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THE WAR NEWS

The war news is not at all cheerful. The possibility of what may happen in the Balkans hangs like a dark cloud over the whole situation. Can Germany be prevented from getting through to Constantinople and on to Asia to stir up trouble in Persia and Egypt and on the borders of India? That is the question to which an answer is desired, and as yet no such answer can be given. The attitude of Greece and Roumania is still in doubt. The Germans in Serbia have an overwhelming superiority in guns and shells and other munitions, and although the men and even the women of Serbia are fighting desperately their situation grows more precarious. Whether when the Germans and Austrians have got farther into the Balkan country the French and British in the west and the Russians in the east will be able to begin such an offensive as will force the enemy to withdraw troops from the south is not known outside of high military circles. The Russians are certainly on the offensive again, and they have the men—but have they the guns and munitions?

One cable today asserts that the prospect of another winter campaign is a source of great anxiety in Germany and Austria, but there is no evidence on any of the fighting fronts of any scarcity of men or munitions. The task that still confronts the Allies is stupendous, and while the strength of the enemy is slowly but surely being worn down they are still a long way from final victory.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

The Times continues to support the Board of Trade's policy of interference in the question of having soldiers stationed here this winter. The Times' attitude does not alter the case. Hon. Mr. Hazen has the matter in hand and can be depended upon to exert every effort in the interests of St. John. When it becomes necessary for the Board of Trade to act they will probably be advised to that effect.

This is the first intimation that the Board of Trade had been placed in leading strings. The change must have come about since the board took action in the matter of the removal of the C. P. R. steamships to Halifax, when the present attorney general and others found it necessary to warn the federal government of what would happen to them if the interests of St. John were sacrificed.

It will of course relieve the members of the board of much responsibility to have its thinking done for it by somebody in Ottawa, and to take no thought for the morrow until advised by somebody at the capital that it may include in the luxury of thought for a brief period, until it is time to put the lid on again. Under such circumstances, however, it is hardly worth while to support a Board of Trade building and exact an annual fee. The mere existence of the board may presently be regarded as an "impertinence," and surely that is something to be avoided at all hazards.

CANADIAN PROSPERITY.

Mr. D. A. Thomas, who has been in Canada in connection with munitions contracts, is of the opinion that the placing of orders for war materials and supplies amounting to about \$600,000,000, taken in conjunction with a record crop, should make this country prosperous, and stimulate business of all kinds. The Montreal Daily Mail is impressed by his remarks and says—

"Mr. Thomas is in a position to know the facts both as to conditions prevailing now and in prospect. He has spent nearly six months investigating in Canada, and his qualification for the work is testified by the recognition of Mr. Lloyd George. The expenditure of huge sums of money by the belligerents has worked wonders in reviving industrial prosperity in the United States. Canada will feel the impetus of this same financial help in due time. Because the supplying of war materials is also patriotic service, it is possible to experience a legitimate feeling of satisfaction at the prospect of greater industrial prosperity and consequent material welfare. The statement of Mr. Thomas makes it clear that Canada is in for a new lease of commercial activity that may even recall the boom days of ante-bellum time."

On the same subject of national prosperity The Toronto World on Monday said—

"Business is greatly improved and speculation is reviving. Canadian Pacific, the stock that is the best index of things in Canada, has advanced twenty points in a few days. Steel shares in Canadian companies are also picking up because of the big war orders that are coming their way. The revenues of the dominion are surprisingly good, and Minister of Finance White will probably have a cash balance in hand when he meets parliament. The enormous crop of the Canadian west has put a lot of life in business, in payments, in fresh orders. Mortgages on our prairie farms are once more regarded as one of the best and safest investments in the world. Railroad building and an influx of new settlers both mark the situation in the Edmonton country. The big munitions contracts that are to be let out in Can-

ada will keep many men busy at good wages. Retail business is moving up. Everything points to returning prosperity, notwithstanding war—perhaps because of war."

THE FAMILY QUARREL.

Col. Armand Lavergne declines to organize and command a battalion for foreign service. In his reply to Sir Sam Hughes, Col. Lavergne says he is opposed to Canada taking part in the wars of the Empire, and adds—

"I have seen the same principles shared in and defended with force, talent and conviction by a number of people, past and present, among them Hon. Mr. Monk, who remained faithful to them to his death, and Messrs. L. P. Pelletier, B. Nantel, Louis Coderre, and the minister of inland revenue, E. Patenaude."

In other words, Mr. Lavergne believes there are former and present members of the Borden cabinet who are not in sympathy with the action of Canada in this war. It has been Mr. Lavergne's boast that he had something to do with the nomination of the Nationalist members of the Borden cabinet. Is he correct as to their present views? They have certainly not taken any very active part in the recruiting campaign, and we do not observe that they have even denounced Mr. Bourassa, who is now busily engaged in an effort to create such a prejudice against England as would prevent French-Canadians from enlisting.

