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PATRIOTIC DAY.

Fifteen years ago today, at Paardeberg, in the early dawn, a detachment of Canadians, including Company G from St. John, crept up to a position which enabled them to enfilade the Boer trenches. When daylight came, and Cronje realised that the end had come, while flags fluttered in the air and the Boer General surrendered. The first of those white flags to appear is now in the possession of Lieut. Fred C. Jones of G Company, and was shown by him to the pupils of the St. John High School yesterday.

The South African war proved the mettle of Canadian soldiers. Lord Roberts in his despatches paid a very high tribute to their gallantry. They went through that hard campaign and proved themselves to be not only brave men, but resourceful as well as dying. We remember that war, and especially Paardeberg, because it is associated with this revelation of the quality of the Canadian soldier, and also because that war illustrated as it had never been illustrated before the unity of the British Empire.

The Canadian soldier is again proving his mettle, but this time on the battlefields of Europe. Already proof has been given of his quality, in a far more trying kind of warfare than that against the Boers. Again the unity of the Empire is being demonstrated, and in a far more wonderful way than in the year 1900; and more significant than anything else in that connection is the fact that the Boers who were Britain's enemies fifteen years ago are today as stoutly fighting her battles as are the Canadians, the Australians, the Hindus and the men of every portion of the Empire.

It is fitting that in St. John today the citizens should be thinking of Canada's soldiers and their needs, displaying the Union Jack as an evidence of devotion to the Empire, and contributing with an accord in proportion to their means toward the various patriotic funds which have been made necessary by the dread calamity of war. The burden of the South African war was cheerfully assumed. The infinitely greater burden of the present war has been taken up even more willingly, and will be borne to the end.

THE WAR NEWS

Today's cables say it will not be at all surprising if General Von Hindenburg, who has proved himself a very capable leader in the struggle against Russia, should be sent by the Emperor to take charge of the campaign against the British and French in the west. It is further reported that Germany is rushing troops from the east to the west, and that less pressure will be exerted against the Russians while a formidable new drive is being made against the British and French lines. The latter, however, have been so greatly strengthened that confidence is expressed in their ability to withstand successfully the German attack, however formidable it may be.

It is evident that more of the Canadians are now in the trenches, and today's cables, telling of special arrangements being made to care for the Canadian wounded, show that we must now be prepared to read of casualties in which we have a special personal interest. The reports from the front show that the Canadians are displaying great courage, and we must expect to hear that they, as well as other units of the British forces, have suffered in the deadly fighting that is in progress.

The Russians claim to have gained an important success over the Germans in northern Russian Poland during the last four days. It is also claimed that they are more than holding their own in other parts of Poland, and steadily advancing in the Carpathians. Progress is evidently being made by the allied forces in their task of demolishing the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

A London cable says that letters found on the bodies of German soldiers prove that the feeling in Germany toward the war is changing, and that while there is a determination to keep on fighting the early spirit of confidence is no longer expressed. The action taken to conserve the food supply of Germany and Austria proves conclusively that the pressure is tightening, and that the seriousness of the situation is impressing itself more and more upon the governments of those countries.

We shall probably get some fuller reports of the fighting in the western war zone hereafter, as it is announced that war correspondents after March 1 will be permitted to proceed in groups to the front in a series of six day tours.

The intense interest in the war, which is felt in Italy is indicated by the announcement that the government has decided to prohibit all meetings called to arouse sentiments for or against the war. It is added that a number of persons have been killed or wounded at such meetings. If the reports that have come from Italy fairly express public sentiment, the majority of the people favor the entrance of Italy into the war on the side of the Allies.

The Chatham World invites the attorney-general to investigate the charges made by Mr. Veniot. The World is a conservative newspaper.

A FORTUNATE CLERK

Mr. W. F. Garland, M. P., is the manager of the Carleton Drug Company, Ottawa. When the war broke out he was offered the agency for Bauer & Black of Chicago, who sell surgical supplies. Mr. Garland declined, but recommended Mr. E. Powell, a clerk in a drug store, and the latter was appointed agent for the Chicago house. Mr. Garland explains that he merely befriended Mr. Powell just as he is befriending people every day. To show how much his friendship was worth to his clerk it is only necessary to examine a little section by which the militia department purchased \$18,000 worth of surgical dressing from the Chicago firm, through their agent Mr. Powell, the clerk of Mr. Garland. Mr. Powell bought lint compound at 84c. per ounce and charged the department 10c. Ligatures which cost him 15c. each cost the department 30c. While flannel bandages for which he paid \$4.40 per gross were passed on to the department at \$8.00. Needles which Mr. Powell got for 25c. per dozen cost the department 30c. And so on. Mr. Powell was able to secure this very profitable business after he had been introduced to the militia department by Mr. Garland as the Ottawa representative of the Chicago house. He had become an apprentice in Mr. Garland's store shortly after the war broke out, and a little later received the appointment to represent Bauer & Black. The militia department paid Mr. Powell's bill, but discovered later that, whereas it had been understood that a profit of only five per cent. would be asked, Mr. Powell had actually secured a profit of thirty-one and a quarter per cent, and a refund of \$2,922 was demanded. Mr. Powell refuses to refund, and asserts that an official in the militia department told him to go ahead and get the dressings and "never mind the expense."

