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Editorial Notes.

The signing of the Home Rule bill by King George practically removes the Irish question from the area of politics. It is true the measure will not go into operation for a year, or until the war is over, and that there is still some dispute regarding Ulster's position, but there seems to be no doubt that when normal conditions are restored there will be little or no difficulty in regard to self government in Ireland.

The Provincial Industrial Association, which was lately organized in Toronto to deal with the problem of unemployment, aims to provide work and not charity. It proposes to co-operate with the civic authorities. No special plan has as yet been outlined, but it is proposed to be a province wide organization doing all in its power to stimulate trade and industry and minimize unemployment. A committee of ten has been appointed to prepare a workable scheme to be submitted as soon as possible to the association.

Dr. C. I. Schofield has transferred the ownership and management of the Bible Correspondence Course which bears his name to the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Its broadening responsibilities, together with his widespread oral ministry, were too great a tax on his advancing years, and he left that the facilities and energy of the Institute would still further extend its usefulness in the world. The course will be conducted on practically the same plan as hitherto, but further information may be had by addressing The Moody Bible Institute, 153 Institute Place, Chicago, Ill.

The ability of being able to stand alone and fight alone is just as useful in business on the battlefield as it is apparently or any other walk in life. During the present war in France, a half Battery of the British Royal Field Artillery was left in an exposed position. The gunners were all down but one, and he kept on firing until in a lull of the German fire he was ordered to retire. He did this grudgingly, and a newspaper remarks: 'No wonder the Germans retire, when one British artilleryman will remain and fight a host.'

The Purpose of the Ages.

To all who believe in an over-ruling Providence, which shapes the ends of men and nations, this war will mark another page in the advance of civilization. From the beginning of history, nations have sought to build a durable fabric of empire upon a foundation of might and injustice, and have failed. Some have endured for a time, but in the end have perished. The great lesson throughout the centuries is that no empire based on force alone can subsist. Germany has not learned that lesson from history, and is now learning at a cost that may well be said to stagger humanity. Beneath the surface of this last and greatest of European wars lies the eternal conflict between the forces making for progress and the forces that are resisting progress.

A German Spy.

A remarkable article by Dr. Carl Graevs in the New York Sun gives a partial insight into German military preparations. Dr. Graevs was for nine years a spy in personal touch with the Emperor of Germany. He was arrested in Glasgow in June, 1912, charged with espionage, and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, only three months of which he served, for reasons best known to the British Government. Now he is writing stories of his experiences and showing special knowledge of a curious nature.

For example, after explaining the organization of the military forces of the German Empire, he says: 'The German army is built for aggression. Germany knows through past experience, the advisability and necessity of conducting war in an economy's economy.' It shows that railway lines have been built for strategic purposes and that ninety per cent. of the railway officials are army reservists. Main wagon roads through country districts are maintained like the Roman roads of old, and through all the Empire the government has a first claim on every wheeled vehicle for military purposes. Their war chest at Spandau holds \$120,000,000 in minted gold coins and every year a million dollars has been added to it.

Dr. Graevs, dealing with the intelligence system, explains that young officers who have never been in England have a perfect knowledge of every road, every building, every locality of a certain specified district in the United Kingdom. The natural features of France and of Russia are equally well understood. This indicates better than anything else could the efficiency of a spy system unequalled in history.

The whole trend of this article shows what British experts have obviously declared, that the German army is and has always been a menace to the peace of the world, and that the incubus of its maintenance bears hard on the peace of the country.

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Alberta Letter.

THE WAR — FINANCES — FARMING — RAILROADS.

The war fever is surging over this western country, and men are flocking to the colors. One complete battalion has already been sent out from Edmonton and other units are forming.

Our financial institutions have curtailed their sphere of operations in common with those of other parts of the Dominion, until it would seem that taking in deposits is the chief purpose of a bank's existence.

The refusal of our moneyed institutions to finance our merchants in legitimate business during the present crisis works a great hardship, causing a general curtailment of all kinds of employment, and consequently scarcity of work.

Of all the railway extensions authorized in Alberta none of the larger lines are doing anything. The J. D. McArthur Co., however, are steadily pushing their lines into the north country.

They comprise the Edmonton Danvegan and British Columbia Railway—the Alberta and Good Watersways and the Canadian Central Railway.

The first of these is now being operated to Lesser Slave Lake, 167 miles, while 120 more miles are in the course of construction and will be ready for traffic this winter. Traffic on these lines is good, passengers being landed at Sordridge the same day they leave Edmonton.

The Canadian Central is an extension north to Bear River Crossing and thence west through that vast country to the British Columbia border.

