, gives a very interesting account of what is being done in that city. Perhaps something of the sort may be attempted in St. John next year. We quote—

"The back-to-the-land movement is showing good results right in Toronto. The vacant lots in the environs of Toronto are being utilized for the growing of vegetables of all kinds. From the information that can be obtained, the system employed for utilizing the unused ground around the city is similar to that which has been adopted in many American cities. The city is divided into nine sections or charitable districts, each of which has a superintendent to carry on the work of their respective districts. Miss Howe, secretary of the Social Service Committee for the east end, gives an encouraging report of the work in hand at the Evangelia Settlement. The use of the land is given gratis, and many of the churches contribute the seeds for planting. The officials are careful to see that no undue advantage is taken of the opportunities offered, and permit each individual applicant to have the use of a specified piece of ground. Many prominent citizens are interesting themselves in the work, and promising results are looked for within a short time. Among others, the Rotary Club has gone into vacant lot gardening on a large scale. F. E. Robins, chairman of the committee, stated recently that they had over 800,000 square feet already under cultivation. 'We prepare the land, which is loaned to us for cultivation,' said Mr. Robins. 'We plow and harrow it. It is then divided into gardens of about 80 by 100 feet. An assortment of seeds is given to each applicant, who works under the direction of the superintendent. It is purely a philanthropic movement, as all the produce grown becomes the property of the men to whom the lot is loaned.' The club proposes to offer valuable prizes for the best kept lots and for the greatest and best production of vegetables."

The appeal to the women of St. John, made in behalf of British prisoners of war in Germany will doubtless meet with a prompt and generous response.

A recent Red Cross bulletin deals with prisoners of war, and tells how letters and parcels and money may be sent to prisoners in Germany. The Women's Canadian Club of Ottawa are endeavoring to get people to "adopt" a prisoner of war at \$5 per month, so that he may be sure to get comforts regularly through the agency of the Red Cross in London. The condition of prisoners in Germany is described as unsatisfactory, and it is therefore a great boon to them to receive comforts from friends at home.

The Standard is paying the way for the announcement of a war tax for the people of this province. On one page of today's issue it has an interview with Premier Hebert of Ontario, in which he describes the war tax imposed in that province, and on another it has an article which forebodes a large falling off in the receipts from crown lands and credits certain unnamed lumbermen by saying it may be necessary to impose some sort of special taxation to make up

what will almost certainly be lost in stumpage."

Germany answered the last American note with another torpedo. How much longer will Uncle Sam consent to play this one-sided game?

The machine gun campaign goes bravely on. After all, machines at any price are cheaper than men. The more guns our soldiers have the less the personal danger in the field.

The new assessment commission is now formally constituted and ready for work. It has a very important task to perform, and will have the hearty goodwill of the citizens in its search for a more equitable system of taxation.

Something dropped yesterday, and today the Standard makes no reference whatever to Mr. E. S. Carter and his charges. He wants Commissioner Chandler to investigate. The investigation, however, must come.

Some knowledge of the awful cost of this war is gained from Premier Asquith's statement that the casualties in the British army and navy to date total almost 331,000. When to this are added the casualties of France, Russia, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Austria and Turkey, the total must be such as to stagger humanity; and yet the war is still far from its end. It is true that the number actually killed is a comparatively small proportion of the total casualties, but of the wounded many are disabled for life.

Chief Simpson, if he can rid the streets and squares and saloons of the chronic loafers, will be doing a very valuable work. There is never any excuse for such gentry, and they should never be tolerated. In permitting them to flaunt their idleness and worthlessness in the face of the people, we have carried the principle of individual liberty too far. To deal properly with them there should be a prison farm and industrial establishment to which they could be sent on an indeterminate sentence, and taught the lesson that he who cats must work if he is able. There is never any excuse for such persons, and now when the country is feeling the stress of war, and will feel it more and more as the months pass, they should be compelled to do some useful thing.

MADE LOSING FIGHT.

Montreal Girl Out of Work Attacked by Typhoid.

(Montreal Gazette.) A pitiful story of a losing fight against circumstances was told last evening to the doctors at the Royal Victoria Hospital by Mary Wilson, a seventeen-year-old girl, who was found in the woman's waiting room at the Windsor street C. P. R. station in the partial delirium of typhoid fever. Women waiting for outgoing trains last night saw the pathetic figure of the young girl lying upon one of the benches in the waiting room, and when the girl commenced to talk to herself and act strangely, they called the attention of the station officials to her.

