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## WANTED SWIFT CRUISERS!

It has been decided by the Canadian Government that the Niobe, like the Rainbow, shall be equipped, manned, and put in commission to play in the pending war whatever part may be demanded of her. Apparently there will be no difficulty in obtaining the services of volunteers, and probably the whole four hundred may be men who have seen active naval service before. With such a force, though purchased only to serve as a training ship, the Niobe may yet be able to give a good account of herself.

The suggestion has been made says the Toronto Globe, in certain quarters that Canada should purchase three great warships to be added to the British home fleet during the war. In the face of the present lack of protection of Canadian trade routes on this side of and across the Atlantic such a proposal is quite inadequate. Under the arrangement with France that the French fleet shall safeguard the interests of both countries in the Mediterranean the whole British "navy" and the home fleet are almost convertible terms.

There is no need for any more large ships either in the North Sea or in the English channel. The type of vessels most needed just now are fast armored cruisers for patrolling certain parts of the Atlantic Ocean. Of these Australia has several in commission of what is known as the "Bristol" class and Great Britain herself has a few, all named after cities. The "Bristol" the first of her type, was brought out in 1909, when she was expertly described as "admirably adapted to meet the demand for additional scouts." They are protected cruisers of over five thousand tons, with an attained speed of twenty-six knots and well supplied with the most modern armament. Their length varies, but runs not far from five hundred feet. If any of these steamers are open to purchase they should be secured at once and put in commission by Canada. The Niobe is a fully protected cruiser of eleven thousand tons, and an estimated speed of twenty knots. The most urgent need is for swift armored cruisers, not for Dreadnoughts. As Lord Chas. Beresford said: we need the racer not the dray horse.

## THE UNEMPLOYED

The Canadian Courier, of Toronto, declares that Canada's greatest national problem for this year and the next—a problem which, it says, is the greatest in Ontario and Quebec, will be the care of the unemployed. The Courier goes the length of saying that "all other national problems fade into insignificance compared with this," and it calls upon the Governments of Ontario and Quebec to take action without delay:

"Two solutions of the unemployed problem present themselves for consideration. First, getting a number of people on the land, and, second, putting a large number at temporary work in Government lumber camps during the winter. Both these solutions must be worked out by the Provincial Governments, assisted as far as possible by the Federal authorities.

"If the Provincial Governments make a determined effort they can place many of the unemployed on the land. The Provinces must supply the land, designate the localities, and furnish the capital to carry the settlers for one year. It will be an expensive proposition, but in the end the money will come back. Any advances must be secured by the mortgages on the land cleared and tilled, on the houses and the barns erected, and on the cattle and implements furnished.

"The problem is not a new one. It has arisen in other countries and has been successfully met a score of times."

The feasibility of the second solution for winter employment—is dwelt upon by the Courier, which points out that Quebec and Ontario together suggested Government lumber own large tracts of timbered lands. In these lumber camps might be established mills which would produce spruce logs, timber and lumber, which would repay the expenditure and leave a handsome profit.

Col. McLeod boasts that the local government's decision to equip a regiment of soldiers for active service, was made on his suggestion. If the government is disposed to accept a suggestion from The Mail we would propose that the expense be defrayed out of the timber land boodle fund, now in the custody of Premier Flemming.

Mr. Percy Guthrie, M.P.P., is quoted as telling the Royal Commission that "no grit in York County can get a job from this government!" In the month of February last Guthrie went about York County begging for grit votes and we regret to say he was able to secure a sufficient number to save him from the defeat which he so richly deserved.

It seems that the suggestion that the Local government equip 1000 men for military service came from Col. McLeod, if his statement is to be accepted. It is rather strange that when Col. McLeod was a member of the government, but little weight was attached to his suggestions.

Col. McLeod's explanation before the Royal Commission of the little matter of \$1500 referred to by Mr. J. S. Scott in his evidence, makes very interesting reading. It will strike the average man as a very good story for the marines.

The little word "if" is quite a stumbling block. For instance if Premier Flemming had been on the job and if New Brunswick had a fleet of cruisers we might today have been in possession of that German treasure ship.

As Premier Flemming is known to be very strong on "precedents" he will probably go on the stand and swear that the \$2000 he received from Mr. John Kennedy, Valley Railway contractor was a "retainer."

Flemming, McLeod and Baxter all got retainers in connection with the St. John and Quebec Railway Company.

## GREAT ACTIVITY

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Lieut. Lounsbury the war-spirit flamed high. A patriotic address by Lieut. Beverley Lawrence of the 71st York Regt., was a feature of the occasion.

## NOTHING IN IT.

Considerable prominence was given in a certain section of the press yesterday to a story that the provincial government had decided to send one thousand troops from New Brunswick for service in the war and also that the same government would equip a force of that size with uniforms and boots. One story even stated that the Hart Boot & Shoe Company had been given the contract to make the boots. Hon. George J. Clarke, acting premier of the province, this morning gave complete denial to the stories, saying that it rested entirely with the militia department as to the form the aid New Brunswick would give Canada and the empire in the present war. Several suggestions have been made to the government but none adopted. The government ended its session last evening.

## PRESIDENT'S WIFE HAS PASSED AWAY

Washington, Aug. 6.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president of the United States died at the White House at five o'clock this afternoon. Death came after a struggle of months against Bright's disease with complications. The President was completely unnerfed by the shock, and his grief was heartrending. He bore up well under the strain, however, and devoted himself to his daughters. The end came while Mrs. Wilson was unconscious. Her illness took a turn for the worse shortly before one o'clock in the afternoon, and from then on she grew gradually worse.

