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WAR COMMENT.

British war critics declare that the smashing victory of the Allied forces in the Balkans is of great military significance than General Allenby's fine achievement in Palestine. While the full measure of the success of the Serbians and their Allies is not yet revealed, it is obvious that a sweeping offensive in the theatre of war must have a far-reaching effect upon the general military operations along the Italian and French fronts—a greater effect than any single military operation in the Holy Land could be expected to have.

The official reports to the British War Office indicate that the Allies are moving forward with great rapidity over a hundred mile front, and that a wedge is being driven so deeply between the two Bulgarian armies that these forces are in danger of annihilation. Positions of such strength that they were thought to be well-nigh impregnable have fallen, one after another, before the onslaught of the Serbians, and in many places the enemy is falling back in hopeless confusion. The Allied commander reports that his advance guards and air squadrons are pursuing the retreating armies relentlessly, and it is assumed that the enemy's losses in man power, to say nothing of guns and ammunition, are enormous. It is said that many of the Bulgarian troops are deserting and that their German officers are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain any form of discipline in certain regiments. This report, however, must be accepted with reserve; similar statements have been made about enemy forces from the earliest days of the war. In some cases they were true; more often they were exaggerated.

General Allenby appears to have accounted for more Turks than early reports led us to believe. It is now thought he succeeded in destroying an army of 100,000 men. The enemy was strongly entrenched and confident of his ability to beat down the attack of his opponents, but he was taken by surprise at the strongest part of his line, and so daring and determined was the rush of the British cavalry that the flower of the Turkish army fell back in disorder and was later cut to pieces.

The battle for St. Quentin continues to rage furiously. The British are increasing their pressure from the west and are making progress. The fighting is of the fiercest character and the enemy has thrown into the battle some of his finest divisions. British positions at other parts of the front have also improved. Taken altogether, the war news is highly encouraging and leads to the hope that the fighting of the next four or five weeks will greatly change the complexion of the whole military situation.

WAR GARDEN EXHIBITS.

Early next month the local War Gardens Association means to give the people a collective demonstration of what our St. John gardeners have achieved during the season. An exhibition of samples of produce grown in the city and suburbs is to be arranged. There are some four hundred members of the association and, presumably, about an equal number of gardens, by which the great majority of which came into being under the stress of the war demand for increased food production.

Naturally it is hoped that there will be a good and effective demonstration of the result of the association's work and the work of its members. There is no doubt that good work has been done and there will be some surprises when the exhibits are viewed. Next in importance to the actual results is the making known of what has been and can be accomplished, to the end that St. John should have proper credit for its efforts, but, more to the point, that general interest in food production and conservation should be stimulated and that this exhibition should lead to the planting of many more gardens next year.

Every gardener should assist in the matter by sending in samples of what he has grown with a report on the quantities raised. There will be some prizes, but, whether or not there seems to be a chance for a prize, the exhibits should be sent in. If every one should say: "What's the use of me troubling?" where would the exhibition be? The gardeners have done a fine bit of patriotic work; now let them add to it by helping others to do like work. We learn that many of the gardeners have apparently not been set back by the importance of this phase of the matter for not many have yet sent in their names as exhibitors. All should get in touch at once with Mr. R. E. Armstrong at the Board of Trade rooms, so that the association executive might be placed in a position to perfect its plans. Come, now, everyone of the membership. A rally this week will ensure success of this very praiseworthy project.

Evidence of breaking morale in the German army is accumulating. Desertion of many Bulgarian soldiers also is reported.

They must be doing some hard thinking at German great headquarters these days.

Bangor Commercial.—The campaign for safety first on the railroads of the country, which has been earnestly conducted for several years, has brought excellent results, but there is still more to be accomplished as shown by the statement of Hiram W. Boleman, manager of the division of safety of the United States railroad administration. Mr. Boleman has been having statistics compiled and finds that in five years the railway casualties reached a total of 980,565. Of this number almost 50,000 were killed. This large figure, however, does not represent deaths for which the railroads were responsible. Of the 50,000 but 1,891 were passengers and 14,682 were employees.

One gripping sentence in an interview which a neutral diplomat gives in Paris after a few days stay in Germany stands out. He says of the people that "Everybody wants to group together, just as before great disasters." The truth at last is reaching those at home. Long deluded by false reports of army success, they are realizing that their boastful chiefs can not lead the nation to victory, that troubles are multiplying, that the forces opposed to them grow in strength while their own armies decline. And so their spirits droop and they huddle together for companionship in their misery and fear.

The Victory Loan call soon will be sounded throughout the Dominion. There must be money for Canada to carry on its share in the war. It cannot be borrowed outside; it must come from our own people. To subscribe is not only patriotic but sound business for the loan pays five and one-half per cent interest and all Canada and all her resources are back of it.

You'll be giving some Christmas presents this year, of course. How about the Victory Loan bond? Buy one and hold it for presentation on the great morning.

As great a disaster as came to the Turkish forces in Palestine threatens the Bulgars and Germans in Macedonia.

News of glorious victory comes from all along the line.

OLD THINGS PASS AWAY. Witness the "Decline and Fall Off" of the Livery "Hack."

The stage coach is a relic, the horse car an antique. Gone are the gilded ambulances and picturesque horse-drawn fire apparatus. Now that vehicle of riotous college cruises, that rickety lovers' paradise on wheels—the seagoing hack—has been relegated to the junk heap. A Sandusky livery stable sold several stately, sticky-cushioned "boulevard barouches," conveniently called "hacks," for \$450 per each. Never more will high-stepping steeds of parchment hides and corrugated sides sweep up to pleasure place portals. "Livery" is left, but the stable's passe. A "garage edifice" today stands where was once the health board's familiar object of "suspicion," regulation, and enjoyment. Progress may change and change replace, but romance remains like life, the same, through transition of form.—Utica Herald-Dispatch.



