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MUTUAL RESPECT

The Philadelphia Record thinks that all soldiers will emerge from this war with a wholesome respect for their enemies. It was not universal before the war. That the Germans had the finest fighting machine in the world was everywhere admitted. But English and French officers believed that the machine was too mechanical, and that all the individual initiative had been drilled out of the men. General von Bernhardt had some such fear as that. In his "Germany and the Next War" he spoke earnestly of the need of soldiers who could go on fighting after they had lost their officers, or when they were out of the presence of their officers and frankly feared that the German soldiers were not trained to meet the new conditions of warfare.

On the other side, the Germans expressed profound contempt for the armies of all their allies. There were some good words for the French soldiers, qualified by a good deal of doubt about their officers, and the belief that the French were a degenerate people, was very common, if not universal. The Russians were looked upon as hopelessly slow and stupid, and the English, for whom especially Teutonic contempt was reserved, were spoken of as practically worthless on land, though on the water they might be very efficient.

This is not an estimate of one's neighbors that tends to preserve the peace. The German soldiers have demonstrated their capacity to fight heroically with or without officers, and, while expressions of contempt for French and British soldiers are still uttered by newspapers in Berlin and Hanover and Frankfurt, they are not expressed on the firing line. Visiting French wounded prisoners, the Kaiser is reported to have said:

"I give my imperial homage, gentlemen, to your valor, and, notwithstanding the cruel circumstances of the present, I do not despair of seeing one day Germany and France united by ties of sincere friendship."

A Berlin newspaper credits a leading German general as saying that the British regulars are among the finest troops in the world, and that "there must be something after all, to say for the Englishman's love of sport, for nothing but well trained and particularly fit young fellows could shape as well as the new troops the English keep bringing up. They are all first class fighters. The British have quite outpointed our men in shooting, patrol work, marching and scouting. They are simply marvelous."

This appreciation by each nation of the fighting capacity of the others will go far to maintain a long peace after this war shall have been brought to an end.

ON THE SIDE

Anyway, Russia has Lodz on her mind.

Perhaps the Kaiser sick a sight will be.

The censor is a great man. He even examines the letters of the Prince of Wales to his mother.

As for the man who won a bride and a hero medal at the same time, he will not, as somebody has said before, have to buy shoes for the medal.

Judging by the number of women knitting socks for them these days, some of those Belgians must have as many legs as an octopus.

The English soldiers' "Tipperary" song has a German rival in "It's a Short, Short March to Calais." Why, not "Has Anybody Here Seen Calais?"

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is the phenomenal strategist that his admirers say he is, he should proceed to demonstrate it by capturing Warsaw. Thus far Gen. Joffre seems to have achieved first place among the war strategists.

Apparently Turkey entered the war for the sake of surrendering to the British.

If anything like the yarn she weaves the isocks Elinor Glyn is knitting for the Belgian soldiery ought to be warm.

It is reported that the watch and clock industry of Switzerland has suffered a loss of \$3,500,000 as a result of the war. Those warring nations just don't care what time it is.

German cats are to be sacrificed for the good of the army, as furs are badly needed. If a cat only had a fur for each of its nine lives!

The latest dance is called the "knock about trot." It is said to have been invented by some awkward chap who continually got his feet stepped on.

A Frenchman with forty-one bullets in his leg is back on the firing line. And does this really make him such a hit with the Germans?

The announcement that the New York Stock Market has resumed business should interest the custodians of the number land boodle fund. It will be remembered that a portion of this fund was invested by Treasurer Teed in American stocks. On account of the war the stock exchanges were closed and there has been no chance to realize upon these securities. The stock exchange having resumed business, Treasurer Teed has an opportunity now to sell out at a loss of about fifty dollars a share. As Mr. Fleming has ordered the proceeds of the timber land steal to be returned to the lumbermen it will be necessary to either sell the stocks at a loss or turn them over to the lumbermen and let the latter wait for a bulge in the price. It may be a long wait but the lumbermen are not in a position to raise much of a kick, as they gave the money voluntarily, you know.

