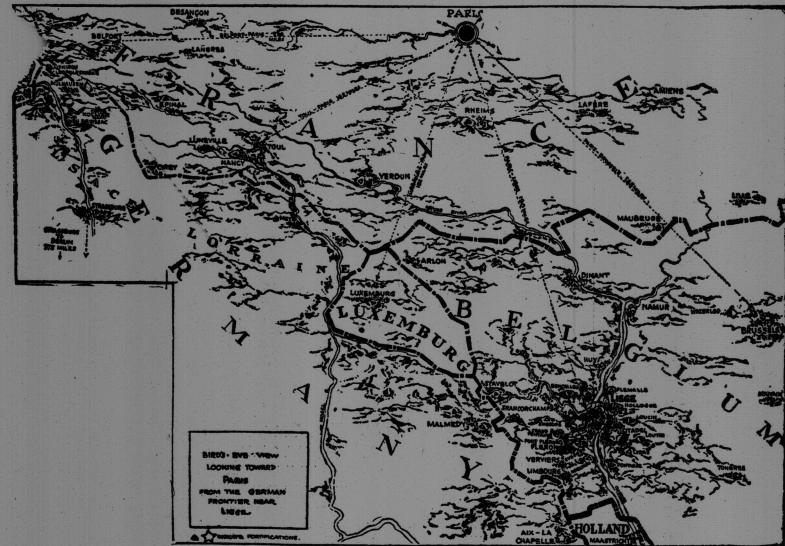
Where Great Armies Are Assembling; Defences FIRE DESTROYS of the Five Roads to French Capital



SIR RIGER Haggard's Solemn Warning Frink, Commissioner Russell and members of the board of trade. With the ladies of the party, they were taken for an under they all returned the harbor and when they all returned the har

words of intense earnestness and conviction the speaker pierced all present with a sudden realization of the world-tragedy upon which the curtain has risen, and of their part in it, their personal part, the

the curtain has risen, and of their part in it, their personal part, the part of all Canadians.

The scene was tragic. The message went to their very souls, as it should go to the very souls of the people of all Canada.

Sir Rider Haggard's speech was as follows:

Like the chairman of the commission I have some cause of complaint I had no idea that I was to be asked to speak. You know the circumstances under which we meet this evening; they must weigh upon the minds of every Englishman in the Empire.

Under these circumstances I say it is with no glad hearts that we attend even your most kind and festive gathering.

I doubt if those present, I doubt if those in this country, realize the state in which the Empire stands tonight. I believe that none really understand. Do the men and women in your great country of Canada, whom I notice laughing and talking gaily, understand that the Empire is at grips for life and death?

England must conquer, or fall for ever. One of the gentlemen who spoke said that he knew how glad the country was to give England aid in distress. I know the country is glad, and I know that England is glad to accept your help. But do you all understand that you are England? (Cheers.)

Do you understand that if we fall, you fall? Do you all understand that if Germany and her allies become the masters of England they become the masters of the world; and that in two or three years there will be no British Empire? If you realize that, every man of you must go as we must go. We stand at desperate straits with our late.

The Armageddon which has been so long foretold has at length

The Armageddon which has been so long foretold has at length fallen upon us. In our country we have a party which for years and years has tried to drive down our throats the alleged fact that a large navy was not necessary for England. That party at times nearly got the upper hand. About 1886 or 1887 it had the upper hand but a revival took place and had it not been for this fact what would have been today the state of the country? Through thick and thin, in face of ridicule of every kind, through detraction and insimuations of interested motives they who fought against the little may, fought on and struggled on, insisting in this way and that and tried to drive home the fact that a larger navy was necessary to the life of the Empire. Had it not been for them England today would have had practically no navy, and what them? (Cheers.)

That navy is at the moment shrouded in the darkness of the North Sea. We know nothing, but we have faith. We believe that by the aid of God we shall conquer, and that the world shall be free. If our belief is vain, good night to England, and good night to all you who are of England.

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After the speech there was a silence in which a pin could be heard dropping until the mayor rose and said that the speech had made a deep impression, that it would last for some time and he hoped would be productive of some good. It was of value to the country as voicing the views of one who knew. He suggested that the National Anthem be sung. This was done at once.

The Programme.

