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## THE WAR NEWS

It is claimed that the British troops have made important gains in Northern France, pressing back the German lines for a considerable distance. If the statement is officially confirmed it is of great importance. In the eastern war some of the fighting, however, is on a much more gigantic scale, and while the advantage still appears to be with the Russians, the Germans are fighting with great obstinacy. It is announced that troops from Northern Africa are on the way to the Levant, to join the naval force and the contingent from Egypt.

A report which is very significant, it is true, comes from The Hague to the effect that twelve German submarines having failed to report at their base the German naval council is considering whether it would not be better to abandon the submarine war. It is said that the British reply to the American note suggesting that foodstuffs be allowed to enter Germany in return for Germany's abandonment of submarine warfare will be to the effect that Germany cannot be trusted to keep an agreement, and that the whole German policy has been in utter disregard of The Hague Convention. In the meantime, the American government is itself considering what course it will pursue in connection with the sinking of the William P. Frye by the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, and what action it will take regarding this cruiser, which is now at Newport News.

The casualty list of Canadians grows longer, and this morning's list includes one Nova Scotian killed and two New Brunswick and one Nova Scotia men wounded. The list from this time forward will be scanned with increasing anxiety from day to day.

## MR. STEWART'S CRITICISMS

The Clarke government had a rather bad quarter of an hour yesterday when Mr. J. L. Stewart was discussing the presence of Mr. Dugal, the absence of Mr. Fleming, and the matter of that \$2,000 which Mr. Berry collected from the Dalhousie Lumber Company, and which was not turned in to the provincial treasury. Premier Clarke did not discuss the first part of Mr. Stewart's address, but did attempt to clear up the matter of the \$2,000. He said it was used to pay a claim which the Miramichi Lumber Company had against the government. There had been, he said, an exchange of checks to settle up the accounts of two concerns, one of which owed the government, and the other of which was owed by the government, and the check for \$2,000 had not gone through the books of the department. In reply to this it may be said that on the check for \$2,000 were written the words "balance of stumpage," and as to the alleged claim of the other lumber company against the government it had been turned down when Mr. Grimmer was surveyor general, and apparently was only recognized when Mr. Fleming became surveyor general. Mr. Brankley, who is alleged to have received the amount, in payment of an old claim of the Miramichi Lumber Company, is the same Mr. Brankley who met Mr. Fleming, Mr. Berry and Mr. Teed on a famous occasion at the Barker House in Fredericton. It would therefore seem that this matter might fairly receive a fuller explanation than was given by the premier.

## THE LEGISLATURE

The Clarke government has entered upon the legislative session with a speech from the throne which must be pretty close to the record for length and for lack of general interest. The portion of it which relates to proposed legislation is very short and conveys little definite information. However, as the address was adopted at the first session the house will be able to get down to business at once. Commissioner Chandler opened his court yesterday for the investigation of the administration of the various provincial departments. If anything develops in that direction the session of the commission and of the legislature should make Fredericton a centre of much interest for the next few weeks. Mr. J. L. Stewart has served notice upon the government that they must be prepared to give information to the public concerning all matters coming before the house, and some very interesting questions will doubtless be asked as the session proceeds. The shadow of Mr. Fleming flicks darkly across the government benches. The attempt to explain his absence from the house by saying that he had been called to a higher sphere was promptly exposed by Mr. Stewart, who pointed out that one of the members for Gloucester county also received a nomination for the federal parliament, but did not find it necessary to resign his seat in the legislature.

## TAXATION IN MAINE

The question of the taxation of what is called intangible personal property before the Maine legislature, in the form of a bill to establish a tax of three mills on such property, and requiring holders to make a list of their holdings for the benefit of the assessors, and swear to its correctness if so required.