Up in Tory Toronto last summer the stalwarts of the party fittingly observed the anniversary of the birth of Sir John McDonald, by a demonstration in Queen's Park. The speeches were of such length that the patient listeners were forced to be seated. Commissioner Chambers carted seats from the other city parks to Queen's Park. This cost \$62.21, and, like the dutiful official that he is, he duly billed the Central Conservative Association with the costs, but the errant prosperity has passed. The bill was returned, accompanied by the woeful story that there are no funds in the exchequer. To help these patriots out of a hole the Board of Control recently voted a grant of \$62.21 to Parks Commissioner Chambers, "just to allow him to keep his accounts straight."

Sackville Tribune—A Tory contemporary says that Mr. J. K. Fleming was the choice of the Conservatives of the joint constituency of Carleton-Victoria as the Tory Federal standard bearer for that constituency. Perhaps so, but we would like to ask the editor of our contemporary if he does not think that the constituency of Carleton-Victoria was the choice of Mr. Fleming, and his associates let him have his choice as the easiest way out of the difficulties in which the Tory party has been placed as the result of the finding of an unbiased Royal Commission which investigated the charges of graft preferred against Mr. Fleming by Mr. L. A. Dugal, the sitting member for Madawaska county.

The German warship Dresden, all that remains of the Pacific fleet, has just put into a South American port in a damaged condition. If she does not get out within a reasonable time she will be interned. If she does get out she will be sunk by a British or Japanese fleet. The Dresden is certainly up against a stiff proposition.

MR. A. R. SLIPP

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Mr. A. R. Slipp, M.P.P. for Queens-Hon. Dr. Landry will retain the portfolio of provincial secretary. Hon. John E. Wilson will remain in the fore-castle and rumor says he will be joined there by Mr. J. B. M. Baxter of St. John, and Mr. B. Franklin Smith of Carleton.

Mr. Slipp's appointment is being strenuously opposed by the grafters and a section of the graft press, but as he is known to stand in well with the premier, it is believed that he will win out.

Mr. E. R. Teed of Woodstock, treasurer of the graft fund, and J. L. White, M.P.P. of Grand Falls, were here last evening urging the claims of B. Franklin Smith to a portfolio, but did not get much encouragement.

LOCAL NEWS

SCHOOL CLOSING.

The public schools of the city will close on Friday for the Christmas vacation. There will be the usual public examinations in the morning and in some of the departments a special program, appropriate to the Christmas season, will be carried out by the pupils.

DEATH AT BARKER'S POINT.

The death occurred last night at her home, Barker's Point, of Mrs. Annie Amanda Jordan, wife of Gilbert Jordan, in the forty-third year of her age after a lengthy illness from heart disease. She is survived by her husband and one son, Wilfrid. The deceased is a daughter of Mr. John Atkinson of Ripples. Notice of the funeral will be published later.

BEEF PLENTIFUL.

Notwithstanding the cry raised a year ago that in consequence of the opening of the United States market, there would be no beef left for home consumption, the farmers of this vicinity appear able to scare up quite a supply of this important food product. Large quantities are brought to the local market every Saturday and sell for eight and nine cents per pound by the quarter. It does not look as if there was going to be a beef famine this winter.

LAID TO REST.

The remains of the late Mrs. J. Fred Richards arrived from Ottawa by the noon train today, accompanied by her husband. The funeral service was held at the Brunswick Street Baptist church at 2.30 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. Dr. Roberts, Rev. Dr. MacDonald, who was to have officiated, missed the train at St. John. Interment was made in the Rural cemetery.

NOV COM OFFICERS

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Donald, Corp. P. Barker, Bomb. K. A. Walker.

No. 4 sub section—Sergt. S. Marshall, Corp. N. D. Cass, Bomb. E. Snider.

Non-commissioned officers for line of communication, staff duties, etc.—Sergt. G. W. Sillis, Corp. G. R. Barnes, Bomb. J. W. McCandless, Bomb. H. A. Devere, Bomb. B. McInerney, Bomb. G. B. Alexander, Bomb. G. F. Khuring.

Acting bombardier in charge of canteen—R. Simpson.

