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Current Events

Thanksgiving Day has been set for October 14th.

Eleven hundred "Sammies" made a three-day stay in Toronto, and were enthusiastically received as guests of The Exhibition.

Germany and Austria have agreed upon the Austrian Archduke Karl Stephen as the new monarch of Poland.

Hon. Dr. Cody, Minister of Education, is going to England and France to study educational problems in connection with the re-establishment of returned soldiers.

Tang Hui Lung, Chinese Minister of Education, was assassinated, it is believed from political motives, at Victoria, B.C., by a Chinese barber who, when pursued, committed suicide

President Wilson on September 1st signed the Man-Power Act bringing all men in the United States, from 18 to 45, within the army draft. On Sept. 6th, U. S. Secretary of War Baker ordered the chief of each bureau in his department to replace, by Dec. 31, all physically fit men within the draft ages, who would be in Class I, by men physically unfit for military service. . . On the same day the twelve million dollar emergency agricultural appropriation bill with its rider. cultural appropriation bill, with its rider for national prohibition from next July 1, until the American armies are demobilized after the war, was passed by the Senate without a roll-call.

It is reported that Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, has been seriously wound ed by a woman who tried to assassinate * * * *

Five American soldiers have been decorated with British honors for conspicuous gallantry in action.

Von Hindenburg himself declares that the great decisive battle of the war is now That does not mean that the fighting will be immediately over, but that the crisis has been reached. For to-day the famous Hindenburg line, fortified every where with trenches and entanglements, is where with trenches and entanglements, is menaced everywhere. In the Arras-Cambrai sector it has already been pierced by Canadian and English troops, the Canadians, on Sept. 2 having carried the Drocourt-Queant defensive, made up of 5 lines of trenches and entanglements, over a front of 6 miles, while the French over a front of 6 miles, while the French, on the Aubers front west of Lille have partially penetrated the lines and will likely have cut their way through long before this reaches its readers. of going to press, too, General Mangin's victorious armies are fronting the great Line in the La Fere-Laon sector, where also, before this reaches its readers, a great advance will probably be made.
During the week scores of villages have
fallen into the hands of the victorious Allies, also the town of Ham (taken by the French), the drive now being directly towards Armentieres, Lille and Cambrai and St. Quentin. It is reported that Lens has been evacuated by the Germans, but, because of the heavy gas, is untenable for occupation. The whole of the Bapaume-Peronne highway also is in the hands of Haig's men. . . Farther north, also the German armies are in retreat all along the front, and Kemmel Hill has again fallen into the hands of the British, who continue to pursue Von Quast's army, the last menace to Dunkirk and Calais. Meanwhile General Plumer's Second Army, with which American troops are co-operating, are evidently making for Messines Ridge. The Americans, by the way, on September 1st, their first appearance in Belgium, captured Voor-mezeele. At present the only portions of country remaining to the Germans, of all that was taken by them during their great sweep which lasted from March 21st to July 18th, are the Messines Ridge, Passchendaele and Pilkem in the north and a small belt west of St. Quentin. But within the next few days this too, may have been given over, for Australian troops, with English co-operating on the north, are rapidly advancing east of Perronne, while Humbert's French army is forging ahead further south in the Ham Meanwhile it is reported that 80,000 loyal Russians are now operating with the Czecho-Slovak forces now

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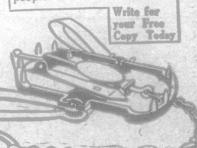
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