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## Poisonous Gases in Warfare.

which have been investigating the effects of the polsonous gases used by the Germans have come out strongly in favor of retaliation. The London Chronicle in a recent editorial, says in part:

"It is clear from all the evidence that the

German asphysiating gases possess serious military importance, and the enemy will continue to use them, probably on a growing scale, when ever conditions are favorable. A new and formidable weapon has been introduced into warfare. And, much as we regret its introductior, and censor the gross breach of international fate by which it was introduced, neither regret nor censor will win battles

"Unless our troops are to feel that they fight an unfair battle with one hand tied behind their backs-and that is the feeling which, if justified, might destroy all the morale of even the bravest soldiers-we must fight gases with gases and do so with the least possible delay. We must arm our front with equipment at least as deadly as the German gas equipment, and if po sible, deadlier. This is not a matter to stand arguing about, posing pros and cons, whether in Parliament or elsewhere. In justice to our own soldiers we need to act and act promptly; and at the same time there ought to be as rapid a development as possible for defensive measures, not merely for the wearing of respirators, but for the spraying of alcohol, ammonia and other chemical agents

"Every humane person must deplore that warfare has entered on this new phase, but we cannot prevent its being entered on; all we can do is to see that our men are not put at a relative disadvantage by it. If normal weather returns with the normal preponderance of southwest winds, the enemy may come to be sorry for their own barbarous innovation. But the fact that the Allies are compelled to copy it will not in any sense exonerate Germany for having introduced it, nor take the crime of having introduced it, out of the category of those things for which a account must be duly exacted at the end of the war.'

The following description of the effect of the gas and high explosive in sundry forms, is both cheaper to me some time back, said: is told by a responsible British officer who visited some of the men who were disabled by gas on Hill Canadians are especially interested in this mat-Every man in Canada should read the following description and then ask himself if he is doing his full duty in stamping out Prussian militarism with all the fiendish devices to which a race gone mad have The letter of this responsible officer, which first appeared in the London Chronicle, follows:

"The whole of England and the civilized world," he says, "ought to have the truth fully brought before them in vivid detail, and not wrapped up as at present. When we got to the spital we had no difficulty in finding out in which ward the men were, as the noise of the poor devils trying to get breath was sufficient to direct us.

"There were about 20 of the worst cases in the ward, on mattresses, all more or less in a sitting position, strapped up against the walls. Their faces, arms and hands were of a shiny, grey black color. With their mouths open and n glazed eyes, all were swaying slightly backward and forward trying to get breath. It was a most appalling sight. All these poor black faces struggling for life, the groaning and the

made to induce Newfoundland to cast in her lot with Canada, and thus round out the British possessions in North America. During the past few years Newfoundland has been making rapid strides. Instead of depending upon fish as formerly, an effort was made to develop the mineral, timber and agricultural resources of the The Reid-Newfoundland Railway which island. crossed the island, did much to open it up, and familiarize the world with the island's probabilities Large pulp and paper companies, in some cases financed by American capital, and in other, cases by British capitalists, among whom was Lord North

cliffe, have invested large sums in the Island; and to-day the manufacture of pulp and paper is among its chief industries. The mineral resources of the day took him to see an ancient cemetery in the vit-country have also been developed, while considerable progress has been made in encouraging agri-Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited, proposed to establish at Bay of Islands at a cost of eighteen million dollars a plant for the manufacture to be buried nas ither place if I'm spared." of an monium phosphate-a fertilizer-ammonia, ce

looks as if the Ancient Colony were about to come was taking a walk along the beach with his host. into its own. The Germans, not content with torpedoing boats you think I might take a second?"

on the high seas, yesterday rammed and sank a Swedish steamer anchored off the Island of Femern. The London Chronicle and other British papers of the Gulflight may convince the Scandinavian nation gone mad, and needs to be treated according

> While statesmen and economists in Canada and m the United States are divided into two schools as to what immigration shall come to this continent after the war, estimates are being made regarding the population which these two countries will sus-A leading authority declares that the United tain States is capable of sustaining six hundred million people, and Canada four hundred million peo- panion. Undoubtedly Canada is the greatest future home for the British Empire.

