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CZAR'S ARMIES RESUME OFFENSIVE ON POLISH FRONT; BRITAIN IN NEED OF MORE MEN IS WARNING TO COUNTRY

RUSSIANS MAKE DRIVE IN POLAND

Unexpected Offensive There Striking Feature of the Eastern Situation

Germany Say That Plans for Capture of Warsaw Are Being Pushed, But Czar's Troops Declare the Enemy's Attack Reached Its Climax Days Ago—Little Change in Situation in France.

London, Feb. 9, 8:06 p. m.—Russia's unexpected adoption of offensive operations in Poland, from which the Germans apparently have been withdrawing some forces both to the north and south, furnishes the most striking feature of the military situation on the European continent.

From German sources it is insisted that the plans for the capture of Warsaw are still being pushed. But the Russians claim several minor successes at various points, and declare that the German attack reached its climax several days ago.

Another huge segment of the Russian army is continuing its efforts for a firm foothold in the Carpathians, but it is admitted that the Germans and Austrians have gained some ground. At one point a severe snow storm is said to have aided them in an action, which Vienna states has resulted in heavy losses to the Russian forces in Dukla Pass.

From East Prussia there is little news, the Germans claiming to have the situation well in hand, so far as the pressure of a further Russian advance with out the most severe fighting is concerned. In France and Flanders the situation is without change. Both sides are dead for the slightest indication of activity on the part of their opponents. The British and French are undoubtedly taking advantage of every day's delay to throw in reinforcements.

Another of the causes for the delay is the British House of Commons today, and the prime minister made a statement that the British casualties from the beginning of the war had reached a total of 104,000. This is an average of 4,000 weekly, in killed, wounded and missing.

The Fight in the West.
Paris, Feb. 9, 10:40 p. m.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:
"On the night of Feb. 6-7, the enemy exploded three mines at Le Buisson in front of the British lines, which we occupied. Two companies and a half were then sent against our positions, but were not able to get beyond the excavations formed by the explosions."

During the course of the afternoon of Feb. 7, a counter-attack, executed by one of our companies, drove the enemy from the excavations, which we immediately organized. The Germans left 200 dead on the ground.
To the north of Meuse-les-Hauts on the night of Feb. 7-8, we captured forest where the enemy had been solidly established.

The aggressive action of the infantry engaged at Bagelle was prolonged throughout the night of Feb. 7-8. The Germans, after having made some progress, were unable to occupy the break of the hill, only particular parts of our more advanced line, around which the struggle continued during the day. Austrians Claim Victory.

Vienna, Feb. 8, via London.—The Austro-Hungarian war press bureau today issued the following description of the recent fighting in the Carpathians:
"The battle for Dukla Pass ended favorably for us. Owing to difficulties of transport only weak Russian artillery troops participated, but the Russian concentrated near Dukla Pass strong infantry forces, which advanced against the heights."
"Without regard for human material the Russians tried to enforce a successful decision. Three of their attacks at one place were literally blown down from our trenches. Finally, the British, advancing over a ridge of the pass, began in the evening to climb up the opposite hills which were in possession of Austro-Hungarian troops, but they were obliged to stop half way in deep snow as a terrible snow storm began."

When next morning the Russian commander gave the order in storm our positions many of his men had still limbs and others were completely exhausted, and the assault broke down under the Austrian fire.

Numerous dead and wounded covered the battlefield. Many prisoners were taken. The Russians finally retreated in pursuit with the Austro-Germans in pursuit."
Heavy Fighting.
Vienna, Feb. 8, via London, Feb. 9, 12:35 p. m.—It was officially announced today that the situation in Russian Poland and western Galicia remained generally unchanged.

"Our heavy artillery," says the statement, "has successfully bombarded the region around Tarnow, and has also made good practice against the Russian troops."
In the Carpathians yesterday there were battles of progress in Dukla Pass, where we captured 400 prisoners."

Warning.
Home dealing was careful investigation of their records.

The Famous Great Mosque of Cairo



The chief beauty and interest of Cairo, capital of Egypt and ultimate objective of the Turkish invading hosts, consists of the Turkish invading hosts, in its mosques. The picture shows the Great Sultan Hassan mosque, now the greatest which was begun in the year 1366. The ruins of Great-Ulana, greatest and oldest of them all, are still to be seen. Work on this was begun in the year 879.

