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THE COLLAPSE WAS SUDDEN.

In view of the recent developments in connection with the great war, it is interesting to note that Vorwaerts, the leading Socialist paper of Berlin, declared in July last:

"The desire of the German people for a speedy peace with honor is so strong that a sensible accommodation from the other side would be bound to lead to its realization. Our enemies today have the opportunity of obtaining a peace not prescribed by the war map, but based on the equi-
 poise of the military and economic forces of both sides. The policy of truth demanded by Philipp Scheidemann (socialist leader) requires an admission that the economic forces of the German people are not inexhaustible and the fact that we are cut off from overseas raw material is being increasingly felt.

"The more candidly we speak of this matter the more readily will our enemies believe us when we say that this oppressive situation can only induce us for years to make greater military efforts, but not to accede to conditions dishonoring the German people and damaging their interests permanently. The conclusion of a peace with honor thus corresponds to the interests of our adversary in the same degree as our own."

The above shows that four months ago the Huns, unless able to secure "peace with honor," were prepared "to make greater military efforts." Their bluff, however, failed to work and now we find them laying down their arms and surrendering unconditionally to the Allies.

The collapse of the Hun military machine was so sudden that today some people have difficulty in believing that it has really happened.

A LAME EXPLANATION

In replying to some criticism with respect to the action of the government in providing tennis shoes for officers stationed at the Amherst internment camp, the Moncton Times gets off the following:

"The officers naturally require writing material and as most of the officers and guards are strangers in the localities where the camps are situated and kept in rather close confinement, it is proper that some means of recreation should be provided for them. Hence tennis courts, and as the officers and guards are found in clothing as well as in food, hence also tennis shoes."

The explanation of the Times is a very lame one and will not go down. The officers on duty at the internment camp have not been called on to make any great sacrifice, and probably the majority of them were mighty glad to get the job. If they have time to play tennis they certainly have nerve in making the taxpayers of the country provide the equipment for them. The government certainly has no more right to provide tennis shoes for the officers in Amherst than it has for those who are on duty in Fredericton or elsewhere.

In 1917, according to Capt. Persius, German naval expert, 83 submarines were constructed by the Germans, while 66 were destroyed or lost. In April, 1917, Germany had 126 submarines and in October 146. In February, 1918, she had 136 and in June of the same year 113. Only a small percentage of these submarines were actively operating at any given time, Capt. Persius declares. In January, 1917, for instance, when conditions were favorable for submarine work, only 12 per cent. were active while 30 per cent. were in harbor, 38 per cent. under repairs and 20 per cent. "incapacitated."

Although the military police will not in future be used for rounding up defaulters under the M. S. A., the impression that these men are not to be punished is quite erroneous. At Militia Headquarters it is stated that the object of the Militia Department in the past, had been primarily to secure

men for service overseas. For this purpose the military police were necessary in order that defaulters might be forced to do their duty. Since the demand for men for military service overseas has ceased, it has been thought better to take the arrest of defaulters out of the hands of the military police.

The Allied governments have decided to send an official protest to the Dutch government against the violation of Holland's neutrality as a result of her permitting German troops to cross the province of Limburg in their retreat from Belgium, according to the "Echo de Paris."

French troops under command of General Herry will enter Budapest tomorrow. It is believed the French forces arrived at Constantinople today. A most enthusiastic welcome was given to the French soldiers as they marched into Zaboin.

The members of the New Brunswick government now at Ottawa are pressing for an increased subsidy of \$400,000, and it is believed that there are good prospects of it being granted by the Federal authorities.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

What, indeed, has become of that "super-gun?" Gone with the super-Hun!

That big Hohenzollern family is as welcome in Holland as a flock of poor relations.

No special thanks are due to Old Bill Hohenzollern for getting the boys out of the trenches before Christmas.

What, in these bone-dry times, has become of the old-fashioned party who quoted Omar Khayyam?

It's an easy matter to gauge a man's wisdom. Draw him into a discussion and if he agrees with you he is sensible.

Florida has adopted prohibition, so that if any other Ponce de Leons go thither, seeking the fountain of youth they will not be fooled by a chance bar.

A Kansas man took care of the plants while his wife was away. When she returned she found that the geraniums had all become chrysanthemums.

