

The Evening Times and Star

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THE WAR NEWS

The war situation has developed some new phases. The Rumanians and Russians are now reported to have halted in Dobruja, and instead of retreating farther have assumed the offensive. They are also holding their own in Transylvania. If they can hold the enemy in check a little longer, the latter will not be able to over-run Rumania this winter, and the spring will see the whole situation more favorable for the Allies.

The torpedoing of a steamer with Americans on board has roused new interest in Washington, and may lead to more severely strained relations. Greece is roused against Germany by the destruction of a Greek steamer. Germany's submarine activity has already aroused bitter feelings in Norway, and seems likely to alienate still more the neutral nations.

On the Somme front the French have gained some trenches and have temporarily lost some, while the British have conducted some successful raids and are keeping up their deadly pressure against the enemy's front.

Mr. Curran, the Boston writer who has been writing a series of sensational articles on conditions in Germany is mentioned usually in today's edition as a great German bank, and that Germany has powerful friends in Montreal. It may be taken for granted that this statement will be promptly denied.

President Wilson denied that there was any postscript weakening the force of his Lusitania note to Germany. As American Consul Frost, who investigated the Lusitania affair, now reports that the Lusitania was torpedoed without warning and had Americans on board, the president will apparently have an opportunity to prove that he meant what he said.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING People naturally ask why the price of rubber has not advanced in proportion to the price of other footwear. The answer is both illuminating and suggestive. The British government controls the great bulk of the world's output of raw rubber, and the British government after the war began fixed the price of the raw material. This cuts out the speculator and keeps down the price. Of course labor costs more, and some articles entering into the manufacture of rubber goods have advanced, and this has caused some advance; but there has been no such sky-rocketing as in the case of products where the speculator has had an opportunity to get rich by the manipulation of markets and prices.

ity, the net result being a lowering of the standard of intelligence in the community. The Times on Saturday printed a strong article from the New York Medical Journal on the subject of segregating mental defectives. Not only should we have medical inspection in the schools, but such a mental examination as would determine the feeble-minded, and these should be segregated and given special instruction suited to their capacity and needs. Schools for the mentally deficient are provided in American cities. The province of Ontario has made a beginning. Quite remarkable results are obtained in some of these schools, where the teachers are especially gifted and the individual training given is suited to the capacity of each pupil.

When will the people of these provinces rouse themselves to a right sense of their duty—not merely to the mental deficiency—but to their own children and the community at large? This is a community problem. The lower the general standard of intelligence the heavier the burdens to be borne; and the less attention is paid to the children the larger will be the proportion of defectives as time goes on.

The bugbear of taxation rises whenever a practical movement for child-betterment is proposed. In other words, we are too much slaves of selfishness and indifference, and too short-sighted to realize that in justice to our own children we should endeavor to elevate the whole fabric of child-life. An excellent beginning would be medical inspection of the schools, provision for special training for the mentally defective, and the segregation of those who ought not to be permitted to marry and rear children. When the improvement of the human breed becomes of as much importance in the public mind as the matter of dogs and horses and hens, the matter of expense will not be considered.

AVAST THERE, COMMODORE Commodore Stewart of the Chatham Water is vexed. He is even disappointed, and the voice of his complaining is heard all along the lovely waters of the Miramichi. His mental perturbation is due to a recent paragraph in the Times, which said:—

"Worse than the violation of a prohibitory law is the employment of boys to carry and serve liquor. But it does not appear to be a very serious offence on the Miramichi, where the fine is ten dollars. The Christian folk in that neighborhood should bestir themselves."

Having read this paragraph and dived into the recesses of memory the Commodore sat him down and penned the following fierce enquiries:— "Is there a hotel in St. John where bell boys do not carry liquor from the bar to guest rooms? Why doesn't the Times draw the attention of Christian men and women to St. John hotels instead of calling on the Christian people of the Miramichi?"

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LIGHTER VEIN. Some Definitions. A clever writer has written a few definitions of words as follows:— Alcohol—A liquid good for preserving almost anything but secrets. Athlete—A dignified bundle of muscles, unable to split the wood or fetch the coal in. Appendicitis—A modern pain costing about 240 more than the usual stomach ache.

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Why Surgeon Was Called In By Sir Sam (Toronto Star) Surprise is expressed in many quarters that Sir Sam Hughes appointed, as a special inspector of the Canadian overseas hospital and Army Medical Service, such a man as Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, of Toronto, whose report on conditions as he found them is about the most scathing arraignment of any public service ever presented to any government. This report, as published in The Star in the last few days, exposes the entire Canadian hospital and medical service overseas as grossly mismanaged in every way and the most convincing details are given on each point.

The Scarcity of Dolls for Christmas Will be more keenly felt this year because old stocks are sold out and the Canadian manufacturers are unable to meet the demand. We have a splendid variety and large stock at present, but we are not certain of securing more in time for Christmas buyers, so we advise an early selection. J. M. ROCHE & CO., LTD. - 94-96 King Street Quinces - \$1.25 a peck Choice Stock CHEYNE & CO., 166 UNION STREET—Tel. M. 803

WOOD MAY SUPPLANT LEATHER FOR FOOTWEAR Sabots Likely to Be Substitute For Shoes; High Prices for Hides the Cause Boston, Mass., Oct. 30—"The clang of the wooden shoe" may soon be heard throughout the land. A new market for American lumber that will consume many millions of feet may soon develop if the embargoed nations of Europe continue to snarl and tear at one another's throats. This is the suggestion made by shoe and leather men of New England, the real center of the American shoe industry, who say that skins and hides have now become so scarce that wooden shoes are likely to be the only solution of the problem. Several woodworking factories already have placed wooden shoes on the market and they are being worn in Hoboken, it was explained, and also in the privacy of the homes of many Dutch and German, and Danish and Scandinavian colonists who are busy accumulating Yankee dollars.

THE STING Toronto Star—"Daddy, what did you do in the great war?" some fellow will be asked in the future and about all the answer he will be able to give will be: "Well, I always bought a rose or a flag whenever there was a tag day."

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The Treatment of Influenza or La Grippe It is quite refreshing these days to read a clearly defined and reasoned exposition of La Grippe. In an article in the "Lancet" written by Dr. James Mackenzie, he says he is convinced that too much medicine is given to influenza and that the fever is present as the chill which occasionally follows the disease, has practically disappeared. Dr. Bell then orders that the bowel should be opened freely with castor oil, a citrate of magnesia. For the high fever severe headache, pain and general weakness, an anti-tetanic tablet every 4 hours is quickly followed by a cornucopia of Ask for A-K Tablets. They are the only pills called for influenza, neuritis and all pain.

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