LAURIER PLACES WAR AHEAD OF POLITICS

Sir Wilfrid Offers to Sink Political Differences Till Conflict is Over

Opposition Leader, in Compelling Patriotic Speech, Declares Every Sacrifice Should Be Made by Canada in Empire's Struggle—Willing to Spend Any Amount, But Wants an Honest Expenditure—Premier Borden, in Eloquent Address, Tells Parliament of Government's Work in the Titanic Conflict—Reads Eulogistic Message From Colonial Secretary Regarding Canadian Troops.

(Special to The Telegraph).
Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Canada's political truce, since the note given by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the commons this afternoon is to be taken up by the government. The war and its efficient and patriotic prosecution is the supreme issue. None are for party and all for state. This was the dominant note in the great speech with which Sir Wilfrid Laurier opened the parliamentary session this afternoon. Differences as to prospective imperial questions stand over, as do domestic differences, till the conflict has been won by Britain and her allies.

With his patriotic undertaking the Liberal leader pressed for the keeping unimpaired Canada's good name. He drew attention to the serious allegations of fraud and mismanagement which had resulted in Canada's young manhood being sent to army in flocks, which had caused them discomfort, suffering and loss. He urged upon the government the necessity for prompt, thorough and public investigation, in order that responsibility might be placed and future offences guarded against.

Sir Robert Borden met the Liberal leader on the high plane taken. He expressed appreciation of the patriotism of the opposition's position, and had no exception to take to Sir Wilfrid's comments concerning expenditures. He agreed that the country was entitled to all possible information and suggested, in explanation of the boot scandal, that the goods were prepared on old specifications, and had to be turned out in a hurry.

Whether his followers will continue the same attitude, and agree to defeating a general election next year, is not yet known.
In concluding his speech, the premier read an important communication just received from Right Honorable Louis Harcourt, dealing with the efficacy of the Canadian troops, and stating that their training was now completed, and they were ready to join the Patriotes at the front.

At the evening sitting, Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, followed the premier in a spirited speech, in which he emphasized the oneness of purpose in the minds of all Canadians, and their united determination, free from party considerations, to give their best in service and sacrifice to the empire. "Our task," declared the eloquent Britisher, "is to get behind the men in the trenches and stay behind them till their task is accomplished."

Mr. MacDonald called the attention of the premier to the fact that reductions of wages had been made in certain industries in Canada engaged in the manufacture of shells and other munitions of war. He pointed out that not only did the law passed in 1900 provide for a fair wage schedule in all Canadian government contracts, but that in 1891 a British statute required that a fair wage schedule should be inserted in all imperial contracts. He asked the premier to take steps to see that in all contracts let for the imperial government in connection with imperial supplies, a fair wage schedule should be imposed to maintain current wages.

The premier assured Mr. MacDonald the government would take steps to see that this was done.
This is of great importance to all workmen engaged in manufacturing articles for imperial purposes.

New Members Introduced.
At the opening of the House today, William Gray, of London, A. B. Copp, newly elected Liberal member for Westmorland, in succession to the late Hon. H. R. Emerson, and Samuel J. Donaldson, who succeeded Judge James McKay, in Prince Albert, were introduced.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne was then moved by W. G. Weichel, M. P., for North Waterloo. After referring to the patriotic part played in recent events in Canada by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Mr. Weichel spoke of the Armageddon of the nations now in progress. Never had such a world witnessed such awful carnage, such ruthless disregard of others' rights.

Referring to the silent anxiety of the British navy, he said British subjects throughout the world had reason to be thankful to those men, who had seen that trouble was bound to come, and had prepared the navy for it when it did come.
"This is a war," continued the member for North Waterloo, "that was not desired by Great Britain. From the evidence produced we are assured that the dastardism of England tried, by every means in their power, to avoid an armed conflict, and now that the die is cast, feeling and knowing that we have a just cause, there will be no hesitation on the part of the people living within the British Empire, with a stern resolve, to once and forever take issue with those who would see the world engulfed in a sea of blood."
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LARGEST MILITARY BUDGET IN HISTORY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Every Man is Needed in This Great Life and Death Struggle, is Warning

Parliamentary Secretary of War Office Says Recruiting Has Been Satisfactory, But "We Want More Men"—Naval Estimates Ask for an Additional Force of 32,000 Officers and Men—No One Despondent, But All Determined That Allies Shall Dictate the Terms of Peace.

