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PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[February 3 to February 9]

DURING the week under review the war entered the nineteenth month of its course; but the progress...

The Western campaign witnessed the usual artillery duels, but only unimportant changes in the front were observed.

The Russian campaign was prosecuted with some vigor in the Siga district, and especially on the East Galician and Besarabian fronts.

No progress was reported in the Mesopotamian campaign. The British force under Gen. Townshend, at Kut el Amara, was holding out; but the relieving force under Gen. Aylmer had not been able to advance.

There appears to have been little activity in the Balkans. Austrian cruises were about Durazzo, interfering with the transport of Serbian troops by the ships of the Allies, but were driven off.

The Italian campaign seems to have furnished no outstanding success for either side during the week; but considerable activity, chiefly artillery duels, prevailed.

No news was received of engagements in East Africa; but it was announced that Gen. Smith-Dorrien had resigned his command of the British force operating in this area.

In consequence of ill health, his successor being Gen. J. C. Smuts, the famous Boer general.

From West Africa came the definite announcement that 900 Germans and 14,000 German colonial troops (natives of course) were interned in Rio Muni, the little Spanish colony which is bounded on the north, east and south by Cameroon.

The 900 Germans are to be taken to Spain. A British steamer was taking food for the hungry fugitives. Thus the Cameroons would seem to have been finally subjected to the Anglo-French forces; and thus France will be able to get back the territory she had to concede to Germany at the time of the Agadir affair.

Submarine activities were less in evidence during the week. A conspicuous example mentioned in "News of the Sea."

Another air raid, this time by German seaplanes, was made on the Kent coast of England on the afternoon of Feb. 9. Bombs and incendiaries being the places visited. No lives were lost, and little or no damage was effected.

Of political and diplomatic matters arising out of the war, there was nothing of special importance to record here; but there seemed to be a possibility of America and Germany reaching an understanding in regard to the Lusitania murder.

It appeared that the only remaining difficulty in the way was a question of phraseology in the note; and in such a vital matter as this all other nations must yield to America, her great speciality being notes and the phraseology thereof. But it is gratifying in this connection to learn that Secretary Lansing is taking lessons from Hamilton, and is probably a diligent student of the "Federalist." We recommend to all Americans the study of this classic, written principally by Hamilton, who was, undoubtedly, America's greatest statesman and most far-seeing man. The book can be bought for a shilling.

THE OTTAWA FIRE

THE destruction of the magnificent Parliament Building at Ottawa, attended by the loss of several lives, is an event that will be memorable in the history of Canada.

The grandeur and beauty of the structure, as well as its historical associations, were such as to make it a large feature in Canada's story.

The first thought in connection with the disaster must be one of sorrow for the loss of life, and sympathy with those whose homes have been bereaved. The property loss is large, but that can soon be forgotten. There is comment on the absence of insurance. But a little reflection will satisfy the thinking citizen that, with a vast quantity of such property scattered over the whole country, the Dominion is wise in becoming its own underwriter.

If a general policy of insuring such property had been adopted the cost to the country in the form of premiums would probably have been far in excess of the value of the buildings that have been destroyed.

At this time, when the Empire is at war, there is a not unnatural tendency to attribute every large disaster on British territory to the designs of German enemies. Hence it is not surprising that there are rumors to the effect that the fire was the work of German incendiaries. It is quite possible that this is correct. Nobody will doubt the readiness of the German authorities to report to this form of warfare where they are able to do so. But there is great probability that the Ottawa disaster is the consequence of the carelessness which is far too common, respecting precautions against fire. The fire broke out in the Commons reading room. There is a rule against smoking in that room, but a good authority says the rule has not always been enforced. It is not always easy for officials to enforce rules against the members, in the rooms in which the latter feel supreme. A careless visitor dropping a cigarette in such a place—a room full of loose newspapers and with interior finish of wood dried by a half century of time—would find inflammable material that

might account for the remarkable rapidity with which the fire spread.

Apart from the deplorable loss of life, what is most to be regretted is the loss of the books and records of value. Fortunately the beautiful Library, in the rear of the main building, escaped, it is believed, with little loss.

The Library's contents are of a value that cannot be expressed in money. That it has been almost wholly preserved is a subject for gratification.

Temporary accommodation will be found for parliament, but of course no permanent steps will have to be taken to rebuild the structure that has been destroyed. No doubt the general architectural design of the old building, in harmony with which the two departmental blocks near by have been constructed, will be preserved, and in the working out of new plans for the House of Parliament, the building that has just been destroyed, beautiful though it was, and in its day well adapted for its purpose, was designed with a view to the old Province of Canada before Confederation. In some respects—especially in the Commons chamber itself—the needs of the nation had outgrown the accommodation provided. Soon no doubt Canada will have again a stately Parliament House, no less beautiful than the one now lost, and better adapted, as respects accommodation and safety, to the requirements of the country.—*Montreal Journal of Commerce.*

When we went to press last week we had only time to make a brief reference to the destruction by fire of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. The fire broke out in the Reading Room at 6.50 p. m. on Thursday, Feb. 3. The House of Commons was sitting at the time, and Mr. W. S. Loggie, M. P. for Northumberland, N. B., was addressing the House on the subject of fisheries, when Mr. C. R. Stewart, Chief Doorkeeper of the House of Commons, came hurriedly into the chamber and called out: "There is a big fire in the reading room; everybody get out quickly."

The members in the chamber all escaped, some of them only very narrowly and with injury. Two ladies from Quebec, Madames Bray and Morin who were guests of Madame Sévigny, the wife of the Speaker, were burned, as were J. B. R. Laplante, Deputy Clerk of the House, and three members of the staff. The remains of the above six persons were recovered. Mr. B. B. Law, M. P. for Yarmouth, N. S., was somewhere in the building at the time of the fire, but according to latest reports his remains have not been found.

