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SIR WILFRID'S STAND

"I affirm it with all my power that it is the duty of Canada to give to Great Britain in this war all the assistance that is in the power of Canada. My confidence in the present Government at Ottawa does not come from the soles of my boots, but at the outbreak of the war I considered it my duty to support it in its war policy. I have supported it in that policy ever since and I will support it again. The reason is that this war is a contest between German institutions and British institutions. British institutions mean freedom. German institutions mean despotism. That is why we Canadians have such a vital interest in this war."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Sherbrooke.

REARRANGING THE MAP

Auto-intoxicated by the idea of the Serbian drive and the parade to Constantinople, the German press has taken up with jubilation the topic not of peace but of "definite victory." It is already rearranging the world. This is to be affected with true Prussian modesty and moderation. The *Reinisch-Westfälische Zeitung* obliging outlines the new distribution of the earth:

Austria to annex the greater part of Serbia; Belgium to become definitely German, with the exception of a small corner, which Holland will be allowed to occupy.

France to be deprived of her fortified places.

Russia to lose Finland, the Baltic provinces, Bessarabia, Poland, the Crimea and portions of the Caucasus.

England must abandon her Mediterranean possessions as well as Egypt and practically all of her colonies. India to become a semi-independent State under German protection.

The penalty to be inflicted on the old United States is not specified. Perhaps the surrender of Alaska, the Philippines, Guam, our Samoan possessions, Porto Rico and the control of the Panama Canal may suffice says the *New York Sun*, and "we shall not be asked to relinquish Florida, Long Island and Maine."

The strange thing is that this fulmination should be made just at the present time when, really nothing seems to be going very well with Germany. Take the newspapers from Sunday to today: We find that the Balkan enterprise advances at a rate of less than two miles a day, while France and England are throwing tens of thousands of men into this theatre of war and Russia will join in soon. We find that Russia is holding Germany back in one region and beating her back in another. We find Germany dashing wildly against the Franco-British lines in the west to recoup her recent defeats with no results save terrible losses of men. We find Italy at last making substantial advances. We find British submarines stopping Germany's supplies from Sweden and sinking her cruisers in the Baltic. We find Germany cutting off meat supplies for her population two days a week. We are told that her soldiers are no longer well fed. We are told she can no longer find men to continue her activity on all the war fronts.

There is something strange certainly in the psychology which selects this conjuncture for a defiance of the universe so brutal as to stimulate the enemy to even greater efforts than ever before, lest by any chance the dire threats so ferociously uttered should come within the possibility of realization.

The announcement is made that the provincial government is going to spend millions on the construction of permanent roads. It looks very much like an election fever.

The supreme court chamber was the scene of a very unique incident yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Tappan Adney, a Woodstock lady, was heard in person in support of an appeal in a case in which she is the defendant. It is said that the man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client, but this of course does not apply to a woman and assuredly not Mrs. Adney. This lady, it seems, has figured in many lawsuits, and is not only familiar with the rules of court, but probably knows as much about law as some who derive a livelihood from the practice of it. Those who listened to her yesterday say that she presented her case in a creditable manner and kept well within the bounds of the rules of the court. She spoke for half an hour and was given a very patient hearing by the judges. Their honors may or may not concur in her view of the case, but should the decision be against her she will have the satisfaction of knowing that she has made a substantial saving in counsel fees. Under British law the courts of the land are open to the humblest of either sex as well as to the high and mighty. Mrs. Adney is to be congratulated on having asserted her rights as a litigant.

Chatham World, Oons.—Why can't we have a North Shore regiment in the field? Lt. Col. Mackenzie, a competent officer, is ready and willing to lead it to the front. The men and officers would have confidence in him because they know he has had the military experience and instruction that are necessary for a leader of troops in active service. Surely it is not because Col. McKenzie is a Liberal in politics that his offer of service have been ignored. But if not, why? Will General the Honorable Sir Sam Hughes kindly explain? He says he is not appointing political colonels. Then why has he appointed regimental commanders who have little or nothing but their politics and patriotism to recommend them when a qualified officer like Col. Mackenzie was proffering his services?

New York Herald.—Somehow the irony of fate continues to be shown in the German submarine warfare. Take the case of the Dacia, for instance. She was brought under the American flag by Mr. Breitung, a pro-German, for the purpose of making trouble between this country and the Allies. The Dacia was promptly seized by the French navy and confiscated, and under another name took the seas under the French flag. Now she has been sunk by a German submarine while transporting passengers rescued from the Italian ship *Elisa-Francesca*. If Americans were on board the Dacia may fulfill her original mission, but at least she ran true to German form to the last.