London, Feb. 8, 9:07 p. m.—The introduction of the largest military budget in the history of Great Britain shared the stage in the House of Commons today with a discussion of the activities of the official press bureau.

The task of introducing the budget fell upon the parliamentary secretary of the war office, H. J. Tennant, as Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, is a member of the House of Lords.
"It is true," he said, "that recruiting thus far has been very satisfactory, but we want more men. Every man will be needed in this great life and death struggle."

The press bureau discussion was brought on by a motion by Joseph King, Liberal, of North Somerset, "that the action of the press bureau, in restricting the freedom of the press and withholding information about the war, has been guided by no clear principle, and has been calculated to cause suspicion and discontent."

Mr. King urged that the press bureau issue a daily or a tri-weekly statement as to the progress, experiences, successes and reverses of the British troops at the front.

In reply, Sir Stanley C. Buckmaster, director of the press bureau, defended its work. He declared that he had published instantly everything that it was in his power to publish.

"I am convinced," he said, "that better calculated to give satisfaction to our enemies, who are endeavoring to discredit our official news, than the announcement that it has been imperfectly in the House of Commons that the press bureau is the subject of suspicion."

Sir William Byles, who seconded Mr. King's motion, asked if any discreditable had been concealed, as there had been endless stories of a capital ship lost some months ago off the north coast of Ireland.

The speaker replied that that was an Admiralty matter, which could not be discussed under the head of army estimates.

Continuing his discussion of the press bureau, Mr. Buckmaster declared that the bureau was actuated solely by the desire to apply fairly and impartially the rules laid down for its guidance by the different departments of state.

Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, declared that those who supported the motion desired only to point out certain things which needed altering.

If Mr. Buckmaster is not responsible, he said, "why is not a representative of the war office present to accept the responsibility? There is nothing wrong for a country, the concealment of disasters until the end of the war."

Harold Smith, Unionist for Warrington, defended the bureau, declaring that the war office was doing what could be published rested with Earl Kitchener and Winston Spencer Churchill. Whereupon a member inquired: "Has Lord Buckmaster declared that there shall be relaxation of the censorship?"

To this Mr. Buckmaster replied: "No." Mr. King's amendment was negatived without division.

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SAVED ASTURIAS

and in Half Circle Prevented Blockade German Ports—Gov. Asks—Death of German

was promised to make a statement on situation.

Died in Air Raid.
London, Feb. 5, 1:59 a. m.—Fishermen were found in the Thames estuary the body of a German sailor, with a shrapnel bullet in the lungs.

It is supposed that he dropped from an aeroplane which was driven off by British gun fire on Christmas day.

Pretext Not Cause.
London, Feb. 4.—"Until the revelations were made in the ministerial statement before the Italian parliament the other day, we had no knowledge that Austria-Hungary contemplated hostile action against Serbia in 1913." Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, told the House of Commons today.

"The fact that hostile action against Serbia was contemplated in 1913, and that the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, which occurred in 1914, was not the cause, though it was made the pretext of the war."

Gathering in Gold.
Leipzig, Germany, via London, Feb. 9.—In response to an appeal made by the Leipzig Tageblatt, a total of 19,197 persons have brought 1,028,010 marks (\$266,000) in gold to this newspaper to be exchanged for bank notes. The gold has been turned over to the Reichsbank.

Honor for Allied Soldiers.
Paris, Feb. 4.—The Chamber of Deputies today adopted a bill to confer military medals on soldiers who have been killed in the orders of army corps or divisions, but not otherwise honored. It was declared during the passage of the bill that it probably would be the last war medal voted.

The decoration will be in the form of a cross, having a bar bearing the word 'Citizens' and an additional bar for distinction will be awarded. The cross will hang from a green ribbon, and will be similar to the military medal symbolizing the loss of Alsace and Lorraine. The decoration will be conferred in the soldiers of the Allied armies.

but are being stubbornly opposed at all points.
The Austrian army, which previously had been directing efforts against Serbia, together with the Germans who were sent to reinforce them, are now said to be in the Carpathian mountains.

