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But under the circumstances I determined that the Government was right, and I determined to place at its disposal whatever influence I had with my fellow-countrymen. I have loyally supported all the war measures of the Government, have appealed to all classes of my fellow-citizens to rise, to the occasion and do their share, not only in contributing money, but in the ranks by doing battle for the great cause. And I am here today for the same purpose and object, to appeal to my fellow-countrymen of all origins to do their duty, and ask all who can go to take their places amongst those who are contending for the cause of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brome.

THE KAISER'S RECENT SPEECH.

If the Kaiser has made the two military orations to his troops reported in the newspapers a short time ago, he is still under the domination of the spirit which plunged him into this war. His re-assertion of his old claim to be the special representative of Providence is a little difficult to understand just at this moment, when Providence seems to be repudiating him and when the thought is probably growing in Germany as well as elsewhere, that the war is the work of the devil's agents and not of a benevolent divinity.

Apart from the inappropriateness of the Kaiser's assertion of divine authority at a period when arrant nonsense must be especially irritating to a country which is bleeding at every pore because of his fatal leadership, it is singular that he does not know his own people any better than to think that they would accept such an outworn doctrine at any time. The Germans probably have as little sympathy with this exploded theory as any nation in the world, and the German Emperor cannot fail to know this, unless he has really become a little daft on this subject. Like a theatrical costume, the "divine right of kings" was once a royal "property" that was valuable for the impression it produced upon the multitude. But it is a pasteboard crown that has long ago been discarded in all other civilized regions, and to drag it out again at such a tragic juncture as this seems to suggest mental hallucination rather than the intellectual strength which we have been accustomed to associate with the Emperor.

There was greater method in the speech at the Somme front in which he strove to excite the hatred of his soldiers against the British. What he said about British duplicity and British desire to destroy Germany is still believed by most Germans. In that he struck a note that will appeal to the German heart and nerve the German arm. And it is true that the English offensive may carry the war to German soil and to German homes. That possibility is beginning to loom up. If Germany did not begin the war in self-defence, the Emperor at last realizes that it may end in a desperate struggle to protect itself from the horrors which have been visited upon Belgium, France, Poland and Serbia. From such a fate even those who believe she is wrong will hope that Germany may be delivered. But the Kaiser commences to see that there is danger of this, and if he is the agent of Providence, his fear may be inspired by special information.

VALUE OF GOOD ROADS.

The State of Colorado will get this year a federal appropriation of \$62,325 for building good roads through the national forests within its boundaries. Other states of the union having forest reserves share in the fund on a basis of forest resources, timber and grazing areas. These are annual appropriations to continue for ten years. It is a truism to state that nothing is more valuable to the nation than the building and maintenance of good roads. And the movement for fine and permanent highways to take the place of the makeshift roadways of the past is fortunately growing at a rapid rate. The prevalence of automobile traffic is one of the prime causes for the advance. In Ohio fine brick roadways from town to town are coming to be the rule instead of the exception. Many other states are following the same or similar plans of improvement.

So long as the public money is spent honestly on sound construction, and not squandered by political hooligans who have no practical knowledge of

road making, no sum expended from year to year on improving highways need seem to great.

The Toronto Saturday Night, an independent paper, declares that Mr. H. H. Dewar, the successful Liberal candidate in Southwest Toronto, by placing the cards on the table face up in respect to the nickel question, has rendered a public service to Canada. During the campaign Mr. Dewar frequently stated that Canadian nickel had been supplied to the Germans and was brought back in the bodies of our Canadian soldiers, and he was able to quote from the records of the United States Congress in proof of his statement.

Italy's formal declaration of war against Germany has been quickly followed by the announcement from Berlin that Roumania had entered the war on the side of the Entente Allies. The Central Powers had hoped at one time to secure the co-operation of Roumania but the diplomacy of the Allies seems to have won out. Roumania's entry into the great conflict will open up a new front extending from the Danube to Bukowina and will enable Russia to invade Austria-Hungary by way of Roumanian territory. Roumania's army of half a million men is reported to be already mobilized and equipped.

As a pussy-footed political procrastinator, Premier Clarke is in a class by himself.

The two dollar potato seems to be here to stay awhile.

Most farmers are willing to admit that hay is a bumper crop this year.

ON THE SIDE.

The Danube won't look so blue now.

Roumania no longer roumains neutral.

In France life seems to be one grand sweet Somme.

If it was only just readin' and ritin' and 'rithmetic—but we guess there's a few more books to buy than that.

Italy and Germany have declared war—they'll probably start fightin' next.

To the average man's mind an ideal wife is that of a neighbor who is said to be spoiling her husband.

One of the compensations the boys find when school begins is seeing "dad" loosen up for new books.

When a girl is introduced to a young man she always looks at his hands to discover whether he works.

Few men have will power enough to do the things they don't want to do and don't have to, but should do.

One kind of a dark secret is the method employed by a bleached blonde in keeping her hair light.

Many a man's morality doesn't get busy until he discovers that he is being shadowed by a detective.

The man who sits down and waits for something to turn up will succeed in time. His toes will turn up.

Many a young man doesn't know that he is in love until the girl in the case hands him the information in a diplomatic way.