Sergt. Major Patchell is an R.M.C. man and was formerly with the 3rd Regiment of Artillery, St. John. He is a most capable horseman and in every way is well qualified to fill the important post of chief non-commissioned officer.

A detachment of the battery was taken out this morning for foot drill on college field, while another section was exercised in gun drill at the Armory. The instructor in gun drill is Sergt. Butry of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Halifax. The men are already showing marked efficiency in handling the guns. A class in signaling is also receiving daily instruction at the Armory.

TRAIN TO WAR ON
FOES OF THE EMPIRE

Montreal, Dec. 14—"Attention! Forward, March!" Clear and distinct these orders ring out on the frosty air, as the pedestrian nears the old McGill campus on Sherbrooke street. On reaching the beautifully kept college green, one is surprised at the unusual sight. There in every corner are files of men, every foot of space occupied by platoons going through manoeuvres essential in military drill.

And these volunteers drilling within the precincts of McGill College, "neath the shadow of Mount Royal. Who are they? One glance at them as they sweep by in solid formation when on parade, proves they are not the out-of-work, or out-at-the-elbow fellows, who volunteer for the stipend allowed by the government.

As they are not as yet garbed in regulation uniform, we can see they are the well set up, neatly dressed, prosperous looking individuals, who step from their place in offices, factories, shops, yea, and from the classroom and the hospital. Among those to be found drilling on McGill grounds are clerks, managers, millhands, laborers, lawyers, college professors, students, physicians and surgeons; in fact, they represent every calling in life. Rich and poor stand side by side.

The most wonderful example to demonstrate what these evening drills are doing to teach the democratic doctrine of "all men are free and equal," is the sight of the multi-millionaire shoulder to shoulder with his butler, master and servant bent on doing their full duty in time of danger to the empire.

A splendid example of patriotism is this, when love of country, devotion to duty, if you will, sends forth men from all stations in life from highest to lowest, each with but one thought—of how he can help when danger threatens.

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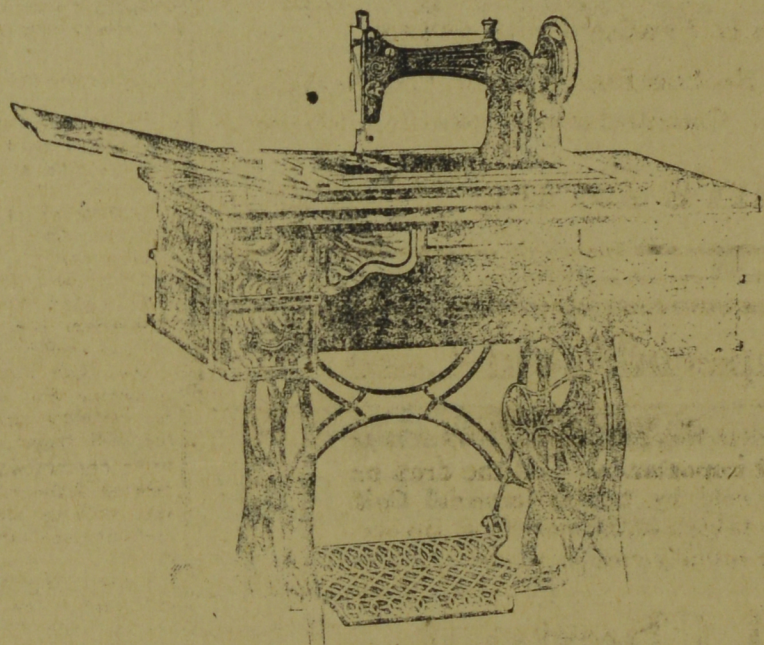
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PERSONAL

Mr. A. R. Gould, president of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, is among the guests at the Barker House.

Mr. M. G. Teed, K.C., of St. John, is among the guests at the Barker House.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, K.C., M.P., of Woodstock, arrived in the city last evening, and is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. John M. Stevens, K. C. of Edmundston is stopping at the Queen.

Mr. J. L. White, M.P. P. of Grand Falls, is among the guests at the Barker House.

Mr. E. R. Teed, of Woodstock, registered at the Barker House last evening.

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Her at a reasonable

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