The recent appeal for co-operation made by Premier Asquith should be heeded in Canada. In his speech the Prime Minister said: "This is the naon's war, and no man among us in this vast audience or among the millions of our fellow countrymen outside-no man among us is worthy of the name of British citizen who is not taking his part in it." He closed his appeal with the words of the great Chatham, who said: "Be one people! Forget everything but the public weal!

Among a certain class of people there is a tendency to belittle the efforts made by the Canadians at the recent fighting at Langemarcke. Some supercritical individuals take a good deal of pleasure in pointing out that the majority of the men com-

prising the First Contingent are British born. This may be all very true, but these men have been living in Canada for some years, enlisted from Canada and are known as Canadians. For the most part, however, the officers were Canadian born. It is not a very seemly discussion to quarrel over a man's birthplace. We are all part of the one Empire, and are fighting side by side in a common cause. After all, it does not matter where a man comes from, New Zealand, Canada, or Scotland, as long as he plays his part like a man.

#### MUNITIONS VS. MEN.

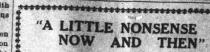
and more effective than flesh and blood is the sensible in more effective than them and about a the action of the allied strategists, particularly the have to walk over many dead bodies—his own inter, as it was against our own brave men that the least resistance and of most effect because it is British. Moreover, this is for them the clear line of cluded.-London Spectator. perhaps the surest item wherein to establish even

tually a supremacy in supply over the enemy. Hence the insistent purpose, expressed in both words and shillings, and both abroad and at home to provide such overwhelming superiority in shells.

The enemy first demonstrated the potency of huge shells against supposedly impregnable fortifications. For there's Squire's son have gone for one, and Par-Now the lesson is to be improved upon by endeavoring to smother his advances in future or, when the case is reversed, to blast out his trenches.

The profuse orders scattered throughout this coun try in recent weeks represent the external working. The cows deep in our little lane was comin' home of this policy. Sea command reserves this advantage to the allied side-and stirs the illogical ire and "And don't ee never grieve yourself," he said, "beapprehension of the other side. With advantage have happened to go opportunity, in that large capacity wan here available in plants hitherto little occupied, wh'ch His arms were strong around me, then. He turned have shown ability to adjust themselves to the new task with surprising facility.

Dernburg-ignoring the future like facility in revert. The meanin' of an aching heart is hid from such as ing to old uses-chooses to paint this picture an meaning ten or a dozen Krupp factories here, an against one in Germany. casm goes, however, also a tacit admission of the



Madam-"But we advertised for a girl that understood children."

Applicant-"O, I understand 'em, ma-am. That's why I wouldn't work where they are."-Exchange.

An old Scotchman having a friend on a visit one think o' that?" he enquired. "Hoots, man," said culture. Recently a new corporation known as the his friend, viewing the dilapidated condition of the of that time and the manner in graves, "before I'd be buried there I'd die first," "Aw, weel," said Sandy, "as faur as I'm concerned I mean

of animonium phosphate—a fertilizer—animonia, ce-ment, wood pulp and lumber. This is only one of many companies which have invested large sums of money in Newfoundiand during recent years. It taining relief from chronic dyspepsia. One day ho

water from the tide;" said the invalid solemnly. "Do Goodwin reflected deeply. "Well," he replied, with equal seriousness, "I don't think a second would be nissed.