In a short time after laying aside her wedding gown the average bride begins to wonder how she will look in black.

A bachelor lives in the constant fear that every woman who glances at him is trying to marry him, and the eternal torment of knowing that sooner or later, one of them will succeed.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. James Pringle and son Donald, are in Stanley visiting Major Pringle's mother.

Miss Besie Whitehead, who has been spending a vacation at her old home in Queensbury, returned by C. P. R. this morning to St. John.

Mr. J. S. Leighton, of Woodstock, is at the Queen.

Mr. G. S. Isaacs, of Bridport, England, is among the commercial men at the Queen.

Hon. J. A. Murray is at the Barker House.

Mr. T. B. Kidner, of Ottawa, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. B. A. Haldeman, of Philadelphia, is registered at the Queen.

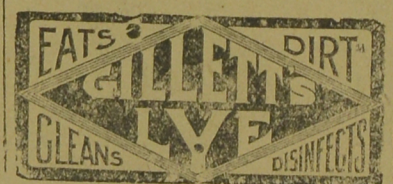
Mr. H. W. Woods, M. P. P., of Welsford, is a guest at the Barker House.

C. M. Sergt. George A. Grace, of the R. C. R., Halifax, is in the city today.

Mr. T. S. Boyes, of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

Miss Annetta Charters, Fredericton, is the new manual training director at Riverside Consolidated School. She was formerly on the staff.

Moncton Transcript: Dr. A. R. Landry, son of Sir P. A. Landry, who has been practising his profession in this city for some months past, leaves on Thursday on his return to Edmonton, Alta., where he will resume his practice.



FREDERICTON BOY WAS ALMOST DROWNED

Royden Colter Saved at Public Landing by Maurice Williams of St. John.

(St. John Times-Star.)

Royden Colter, aged 12 years, of Fredericton, had a narrow escape from death in the waters of the St. John river last week, when he was enjoying a swim at Public Landing. He got out over his head and suddenly found himself in water 15 feet deep. His cries were heard by little Maurice Williams of St. John, who happened along the road. He lost no time in rushing to young Colter's assistance. With his clothes on he leaped from the wharf and swam to his troubled friend. Colter was going down for perhaps the last time when Williams reached him. Trying to catch his hair, he found it was too short and he was forced to reach beneath the water and catch his drowning friend around the neck. It was with great difficulty that Williams finally got Colter to the shore, and there it took two hours to bring him back to normal condition.

Williams is only thirteen years of age. He showed great bravery and pluck, and those who witnessed him rescue Colter say that he should be rewarded with a medal for diving into the water with all his clothes on to save a friend from death.

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SUMMARY OF MORNING'S WAR NEWS

Except for Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Spain, Switzerland and Greece, all Europe is at war.

Roumania has thrown in her lot with the entente allies, having declared war against Austria-Hungary, and almost simultaneously Germany has announced that a state of war exists between Germany and Roumania.

Already the troops of Roumania are seeking entry into the plains of Transylvania, evidently in an endeavor to press northward toward the Bukowina and Galician borders, and take in the rear the Austro-Germans who are trying to hold back the Russians from entering the plains of Hungary.

As yet nothing has come to indicate what preparation has been made by the Bulgarians if, as now seems probable, Roumania declares war on Bulgaria, to offset a probable attack by the Roumanians along the Danube, and by way of the Black Sea to Eastern Bulgaria. It is estimated that Roumania will be able to throw nearly a million men into the fray.

The Other Fronts.

Except in the Macedonian sector, little important fighting is reported from any of the fronts. Along the line where the Teutonic Allies are in contact with the Serbians, British and French, the official reports of Berlin and Paris report additional gains for their respective forces.

Paris reports the occupation by the Bulgarians of positions abandoned by the Greeks west of Kavala, on the Aegean Sea.

Artillery engagements and mine operations have again characterized the fighting on the western front in France and Belgium. The French report further progress east of Delville wood and near the Moquet farm, in the Somme region, while London reports the shelling of the British positions by the Germans, especially between Pozieres and Thiepval wood. German attacks near Flenry failed.

On the Eastern Front.

From the Riga region, in Russia, to the Carpathian passes there have been isolated engagements at various points between the Russians and the Austro-Germans, but no notable successes by either side.

Hard fighting is in progress between the Russians and the Turks in the Lake Van region and north of Baku.

Aside from bombardments of Italian positions along the Isonzo front, the situation in the Austro-Italian theatre remains unchanged.

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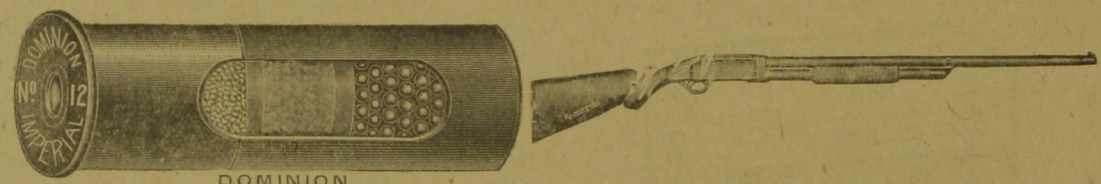
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