It is pleasing to see the Board of Trade taking on signs of life with the approach of winter. For months past no meeting of this body has been held, because of failure to secure a quorum. The Board of Trade has accomplished much for the community in days gone by and it has a great field for usefulness before it, but the members do not display sufficient interest to attend the meetings it can do nothing. It is time there was an awakening on the part of the members.

AUSTRO-GERMAN POLICY RESPONSIBLE

Paris, Nov. 11.—The international phase of the sinking of the *Arcona* is attracting special attention here, owing to the attitude of President Wilson with respect to the limitation of submarine activity against merchant vessels.

The French government has received only meagre reports of the disaster, and these have not disclosed whether the commander of the submarine investigated the nationality of the passengers and gave them time to take to the boats before sinking the ship.

The view is expressed in authoritative quarters that even if the submarine proved to be an Austrian—although there are reports that she was a German flying the Austrian colors—the joint policy of the Austro-Germans would make it incumbent upon Austria to observe the assurance given by Germany with respect to submarine warfare.

Mr. Joseph Norrad of Bloomsfield Ridge, is in the city today.

Dr. N. R. Colter, post office inspector, was in the city today.

Mr. J. A. Christie of Christie Bros. & Co., Ltd., Amherst, N.S., is in the city today.

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MR. R. L. SIMMS HAS MADE A GOOD RECORD

Mr. R. L. Simms, who was admitted an attorney of the Supreme Court yesterday, left this morning for his home at South Knowlesville, Carleton county. Mr. Simms is now engaged in teaching at that place but will give up his school at the end of the year and locate in Woodstock, where he will practise law. Mr. Simms' record is one which any young man should be proud of. His father died when he was eleven years of age and he had to get out and scratch for a living. He put himself through Normal School and then through the U.N.B., graduating from the last named institution in 1914 after a brilliant course. It was while teaching school that he took up the study of law. He plugged away during his vacations and passed the preliminary and intermediate examinations. He completed his studies this year while still engaged in teaching. The strain upon him was so great that a few months ago his health became impaired and he was compelled to take a rest. Handicapped as he was his friends advised against his trying the final examinations this fall and predicted failure for him. Nothing daunted he went right ahead and success crowned his efforts. It might also be stated that while teaching school and studying law, Mr. Simms took a few weeks off and contested a local byelection in Carleton.—He was unsuccessful but polled a most creditable vote. He is a close student of political affairs and will undoubtedly be heard from again. Mr. Simms was married four years ago and his wife has ably seconded his efforts to secure an education and profession. A man of his pluck, energy and determination deserves to succeed.

161 SURVIVORS ON ROME LIST

Paris, Nov. 11.—According to an official list, the survivors of the *Arcona* included Cecile Greil, 143 Italians, 16 Greeks and 1 Russian. It is asserted that 24 of the *Arcona*'s passengers were naturalized Americans. It is not known whether they are among the victims.

PERSONAL

Mr. F. C. Hunter of St. Stephen, is in the city.

Mr. J. H. Lanmonth of Lake George is at the Queen.

Mr. George J. McQuarrie of Hamilton, is in the city.

Mr. R. D. Inness of Campbellton, is at the Barker House.

Mr. H. G. Black of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. V. E. Meyer of Hamilton, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. F. S. Whittaker of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

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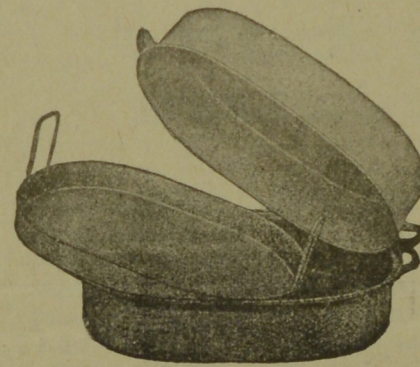
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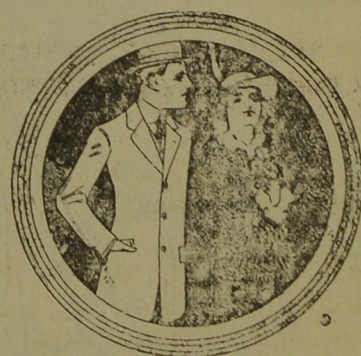
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