Kneeling at the bedside at the end were the President and their three daughters. Dr. Cary T. Greyson U. S. N., and a nurse were in the room, and just outside a door were Secretary McAdoo and Francis B. Sayre, Mr. Wilson's son-in-law, and Mr. Tumulty his secretary.

Both houses of Congress adjourned when Mrs. Wilson's death was announced.

The Misses Galloway of St. John, are spending a few days in the city.

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## GREATEST NAVAL FIGHT

(Continued From Page 1.)

"It would have been infamous for England to violate her treaty obligations," he declared amidst a storm of cheers. "We had pledged our honor and to have refrained from action would have been to say we were no longer capable of keeping our word."

Previously, the commons had received documents showing that Germany had offered to agree not to Austria had declared war on Russia. Immediately following this announcement the infuriated mob that had attacked the German embassy and German homes and shops here, rushed to the Austrian embassy with the intention of wrecking it. The Russian government, however, had placed a military guard around the embassy and gave the assurance to the Austrians that they would have protection until they got out of the country.

The mob completely wrecked the interior of the German embassy, smashed the windows of practically all the German shops here and they wrecked their interiors.

A mob caught a number of German servants on the street and beat them nearly to death. Every German who hove in sight was pursued by the Russians.

## IN THE FAR EAST.

Manila, Aug. 7.—A German squadron is engaged in battle with a British cruiser off the coast of China, according to a report received here.

New York, Aug. 7.—All railways in Brazil have stopped receiving coffee from the interior until further notice.

New York, Aug. 7.—One million dollars in gold is being sent to Montreal.

London, Aug. 7.—F. E. Smith, who was Sir Edward Carson's chief aide in the Ulster movement, has been appointed chief official of the press bureau which will issue official statements on army and navy movements.

## JAPS BUYING WHEAT.

Portland, Oregon, Aug. 7.—Japan has been buying wheat and all other available grain quietly on the Pacific Coast for some time. Japan is asking ninety days' credit instead of sixty and thirty as formerly.

## MONEY SITUATION BETTER.

London, Aug. 7.—The Bank of England began paying out gold in exchange for active money and financial confidence has been restored. One pound notes were issued by the government and are being freely circulated.

## GERMANS TAKE WARSAW.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Warsaw, Russia, has been occupied by the German troops and the Russian general staff has abandoned the city, says an unofficial dispatch received by Secretary of State Bryan. He refused to state the source of his information.

## NO LAND BATTLES UNTIL 16TH.

London, Aug. 5.—The decisive battles of the Franco-German campaign, according to Lieut. Col. Repington military expert at the Times, will take place between Aug. 16 and 22 as the advance of the main German masses cannot begin before the 14th.

The encounters of the coming campaigns will not only be combats of covering troops, whose mission is to protect the Zone of the main arms.

## SIR W. LAURIER

TO RIDEAU HALL

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier leader of the opposition, was summoned by messenger to Rideau Hall H. R. H. the Governor-General at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He was in conference with the royal duke for an hour or so.

seize any French territory if England would remain neutral. She was then asked whether the promise would also apply to the French colonies, but the German imperial chancellor refused to give a favorable reply, and Sir Edward Grey wrote: "It would be disgraceful for us to make this bargain at the expense of France, disgrace from which our country would never recover."

Premier Asquith, after eulogizing Foreign Secretary Grey's efforts to secure peace, read letters already published which passed between England and Germany in connection with the crisis, the premier ironically referred to the promises of Germany which had already broken her own treaties.

"England made every possible effort for peace," continued the premier, "but war was forced upon it. The government decided for war, believing they were unheating the sword in a just cause and in fulfillment of a solemn international principle that small nationalists are not to be crushed."

"No one ever entered a conflict of the greatest in the history of the world with clearer conscience and stronger convictions than England."

"She is fighting not for aggression but for the maintenance of principles vital to civilization."

"The government must make sure that the resources of the whole empire are thrown into the scale, India and all colonies are sending money and men."

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the premier for three minutes. He concluded with an announcement that Lord Kitchener had accepted the secretaryship of state of war.

## PREHISTORIC RELICS FOUND AT PARKER'S RIDGE

A correspondent at Parker's Ridge writes The Mail as follows:

When James McLellan was digging his cellar this summer, about six feet down, he struck a cave or subterranean passage. There was some skeletons of a prehistorical people of small stature, a small drinking cup, of stone, and a little stone idol plated with gold, supposed to have been carried from Steward Brook.

George Parker, who is an authority on antiquities, claims this is a race that inherited this earth before present aborigines came here. Mr. McLellan was going to send the stone God to the museum at the Parliament Buildings, but has not done so.

## ALL MEMBERS SAFE.

A telegram received at the Education Office this afternoon stated that all members of the "Hands Across the Sea" party, now in the Old Country, were safe and were being cared for at private houses. Chas. A. Sampson, Miss Isobel Everett and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Page of this city, are in the party.

H. A. Frank of Millerton, is a guest at the Barker House.

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

It is no longer fashionable to cultivate a swarthy skin. The best way to avoid it is to use **Elderflower Witch Hazel Cream** on the face, hands and arms after bathing, boating, tennis or motoring. It relieves the skin from burning caused by the summer sun, and leaves it smooth and cool.

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