Prior to the speech of Sir Rider Haggard there had been several toasts. The mayor had made a speech of welcome and Senator Thorne proposed the guests. He said that they welcomed the commissioners to St. John but regretted the circumstances which led to the abandoning of their labors. The war had meant the complete demoralization of the trade of the country and of the world in general. We, in Canada could only hope for the best results from the effects of the conflict. No doubt existed in the minds of loyal Canadians of what the results must be but they would be obtained at the cost of blood and tears.

J. B. M. Baxter also spoke, proposing the army and navy. He said that the

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furnace, a distance away, were very low.

About 12.30 o'clock or probably a little later pedestrians in Mill street saw flames shooting past the windows in the upper part of the building. An alarm was rung in from box 152 but before the fire apparatus had responded the flames had burst practically from every side and the whole place was a seething mass. A second alarm followed almost immediately and in less than half an hour every piece of fire apparatus on this side of the harbor was playing its part there.

YEAR'S WAR \$20,000,000,000

Military experts in Washington regard the probable cost of the conflict in Eur-ope so vast as to be beyond reckoning. They assert that it is quite impossible to make even a guess as to the aggreto make even a guess as to the aggregate expenses.

The American Civil war expense on
the Union side was ordinarily reckoned
at \$1,000,000 a day for 500,000 men in
the field. Another estimate that is often made is that of \$1,000 a year per
man in the field.

Army officers point out that the military expense of such a conflict is only a portion of the actual cost. The shrinkage in security values the stoppage of agri-

Local Artillery Men Ready For The Front

The names of eighty men who have so far qualified with the 3rd Regiment Canadian Artillery for service abroad were given out yesterday afternoon by Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong, commander of the regiment. The roll as it war despatched to Ottawa on Iuesday night is given below.

Harold Bird, 53 Somerset street.

Aubrey Steeves, 127 Queen street, West End.
Charles Ingram, 38 Summer street.
George Lanergan, 129 Queen street, West End.
Albert Kirkpatrick, Gondola Point.
Richard Lockett, 178 Britain street.
Lambert Chandler, Marsh bridge, four years 62nd, 71st.
Wilbur Burroughs, 2 Short street, six years, 256 days 17th Lancers and 88th
Connaught Rangers.
William Evans, 321 Rodney street, West End, sergeant No. 2 company, four
years 3rd C. G. A.
Charles Cameron, 13 Prince street, West End.
Roy Thompson, 132 Pitt street.
Robert Burrell, 98 Sydney street.
Arthur Weatherhead, 178 Wentworth street, six years 3rd C. G. A., sergeant.

Andrew Gibson, 127 Erin street, five years 3rd C. G. A., corporal.

Edward Charles Tremaine, 408 Main street, driver and position finder.

George Biddescombe, 90 Acadia street, ten years 3rd C. G. A., sergeant.

James Lamb, 248 Britain street, twenty-one years C. G. A., sergeant; two
years Marshall's Horse, South Africa.

George Gale, 118 Pitt street, twelve years Whitshire in South Africa.

William Jackson, 170½ Mill street, in South Africa, Baabons' Horse.

Gordon R. Brown, Fairfield (N. B.)

Harry Dryden, 137 Metcalfe street.

Lester Campbell, 42 St. John street, West End, 2nd Battalion King's, Liverbook.

Harry Jackson, 184 Waterloo street, four years 3rd C. G. A., signaler.
Harry Thistle, 136 Broad street.
Fred. Philps, 118 Pitt street.
Verron Soper, 30 St. Patrick street, class A. and B. certificates, signale years' 3rd C. G. A.: regimental sergeant-major.
James Spencer, 76 Water street, West End.
Frank LeRoy Clarke, 2 Victoria street, West End.
William Henry Thompson, 55 Erin street, 2 years 28th N. B. Dragoons.
Fred. DeRoche, Londonderry (N. S.)
Harry Andrews, 48 Erin street,
Harold Crozler, 67 Thorne avenue.
Alfred Shepherd, 43 Peters street.

I. O. O. F. GRAND LODGE



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"I am satisfied," says a prominent physician, that coffee is responsible in a great degree for the premature breakdown

"They suffer from caffeine poisoning

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"I believe if people in general would use a harmless, nutritious drink like Postum as a beverage in place of tea and coffee, their physical and mental condition would be much improved."

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stantly, 30c. and 50c. tins. Grocers everywhere sell both kinds and the cost per cup

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