The A. & G. W. Ry. branches off the E. D. & B. C. Ry. about 14 miles from Edmonton and runs in a north easterly direction to Lac la Biche, about 120 miles. Practically all this section is under construction. This line is also surveyed some 130 miles further to strike the Athabasca river at Fort Murray. From this point on the Athabasca, there are no rapids, therefore this line will be an important trade route to the north.

While the southern portion of this province has during the past summer suffered severely from drought, the central and northern portions have had an ample rainfall. In my own district, 50 miles north of Edmonton, the pasture is most luxuriant, and all live stock is in fine condition. Most of this country has been homesteaded but many after proving up have gone to the cities where ready money could be earned, leaving the homesteads neglected. Scarcity of work is now sending many back to the land, where their living will cost them much less than in the towns.

Potatoes have been a positive failure in these parts but all kinds of grain has done splendidly. This soil will produce abundantly but I think our farmers have been too easily satisfied with a bare living, to put in and care for a large crop. Generally, however, more stock is being raised, more cream being shipped, more hogs being marketed. With plenty of good pasture and a wonderfully fertile soil, farming should pay in this country.

As compared with the farming district of Nova Scotia I think our advantages in soil and pasture are somewhat discounted by our greater distance from ocean ports as well as our inability to do much in orcharding, which in Nova Scotia supplies a very considerable revenue to the producer. On the whole I believe the farmers of Nova Scotia get as good a return in dollars as any in the Dominion. However, everything is new here and few farmers that I have met have yet graduated from the experimental stage. I have seen homesteads where several years' accumulation of manure lies in great stacks all around the stables, the natural richness of the soil being occasionally depended upon to raise a crop. Tons and tons of fertilizing wealth gone to waste for want of a little real work in getting it on the land. An eastern farmer would feel sick at the waste of it.

Men plant potatoes whole, run a plow between the rows at hoeing time and then leave them to their fate. As there are neither bugs or wire grass the Lord has to give them a fair crop in spite of the haphazard methods, having of course, an early frost or too abundant rains on low soil.

A fine grain crop is being gathered, all stock is sleek and fat and prices promise to be good, so the Alberta farmer should not be by any means badly off.

In the cities times will be hard, at any rate until business conditions improve. In building trades there is an entire cessation of activity notwithstanding that lumber has dropped 20 per cent. in price. Close employment on sewers and extensions is also held up, hitting the laborer hard. However, Edmonton citizens are doing a great deal in preparing to tide over the 'out of work' bill better days come.

A very sad death occurred on Wednesday afternoon at the Horton Post Farm, when the manager, Mr. McAndrew, fell a victim to typhoid fever after a brief illness. Mr. McAndrew had been in charge of the Farm for about a year, and had proved himself a faithful and careful manager. He was a native of Scotland, and was about thirty years of age. He leaves a young widow and two young sons who have the sympathy of the community generally. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. G. W. Miller, N. S. 10-11.

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Devastation By War.

It requires a vivid imagination to get even a faint conception of the effect of the war in Europe upon the people in the districts through which the armies move, and where actual fighting takes place. Not only are crops destroyed and houses either destroyed or looted; but the people are compelled to abandon their homes for the time being, and suffer the greatest hardships, even if the worst does not befall them.

Crowds Welcome Return.

OF MACK'S MUSICAL REVUE TO ACADIA DEMY OF MUSIC. The Academy of Music was so full for the crowd desiring admission last evening to welcome Mack's Musical Revue on their return engagement, when they repeated the success of their previous visit, with an entirely new programme. They caught the fancy of the audience at the outset with their patriotic song and tableau 'At Farnum, the comedian, got a perfect ovation as he made his appearance, and his sayings and songs throughout the evening showed what a favorite he has become with the hearty laughter and applause which greeted him.

Ulle Akerstrom, under whose clever direction this popular entertainment is presented, is seen in the leading role of a sketch in which she displays her artistic ability. Miss Esie Wallace, with her rich soprano voice, excellent acting, attractive appearance and dressing handsomely, was appreciated in her every number, one of which 'The Sympathetic Duet' with James Carney was a particular feature.

Miss Helena Russel also scored a great success; she is a dancer above the ordinary, and her solo dance was not only brilliantly executed, but her tango steps with James Carney, the personification of grace.

Frank Venette, Ralph Austen, Tiny Williams, Vesta Gilbert, and others of the Company all greatly pleased. The same bill will be repeated this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon. New program Thursday.

Extract from the Halifax Herald: 'The above will be the attraction at the Opera House on Monday night, Sept. 28th. See posters for particulars.'

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