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THE WAR NEWS

Today's despatches pay considerable attention to the subject of aerial warfare in connection with the raid by German air craft upon Dunkirk. It is predicted that when warmer weather comes these air raids will become much more common, and the question whether a fleet of Zeppelins can keep together and make an effective raid on Paris or London is being discussed by the experts. Thus far in the war the air craft have been chiefly valuable for scouting purposes, and if they may be made of more effective service in other ways, it is a game at which the English and French can play as well as the Germans. There is no reason to assume that aerial warfare can have any decisive effect in the great conflict.

Today's reports from Russia are of an encouraging nature, while those from France and Belgium contain nothing of special importance. Winter conditions both in the east and in the west are interfering very seriously with active operations. It is intimated that Roumania and Bulgaria are likely to arrive at an understanding with the result that Roumania will enter the war against Austria some time next month.

Lord Kitchener is quoted as having said in reply to a question as to the probable duration of the war that he did not know when it would end, but that it would begin in the month of May. This means that in May the British army on the continent will have become heavily reinforced, and placed in a position to join with the reinforced French armies in a determined effort to drive the Germans over their own borders.

THE TAX QUESTION.

A statement prepared by Mayor Frink shows that there was altogether last year a civic over-expenditure of \$38,852.27, against which there was in un-expended balances a net sum of \$17,200.10, leaving the sum of \$21,652.17 to be charged to this year's assessment. It must be noted, however, that while there is a charge of more than \$20,000 on this year's assessment there was an extraordinary expenditure in the public works department to keep men employed during war time, and to pave Canterbury and Church streets of a sum exceeding \$89,000. Of course the citizens at large must be reckoned with, and added to this year's tax list, but it is well to remember that the conditions have been extraordinary, and that there was a good reason for the financial showing that is made. After the war broke out there was a general panicky feeling, and an almost universal disposition on the part of merchants and manufacturers to curtail expenditures. The city council felt that it would have a steady effect if it should carry out the policy of "business as usual," even if it must involve an over expenditure, and the citizens at large will not today question the statement that the policy was a good one.

It is evident, however, that in face of the financial statement made the council must carefully consider items of increased expenditure by the various departments this year. The Times has already expressed the view that there is no justification whatever for starving the departments, and it is highly probable that unforeseen expenditures will be called for during the year to meet new conditions as they arise. The Times does not share the somewhat pessimistic feeling which seems to prevail in some quarters that the citizens will evade their tax bills this year as much as possible. We may as well stop talking about patriotism if we have not enough of it to provide the city government with the necessary funds to carry on its work and pay its employees. The war, which is costing the Mother Country so much, and which is desolating the countries where it is raging, has thus far caused very little real trouble to the people of the city of St. John. If the citizens believe the funds entrusted to the city council are expended in such a manner as to give value, they should not protest against a somewhat increased tax rate in war time. There are some people who always growl about the taxes, and they include some of those who are best able to pay. So long as the council keeps its estimates within reasonable limits there should be no serious objection.

Mayor Frink desires to be in a position to treat wounded and crippled soldiers, or soldiers invalided home from the war, in a generous spirit, and believes that provision should be made by a special tax for this particular purpose. He proposes a special income tax to be graded and levied on incomes of \$1,000 and upwards. The purpose for which the fund is designed is certainly a worthy one, but whether it may best be raised in the manner suggested by the mayor, or with such a modification as would make a much larger proportion of the citizens share to at least some extent in the contribution, is an open question that will doubtless be the subject of an interesting discussion.

Rev. Dr. Morrison told St. George's Society last evening that it is necessary to go back to ancient Assyria to find such an exponent of the doctrine of force as the Prussian of today. It is this modern Assyria who would thrust his

"kultur" upon the world at the point of the sword.

Mr. W. W. Clark has retired from the office of chief of police after nearly twenty-five years service. All the citizens will extend good wishes for his enjoyment of life for many years to come.

Mr. F. E. Hanington is receiving congratulations on his election to the presidency of St. George's Society, of which he has been one of the most zealous members for many years. The dinner given last evening to the members by Mr. G. S. Mayes, the retiring president, who had served for two years, was marked by several addresses of very great interest touching the war and its causes, and the splendid manner in which not only Englishmen but all British subjects are responding to the appeal to their patriotism.

The minister of militia has issued orders that every recruit found under the influence of liquor shall be summarily dismissed from the service. It is presumed that this order applies to officers as well as men. Those persons who wish to show their regard for men in uniform will clearly see that instead of doing them a good turn they would be doing them a positive injury by offering them intoxicating liquor. We have seen that soldiers under the influence of liquor can commit acts of brutality upon persons of their own community. Such men craved with liquor in an enemy's town or village might be expected to bring much discredit upon the army, if indeed they did not commit acts of an atrocious character. Canada's soldiers should be sober men.

