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ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Judge Russell of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court bench, contributes a letter to the Halifax Chronicle on the war situation on the western front, in which he says:

"Let us not be too greatly disappointed if the enemy should shrink from pressing their movement forward to the point which would render a counter offensive on a large scale advisable on our own part. It will be fortunate for us if they should do so; it will be no less fortunate should they, before reaching that stage, conclude to dig themselves in. Whatever happens, their doom is sealed. But who would not rather see the result accomplished by an internal collapse than with such a staggering slaughter of our brave men as that to which the military commanders of the enemy are madly exposing the massed formations of the German infantry.

"Indeed, one of the dangers attending the situation is that our military authorities may be goaded by the public impatience and popular clamor into a premature offensive on a scale for which our present reserves are inadequate. It should not in the least dishearten or even disappoint us if our armies content themselves for the present with holding the enemy in check until the promised and expected millions of our kinsmen from the other side of the line are ready to take their share of the world's burdens and join forces with the seasoned reserves now in the field in overwhelming the mangled remains of the German army."

While the public may show impatience and clamor for a counter offensive, there is no doubt that those in command of the Allied armies on the western front understand the situation and will do the right thing at the right time. The average man will be pretty well satisfied if the Allies can hold the Huns in check until such time as a million or two of Americans are able to join in a big counter offensive.

GERMAN BENEVOLENCE.

There is, or was, a German society called the "Deutscher Hilfsbund für Christliches Liebeswerk im Orient"—the German Aid Society for Christian Benevolent Work in the Orient. The title loses somewhat in translation. "Liebeswerk," work of love, is stronger than our stock phrase, benevolent. But when we contemplate what the Germans have done to Armenia—working partly through the Turkish instruments, but taking an active part themselves—was there ever such a colossal irony in all history as the title of this society? Their work of love has resulted in the massacre of hundreds of thousands of innocent, unoffending peasants, merchants and workers. The fate of their women was worse than death. It is the German conception of Christian benevolence; but a day of reckoning will come.

Captain Read of Prince Edward Island, who has been styled "The Ancient Mariner of Parliament," certainly gave the House the right kind of dope on the potato question. What he says of Prince Edward Island as a potato-growing province applies with equal truth to New Brunswick. It cannot be denied that the removal of the duty on potatoes would be of enormous benefit to the Maritime Provinces, especially to the counties of York and Carleton.

It seems to be the general opinion of travelling men that hotel and restaurant keepers very eagerly conform to the war time food regulations issued from time to time at Ottawa. The regulations mean less expense to those who cater to the public, but so far it does not seem to have occurred to these gentry that a corresponding reduction in price might not be a bad thing. The bill of fare has been shot full of holes by the food controllers, but the customer has to pay the same old price, and comes out at the small end of the horn.

A young Toronto officer in writing about the present heavy fighting, says: "I've got a feeling that it's the final tremendous flopping of a caught pike. He's thumping and banging around in the bottom of the boat. Pretty soon somebody will pull up his sleeves, pick up the stick you have your feet on and administer the pike one or two solid slugs on the bean and so into the frying-pan." Let us hope that they have got him securely hooked.

Brantford Courier: For his newspaper, Le Devoir, Bourassa has been receiving government advertisements while at the same time he has been sowing treason and helping the Hun cause. There is a large-sized explanation due here.

Calgary Herald: It seems that Hon. Mr. Crothers likes to hear the tittle-tattle of all the employees of his department, even down to the office boy, when they have any fault to find with their various bosses. Well, that is one way to run a successful business.

Toronto Globe: Great Britain's revenue for this year is estimated at nearly \$4,200,000,000, chiefly derived from direct taxation. At this rate Canada would raise nearly \$800,000,000 instead of the \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000 that will be budgeted for.

Do you get the full contrast between the British handiwork at Zeebrugge and the Huns' long-range shelling of women and children at Paris? asks the Boston Herald.

Through Our Sieve
Ye backyard gardeners, get busy!

Sherlock Holmes is wanted right here.

The Girl Who Made the Getaway, or the Police Station Mystery.

The chicken population of the city is increasing rapidly these days.

A school boy says that dead languages were probably killed by being studied too hard.

It is usually a case of misplaced confidence when a woman marries a man for the purpose of reforming him.

We will never get this German idea right until we take the Kaiser's works apart and see what makes 'em tick.

Mrs. O'Heavens says many a woman balks at overalls who wouldn't hesitate at bathing tights—and vice versa.

"What have I not done to preserve the world from these horrors?" asks Kaiser Wilhelm. Well, bite. What haven't you done, Willum?

A man never will understand why a woman will pay \$10 a week to a maid to save her from exertion, and \$10 to a beauty doctor to teach her how to exercise her flesh off. But then a man never will understand a woman anyway!

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THE GAME ACT

Col. T. G. Loggie, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, has issued a summary of the changes in the Game Laws, 1918. The summary is as follows:

1. The care and management of all migratory birds such as wild geese, brant, duck, shore birds, woodcock, snipe, etc., have passed by treaty and Acts of the Federal Parliament and the Legislature of this Province, to the control of the Dominion Government.
2. Close season on caribou to 1921.
3. Close season on partridge to 1921.
4. Bounty on wild cats increased to \$2.00.
5. Bounty on porcupines, 50 cents.
6. Bounty on hawks and owls, 25 cents.
7. The sheriffs, licensed guides, holders of game licenses, Labour Act commissioners and inspectors under the Intoxicating Liquor Act are ex-officio game wardens.
8. The Minister may pay one-half the fine to a warden under certain conditions.
9. The holder of a game license must sign and make oath to it.
10. Sale of game prohibited.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A man who is unable to hear money talk is always watching to see whether it will make signs.