The idea of an invasion of Serbia is reported to have been abandoned, owing to the spring inundations, the freshets in the Drina, Save and Lower Danube rivers rendering operations difficult. The Hungarians, likewise, are serving to protect the Austro-Hungarian and Serbian frontiers.

THAT FIGHTING IN CARPATHIANS GOES ON.
Vienna, via London, Feb. 4, 10:55 p. m.—The war office issued the following official statement today:

"In Poland and Galicia there have been no events worth mentioning. The battles in the Carpathians continue with undiminished violence.
"On the western front hostile attacks have been repulsed, but the Austrians succeeded in gaining some ground in the wooded mountains, and captured some hundreds of prisoners."

HORSES TOO HIGH IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton, Feb. 4.—The remaining horses needed for the military units stationed in Fredericton will be purchased in Nova Scotia or in upper Canada as the statement made by The Gleason last evening by R. S. Starr, purchasing agent for the maritime provinces for the remount commission, previous to leaving for St. John en route to his home at Port Williams (N. S.).

Mr. Starr was here yesterday with Major Gilpin, remount inspector, and after a conference it was decided to purchase the remaining horses in Nova Scotia or the west, where it is believed the animals can be secured at cheaper prices.

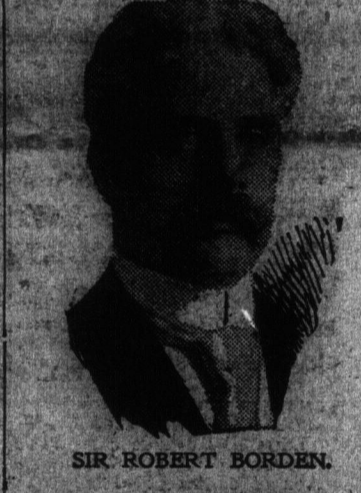
Mr. Starr stated that he was able to pay a larger price for the horses here in view of the fact that no expenditure for transport was necessary, but the saving in freight was not sufficient to offset the increase in other districts. Mr. Starr will remain in St. John today and will leave for Port Williams. He will start on purchasing tour in Nova Scotia probably next week.

Lonsdale Given 20 Years Instead Of Death Penalty

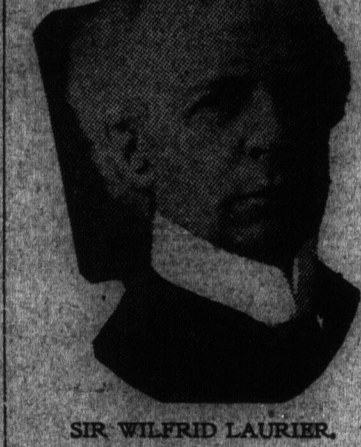
Berlin, Feb. 4.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The German supreme military court has commuted to imprisonment for twenty years the death sentence imposed on William Lonsdale, a British soldier, for an attack on a German non-commissioned officer at the military prison at Doberitz.

Only Thirty Aliens Released.
London, Feb. 4.—The home secretary, Reginald McKenna, put an end today to an agitation which has been conducted in certain London hotels, because, they alleged, thousands of German war prisoners who had been interned as alien enemies were being released in London hotels.

Mr. McKenna said in the House of Commons that the actual number released in January was three. In the last four months thirty were released, after careful investigation of their records.



SIR ROBERT BORDEN



SIR WILFRID LAURIER

HEAR FROM CANADIANS AT FRONT

Toronto, Feb. 8.—That the third battalion of the first Canadian contingent, 1,096 strong, consisting of the Queen's Own, the governor-general's bodyguard and the Tenth Royal Grenadiers, is now in France is an assured fact, two cables having been received by Toronto families to that effect from their sons with the contingent.

Hon. Dr. Beland Is Unable to Leave Belgium

Quebec, Feb. 8.—News came today by cablegram that Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, M. P. for Beauce, is unable to leave Belgium, the German authorities refusing him passport.

That Dr. Beland well weighs the danger he incurs in Belgium is indicated by the fact that, in his cablegram, he asks his relatives in Beauce county to see that payment is made on a life accident insurance policy he holds in a local company, in due time, as he cannot see to it himself.

