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THE WAR SITUATION.

The supreme war council of the Allies at Versailles last week declared against the unalterable determination of all the members to carry on the war to a successful conclusion. It could find nothing in the recent speeches of the German Chancellor or Austro-Hungarian foreign minister that indicated a willingness to accept conditions such as those could be relied on to ensure a permanent peace. The supreme war council adopted a general military policy to be carried out on all fronts, the aim being to co-ordinate more effectively the efforts of all the powers against the common foe. This is the Allied answer to the latest utterances of the spokesmen of the Central Powers. The war is to be waged to a successful finish. What that means they best know who clearly understand the food situation and the possible effect of war-weariness upon the people of the Allied countries. But, however heavy the task, it must be performed.

The strike movement in Germany appears to have been quelled for the present, although the Socialists are still endeavoring to excite the people. The threat of a court martial may suffice at present, but the time is coming when the people will take the power into their own hands. In the meantime the Allies must endeavor to meet the reasonable demands of their own workers, and keep up the stream of food, men and munitions necessary to keep up the deadly pressure on the western and Italian fronts. There is hope that the mobilization of the Green Army will mean something on the Macedonian front in the spring, but more of disappointment than good news has come from that quarter ever since the war began, and only a real victory would rouse any enthusiasm in regard to operations in that theatre.

MAKE IT THOROUGH.

An Ottawa despatch announces another forward step by the government in the direction of the abolition of patronage and the system under which political pull has outweighed merit in the civil service. We are told that a portion of the long promised reform is to be brought into effect at once by order-in-council, and inland revenue, customs and excise, and the civil service commission will be given wider powers, and will be freed from political control. This is a very good beginning, but it should be followed up by such preliminary action as would destroy the evils of patronage to the largest possible extent in relation to the administration of every department. The civil service has been loaded up with incompetents, and graft has prevailed in connection with contracts and appointments, because of the vicious patronage system. The union government can secure the passage of such legislation as will save the country from most of the results of incompetency and grafting schemes in years to come. It should have the courage to do so at the coming session of parliament. Meanwhile a good beginning is announced and will be hailed with satisfaction by the great mass of the people; for the delay of action had caused doubt in many minds as to whether the union government really meant to carry out this part of its declared policy. The whole case for its reform is admirably stated by the Toronto Globe in the following article:

"The government is to be commended for acting promptly when the situation was brought to its attention. Immediate temporary regulations by order-in-council, to be followed by the submission of a bill to parliament of a new Civil Service Act to carry out the proposals set forth in the government's statement of policy, are promised. The proclamation will clear the air and cause skeptics to realize that the administration means business. Every effort should be made by parliament to place upon the statutes of Canada a measure which will forever do away with the whole pernicious patronage system which has bedevilled politics in this country for generations, cost the taxpayers dear in wasted dollars, and impaired the efficiency of the public service. This is the time for the introduction of radical reform. The strain and stress of war endeavor and war need make necessary every possible change calculated to increase competency and to insure better business results. The toll of war taxation for years to come makes compulsory the employment of every rightful means to protect the public purse. If, as one result of the sobering experiences through which the Dominion is now passing, it is freed for all time from the insatiable plague that preys upon her politics and public service, there will be additional cause for national thanksgiving when the war is won. Where the Dominion parliament leads the provincial legislatures should follow. The curse of party patronage is as blighting in the provinces as it is in the Dominion public service. Action by the union administration at Ottawa should inspire the governments of the provinces to serious thinking and definite planning. The party divisions still existing in the legislatures should not be permitted to hold back the making gen-

eral of this great reform. Legislators should be patriotic enough in this time of need and opportunity to do that which they know will be for the best interests of all provinces. Let Canada, from Atlantic to Pacific, rid itself of the spoils systems in all departments of public life."

The Telegraph fears that if the leaders of the Conservative party in New Brunswick politics got together, as the Times suggests, publicly to repudiate Mr. J. K. Flemming, the sad tale of the Kilkenny cats would be repeated in another form. It may be so. Even at that risk, however, the Times still maintains that the meeting would be worth while—in the interests of clean politics in New Brunswick.