Hon. J. P. Bass of the Bangor Commercial said he believed the passage of the bill would result in uncovering from \$30,000,000 to \$100,000,000 worth of intangible personal property in the state, and he was in favor of making the rate ten mills instead of three. He believed that if stocks and bonds were taxed at a reasonable rate, but a lower rate than that on real estate, with a drastic penalty for evasion, it would bring to light millions that are now hidden away. He would even insert a provision to the effect that if after the death of a man it was found he had not made during his life a proper return of intangible securities a certain percentage of those securities should be confiscated. He would have the proposed new tax assessed and collected by the officials of the cities and towns, giving twenty-five per cent to the state. Mr. Bass pointed out that in Pennsylvania there is a flat rate of four mills on each dollar of value of intangible property for the whole state. For a time one-quarter of the amount went into the state treasury, but now the local treasuries get it all. The amount of such property in Pennsylvania, as revealed to the assessors, had increased from \$600,000,000 in 1894 to \$900,000,000 in 1901 and about \$1,500,000,000 in 1914. Another speaker pointed out that Minnesota has had a similar law since 1910, and since that year the number of holders of intangible property paying taxes had increased from 6,200 to 78,000.

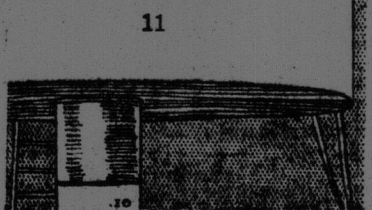
The difficulty in collecting taxes on intangible personal property is caused by inability to get a fair statement of the amount of such property held. The advocates of the proposed Maine law agree that the rate of taxation should be low in comparison with that on real estate, and apparently Pennsylvania and Minnesota have met with some success in discovering property of that sort. No doubt if drastic penalties were provided such a law could be made operative with a fair degree of success.

## ELECTION TALK

The feeling appears to be growing in Ottawa that the Borden government may appeal to the country before the end of the present year. The Conservative literary bureau has been very busy sending out large quantities of partisan literature, misrepresenting the attitude of the Liberal party in regard to the war and Canada's relations generally with the Mother Country. The political truce, which has been observed by the Liberals, has been constantly violated by the Conservatives. It is possible that an appeal will be made to the people, and that we shall have the meanest political campaign ever conducted in this country, with the government party endeavoring to climb back into power by assailing the loyalty of its opponents, although the latter are as cheerfully contributing to the war funds and as cheerfully sending their sons to fight for the Empire as are the members of the party which assails them. Readers of the New Brunswick Echo will know that there will be nothing too mean or contemptible in the form of personal attack for these organs to make upon the representatives of the Liberal party. The latter, however, are not afraid to face the issue if that should become necessary. By refusing to consult with the leaders of the opposition in regard to its financial proposals the government has departed from the British precedent, and has chosen to play the game of those who desire to make profits out of the situation in which Canada finds herself as a result of the war. A party whose leader still sits cheek by jowl with the spokesmen of the Nationalists of Quebec has the hardihood to don the mantle of loyalty, and make it a cloak for extravagance and more political aim than have ever been laid at the door of a Liberal government in Canada. The Liberals have made no protest on the score of war expenditure, because they wanted the rest of the Empire to understand that a united Canada stood behind the Mother Country in her great struggle. If because they dare to criticize the domestic policy of the government, and ask for information as to how the money voted for war purposes has been expended, the government once more whips the flag and tries to snatch a favorable verdict from the people, the Liberals will accept the issue and endeavor to see to it that the people are placed in the possession of the facts.

Dr. J. L. Alexander presented for the consideration of the members of the Canadian Club last evening the value of the boys and girls as an asset to the community, and made a very strong plea for the support of the Sunday Schools and for greater attention to moral and religious education in the formative period of boy and girl life. Incidentally also he touched upon the necessity of providing playgrounds properly supervised, and social centres for the special benefit of the young. It was a masterly address, and must have very strongly impressed the minds of all present. Dr. Alexander contends that there is no boy problem or girl problem, since boy and girl nature are always the same. The problem is how the men and women shall deal best with the boys and girls under the changed and changing conditions of modern life.

