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trayed. One German in the public service of Canada may be honest and the next one a spy. But the public has no means of knowing, as the Star says, which German to trust and which to distrust among its servants.

Public discussion of the profits in sheep-raising has led to a revival of interest in this industry in many parts of the country. The Victoria Colonist has been printing articles bearing on the subject with the idea of encouraging the farmers of British Columbia to keep more sheep.

What is true of Vancouver Island is also true of this province. Experts have said very often that there is no better country in the world for sheep raising than New Brunswick.

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SPARE THE FLAG



SIR ROBERT BORDEN—Toronto Telegram, Independent Conservative

BRING OUT ALL THE FACTS. (Toronto Telegram, Ind. Con.) An open letter to Sir Robert Borden would urge the Premier of Canada to remember that it is good politics and better patriotism to let all the facts in to the performances of the British Shell Committee come out rather than wait until these facts are forced out.

well supplied with food. Moreover, they found such prisoners very confident, largely because their officers had deceived them as to what had been going on outside. These prisoners had been led to believe that the Germans could take Paris whenever they wished to do so.

These correspondents found on the Canadian front a belief that the Germans had been accumulating an immense reserve of shells and that heavy attacks were to be undertaken in which they expected that the Germans would employ naval guns to shell the British reserve positions while using guns of shorter range to pound the British front.

With respect to aircraft, the visitors noted that anti-aircraft guns are comparatively powerless against aeroplanes which operate at a height too great to permit of effective gunnery against them. The only reply to the military aeroplane is a fighter aeroplane.

The French are showing a wonderful spirit in this war, a spirit which we perhaps do not sufficiently recognize in this country. At the middle of last month Paris had farewell to a part of the class of 1911, conscripts who will become twenty years old in that year, and who are now going into training camps.

correspondent says that the Turkish losses equalled a division and that "the British losses were very severe, but the remainder of the force retired in good order, and their losses during the retirement were comparatively insignificant."

The full of Erzerum is a heavy blow to the Turkish campaign in the Caucasus. The Russian forces have pushed forward in the face of desperate resistance and terrific hardships, and their smashing victory justifies the faith that, from the earliest days of the war, has been placed in the Grand Duke as an able strategist and a bold and determined leader.

The Russian victory is highly significant because of the fact that the Turkish army concentrated around Erzerum, and between that city and the higher ranges of the Caucasus, represented the main Turkish forces in the mountains, with comparatively small forces lighting the Lala Vay region.

Neutral observers endorse the French claim that the German attacks on the western front are really defensive preparations in expectation of an advance by the Allies. The Germans have gained some ground in Artois and Champagne, says one writer, "yet the meaning of the display of force on the German side is ultimately defensive."

The British operations had been so concentrated that the Cteapion defence and subsequent withdrawal to Kut-el-Amara came as a great surprise. No one had supposed that the Turks, when they realized that Baghdad was in danger, could bring up overwhelming reinforcements in such a short time and in such good order.

In the battle of Kut-el-Amara one brigade effected the retirement of the whole Turkish force. At sunset on the second day of the battle the brigade arrived in front of the Turkish right, in full view of the enemy, and proceeded to make a great show of fighting themselves in and settling down for the night.

British imports. We should be done with that sort of thing. The country will wait with some curiosity a full explanation as to how Sir Thomas White proposes to ascertain the profits over and above seven per cent of companies and business firms in Canada since August, 1914.

NOTE AND COMMENT. "If Mr. Falls of Fed," says the Orillia Packet (Ind. Con.), "had made his resignation final and withdrawn from public life, he would have shown more horse sense."

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What's at stake in this war, anyway? The attitude of some of our leaders reminds one of the story about the old lady to whom a trouble came. A man walking along the street saw flames shooting out of the roof of her house. He rushed to the door and pulled the bell.

It is a difficult question, and the final decision will no doubt be largely governed by the activity of the German aircraft in future. Perhaps the best answer would be more efficient batteries of anti-aircraft guns.

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