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Those Feathers.
When certain soldiers from the antipodes were in New York a little while ago a woman was heard to say to another:
"There goes one of them Australians."

"How do you know?"
"You can tell by the kangaroo feathers in his hat."

Broke All Records.
A Minneapolis laundress, a negro, woman, patriotic supporter of the Red Cross, was among the thousands who witnessed a recent Red Cross parade in the Mill City in which 15,000 white-clad women participated. In telling a Red Cross worker how she liked it, she said: "Laudy, missus, it suttinly was a gran' spectacle. Nevah in mah whole life did I see so much washin' at one time."

Two View Points.
(Boston Globe.)
The pessimist—The same nation will still be only two pounds a month for each person.

The optimist—Each person will still be allowed two pounds of sugar a month.

UNIFORM CHECKS; INTERIM NUMBERS

Two Important Innovations to Lighten the Routine in Canadian Banks

Every banker who has worked in the "cage" or in practically any other department of the bank has, undoubtedly, if human, spent a lot of time in expressing his opinion inwardly let us hope—of a system whereby checks and other forms of banking paper are submitted in a crazy variety of shapes and forms for no other seeming reason than that his time and patience may be consumed in handling them. Here, however, there is now a brighter day in sight. The indications are that it will be only a short time until the bank papers of the Canadian chartered institutions will be uniform in size and in other general features, and that the tedious and disagreeable task of the teller or other member of the staff in having to arrange and handle a bundle of checks will find that all at once the same ease with the name of the bank conforming to a general style as well as datelines, numbers, denominations, etc., matter has been under consideration by the committee on inter-bank routine under the Canadian Bankers' Association and a recommendation along the lines indicated has been drawn up and passed along to the association. Suffering tellers at all in the banking world may therefore look forward to relief from some of the worries of detail.

Another innovation with regard to bank paper in Canada which may shortly be looked for will be the general use of interim reference numbers. By this means much routine work of members of the bank staffs will be appreciably lightened. This system, which has also been favored by the inter-bank routine committee, involves the use of numbers to designate checks and other documents, and for use in checking purposes within the banks a check drawn upon the Bank of Montreal at Montreal would be designated 1, a check drawn upon the same bank at Toronto 1-2, etc., with a different key to denote each bank and its location. Such a system when adopted will greatly simplify routine in several banking departments.—J. W. T.

MOTHER'S PLEA FOR HER STOLEN BABY CANADIAN WOMAN THOUGHT GUILTY

"If only the woman who stole my baby from me would give him back to me, I wouldn't want to hurt her," said Mrs. Townsend, whose baby was taken away seventeen months ago in London. "I would feel better about it if the

TIMBER SALE

The lands which were advertised for sale on the 5th of September, 1918, and postponed, will now be held at the Crown Land Office, Fredericton, N. B., on Thursday, the third day of October, 1918, commencing at 12 o'clock noon under the following conditions, viz: Berths to be sold on a straight stumpage rate per thousand superficial feet the upset rate of which will be announced at the time of sale, conveying the right to cut and carry away the merchantable lumber as advertised for the term ending August 1st, 1919. Ten per cent of the bid stumpage price on the estimated quantity of merchantable lumber standing on the berth to be paid as each berth is sold. The lands to be sold embracing in all about four hundred square miles as advertised in the Royal Gazette of September 18th.

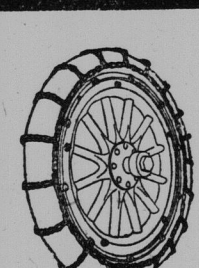
For further particulars, printed estimates of the timber on each block, plans, etc., apply to the Deputy Minister, Crown Land Office, Fredericton, N. B. E. A. SMITH, Minister of Lands and Mines. Crown Land Office, Fredericton, N. B., September 11th, 1918. 10-3.



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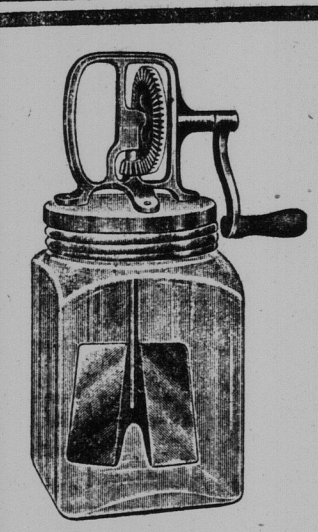
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EXTRA

A Colored Map of Russia

In this week's LITERARY DIGEST—September 21st—there is a fine, full-page colored map of Russia. This map shows in detail all towns, rivers and railway-lines. By its aid you can visualize the territory where the American and other Allied troops are engaged with the Russian Reds.

At this moment, when events in Russia are taking on such critical importance, this Map will be of great service. Accompanying the Map is

A Comprehensive Article on the Russian Situation

drawn from various sources, which will give the reader a clear understanding of the chaotic conditions in that country today. Other striking news features in this week's "Digest" are:

Germany's Back To The Wall

A Gleaning of German Papers, as Quoted in This Article, Shows That the Enemy Has Now Lost His Bluster and is Protesting Loudly That He is Flourishing His Trusty Sword Merely to Protect Himself

- Canada's Mighty Arm Sniping at the New U. S. Tax Bill
- The War as a Life-Saver
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