DAZIA'S FIREMEN REFUSE TO SAIL

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8.—The steamer Dacia, cotton laden, from Galveston, was held up on the second stage of her voyage to Rotterdam tonight, after eleven or more of her crew refused to continue in service. A fireman who said he represented several others of the crew, told United States Commissioner Hamilton that some of the sailors feared the Dacia would be detained by a British warship. Captain McDonald said he had not replaced all of the men tonight, and did not know when the Dacia would sail, but her agents said she probably would proceed tomorrow.

She cleared today after loading coal.

Great Britain has announced the Dacia will be seized on the contention that her transfer from German to American registry was in violation of international law.

OWNERS OF CARGO WAITING UNTIL THEIR SHIP HAS BEEN SEIZED

Countess in Case of the Wilhelmine Will Not Consider Sale of Her Load Just at Present.

New York, Feb. 8.—The sale of the cargo of the American steamship Wilhelmine to the Belgian relief commission will not be considered by its owners unless, and until, the ship is seized by the British authorities, according to a statement issued today by Norvin L. Lindheim and former Senator Charles A. Towne, counsel for the W. L. Green Commission Company of St. Louis, owners of the sea.

The Declaration of London which is an international agreement governing the taking of prizes in naval warfare, was adopted at a conference of the chief naval powers in the world in 1909, and 1909.

Mr. Tennant paid a warm tribute to the patriotism of the British troops at the front.

The British design of seraplanes, the possibility of issuing a medal at the end of the war, for technical workers employed by armament firms, etc., who were serving their country faithfully.

Mr. Tennant said he was debared from dwelling upon the also and the distribution of the British forces.

"The enemy desires more than anything else to know the force we may have in the future," the speaker was planned. "Recruiting on the whole has been satisfactory there is no cause for discontent and still less for despond, but we do want more men in this life and death struggle."

Mr. Tennant said that the war secretary, Lord Kitchener, was considering the possibility of issuing a medal at the end of the war, for technical workers employed by armament firms, etc., who were serving their country faithfully.

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BELGIUM'S MISERY. While Canada, like most of the civilized world, has been giving generously for the relief of the people of Belgium, few Canadians may have given thought to what the real position of Belgium is today. A few striking facts in that connection should be useful.

On August 1, 1914, there were in Belgium about 7,750,000 people. It is estimated that 200,000 of these have died in battle, or through the bombardment of their cities, or have been executed by Germans, or have died of disease and exposure.

About 600,000 more are refugees in other countries, about 850,000 being in Holland, about 100,000 in England and the remainder in France.

That means, roughly speaking, there are today almost 7,000,000 people left in Belgium itself.

Of these the members of the Belgian Relief Commission say 1,400,000 are absolutely destitute. With the German invasion, and Germany today holds almost all of Belgium, the social, industrial and national life of the Belgians may be said to have stopped.

Although many towns and villages have not been bombarded, and a few not even occupied, the terror of German troops lies everywhere over the land, and as German occupation has been extended, destitution and terror have gone with it. In the cities and towns, where the people depended upon industries, the misery is even greater than it is in the country. In Brussels, for example, one-third of the people are in absolute misery.

In all the history of warfare, no such blight and misfortune have ever fallen upon so many people. One great help has been the arrangement made through the United States that food could be imported in sufficient quantities to allow the people to keep body and soul together, under a guarantee from the German government, that food so imported, will not be diverted for the use of the German army.

British newspapers today assert that this arrangement is working well and that people who contribute to Belgian relief may feel complete confidence that the supplies are being used for the relief of Belgians, and Belgians alone. Those who can afford to pay for food are made to pay for it by the Belgian Commission, but those who are destitute are supplied free, or as many of them as possible, and this free distribution has been going along lately at the rate of \$2,000,000 a month.

This will leave a great lack of funds, and these are being raised, as far as possible, by subscriptions in the United States, in Great Britain, in Canada, and in France and elsewhere. A British editor says of the Belgian Relief Commission:

"There has been much admiration in the war for the commissariat arrangements which have made possible the feeding of vast armies in the field. But this Commission is feeding not the manhood of a nation alone, but its whole population. It is supplying the necessities of life to far greater numbers than are in the armies of the west. Its machinery of distribution is simple and efficient. Very properly, use is made of the various local government bodies in Belgium, so set up in all the convenient centres, at which the destitute may obtain relief and those who have money can buy bread. A whole fleet of steamers is kept carrying the foodstuffs to Holland."