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## LIGHTER VEIN

Literally So.  
She—Are the Howlers very light-colored people?  
He—High-toned? I should say they are. When they quarrel you can hear them two blocks away!

## Slighting Danger

Baltimore American—Bell—Did you read in the paper where Switzerland is going to stop exporting any more chocolate?  
Nell—Oh, fudge!

## Neutral

"Beasley is painfully neutral, I'm told."  
"I should say he was. When he gives his children a box of animal crackers he always keeps out the lions and the bears and the eagles and a half dozen other national trade marks. He's neutral, all right."

Jolly Man (whose appetite is the envy of all his fellow boarders)—Well, I never! I've lost two buttons off my vest.

Lady of the house (who has been wanting to give him a hint)—You will most likely find them in the dining-room, sir.

## Diamond's Peculiar Position

The South African Diamond Mines are closed. The cutting and polishing industry of Antwerp is ruined. The only other centre of the kind, Amsterdam, is little better off.

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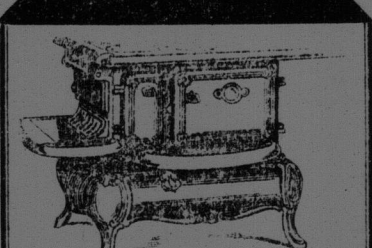
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## AMERICAN COUNTESS HAS THE SMALLPOX

Former Miss Vanderbilt Contracts Disease While Nursing in Austrian Hospital

London, March 11.—It has just become known in the highest circles in private society that the Countess Szechenyi, formerly Gladys Vanderbilt, of New York, contracted smallpox and has been dangerously ill for the last fortnight. The countess was nursing in a Budapest military hospital when she fell ill. She has been doing nursing work since the beginning of the war and never ceased her voluntary duties when cases of infectious diseases, such as smallpox, typhoid and even cholera, began to be of almost daily occurrence in military hospitals.

The countess was working in a private mansion loaned for hospital purposes in Budapest and, leaving there, attended to the men brought in with smallpox. A fortnight ago she fell ill with the disease. For two weeks her condition was serious. The fact was not made public until March 8, when the countess's medical advisors said that she was doing well and that she would, it was expected, leave home in a few days.

**TRACING SAILORS' LINGO**  
Phrases Are Borrowed From Many Languages, and Hence So Corrupted as to be Unrecognizable

Practically every recognized language has been called upon at some time to help in building the vocabulary of the sea.

"Dory Jones," for instance, might be taken to refer to some dead and gone Welshman, but the name is derived from quite another source. One should speak

of "Duffy Jones's locker," for that was the original, "Duffy" being the West Indian name for a spirit or ghost and "Jones" referring to the prophet.

Another expression gradually corrupted out of its original form is the "dog watch." It was originally the "dog watch" because it lasts only two hours and was intended to insure that the same men shall not be on duty every day during the same hours.

The "jury mast" has nothing in common with the 12 good men and true, except its derivation from the same French word "jury," meaning "one day." The jury mast is erected temporarily "for a day," just as the jury in its legal sense, meant a tribunal summoned for a short time.

The "sheet anchor," the largest anchor carried by a ship, should really be the "shot anchor," and is so called because of its great weight, which allows it to shoot out in cases of emergency.

"Fort" is a comparatively new expression. In the old days they used to refer to "larboard" and "starboard." "Starboard" has nothing in common with the twinkling stars of the heavens; it is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "steorboard" or "steerside." In Viking times the galleys were steered by an oar, which the helmsman held with his right hand. "Larboard" probably was a corruption of "lower board," the larboard side being inferior to the other.

The word "admiral" is Arabic, springing from "amir al-ba'gh" or "lord of the sea." "Captain" comes from the Latin "capit," but "mate" is Icelandic, and means "companion" or "equal." "Coxswain" has a curious origin. The Coxswain was a man who pulled the last oar in the captain's boat, which was described as the "cockboat." This, in turn, was a corruption of a small, round boat found on the rivers Esk and Wye, and known as a "coracle." Cox-

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