When a wife doses her invalid husband with herb tea and he doesn't get well quickly he is either contrary or ungrateful.

It is better for a poor man to tell the truth than for a rich man to do it. The poor man merely becomes unpopular, the rich man is sued for libel.

A man may not be able to tell you the exact color of pretty girl's eyes after the first meeting, but he can usually tell you the exact shade of hosiery she wore with her slippers.

Many a man who couldn't train a dog decently imagines that he is an ideal child trainer.

FIREMEN WERE BEFORE COUNCIL TO GIVE VIEWS

PROPOSAL OF \$60 A YEAR WITH SAME PERSONNEL

Delegation and City Council Had Interchange of Views—Decision Expected by Wednesday.

The threat of the members of the Fredericton Fire Department to quit on Wednesday next unless the City Council increase the pay of each fireman to \$75 per year still is in effect but as a delegation was before the City Council last night and mutual explanations were made and as the City Council put up the proposition that an increase from fifty to sixty dollars be made and the personnel of the department be not reduced it is possible that a settlement will be made, otherwise Chief Rutter will have to organize a new department on short notice. The delegation was given a practical promise of a further increase next year but was told by the mayor that the city was not in a position financially to give seventy five dollars per year this year.

Delegation Called In
Chief Rutter presented the resolution passed by the firemen Wednesday night asking for an increase to seventy five dollars per year and that no decrease be made in the strength of the department, with the condition that if the request were not granted the firemen would resign on Wednesday next. There was some discussion with Chief Rutter and it was decided to call for a delegation from the firemen to be heard at once. The delegation arrived shortly afterward consisting of William Grannan, Robert Coombes, Fred Dibb and Charles Flett.

Mayor's Statement
Mayor Hanson made a short statement to the delegation. The City Council he said desired to do justice to the firemen but did not desire to be held up. He asked for a statement from the spokesman of the delegation. He also asked if there was any lack of harmony between Chief Rutter and the department. It was hoped that there was none but an honest expression of opinion was wanted.

Firemen's Statement
Messrs Grannan, Coombes and Dibb made statements. No friction between the chief and the department was said to exist. The opinion was expressed that the firemen were promised last year an increase to seventy five dollars this year. The increase was desired to enable the firemen to meet the increased cost of wear and tear on clothing and footwear. No reduction should be made in the department as there were hardly enough men as it was for a big fire. The motor driven chemical engine lightened the work of the firemen to a very slight extent. The rubber coats were a great aid but there were no helmets.

Financial Burden.
His Worship pointed out that the City Council had considered the request of the firemen for increased pay when the assessment was made up. The assessment totalled \$150,000, almost twenty dollars per capita. In that were heavy items for schools, Patriotic Fund and Halifax Relief over which the present council had no control. The action of the Council had been met with a flat statement that the members of the Fire Department would quit. He did not see how seventy-five dollars could be paid this year. Probably it could next year. The Council would come to a decision on the matter before Wednesday and whatever that decision would be it would stand by it.

Mr. Dibb said there was no use in sending the delegation away with the same proposition and expect that the firemen would change.

New Proposition.
Ald. Shea suggested that there be no reduction in the strength of the department but that the pay be increased to \$60 for this year. The understanding of the firemen that an increase to \$75 had been promised last year was not correct as far as the members of the Fire Committee were concerned.

Ald. Walker pledged himself if a member of the City Council next year to support an increase to \$75.

The mayor made an appeal to the civic patriotism of the firemen not to quit if their views were not met. It would simply be injuring the citizens and themselves. Although the Council

POLAND'S SPARTAN WOMEN.

In an article on "Outraged Poland" in the May Woman's Home Companion, Mme. Paderewska writes:

"Bismarck, the man of blood and iron, once said that as long as Polish women live, Poland is not doomed."

"Proud in spirit, and courageous in teaching their children love of their country despite the cruel edicts of three masters—Germany, Russia and Austria—seeking to crush Poland into the soil, it was the women of this unfortunate land who made their country invincible, though conquered."

"It was they who encouraged their children to endure the flogging in the schools rather than give up their beautiful mother tongue; for their masters were determined to crush out even the language of these conquered people."

"Young men and women who persisted in teaching the Polish language secretly have been sent in great numbers to Siberia."

"Polish women are highly intellectual, given more to the higher arts than to domestic duties. Each woman deems herself a little queen in her own household, ready at all times to give her life for her country."

The philosopher who presides at the novelty counter tells us that he sells a great many more "bachelor buttons" to married men than to bachelors. The latter have their clothes kept in order by the tailor.

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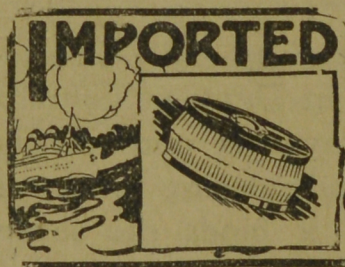
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oil could not pledge itself as a whole as to what might be done next year it be straightened out.

The delegation left with the intention of placing the proposition before the Fire Department.

Mr. Grannan said he was not expecting a change of opinion on the part of the firemen.

HAS STIRRED UP QUEBEC

(Quebec Telegraph.)

The enthusiastic and loyal fashion in which the young men of our city are rallying to the colors as a result of the crisis on the western front is a stirring example of patriotic devo-

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tion which the detractors of this city would do well to note. Not only are a large number of the Laval students joining the Royal Flying Corps, but special Laval sections are being organized and many of the finest young men of the city are enlisting in the

Quebec detachments of the "Tanks" in charge of Lieut. Paul Godin.

Moreover, a large number of Quebecers, both French and English speaking, have applied to join the air service. It is with extreme gratification that we find Quebec making this spontaneous response to the need of the Empire in this moment of tensi-