In these days of the high cost of living the following story is not without a decided point. The teacher of a primary class was trying to show

the children the difference between natural and manade wonders, and was finding it hard. "What," she asked, "do you think is the most wonderful thing a man ever made?" A little girl, whose parents were obviously harass-

"A living for his family."-Woman's Home Com-

Some time ago an automobile party was touring the back countries when hunger seized the crowd. Have ing a kit with them, they decided to make a Welsh in constant consultation. There were talks of a run rabbit instead of going to a local hostlery. To this end a trip was made to the corner grocery for the

"We want a couple of pounds of cheese and some large, square crackers for a Welsh rabbit," said the purchaser, going into the store. "Got the cheese all right," answered the groceryman,

"They won't do," returned the purchaser. "We

st have the large ones." 'Spose ye must if ye say so," thoughtfully com-

mented the groceryman, "but it strikes me that rabbit o' your'n is purty derned pertic'ler 'bout his eating'

Many years ago I heard the following notice read

"There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the monastery, but if it rains in the an enlarging business. The matter was put before

Among mixed methaphors the most delightful I Among mixed methaphors the most definition were noarding their resources. In an article of the think I have ever heard was the statement of a town answer was the same: We are doing everything in ing a discussion on projected expenditure on town shall continue this policy; but in the interests of the

Gentlemen," he said, "we will have nothing to do with it; it is but the thin end of a white elephant." A distinguished leader of the Ulster party, writing

"Before the home rule bill is enforced, Asquith will

#### THE DEVONSHIRE MOTHER.

(Marjorie Wilson, in the Westminster Gazette. The King have called the Devon lads and they be answering fine-

But shadows seem to bide this way, for all the sun

son's son-and min

I mind the day mine went from me-the skies was all

and went away

No wonder that  $D_t$  I heard the little childer dear a'singin' at their play, they.

With his political sur. And scarce a day goes by but now I set my doo

OUR IMPREGNABLE BANKS. It may be safely said that never in the whole

their history have the great banking institutions of this country been in a sounder and better position than at the present time. This is in the midst of Applicant-"No, ma'am. I could not work where banks have their coffers overflowing with gold, their the greatest war that the world has ever seen. The conditions of working are normal, and the general trade of the country keeps them busily empl Truly a marvellous condition of things after the crisis of the start of the war, and when the history of the war comes to be written in full there will be much said about the great bankers of the country who, working with the Government, were able steadily to allay public anxiety and bring about a feeling of absolute trust and confidence throughout the kingdom. Only those who know can speak of the anxiety which the whole of the leading bankers combined, working night and day, to straighten out the position and to inspire that confidence, which has been fully justified by events n the minds of the public. It may be said that all people heartily co-operated, and hence, instead of a

banking crisis upon which Germany had put its faith. the strain was steadily released and things won to "I have derived relief from drinking a glass of salt on the part of our great bankers, and one which lives normal conditions. It was a marvellous achiever to-day in the knowledge that after months of war and the spending of millions sterling the great banks of the kingdom stand proudly in as strong, or in

stronger, position than they have ever held before. To understand fully what has been done the earlier osition may be briefly surveyed. Germany had been preparing for war and hoping for financial collapse here by selling an enormous amount of stock, draw ing upon our gold reserves, and entangling this country in various complicated manners. The outbreak of the war accordingly found the country with a depleted gold reserve and heavy obligations to meet in various, directions. It was a position that might ed by the question of ways and means, replied as soleasily have led to something approaching panic if it country. A panic in Wall Street added to the difficulties, and after many consultations the Government and the banks put forth a scheme to remedy the deadlock in regard to bills of exchange.

Chicago

Head Office: - HAMILTON

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Capital Authorized - - - \$5,000,000

Capital Paid Up - - - 3,000,000

Surplus - - - - - - 3,750,000

The Day's Best Editorial

SUBMARINE WARFARE A FAILURE.

That "submarine warfare" on British shipping is

ctically a losing game is indicated by the failure

of the Germans to sink merchant steamships of

tent the speed of the great passenger ships is their

security, but troopships must keep well together and

(New York Sun.)

