

warships has been sent to the place, to prevent a repetition of the offence. There is no doubt that the leaders of both political parties would welcome some peaceful solution of the Ulster difficulties; but it may be now too late to avoid an uprising, the bitter consequences of which would not be confined to the rebels themselves and those engaged in suppressing the rebellion.

War between the United States and Mexico began on the twenty-first of April, when President Wilson ordered the seizure of the custom house at Vera Cruz, to prevent a German steamer from discharging a cargo of arms and munitions of war for the Mexican Government. True, President Wilson protests that it is not war; and that he has the utmost friendship for the Mexican people, and only wishes to make war upon General Huerta, whom he does not acknowledge as President of Mexico. Nevertheless, the whole city of Vera Cruz has been occupied, and four regiments of troops landed there as an army of occupation; and late despatches say that Salina Cruz, on the Pacific coast, has also been occupied, and the port of Manzanillo bombarded.

Brazil, Argentina and Chile have offered mediation, and the offer has been accepted by both President Wilson and President Huerta. The offer was then extended to include General Carranza, head of the Constitutionalists, and he also has accepted the proposal. It is therefore quite possible that there may yet be a peaceful settlement.

Huerta, (pronounced oo-err-tah) who was at the head of the Mexican army, deposed and imprisoned President Madero in February of last year, and is accused of being responsible for his murder which immediately followed. He is an educated man and a trained soldier. Assuming charge of the government of the country as provisional president, he has been recognized as such by the Mexican congress, as well as by Great Britain and most of the other nations of the world, the United States of America and some of the South American republics excepted. Carranza, (pronounced car-ran-thah) with a very strong sounding of the double r) the leader of the northern rebels, or Constitutionalists, claims that he is the representative of the majority of the Mexican people; but he has not been so recognized except by his own followers. He is inclined to make common cause with Huerta against the invaders. Zapata, (tha-pa-tah) leader of the southern rebels, falsely reported to have been killed in battle, has eagerly accepted the amnesty offered by Huerta, and will join him against the United States. Villa, (vill-yah) on the other hand, welcomes the intervention of the United States, and is ready to join forces with them against Huerta, unless he is overruled in this by his chief, Carranza.

Dr. Grenfell is bent upon developing Labrador, which he calls the Norway of the American continent. He intends to start reindeer farms throughout the country and make arrangements for exporting reindeer meat. He is also interested in the preservation of the fur bearing animals of the region.

With the completion of the Newcastle station this month, the Poulsen system of wireless telegraph will be in operation between Great Britain and Canada, and the all-British telegraphic route throughout the Empire will be complete.

Archbishop Begin, of Quebec, is to be raised to the dignity of a cardinal. He will be the second Archbishop of Quebec to receive that honour.

In Russia, the Czar and the Duma are united in advocating a restriction of the liquor traffic. A local option law has been passed which may result in prohibition over a large part of the Empire. Any commune, village or township may prohibit all liquor selling within its limits by a majority vote. Women are to have a vote on this question.

After the first of July, the use of wines and spirits will be prohibited in the United States navy.

The arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been renewed for a period of five years.

### SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Thursday, May 14, has been named as Encœnia Day, for the University of New Brunswick. President A. S. Mackenzie of Dalhousie University will be the Alumni orator, and Professor R. B. Miller will deliver the address in praise of the founders.

The Senior Class have selected Mr. R. L. Simms to be valedictorian, and Miss Beatrice Jewett to be Ivy orator.

The technical schools in Nova Scotia are finishing their winter courses; great satisfaction has been expressed over the interest in the year's work. Amherst had an attendance of 170 students, and New Glasgow, of 250. In Sydney, also, there was an increase in numbers over the attendance in 1913. Professor Sexton was present at the closing of several of these schools and complimented the people of the different towns upon the public spirit they showed by donating prizes to encourage attendance and hard work at the technical classes.

On Friday evening, April 17, Dr. W. A. MacDonald, Professor of Literature and History in the U. N. B., gave an interesting lecture on the life and work of Edward Gibbon, before the St. John Teachers' Association.

Miss Josephine M. Latchy, of Moncton, who won a \$400 scholarship from Yale University for two successive years, has now secured a scholarship from the University of Chicago, and will spend her next year of study at that institution.

Teachers and students who are going to Europe this summer may be interested to know there has been published a list of forty-three holiday courses in modern languages. Eight of these courses are in German speaking countries; three in French Switzerland; four in Spain; one in Italy; five in Great Britain; and the rest in France. The list, giving full particulars of the different courses, and of expenses, addresses, etc., may be had from Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Teller Lane, London, E. C., postpaid, for 2½ d.

The Local Lectures Summer Meeting will be held this year at the University of Cambridge from July 31, to August 24. A full programme, giving all necessary information, can be obtained by sending 7d. to Rev. Dr. Cranage, Syndicate Buildings, Cambridge, England.

A wonderful story of pluck and determination is revealed by the announcement that Armand Mackenzie is one of the new Masters of Arts at Cambridge. Mr. Mackenzie is