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THE WAR NEWS.

The Russian ambassador in London has issued a statement in which he declares that however heartily Russia would welcome a British and French drive in the west they recognize the actual military situation and there is not a trace of ill-feeling toward them in Alex. The ambassador refers especially to Russia's appreciation of the colossal effort of Great Britain and France in the Dardanelles. Similar remarks were made in the Russian Duma. Meanwhile Warsaw holds out, and the Austro-Germans are paying dearly for their sustained attack upon the Russian lines north and south of that city.

A London cable says the British estimate of the number of men in the German army and under military control is ten millions. This does not mean ten millions of fighting men, and does not take account of constant losses; yet, when all due allowance has been made, there is no question but that Germany has still immense armies to be reckoned with by her enemies, and to these are added other millions of Austrians and Turks. It is true that the Allies have many more men, but their present difficulty is that they are not so well organized, and cannot yet put their full strength in the field.

Referring to the rumored agreement between Bulgaria and Turkey and the possibility of a Bulgarian attack on Serbia, the Greek press declares that Greece would promptly come to the aid of Serbia. It is denied, however, that such an agreement has yet been concluded. A British submarine has sunk a German destroyer in the North Sea, and another has created havoc in a daring raid in the Sea of Marmora and harbor of Constantinople; while a third is reported to have sunk a German transport in the Baltic. Thus in widely separated waters the British undersea craft are demonstrating their efficiency.

Maritime province people are again deeply interested in the casualty list, and when the thousands of Canadian troops now in England join their comrades across the Channel that interest will be greatly deepened, for harder fighting in the west is soon to be expected. All the news that comes from day to day strengthens the urgent plea for more recruits, and for a wider realization in Canada of the need for a complete national organization for war as the chief business of the nation during the next year or more.

LET US BE PRACTICAL.

That which most strongly appeals to the average man who is asked to don the uniform and fight for his country is the question of what the country is going to do for him and his family. For him while he is fighting, and for his family also while he is fighting or if he falls. The questions most discussed in the average home from which recruits come are not the causes of the war and the justice of Britain's case against Germany. The inmates of these homes observe that their more well-to-do neighbors are getting about as much as usual out of life, and do not appear to be making tremendous sacrifices in wealth or comfort, and that as a rule the sons of well-to-do people get most of the official positions, with the highest pay. They read that the Patriotic Fund needs to be increased, and they hear complaints from some of their neighbors about delays in connection with the administration of the fund. They read in letters from England that a portion of the monthly pay is withheld, and that men who made over most of their pay find themselves short of cash, while they are charged outrageous prices for things they buy. They read letters like that of Col. McAvity, which tells of a St. John contingent notable for efficiency but without field kitchens and other necessities provided for other battalions. They read of men, who stole away from one unit in order to go with another to the front, being brought back to Canada instead of being given their chance to fight. But most of all they talk of what will happen to their families if they go and perhaps give their lives for their country. What is the answer?

We may multiplify public meetings, with gifted speakers to discuss the righteousness of the war, and chide to sing that Britons never shall be slaves, and banquets to play, and admiring crowds to cheer; but all this has been discounted, and better methods must be adopted to reach the sought-for recruits. There is a bread and butter side to everything that affects the lives of great masses of the people, and it cannot be safely overlooked. The Miramichi man who could not go to the front, but pays the family of a man who did go thirty-five dollars a month saw the point. The sentimental side of this war will now look after itself. The practical side needs more emphasis. It would help matters in St. John if greater use were made of the Army, and if more men in uniform were seen in the streets, and the stirring notes of the bugle heard from day to day. We may meet and adopt resolutions and applaud the eloquence of a gifted speaker, but after a year of war and all that has been published about it the real necessity is a practical, business like going after recruits, with definite assurances of what the country is going

to do for their families, or for them if they come back crippled from the war. The recruits who go have a perfect right to ask this information from the people who do not go, and who benefit from their sacrifice. It is quite true that there is the soldier's pay, pitifully small; and the Patriotic Fund, in need of replenishing; and there will be pensions; and some employers are keeping the names of men on the pay-roll, and others have promised them work on their return; but all are not on the same footing by any means, and all have not equal assurances. The surest and quickest way to get recruits is to make the appeal practical. If we were closer to the seat of war, with the prospect of invasion, it would be quite different. This does not mean that our men are mercenary. The real mercenaries are those who want their fighting done without paying their share of the cost.

That prosperous P. E. Island horse dealer would never miss the price of a machine gun. There were many deaths from heat in Philadelphia yesterday. One more let us be thankful for the climate of St. John, even when it rains.

Is it correct that duty must be paid on Canadian tobacco for Canadian soldiers? A soldier has written home to that effect. Is he right?

The army contractor who reaps enormous profits may need a machine gun to bring down his game, but it is a political machine gun, and sometimes it kicks him.

The new assessment commission begins with a recognition of the fact that it has a difficult task to perform, and with a desire to perform it well. That is a good beginning.

The report of completion of an agreement between Turkey and Bulgaria is given denial. Bulgaria will be a foolish nation if she links herself to an unworthy cause that is doomed to failure.

That fund collected from the lumbermen of New Brunswick, added to the amount got from the liquor dealers would purchase a lot of machine guns. Happy thoughts—will someone bring the matter to the attention of the custodians of those funds?

What a pity that field kitchen fund for the 90th Battalion was not completed. We must do better in future. Remember the 59th and the 64th and see that they are provided with whatever equipment their officers deem desirable.

Frederick M. McDonald, aged twenty, did not realize his hopes of reaching the front and striking a blow for his country; but though this young New Brunswick school teacher died at Shorncliffe, he was in the king's uniform and in the path of duty and of honor. His fellow teachers should not let his memory fade.

The Soldiers' Comforts Association provides comforts for the soldiers at the front. Every man, woman and child with a relative at the front is interested in the work of this association. Thus far it has received entirely too little support. That was partly due to a misunderstanding of the limited scope of other organizations.

The Canadian Courier says there are fifty men who believe Hon. Thomas White lost two and a half million dollars by paying five per cent for the recent loan when he could have got it at four and a half. The Courier says there are other rumors, equally grave in the air, and it wants a special, non-partisan session of parliament to probe the charges of extravagance and bad management.

The following address of a British soldier is believed to be about the longest there is: "Private A. Lithgow (87864), D. Company, No. 18 Platoon, 24 Dorset Battalion, Dorset Regiment, 2-4 West Division, C. F. O., Bombay, India."

His Honor further requests that entertainments be held on that day, the funds derived therefrom to be given to the Canadian Patriotic Fund to provide for the dependents of those who are fighting for the honor and integrity of the British Empire.

WILLIAM CRUICKSHANK, Private Secretary.

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"Humph!" ejaculated the pater. "Who taught you that?" "My creditors," said Reginald.

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