Then a lengthy Bank Holiday was declared, which on the banks, but it has to be freely admitted that the public responded well to the call of financial At the termination of the long Bank patriotism. Holiday there was no rush to draw gold; in fact, a large amount was paid in owing to the collection by traders during the Bank Holiday period. The cry "but none o' them big, square crackers. How 'bout gold,' and everyone accepted the intimation. The one pound and ten shilling notes were freely taken, and the gold reserves of the country went up enormous? for all bullion coming from South Africa went to swell the country's store. All fear of stress or

panic subsided, and the bankers of England proved that their institutions were impregnable. After the time of stress had passed the idea that this country should endeavor to capture a certain part of the trade of Germany led to criticism being directed against bankers, and many traders declared that bankers would not grant the facilities necessary for

many of the leading managers, and in each case there was an emphatic denial to the charge that they

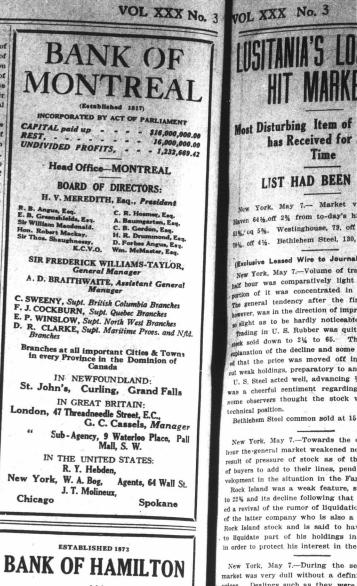
ountry we must be cautious in our actions and not indulge in speculative schemes merely because they may be directed against German trade.

Here, again, the policy of the bankers has proved large tonnage and to interfere with the transportaprrect. In the haste of the moment they were mirtion of troops across the Channel." The Atlantic linjudged and called over-cautious, while at the present Irish Sea and the English Channel that the subers and the troopships are so well protected in the time every trader who has work in hand knows that he can obtain all reasonable facilities from his bank. are, have not been able to score at all. To sor

Although the crisis has passed there is no quertion that more attention will be paid in future to the keeping of larger gold reserves. Sir Edward Holden vigilance of the attendant warships. An examinais one of the most powerful advocates of this policy. tion of the list of merchant vessels destroyed wi and has time after time impressed the matter uprov show that most of them were small freighters, and the city with vigor. The war will no doubt lead to that the builders on the Clyde. Type and Tees an the question being attacked more practically and leve turning out a good many more freighters than the

Depreciation of investments is naturally a matigation that "submarine warfare" is not a success. The Germans sink. This fact seems to be a demonstrawhich has keenly engaged the attention of bank case is even worse for the enemy when the sinking directors, and has been dealt with in various ways; but, whatever the method, all shareholders may rest assured that ample provision has been made for any cause of destruction Interporary or permanent loss in this direction. In the first three

In the first three months of this year forty-eicht It cannot really be said that the joint stock banks British ships, including fishing vessels, were be were ever seriously squeezed in consequence of the through the operations of the enemy; their ton war, and the reason for this is their great stability nage was 130,358. In the same time 125 ships with and the acute minds of their administrators, who were able to meet and to grapple successfully with tons, were launched from the building yards; but if such gigantic problems. must be considered that Government work has pre At the present time their balance-sheets show un-exampled strength in every direction, while all bank-ers have a proof reserve to the time the toronage launched is abeet 400,000 every three months. At the present time to the time to



rices. Dealings such as they were gin among room traders for the most ] interest for the time being seemed t entirely disappeared. It was rumored on the floor that th said to have sold Rubber and Rock

been a seller of long stock in other par ket, and that his sales in the past of amounted to as much as 50,000 shares. An advance of 21/2 points in Mexican excited little interest even among floor. Goodrich was firm, notwithstan in U. S. Rubber, and it was asserted th business is still in a very prosperous Canadian Pacific showed moderate which it was inferred that London is disturbed over Germany's claims of in cesses, and that the dividend on the s declared at the regular rate at the forth ing of the directors.

New York, May 7 .- Just as the mark to develope strength in the early aftern was received that the Cunard Line had port that the Lusitania was in troubl sold off sharply on publication of that i aken for granted that the vessel had be by a German submarine as a boat had e same neighborhood on Thursday.