The suggestion which is attributed by The Standard to Mr. J. A. Lally, president of the board of trade, that "if the proposed increase in taxes be continued it will mean the end of commission form of government," will hardly commend itself to the members of the board of trade or to the citizens generally. The commission form of government is infinitely better than that which formerly existed. No system of government can prevent some increase in taxation in war time, and no system of government is responsible if any one of the members asks for a larger appropriation than the citizens believe is at the time desirable. The thing for the members of the board of trade and all other citizens to do, if they have anything to say about this year's assessment, is to come out and say it, and exert their influence to guarantee the adoption of a wise policy, instead of laying the blame for their own indifference upon a system which is in no sense responsible.

THE PINCH OF HUNGER IN GERMANY NEAR

The "Literary Digest" in its last issue contains an interesting article as follows:—

The Pangs of Hunger are beginning to be foreseen in the Fatherland, to judge from official and unofficial utterances in the German press. The Prussian ministry of Commerce and Trade has prepared a remarkable proclamation advising the people to observe a Spartan economy. Governors of provinces have been instructed to display it conspicuously, and it is ordered to be posted in railroad depots, schools, law courts, in factories and mills, and, "in short, everywhere where there is a large traffic of persons." This proclamation is headed "Germany is standing against a world of enemies who would destroy her," and is cast in a form not unlike the ten commandments. The last three of them are the most remarkable, and, according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, run:—

"VIII. Eat war-bread (Kriegsbrot). It is recognizable by the letter K. It satisfies and nourishes as thoroughly as any other kind. If we all eat it, we do not need to be anxious as to whether we shall always have bread."

"IX. Whoever first peels potatoes before cooking them wastes much. Therefore cook potatoes with the jackets on. Thou savest thereby."

"X. Leavings of potatoes, meat, vegetables, etc., which thou canst not use, throw not away, but collect them as food for cattle. Such leavings will gladly be called for by the farmers."

The Berlin Woche publishes a strong article in which it admonishes all patriotic Germans to confine themselves to bread made from potato-flour, as "wheat is scarce and corn may soon become scarce." It continues:—

"As a matter of fact, the government points out, there is no reason why the people should object to semi-potato bread—only prejudice can prevent its general use. And in that respect we appeal to the patriotism of the German people. The man or woman refusing to eat the new bread is lacking in patriotic duty."

In a bitter article on the lack of sympathy shown by neutral countries, the Kolonial Zeitung remarks:—

"Let them say what they will about the effect of the war on our local conditions. The German people are not reduced to eating bread partially made of potato-meal. When tea and coffee become too dear, he will drink water."

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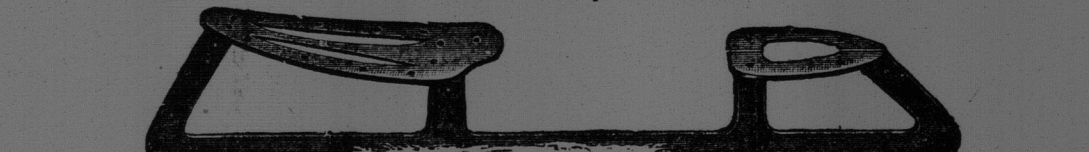
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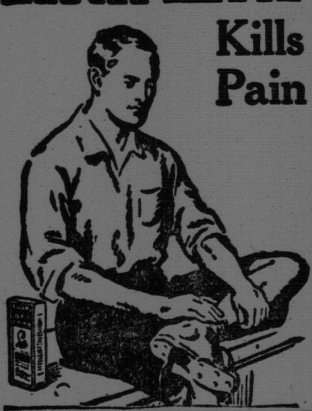
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F. E. Hanington is the new president of St. George's Society, G. S. Mayes, who has been president for two years, entertained the members last night as he did a year ago at a banquet at Bond's. The society decided to grant \$50 to the Lady Jellicoe Fund.

The business meeting was started at 8 o'clock. Several matters of interest to the society were discussed. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: F. E. Hanington, president; E. E. Church, first vice-president; C. H. Hallimore, second vice-president; R. G. Schofield, secretary; J. H. C. Rose, assistant secretary; George W. Ketchum, treasurer; Rev. E. B. Hooper, chaplain; E. T. Sturdee, historian.

The banquet was a great success. Mr. Mayes delivered a brief address touch-

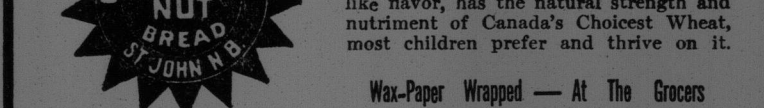
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At the final session of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor, yesterday afternoon, President James L. Sugrue who was re-elected, was recommended by the convention to the Trades Congress of Canada as lobbyist for the labor men at legislature in Fredericton.

Other officers chosen for the ensuing year are: Secretary-treasurer, P. D. Ayer, Moncton; vice-president, Frank Lister, Fredericton; recorder, John Corbett, St. John; and the following local vice-presidents, C. H. Stevens, St. John; J. Marston, Moncton; H. Ryan, Fredericton.

At the afternoon session, a resolution was adopted asking that the government recognize the union label and that union made material should be purchased.

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