The story is one of absorbing interest. Only a few months ago Mr. Powell was a mere apprentice in a drug store. He found in Mr. Garland, M. P., a fairy godfather. If he continues his career as he has begun, it cannot be long until he will have amassed a fortune and made himself the envy of all the drug clerks in Canada. Who dares to say that the Borden government does not encourage young men to rise in the world?

THE LABOR QUESTION

Mayor Martin of Montreal, who is also a member of parliament, declared in the house yesterday that there were 46,000 unemployed in the city of Montreal, and he urged that the federal government take steps to deal with the unemployment situation in the larger cities. Hon. Mr. Crothers admitted that conditions were bad in Montreal and Toronto, and especially in Montreal, but said that outside of those two cities there was not much to complain of, and the situation was not as bad as it had been a few months ago. When asked what remedy he had for the situation, Mr. Crothers suggested that the Dominion, provincial and municipal governments might go on with public work and give the people employment. He further said that it was not the government's intention to introduce a bill at this session to establish a national labor bureau. So far as the discussion went, the minister of labor did not appear to have any suggestions to make as to a plan of action which might improve labor conditions. An interesting incident occurred during Mayor Martin's address when he charged the minister with laughing while he (Mayor Martin) was describing the very sad condition of the unemployed in the city of Montreal. Mr. Crothers denied the charge, but Mr. Martin repeated it and declared that the conditions were such that the minister of labor "would better cry than laugh." Mr. Martin failed, however, to get any assurance that the government would take any action concerning the labor situation.

So many of the Princess Patricia's were British born that they could hardly be described as typically Canadian. There is a larger percentage of native born Canadians in the brigade whose baptism of fire was described in yesterday's Times. They proved their quality and the correspondent says that they "behaved splendidly."

Yesterday Hon. William Pugsley was described by The Standard as a "German." Today he is described by the patriotic journal as "an enemy to St. John." By taking part of what Dr. Pugsley said and ignoring the rest of his speech, The Standard endeavors to show that the ex-minister of public works, who did more than any other men for harbor development in the city of St. John, is now opposed to harbor development, while Hon. Mr. Hazen, who handed back their deposit to Cammell, Laird & Company, and thus deprived St. John of a shipbuilding plant, is the great and only living friend of this unhappy city.

Arrangements have been made by the board of trade whereby J. H. Ferns, of Montreal, will occupy the Seamen's Institute for his address on "Taxation Problems" on Monday night next.

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred yesterday on twelve students of Dalhousie University who have joined the colors, thus relieving them of further studies. Seven were present and the others received the degrees in absentia.

Former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker of New York has been refused a new trial.

A dramatic end has been put to the strike of the Clyde ship builders by the intervention of the government. In a letter addressed to the employers and men the government points out that war preparations are being delayed and urged them to return to work promising arbitration to settle the dispute.

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By this time the kind old lady was firmly settled. "My little boy," said she, "are you over eight?"

It was wonderful to see how the young Mr. Emerson recovered his dignity. That a woman with such outlandish grammar should dare to criticize him was unbelievable. "No, madam," said he, proudly, "I have overreached!"—National Monthly.

"Then you don't think I practice what I preach, eh?" queried the minister, talking with one of the deacons at a meeting.

"No, sir; I don't," replied the deacon. "You've been preaching on the subject of resignation for two years and you haven't resigned yet!"

PHYSICAL CULTURE

IN THE Y. M. C. A.

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In the Y. M. C. A. last night the annual athletic exhibition was given before a large gathering in the gymnasium. A fine programme of gymnasium work was given. An orchestra was present and added to the enjoyment of the affair, in which the variety and swiftness of the programme afforded pleasure to the audience. The exhibition surpassed even the most hopeful expectations as to the enjoyment to be derived and showed the beneficial results accruing from the physical culture activities of the "Y" in St. John. Those taking part were M. Latham, F. Thorne, H. Heans, R. Edwards, H. Evans, D. Allen, W. Bamford, D. Lingley, P. J. Legge, E. S. Peacock, W. Brown and others. The programme, aside from the ordinary athletic features, contained many novelties such as "living pictures," an Irish country fair, club-swinging, and clown acts.

Little Wendell Holmes Emerson of Boston was resting sedately with his book in the park after a picnic dinner. He had eaten too much. He knew perfectly well he had eaten too much and he was surprised and shocked at himself. He hoped fervently that no one would notice his condition. Just above

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