Mr. Lavergne says he will recruit a battalion if ordered to do so, but will not volunteer to do so. Is it true that there are men in the Borden cabinet who sympathize with Mr. Lavergne? If so, why are they there? If not, why does not Sir Robert Borden invite them to declare themselves?

St. John will give a rousing welcome to the men of the 52nd Battalion on their arrival here.

Brigadier General E. W. Wilson, commanding officer of the 4th Division, says that Montreal has sent 642 officers and 37,000 men on active service.

Mr. Rustom Rustomjee declares that India is loyal to the empire and realizes that no greater calamity could befall her than the defeat of Britain in this war. Let us hope the war will not be brought any nearer to India than it is at present.

Arrangements are being made by the ladies' board of the Toronto Western Hospital for the erection of a home for nurses at the Western Hospital, to be known as the Edith Cavell Nurses' Home. The new building will cost \$100,000.

Tonight's great recruiting meeting in the Queen's Rink will give the men of St. John an opportunity to hear Hon. James A. Murray, and almost the last opportunity to hear Sgt. Knight, as he leaves the city at the end of the week.

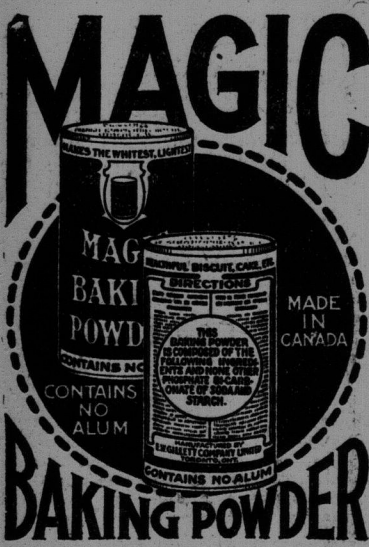
More German conspirators have been arrested in New York and Jersey City. Interesting revelations are promised, of a nature to show clearly to the American people the utter disregard of Germany and German sympathizers for all the laws of neutrality.

President Wilson has opened the campaign for a larger army fully equipped and for a more powerful navy. The present war has taught the people of the United States a serious lesson. They have learned that no country is isolated, and no country can afford to be too proud to fight.

Of the mobilization of a battalion of naturalized citizens from the United States to fight for Canada, a Hamilton letter says—"Col. Labatt, formerly commander of the 4th Battalion, First Canadian Contingent, who was invalided home from the firing line, announced that he would immediately start the work of organizing an American battalion to be known as the 9th. He leaves for Ottawa shortly to complete the details. The commander of the United States Battalion will be Maj. Clark of Ottawa, for many years in charge of the 23rd New York National Guard. The officers must all be American-born and naturalized Canadians. The battalion will be recruited from all over Canada and mobilized in Toronto."



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LIGHTER VEIN.

When arguing the respective merits of mothers, Benny never allowed his mother to be surpassed. This attitude on Benny's part delighted mother, and thirty-six, until one day he ran in, flushed of face and belligerent of eye.

"Mother," he shouted, "that guy Bob said his mother was forty-three years old and I couldn't stand for that, so I said you were forty-five if you were a day!" Woman's Home Companion.

Young Bagley married the charming Olive, and after the wedding breakfast he chanced to notice one of the guests, a young man who appeared to be extremely gloomy and was evidently not having a good time. He stepped up to the young fellow with the idea of cheering him up.

"Er—have you kissed the bride?" he asked.

"Not lately," replied the gloomy one with a far-away expression.

SCIENCE AND THE WAR

Science, technology and chemistry particularly play a role of increasing importance in the armament of nations. This accounts perhaps for the strange fact that the really great military inventors have been practically all emanated from civilians and from non-military nations like our own. If the men of the military class, essentially conservative in all countries, had been left to their own devices, they would probably still be fighting with bows and arrows, or perhaps with the traditional sling. Nor should the pacifist blame the chemist if the latter's most beautiful conquests in science, if his proudest discoveries have been turned into means of relentless destruction and human slaughter. Do not reproach chemistry with the fact that nitrocellulose, of which the first application was to heal wounds and to produce the art of photography, was stolen away from these ultra-pacific purposes for making smokeless powder and for loading torpedoes.

Do not curse the chemist when phenol, which revolutionized surgery, turned from a blessing to humanity into a fearful explosive after it had been discovered that nitration changes it into picric acid. As well might you curse written speech or language or the art of printing, by which the most thoughtful of the human race have been expressed, disseminated and preserved—if it had been used also to distribute the vilest lies and the most damnable errors.—Dr. H. H. Backeland in Science.

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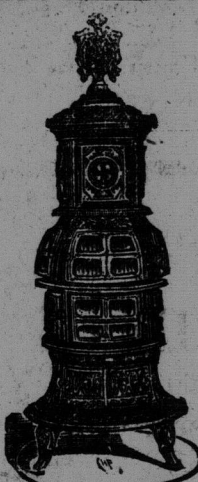
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