It was at once seen that the girl was seriously ill, and an ambulance was summoned. The case was diagnosed by the doctors as typhoid, and the girl was rushed to the hospital. In lucid intervals, between the random speech of her delirium, the girl explained that she and her sister had been out of work and out of funds, and for some days had been half starved. They had a room somewhere in Grand Trunk street, but she could not remember the number, and she said that her sister had deserted her on Thursday. Discouraged, hungry and ill, the girl tramped the streets all day yesterday in a fruitless search for work, she having nothing to eat all day. Feeling worn out, she went into the C. P. R. waiting room to rest, and there the fever settled upon her. Her condition is regarded as serious. The police at the Grand Trunk street station are making inquiries in an effort to learn something of her.

WOMEN IN BRITISH ARMY

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London, July 27.—This week will see an innovation in British military methods, the recognition of women to the extent of giving them the rank of non-commissioned officers. Several hundred of London school teachers, whose specialty is instruction in domestic arts, are to spend their holidays in giving lessons in cookery in the camps of Great Britain's new armies. These women will receive temporary rank of corporal and sergeant.

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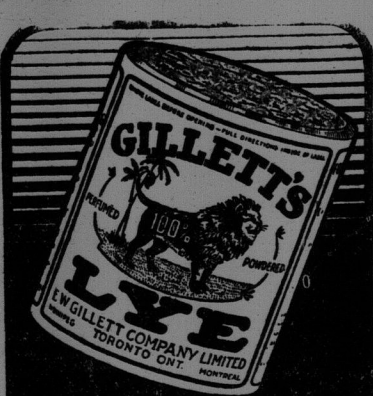
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"Oh, I dunno," said his companion. "I remember when I used to dream about wearing long pants and now I guess I wear 'em longer than any one else in the country."

"All in the Lodge."

Two physicians were enjoying the breeze from the front seat on the "Hurricane deck" of a bus one bright afternoon recently, when part of their conversation was overheard.

It ran like this: "I performed an operation for appendicitis on the wife of a millionaire yesterday," said the stouter of the pair. "Yes," said the other. "What was she suffering from?"

Contrary to her custom, a Boston woman strayed far enough from home to encounter a mile-post, on which she saw inscribed "1 M. from Boston."

Thinking it a grave stone, she read softly, "I'm from Boston," and then commented, thoughtfully, "How simple and sufficient!"—Lippincott's.

Fined for Aiding Enemy.

Brantford, Ont., July 26.—Joseph Roach, a local Austrian, was found guilty in the police court this morning of aiding the enemy by contributing to a New York Austro-Hungarian war relief fund, and was fined \$500 and costs or six months in jail by Magistrate Livingstone.

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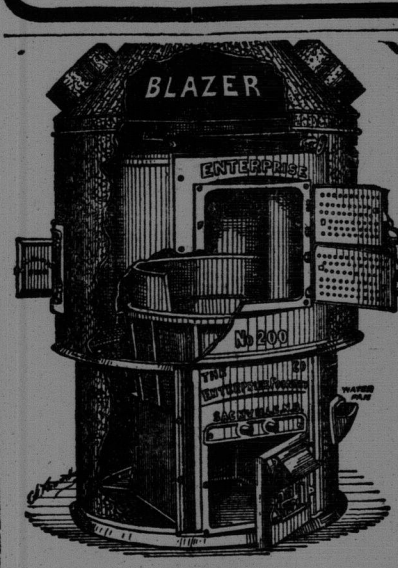
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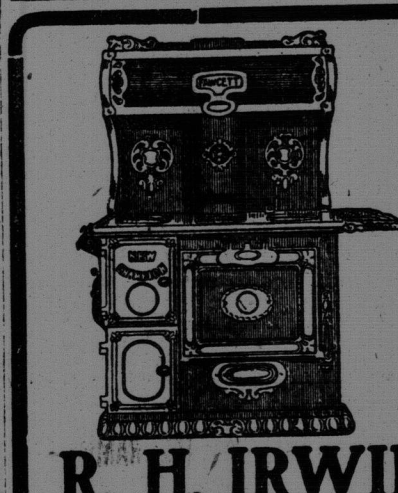
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ONTARIO MAN.

INSANE, KILLS HIS DAUGHTER.

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