It probably will surprise many Canadians to learn that so large a proportion of the original population of Belgium is still in that unfortunate country. But the figures quoted only emphasize the necessity for still greater contributions, to be long maintained. The people of Belgium can never be recompensed for what they have suffered, and no contribution from other countries can ever properly repay them for their bravery and self-sacrifice in resisting the German advance. Indeed the destitute people of Belgium are properly a charge upon civilized peoples until the invader has been driven from Belgian soil, and the people of that heroic nation have been given an opportunity to recuperate.

WAR COMMENT.

Yesterday's despatches indicate that the Germans have been massing heavy forces behind their line in France and Belgium for a grand attack upon the Allies. There have been many previous reports of the same tenor, but this latest one is more likely to be correct. While the weather still makes campaigning difficult, the Germans are no doubt

aware that the British and French have been gradually bringing up heavy reinforcements, and that within a comparatively short time the new British armies will be moved across the Channel in such force as to give the Allies a clear superiority in numbers on the western front.

In view of these facts it has been anticipated that the German commander would make one more tremendous effort to break through the French and British line, or beat back the Allies along a substantial part of the front. The test if it comes now, will show whether the Germans after six months of fighting are able to do now that which they were unable to do earlier in the war. As the Allies were able to check the first rush of the victorious German army, it may be expected that they will do better now, as they have greater numbers and more artillery. German military writers are practically all advocates of the offensive; in warfare as opposed to the defensive; but for many weeks past Germany has really been on the defensive. It is unlikely that Germany's forces will be able to regain the initiative, but no doubt they will make a most desperate effort to do so.

The editor of the Scientific American in a recent signed article pronounces the German Zeppelin a failure as an instrument of warfare, and his view is endorsed by the editor of The Engineer. The great size of these airships and their inability to remain at great heights render them easy of detection and extremely vulnerable. The aeroplane for the purpose of dropping bombs is much better, because it is faster and presents a small target. The Zeppelin is becoming general utility against naval vessels is very widely questioned. As a source of annoyance the Zeppelin may be serious, but military men outside Germany do not now believe that it can be used in any way that will materially influence the course of the war. And that is what counts.

There are published in western Canada some extracts from a letter written by an Englishman who praises Canada for its readiness to raise troops but who points out that some Canadian newspapers have not been quite fair in their references to recruiting in Great Britain. He writes:

"I don't think a lot of the Canadian papers are right in saying Canada is sending more men to the front in proportion to her population than Great Britain is. As a matter of fact Great Britain has now at least 1,500,000 under arms in England and at the front, and very soon will have 2,000,000. But in Canada there are 1,000,000. Her population is 42,000,000. That is 8 per cent. Canada has sent 8,000,000, but take it at 7,000,000. Then at 8 per cent she should have sent 210,000 by now. I do not for a moment presume to suggest that we ought to expect as much from Canada as we do from our own people here, and it is true that Canada has done wonderfully well, but I think we here also have done pretty well considering conditions generally."

The facts seem to be that both in Great Britain and in Canada new regiments have been enlisted as rapidly as it has been possible to drill and equip them. This writer deals modestly enough with what Great Britain has done, and no doubt he would be quick to recognize the difference between recruiting in Canada, a thinly settled country remote from the war, and in Great Britain, a country of dense population, situated close to the principal theatre of war and itself attacked by raiding cruisers and airships. In Canada there is intense admiration for the manner in which the people of Great Britain are standing up to the war, and at the same time there is a very general conviction that Canada will rapidly raise and equip a third and a fourth expeditionary force after the second has gone, and that other contingents will be forthcoming if events indicate that they are needed. After six months of warfare the people of Canada fully realize that the struggle seems only to be beginning and that very great sacrifices will still be required from all parts of the Empire. Today Canada is more than ever ready to do its share.

The German losses up to the end of January, in killed, wounded and missing, are estimated roughly at 2,000,000. Recently Prussia issued its 190th casualty list, to which must be added the lists of Bavaria, Saxony, Wurttemberg, and the naval losses. In commenting upon these lists recently, a London Times correspondent places the German casualties at 2,800,000. The New York Evening Sun estimates the German casualties at 2,000,000, the Russian losses at about the same figure, says France and Austria have lost more than a million men each, Belgium and Serbia more than 250,000 each, and Great Britain more than 125,000. So far as the British losses are concerned the estimate is probably too low.