The weather man is not worrying himself about the need of hurrying supplies of food and fuel to places where they are sorely needed. He is doing what he can to tie up transportation by sending snow and more snow, and cold and more cold. If the Kaiser knew about it he would tell us God was helping the Germans.

John L. Sullivan, gifted with a magnificent physique, died at a comparatively early age. In his later years he was a pronounced foe of Old John Barleycorn, and few had better opportunities to observe the evil results of the drink habit.

The Kaiser has created a special decoration for U-boat crews. Something of the sort was needed. Volunteers for that service are probably not as keen as at first. Too many such crews have failed to return, and the murder game grows ever more hazardous.

The fighting on the various fronts is still confined to minor raiding operations, but the casualty lists still remind us that the Canadians are bearing their share of the winter fighting. They are looking to us to do our share at home.

Compulsory registration of man and woman power in Canada should have been enacted when the abortive national service campaign was launched, but better late than never.

The Halifax commission finds the pilot and master of the steamer Mont Blanc wholly responsible for the terrible explosion, through violating the rules of the road. The report is printed in today's Times.

Matters must have been serious in some German cities when it became necessary to enforce martial law and threaten the strikers with death. The trouble is not removed, but only postponed.

Chief Inspector Wilson's remark that some persons formerly indifferent to temperance reform have sent in checks to help enforce prohibition is a fine endorsement of prohibition as a beneficial measure.

This is a time when a progressive and public spirited street railway corporation would put forth special efforts to keep its lines open and provide a good service.

The Sinn Fein candidate was defeated in South Armagh by more than a two to one vote. Extraordinary efforts were made to secure his election, but failed utterly. All true friends of Ireland will rejoice at his defeat.

It is reported that wolves have appeared in Nova Scotia. Perhaps they went over from New Brunswick after mauling the carcasses of the Valley Railway.

As the winter days pass, more and more thought should be given to preparation for a greater production campaign in the spring.

The Bolsheviks are still having more trouble with the Russians than with the Germans.

The names of six sons of New Brunswick appear in today's casualty list.

OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH

How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your dogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffling, dryness or headache, no struggling for breath at night. Get a small bottle of Dr. J. C. Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

ADJUTANT HURD OPENS CAMPAIGN

Salvation Army Officer Who Was Through Halifax Disaster and Has Been Engaged in Relief Work



Adjutant H. A. Hurd, financial representative for the maritime provinces, arrived in the city on Saturday evening from Halifax, and conducted the opening services of the young people's campaign. The campaign opened on Saturday evening with meetings in the open air and in the city. On Sunday afternoon there was a special service for Sunday school children and their workers, and in the evening the adjutant spoke again, on the responsibilities of youth in their own country. He was followed by a series of professional convention. Halifax at the time of the recent explosion and plunged vigorously into the work of aiding the injured and the homeless. When

organization was affected he was appointed to the food committee and later to the coal committee and has been in charge of this work in the North End. Other officers of the Salvation Army also have been engaged in relief work and several are leaving as members of the various committees. Commissioner W. J. Richards, head of the Salvation Army for Canada East, who rushed to the stricken city and did all he possibly could on the spot himself, also relieved thirty-five officers from their different corps and offices to devote all their time to the relief work at Halifax. He has also relieved Adjutant Hurd of his financial work in the provinces to devote all his time to the relief work at Halifax.

WANT CANADIAN AS COMMANDER

Ask That Sir Percy Girouard Be Made Military Governor of British East Africa

Nairobi, British East Africa, Feb. 3.—(via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—A mass meeting of the residents enthusiastically and unanimously passed a resolution requesting the imperial government to appoint former Governor Sir Percy Girouard, military governor of British East Africa, and to proceed with the war with powers to organize the colonies efforts in the direction of utilizing such a portion of its population as is unavailable for military service to develop its immense potential energies and resources in the immediate production of commodities which are urgently required.