The man who buys eggs these days will never again sneer at the hen for cackling. Privately, we think every hen yard ought to have a brass band to celebrate the birth of an egg.

Not being obliged to write the terms of peace, citizens may now address their undivided attention to the business of doing their Christmas shopping—early, of course.

LOCAL NEWS

Dance Tomorrow Evening

A dance will be held at the gymnasium of the U. N. B. tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. The last dance was given by the students the night before the ban was placed on the city and province.

Few New Cases Reported

During the present week but three new cases of pneumonia have been reported to the Board of Health of this city. Very few new influenza cases have occurred. Secretary Dibblee of the Board of Health characterises scare stories of the schools having to be closed again as "all nonsense". The cases occurring now are ordinary gripe.

Died at Halifax

Allain J. Landry, youngest son of the late Sir P. A. Landry of Dorchester and grandson of the late Mr. Timothy McCarthy of Fredericton, died at Halifax, from pneumonia following an attack of influenza. He was 27 years of age and is survived by one sister and five brothers. The deceased was in Fredericton within the last fortnight. He was a U. N. B. graduate.

Roads Swept Away by Tide

The Highway Division of the Provincial Department of Public Works was notified this morning that yesterday the storm and high tide washed away a portion of the Eel River Bar, Restigouche County, and with it a considerable portion of highway road connecting Charlo and Dalhousie. It is thought forty or fifty yards of the road is gone and the erosion which was begun by the storm will probably continue with further damage to the highway. The Eel River Bar is in a most exposed position and it is not possible to make a diversion of the road.

MAJ. J. D. RIVET,
NATIVE OF CITY,
KILLED IN WAR

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Maine, with an office in Boston, although he continued to make his home here. But, as aforesaid the desire to enter the army was too strong to keep him long in civilian life, and he was appointed in 1910 as a second lieutenant of infantry.

Previous Service

He had seen service in California and during the Mexican border troubles and a few years ago he was with headquarters at Nogales, Arizona. Since the United States had entered the war he had been on detached work as instructor at Leon Springs and at Fort Sheridan, and later had joined his regiment and had come east to Camp Greene, North Carolina.

Promoted Recently

In the interim he had been successively commissioned a first lieutenant and then a captain and after sailing for England he was notified of his advancement to major. His regiment remained in a training camp in England for a time, going to France the early part of the present year. It was a hardened, thoroughly reliable unit and it had been through a lot of severe fighting. As aforesaid Maj. Rivet considered that fighting was the real business of the soldier and so he had buckled down to that business heart and soul.

Maj. Rivet was 36 years old. He is survived by a wife and two children James Douglas, Jr., and Barbara; a mother, Mrs. F. P. Rivet, and three sisters, Miss E. Helena, Miss Eleanor and Mrs. Frank R. Hoyt of Lowell, Mass.

A PRECEDENT.

(Washington Star.) It is noted in a despatch from Paris that for the first time in history a nation whose territory has not been invaded, sues for peace.

This fact alone will stand as proof that what has now happened is the military defeat of Germany in the field even though the final shots of the war may be fired over non-German soil.

GREAT DRAWBACKS.

(Boston Transcript.) When Mrs. Langtry was at the summit of her beauty and fame she met at dinner an African king who was visiting London. She did her best to please the dusky monarch and evidently succeeded, for he said to her as they parted:

"Ah, madam, if heaven had only made you black and fat you would be irresistible."

WHAT CANADA SENT.

A special compilation by the Financial Post shows that for the forty-seven months of war the fabulous sum of \$1,874,710,900 worth of foodstuffs was exported from Canada.

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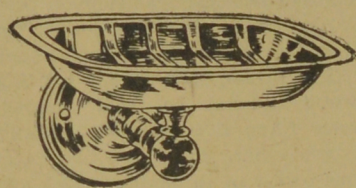
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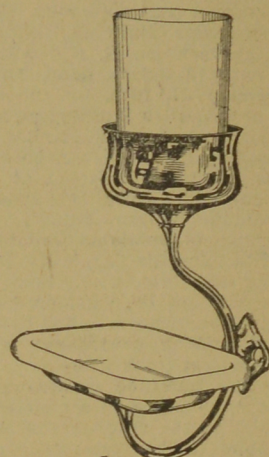
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