Looking at the war in its seventh month, what has Germany gained by the loss of 2,000,000 of her best troops, and what are her prospects? The editor of the New York Evening Sun, who has gained a wide reputation for his articles on the war during the last few months, published on February 2 a review of the great conflict up to the end of January, and then attempted to read the future. He began by giving Germany full credit for its successes in the early part of the war, for keeping the fighting largely on territory beyond its own borders, and for exhibiting good organization and fighting courage. Evidently he thinks Germany's cause is hopeless, but he warns the world that the price of victory for the Allies is likely to be a staggering one. The opinion he sets down may fairly be regarded as that of a real neutral. Perhaps British and French readers will be disposed to think he gives Germany too great credit for what it has done, where-

as German opinion would be of the opposite tenor. He says: "As the seventh month opens there is nowhere the smallest sign of peace. With all the successes Germany has won nothing approaching a decisive victory. What her enemies have suffered is to them but an incentive to fresh efforts and sacrifices, greater struggles. So far as we can now see all that has happened has been little more than a prelude to the real struggle that is to come when General Foch shall have followed Marshal Joffre out of the battlefields and campaigns are again possible.

"With the spring it is conceivable that Germany will be able to make one more bid for conquest. It is more likely, however, as the Kaiser is reported to have said recently, that she will stand on the defensive, content herself with the holding of what she has won and make the price of allied advance so terrible as to 'stagger humanity,' make the Allies and Belgium and northern France into black seas, into desert places by their struggles to rescue them. The victory, Marshal von Hindenburg assured the world months ago, would be to the strong and steady and German nerves are as yet unshaken.

"In the military sense half a year of war has only decided the question of whether Germany could crush France, Russia and Great Britain, or whether she would be crushed. She failed to do either, and with that failure her chance passed. All that has happened since has been a series of tactical and strategic manoeuvres to defeat Germany and to bring the war to a close. The Allies have failed utterly in their attempts to do this since the Germans took their stand behind the Marne. From September 12 to February 3 the advances and retreats in the West have been fairly equal, the lines but little changed, and the frequency to German as to allied advantage.

"In these six months Germany loss has been placed as high as 2,000,000 killed, wounded and captured, the Russian at more, rather than less. France and Austria have lost more than a million each, Belgium and Serbia together more than a quarter of a million and England more than 125,000. What is most appalling about this loss is the fact that it represents no actual progress toward peace. The ranks have been closed up and more millions are waiting to be sent to the front. If any constant is ready for peace, save poor beaten Austria, there is still no proof, and Austria cannot even make peace herself now.

"With far greater prospects of success than Germany has, Napoleon failed to conquer Europe, but with a nation no more numerous than Germany he kept up the fight for a decade, and it was not until 1814 that the enemy reached the frontiers of his empire. He failed in the end because there was rising against him the national spirit of the countries opposing him. The same spirit is abroad in Europe today. More and more the contest comes to resemble that of a century ago. More and more also signs point toward a final end. But month by month, the enemies of Germany are beginning to appreciate what is ahead. What will be the result? Will it precede another Waterloo, the end of another dream of 'World power or downfall'?"

This reference to the long campaign which ended at Waterloo will recall something, a wise observer said when the present war began. He expressed the conviction that Germany's fatal mistake had been that of miscalculating what Great Britain would do. He warned Germany that the English, with command of the sea, would pull down the Kaiser just as they pulled down Napoleon finally one hundred years ago.

"We will admit," says the Berlin Morgenpost, "that we had in some respects imagined that victory over our opponents would be easier than it would appear after the first triumph to be."