Bethlehem Steel was strong feature pr cement regarding the Lusitania, hav to 159, up 111/2 points from Thursday's wints above previous high record. . attributed to reported receipt of a very ional war order within the past few of

The report from Tokio that China had oul daccept Japanese terms might have ood effect marketwise had it not been followed by the very disturbing report r big trans-Atlantic liner. This was regard he most disturbing pieces of news that has received for a considerable time pas

## VIOLENT BREAK IN COTTON

PRICES FOLLOW LUSITANIA New York, May 7.- Cotton prices dur our broke violently, following the con he disaster to the Lusitania, and were 30 points from yesterday's close.

raw materials.

it in a church in England:

ts for breath is awful

There was practically nothing to be done for them except to give them salt and water and try to make them sick. The effect the gas has is to fill the lungs with a watery frothy matter, which gradually increases and rises until it fills up the whole lungs and comes to the mouth-then they die. It is suffocation, slow drowning, taking in cases one or two days. Eight died last night out of twenty I saw, and the most of the others I saw will die, while those who get over the gas riably develop acute pneumonia

"It is without doubt the most awful form of scientific torture. Not one of the men I saw in the hospital had a scratch or wound. The Germans have given out that it is a rapid, painless death-the liars. No torture could be worse than to give them a dose of their own gas."

## Newfoundland.

The splendid response made by Newfoundland to the Empire's call for men, money and munitions of war has attracted fresh attention to the Ancient of war has attracted iresh attention to the Ancient straightforward German language, and Imperial Eng-Colony. Newfoundland has sent over a large num-lish may reign alone over the North American Continent.-Exchange, as donating supplies of fish to the allied cause. Canada is interested, and rightly so, in the fue of Newfoundland. We hope that as a result of war there will be a movement on the part of the day by day in the casualty lists, are in constant ture of Ne

military truth of the situation .- Boston News Bur-

LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD. afar.

How many men, if asked how many languages there were in the world, could give anything like an accurate answer?

The average man's knowledge or ability to speak I pray the Lord he be not cold whiles I have fire to

by mankind, while the number of dialects exceeds this

There are more than sixty vocabularies in Brazil,

there is no classifying the complexities.

there is no classifying the componential in the componential in the componential interview of a million linguistic abilities. I like to think when hights were dark and him st prayer maybe, Upon the gurt dark mountain side, or in His boat at total of a quarter of a million linguistic abilities. only be four languages of importance in the world.

#### TWO CONFLICTING REGIMENTS.

both Canada and Newfoundland for political union. danger of being taken for one and the same. They We are both part of the one Empire, our men are are the Cameron Highlanders and the Camero fighting side by side for its defence, while simi- and many people in England-though not in Scotland have againing side by side for its defence, while sints and many perfect in pression that "Cameronian" is a This high man, aiming at a million for the formation of interests and other reasons make a closer —are under the impression that "Cameronian" is a This high man, aiming at a million desirable. It is true that efforts have slang name for a Cameron Highlander. It is quite o time to induce Newfound a serious mistake, and one which treads on a very ome part of Canada, but these have fail- tender spot indeed, for the Cameron Highlanders and and to become part of Canada, out these have fall-ed, and for some years confederation has been a hopes that after the war is over an effort will be

ajar, And watch the road that Jan went up the time he

That when he'll come again to me I'll see him from

And in my chimney seat o' nights, when quiet grows the farm.

I'm thinkin' He will know, my boy, with his dear

The total on April 30 was 27,327 a decrease of 8,217 from April 1. Shop cars increased 877 and stored cars decreased 9,094, between the two dates. Or With his tanned face, his eyes of blue, and he se

strappin' tall.

FROM "A GRAMMARIAN'S FUNERAL." That low man goes on adding one to one

Misses an unit

That, has the world here-should he need the next,

-Browning.