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PARLIAMENT AT OTTAWA

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On Thursday, 3rd, the subject of Finance was under discussion, a notable contribution to the debate having been the speech of the missing member for Yarmouth, Mr. B. B. Law, and the discussion was interrupted by the outbreak of the fire which destroyed the Parliament Building. The House met on Friday afternoon in the Victoria Memorial Museum, which will be the quarters for both the House and the Senate.

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STARGAZERS have, no doubt, noticed recently two conspicuous "bright spots" in the eastern sky in the early evening. These are Jupiter and, to the west of it, Venus. These planets are gradually nearing each other, and will be seen nearly in conjunction on the evening of the 13th. This is what "radical" astrologers say about it. The happy conjunction of Venus with Jupiter in 0° 22' of Aries, on the thirteenth day, is the sign ruling Great Britain, and the ascending degree of our beloved Monarch, will, it is true, prove to be the harbinger of a halcyon period for His Majesty and his loyal subjects throughout the world. Jupiter will be passing through the sign of Aries during the next four months, and will benefit Denmark, Lesser Poland, and possibly Syria also.

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Local and General

A hot-water heating system is being installed in the Van Horne residence, Minister's Island, by Mr. Goodwill Douglas.

Mr. P. G. Hanson had the misfortune to fall on Water St. on Monday last, and fractured a small bone in his leg just above the ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller received a letter on Monday, Feb. 7, informing them of the safe arrival at Liverpool, England, of their daughter, Mrs. Alexander Grant.

A recent casualty list contains the name of Sergeant Herbert Ryder, of St. Stephen, N. B., who is reported wounded with the 10th Battalion.

The D. G. S. Patrol came into the harbor on Wednesday last, with one of her crew, named Geo. Schulte, threatened with appendicitis.

The weekly prize given at Stinson's Alley was again awarded to Warren Stinson, on Monday last, with a score of 101.

HOW DO YOU HANDLE YOUR WORK? Every labor saving device for handling correspondence and billing is found on the REMINGTON and SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITERS.

FISH FOR CANADIAN TROOPS Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The first big consignment of Canadian fish for Canadian soldiers now overseas is being dispatched to England.

ESTIMATES FOR 1916 Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, in the commons yesterday afternoon tabled the main estimates for the fiscal year, which commences with the coming April.

A MAN OF SORROWS BEGS Paul Ryan, an Edinburgh University man, once a British army surgeon and formerly connected with the Royal Canadian Medical Academy, but now in his fiftieth year, broken in health, and stricken with paralysis, was arraigned for sentence in Tombs Court, to-day before Magistrate Cornell, having pleaded guilty to mendacity.

NOTICE Our accountant is sending out bills to all subscribers in arrears on December 31, 1915, and those receiving them will please give the same their prompt attention.

FOR SALE One Cow, 4 years old, Half Jersey. Apply to H. F. LINTON, St. Stephen, N. B.

Social and Personal

Mr. A. K. Grimmer was in St. John for a few days early in the week.

Miss Lena Arsenault spent a few days recently on Deer Island, the guest of Mrs. Gladstone Smith.

Miss Gladys Thomas is visiting her home at Waverly for a few days.

Mr. Arthur Calder made a trip to Deer Island and Campobello on Monday, returning on Tuesday.

Miss Kathleen O'Neill went to New York on Tuesday evening's train.

Mr. W. A. Holt spent a few days in St. Stephen this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coffey went to St. Stephen, by steamer on Monday, returning on Tuesday via McAdam.

Mrs. E. D. Graham spent a few days recently at Brownville, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cummings and family returned from Boston on Tuesday last.

Mr. E. B. Plant, C. P. R. Mechanical Engineer, Montreal, was here on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mowat, Houlton, Me., have been visiting recently at Mr. and Mrs. John Mowat's, Bayville.

Mr. Harry Saunders, St. Stephen, has been visiting friends in town for a few days.

Miss Gene Howy returned from St. Stephen on Thursday last.

FIFTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE Knights of Pythias

TO BE HELD AT PALACE THEATRE FEBRUARY 21st Cards and Dancing Doors open at 8 p. m. The Proceeds to be used for Patriotic Purposes

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LEGISLATIVE NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that at the approaching session of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick application will be made, and a bill submitted, for an act to incorporate "The Campobello Library Association," with the view and object of enabling such association as a Corporate Body to hold, maintain, manage, control and conduct the Campobello Library as an institution for the benefit of the men, women and children of Campobello Island, with powers usually conferred upon a corporation of this character and without purpose or object of private gain to its members.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given, that the Co-Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned as cabinet makers and upholsterers under the firm name of "F. W. & S. Mason" at St. Andrews, N. B., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will hereafter be carried on by Samuel Mason and Walter F. McMullon under the present firm name of F. W. & S. Mason, and by whom all the debts of the firm will be paid, and to whom all outstanding accounts due the old firm are to be paid.

NOTICE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that we, Samuel Mason of the Town of Saint Andrews in the County of Charlotte, Upholsterer, and Walter F. McMullon, of Saint Andrews in the County of Charlotte, forestead, Mattress Maker, have formed, and entered into a general Co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on the business of Cabinet Makers, Upholsters and Mattress Manufacturers.

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Contracts taken with responsible parties for Weir Poles of all kinds. Specially made of first quality Birch, Ash and Maple Poles. 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 feet, delivered in St. Croix River, N. B.

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