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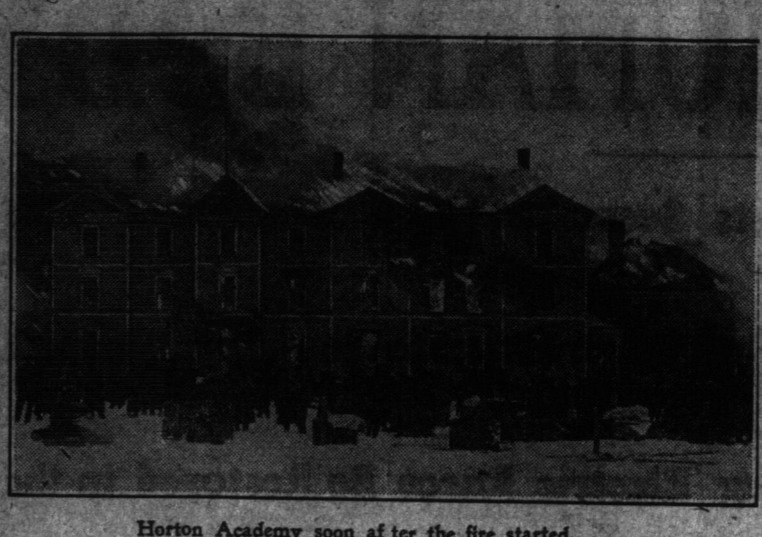
New Brunswick's Responsibility To The Empire

(Continued.) The war has compelled people to do some serious thinking. Perhaps there is no line along which more serious thinking is being done than in the respect of the European supply of raw materials.

MAY BE DISCHARGED AS RECOVERED FROM PROVISIONAL HOSPITAL

In the annual report of the Provincial Hospital Dr. J. V. Anglin, the superintendent, reports 907 patients at the institution, 341 men and 266 women.

THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED HORTON ACADEMY AND THE E. W. YOUNG DINING HALL



Horton Academy soon after the fire started.

The scene 25 minutes after first picture was taken. These are pictures of the fire which caused such severe loss in Wolfville, N. B., last week.

OPERATION REPORT LARGE CUT BUT OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN

In making a forecast of the lumber season in New Brunswick, the Canada Lumberman predicts a larger cut of logs but repeats the shipping prospects as problematical.

THE EMPLOYERS' OPPORTUNITY

Domestic Officials and Prominent Residents Urge the Tillers of the Soil to Aid the Empire by Feeding Her Soldiers and Their Reward Will Be Certain.

ENORMOUS GROWTH OF TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The latest Canadian trade returns, issued by the department of trade and commerce, indicate that the dominion's trade, although falling off with Great Britain and nearly every other country, owing to the war, is still rapidly increasing with the United States.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

ANGLICAN. The Rev. G. A. Kuhling has been able to secure his home tenement during his absence from the diocese.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

"Anyone who curses or swears or uses any bad language in your presence, or who attempts to tell you a false story, is insulting you to your face and is deserving of a severe reprimand."

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEW BRUNSWICK HOSPITAL BED AT FRONT

Lady Little wishes to acknowledge with thanks the following contributions received for the endowment of the New Brunswick bed at the front in the hospital of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

HORN BEGINS TO SERVE SENTENCE IN JAIL IS GUARDED

Machias, Me., Feb. 5.—Werner Horn who claims that as a German sympathizer he dynamited the international bridge over Grand Falls, N. B., on Feb. 1, 1914, is now in the St. John jail.

DISFIGURING ECZEMA DUE TO BAD BLOOD

Frederick, Feb. 4.—Friends of Hon. W. B. Dickson, Speaker of the Legislature, are entering upon an attempt to have his health restored.

BAPTIST

Rev. Wm. Fettes in a recent letter dated Dec. 28, 1914, Lulea, Sweden, says in part: "The Baptists have been absolutely unfoundedly accused as being in connection with Germany, and in receiving money from Germany."

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Can Only Be Cured Through the Rich Blood Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Actually Makes

You cannot cure eczema or remove disfiguring pimples by the use of ointments, washes or salves applied outwardly. The trouble is due to impure blood and can only be cured through the blood.

RESBYTERIAN

Rev. Murdoch Gillespie, late of River Hebert (N. S.), was inducted to the pastoral charge of Great Village (N. S.), Feb. 4.

A GUARANTEED MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

Baby's Own Tablets are a good medicine for little ones. They are guaranteed by a government analyst to be absolutely free from opiates and narcotics found in so-called "soothing" syrups.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Emperor William, who was officially announced today, paid a visit yesterday to the Silesian frontiers in their trenches near Groezow, east of Wlozowa.

Rev. G. A. Logan, late of Union Church, (N. S.), was inducted to the pastoral charge of Sherbrooke (N. S.), Feb. 9.

Halifax Bank Clearings. Halifax, Feb. 4.—Bank clearings for the week were \$1,809,903 and for the corresponding week last year \$2,141,149.