R. S. Grogan, Lord Delmore and others emphasized the urgent necessity of organizing the entire resources of the protectorate in order to provide for the immediate requirements in Mesopotamia and Palestine, thereby saving shipping and subsequently contributing food and other necessities. It was said there were millions of acres of the finest land in the world available in East Africa for the empire's war worn soldiers.

Sir Percy Girouard is a son of the late Hon. Desire Girouard, justice of the supreme court of Canada.

AN APPEAL TO THE CLERGY

To Teach Mothers Their Duty is to Give Healthy Children to Their Country

Montreal, Feb. 3.—Le Pays of this city is exercising because of the medical examination of 177 students of Leval University having shown on Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. The action of this food is so radically different to the usual treatment for the nerves that everybody wants to try it. Gradually but certainly it nourished the starved nerves back to health and vigor and the benefits obtained are both thorough and lasting.

Mrs. M. Smithson, 27 Arthur street, Windsor, Ont., writes: "I was suffering from nervous breakdown, which was caused by a shock when fire broke out in the adjoining house. My nerves were in such a state that, after going to bed I could not get my nerves quieted down sufficiently to go to sleep. I used to get up and walk around the room, or go downstairs. Even when I would be dropping off to sleep my limbs would twitch and waken me. I used to have cold, nervous, night sweats, sometimes would become unconscious and lie that way for quite a little while. I was always cold and it seemed impossible for me to get warm or keep warm. When going to the street I would see two or three objects at once, and did not want any person to speak to me or bother me. Any little noise irritated and annoyed me very much. I had consulted specialists and tried many remedies during this time, but could not gain relief. At last I tried Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and before long could see that this treatment was proving of benefit. I am now feeling so much better that I can go out on the street without any difficulty, can go across the street and go about the same as usual. I sleep well at night, and am feeling more like myself every day. I am pleased to be able to write you to tell you how much good the Nerve Food has done me. It has strengthened and built up my whole system. I am recommending it to everybody I find suffering from nervousness of any kind."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, a full treatment of 6 boxes for \$2.75, at all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Do not be talked into accepting a substitute. Imitations only disappoint.

Foley's Shoe Linings

THAT LAST
TELEPHONE MAIN 1601
Don't Let The Fire Burn Thru To The Soles

Mrs. Harris Cox of Hartland died at the home of her son, B. M. Cox, Saturday evening after a long illness.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 3.—A new political party was born Saturday, when the federal labor party was formed at a conference of delegates, following the conclusion of the eighth annual convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor. The new party will be a working class political organization, and not confined to union men, but unorganized workers as well.

VODKA AND THE RUSSIANS.

To the Editor of the Times-Star.—Sir—The liquor men these days are wont to point to Russia as a frightful example of what prohibition does to a nation. It does not require hard thinking on the part of any one who reads the daily press to discover the foolishness of connecting the outbreak of anarchy in Russia with the prohibition of vodka as a drink.

If it had not been that a large number of Russians, who were not addicted to liquor and food talk—went back to their own country, the sober Russians at home would have done very well. "It is a good thing that we have something more than long distance inference to offset this foolish talk. The 'Survey' published in a recent issue an interview with Count Tolstoy, son of the famous Russian novelist. He was only in Russia when he said:—

"It is utterly absurd to say that the present troubles in Russia have anything to do with prohibition. Prohibition has been the greatest possible help. I am very much in favor of our present prohibition. I hope nothing will be done to disturb it. Of course, there are still small quantities of drugs and sometimes poisons. But these are very small and utterly negligible when compared with the great harm frequently done by alcohol. Prohibition has been the greatest possible help. I am very much in favor of our present prohibition. I hope nothing will be done to disturb it. Of course, there are still small quantities of drugs and sometimes poisons. But these are very small and utterly negligible when compared with the great harm frequently done by alcohol. Prohibition has been the greatest possible help. I am very much in favor of our present prohibition. I hope nothing will be done to disturb it. Of course, there are still small quantities of drugs and sometimes poisons. 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