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A LONG WAR

The Germans have captured Antwerp, and their victorious troops are marching on Ostend. German aircraft yesterday dropped bombs in Paris.

Consideration of these facts does not weaken confidence in ultimate complete victory for the allies, but it shatters utterly the expectation that the war will soon be ended.

In giving thanks do not forget the Belgians. Today's war news is not of a Thanksgiving Day quality.

It is worthy of note that the exports of lumber from St. John to the United States in September were a good deal more than double those of September last year.

The city is to be congratulated on the fact that the local issue of bonds has been more than doubly subscribed. It is an evidence of faith in the management of the city's affairs, and it also shows that there is plenty of money in the city for investment purposes.

Those who believed that the Germans at the time they were being forced to retreat from the neighborhood of Paris (and The Times must confess to have shared the belief), would, ere many weeks, be on the defensive on German soil, have been grievously disappointed.

In a three-day campaign the citizens of Berlin, Ont., chiefly of German descent, raised \$62,716 for the Patriotic Fund, and it is still climbing.

The Montreal Mail says: "The first intimation of the make-up of the second Canadian expeditionary force names 4,000 infantry as the quota expected from the province of Quebec, the largest number assigned to any one province, and local officers are accordingly jubilant."

The Fredericton Gleazer contributes to the cause of harmony and patriotism in Canada by charging Sir Wilfrid Laurier with expressing the view that Canada "was not necessarily at war because Great Britain happened to be."

THANKSGIVING DAY

The people of Canada are not able to give expression to their usual feeling of thankfulness that the country is at peace. Thanksgiving Day finds us in the midst of the most awful and in some respects one of the most savage wars in the world's history; and it is being waged between Christian nations.

In giving thanks, however, if we realize that we are so far removed from the actual scene of war, let us not be forgotten that we owe a debt which can never fully be repaid to the people of hapless Belgium, so many of whom have given up their lives, and so many others of whom are penniless in exile or penniless at home, with all the rigors of winter close upon them.

CANADA'S DUTY IN GREAT STRUGGLE

Announcement of Second Contingent Received With Approval

WILL BE LONG WAR

Col. James Mason Issues Stinging Appeal Based on Military Experience - Much More Must Be Done; More Troops Sent

Public opinion in all Canada, as well as in Britain, and in the camps of the allies, welcomed warmly the announcement of Col. Hughes, minister of militia, that troops would be sent steadily and surely from our shores until 100,000 Canadians were fighting in Europe for the cause of humanity and liberty.

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Letter to James Pettit, York Road, Guelph, from an aunt in Stratford, Terrace, Leeds, England.

Letter to Mrs. Chessman, St. James Street, Winnipeg, relating to the death of her son, Harold, who was killed in the hospital at Sussex.

Letter to Andrew Dods, barrister, Toronto, from "Whyselax, Surrey, England."

Further Evidence. Of general statements, Harold M. Sewall, an ex-United States Minister to Germany, makes public a letter from a personal friend who at first disbelieved in these atrocities and who now writes after investigation, that the treatment of women and girls was "beyond description in their inconceivable horror."

Of the destruction meted out to the Belgian towns and villages and their unfortunate inhabitants something is known. J. H. Whitehouse, a British M. P., visited the one-time beautiful Termonde and states that its destruction—as in other cases—was not due to bombardment or siege; "in each case a separate bomb had been placed, and set fire to the contents. All that remained in every case were portions of the 'outer walls'."

This is not war—it is barbarism and savagery let loose—the Hun at the gates of civilization. Let us take warning and help to preserve our liberties, our peace, our homes, while we have the chance. There may be a Canadian here and there—I do not know one—who is mean enough to say "Let 'em perish! Let England fight for herself! The United States will take care of us. Apart from the degradation of such a thought, it is probable that if England's fleet were once shattered by a chance blow, and Britain invaded, with its great fleet, and our commercial fabric (upon which our dependence) destroyed, the United States would have all it could do, and more, to defend its own independence, interests and liberties."