400,000 every three months. At the present time 471 which a merchant ships of over 100 tons are building in the yards of the United Kingdom, and they represent

#### THE TOLUOL EXPLOSIVES.

trawlers are being filled, the navy mong trawlers The latest form of explosives for filling shells and indispensable for submarine scouting work, torpedoes is one of which toluol is the base, toluol being a methyl derivative of benzol. It is now resentinels for the patrol squadrons, also for mine cognized that tri-nitro-toluol and tetra-nitro-toluol sweeping.

The average man's knowledge or aonity to spraw languages rarely exceeds two besides his native And give the mothers humble hearts whose boys are heart from harm are the best explosives for shells and torpedoes, since Ireland than the private shipyards, but of course There are no busier places in Great Britain and they do not act on the metal of the container like the Government allows no statistics about its own conditions. All the countries involved in the preorders to be published. For every merchant shift And then I take the Book and read before I seek my sent war are, therefore, using the netro-toluol explo. down the ways, and when the Government and before I seek my rest. down the ways, and when the Government and before I seek my rest. rest, Of how that other Son went forth (them parts I like product of coal distillation, is likely to be very keen C Karebaw in the There are more than sixty vocabularies in Brazil, and in Mexico the Nahu is broken up into some sev. And left His mother lone for Him she'd cuddled to The Engineering Magazine for April. pleted will be almost doubled. If the Germans u as long as the war lasts.—John B. C. Kershaw, In the British increasing theirs, and trawlers go into constantly adding to their submarine flotilla, so are

the water by the score. In destroyers and small swift cruisers the advantage in new construction is

on the reinsystanta namoad bystem showed at a war zone was declared, there has been a state preciable decrease during April. Shop cars and good failure either to terrorize England or to cut down 438 on April 30, a decrease of 14,807 from April 1. tically, therefore, the "new departure" of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz is a losing game.

1,587,467 tons. It is significant that rush orders for

#### WAR'S ALLIES.

lines in the west, total idle on April 30 was 36,111 or always see him attended by two figures, a lean Somehow, when I picture war as a personality, I 6,590 less than April 1. Shop cars increased 472 and skeleton in a black cowl, with a scythe in his hand. and a bent, emaciated woman's form, with hollow eyes and sunken cheeks. One is called Death and the other is called famine. It is Death who walks by the side of the menfolk, hewing them down with over, Britain must repay men like this to whom suf stands ever at your elbow, insistent; a death that of the Empire is at stake,-Calgary News-Telegram. on you, furtively, as your neers, a death that further and the further and t

#### N. Y. COTTON RANGE.

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LACKAWANNA BONDS SOLD The Delaware, Lackawanna and Wester has sold to Kean, Taylor & Co. \$2,250 and Essex first refunding 31/2 per cent.

## CROP PROSPECT BRILLIANT

Minneapolis, Minn., May 7.-More rain red generally over Minnesota, and North akota. Crop prospects are excellent.

NEW YORK STOCK SALES. New York, May 7 .- Sales of stocks from <sup>10</sup> <sup>2</sup> p.m. to-day numbered 534,652. Thur 433. Wednesday, 602,738. Bonds to-day Thursday, 2,821,500. Wednesday, 3,652,000

## HOLLINGER GOLD MINES, LIM (No Personal Liability.)

Dividend No. 34.

The regular four-weekly divdend of 4% outstanding capital stock has been declar 20th May, 1915, on which date cheques will to shareholders of May, 1915, DATED 6th May, 1915.

D. A. DUNLAP, Secretary-Treat

HOWARD S. ROSS, K.C. EUGENE R. **ROSS & ANGERS** BARRISTERS and SOLICITO Coristine Building 20 St. Nichold

fering and sacrifice is nothing when the inviolability

A HERO. With the scars of South Africa covering his body, more than half a dozen times in two different en: cottage door. And the death that comes with Famgagements in the great world war. When it is all ine is neither swift nor merciful. It is a death the

April was shown on the system's lines in the