The possibility of disaster to the Royal Navy is not yet past. All the skill and strained watchfulness and powerful efficiency of our fleet may not be sufficient to ward off such a submarine or aerial peril as recently sent three cruisers to the bottom in almost an instant of time. If such disaster should occur, our little world, in its safe and supposed isolation, would be instantly turned up-side-down in a wild panic of comprehension as to what was really the cause of the disaster.

Let us do our full duty and begin the training of new contingents at once. It will require time, and time is the most important to Britain and the allies. There seems to be lots of material ready for service abroad, that Brunsvick wants to send a regiment, that the 88th Fusiliers of Victoria, B. C. are ready for service abroad, that Manitoba wants to send more men, that McGill University is recruiting a regiment, that various militia corps have largely filled vacancies in their ranks and are now approaching their authorized establishments. The press is in full accord. No stronger advocate of peace lives in Canada than Hon. Frank Oliver and his paper, the Edmonton Bulletin, said on September 28th, regarding Lord Kitchener's requirements:

"We march with England, who herself in an age of iron, thought to dominate us. Then Britain threw herself into an economic world-conquest, and built up an immense empire of which civilization can only be proud. Now she is nobly drawing the sword for the liberty and dignity of European peoples."

Action is Urged. The Regina Leader and Winnipeg Free Press, western Liberal papers, join hands in urging action. If Canada and Australia—South Africa has local difficulties in urging the Canadian invasion to meet—are going to disprove before the world the arrogant assumptions of German militarism as to our disloyalty, cowardice and incapacity, we must each do more than send the single contingent now on its way. Bernhardt has stated in the book which embodies German ideals and beliefs that self-governing British countries "have at their disposal a militia which is sometimes only in process of formation. They can be ignored so far as concerns any European theatre of war." It is to be hoped that conviction of one more miscalculation will be pressed upon the mind and policy of our enemy before this war is over, and I appeal to the Canadian government to carry out with despatch what the Canadian people hope to see—100,000 Canadian troops at the scene of conflict, and maintained there in full strength, contributing to the victory of Britain and of European liberty. As Clemenceau, the ex-premier of France, so well put it recently: "If Canada is to take her proportionate part in the war, 175,000 of the million should be Canadian troops. The million men are needed not a year hence, but just as soon as they can be taught to shoot at five hundred yards and perform ordinary manoeuvres. "If Canada is to keep up her end our troops should go forward in successive contingents so rapidly that the whole 175,000 will get into the fighting zone at the earliest possible day. That can only be done if, while one contingent is being given the finishing process at Valcartier, another contingent is being recruited and given preliminary training at recruiting centres. To us, British and French success means everything. It means safety for our commerce on the seas of the world, safety for our shores from the iron heel of ruthless invasion, safety of our homes and families, security for the rights and liberties of a free people, continued immunity from the devastating and ruinous expense involved in the maintaining of vast armies and navies. We are sharing in a struggle for international honor, for the guardianship and security of the little nations amongst which—without the empire—we would be one, for the integrity of treaties, for all that is meant in the famous words of Lord Beaconsfield upon a famous occasion: "Peace with honor." Here, as in Britain, the voluntary system of defence is on its trial. If it fails, compulsory military service becomes necessary for public protection. Our Canadian and imperial interests are too great, our whole British fabric too vast, to depend upon a patriotism for defence which fails in the supreme hour. Such has not proved the case in England as yet; and if the hundred thousand volunteers reported in Canada by the militia department some time ago as available are rapidly prepared and sent to the front, it will not be the case here. May I once more respectfully and earnestly urge that active calling, continuous training, renewed mobilization, be put into operation with a definite view to placing this Canadian army upon fields where Canadian liberty is just as truly being fought for as British liberty was in the great battles of the past upon land and sea. Keep Too Many Drunks. Brockville, Ont., Oct. 12.—The town council has adopted a by-law authorizing the police to release from custody, without being brought before the police magistrate, men arrested upon charge of drunkenness who have not been disordered by the commitments to the county jail for drunkenness have been such as to exact a heavy expense from the town for their maintenance. The Edward Sewall of Bath, Me., a full-rigged ship, is said to hold the rec-

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