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ITALY AND THE WAR

Italy has entered the great European war on the side of the Allies and will do her bit towards crushing Prussian militarism and all it implies. The Italian parliament a few days ago, amid a scene of unparalleled enthusiasm, passed a bill, which gave the government full authority to act. The fine Italian army, which has been ready for the fray for some time but was held in leash to await the result of negotiations with Austria, has already struck its first blow. The despatches state that a large force has crossed the Austrian frontier and captured and occupied four of the enemy's towns. Italy can be counted on to maintain a strong offensive against Austria-Hungary and her splendid army of fresh troops is certain to give a good account of themselves.

It will be remembered that at an early period of the war Hon. Winston Churchill, who was evidently speaking with the full authority of the British cabinet, gave a remarkable interview to an Italian newspaper. He declared among other things that the war must be followed by a readjustment of the boundaries of Europe along national lines and that people at present living in a state of subjection must be given their freedom. Mr. Churchill's observations took a firm hold on the Italian mind and it was felt months ago that that country must sooner or later enter the war on the side of the Allies.

Italy brings as its contribution to the forces of the Triple Entente, an enormous army and a powerful navy. The peace strength of the army is estimated at 306,000 men; trained reserves of nearly 3,000,000, make a total war strength of about 3,300,000 men. This force is exclusive of the unorganized reserves of which there are in the neighborhood of 250,000 available.

A more consecutive estimate of Italy's strength is as follows:
Standing army, 253,860.
Trained reserves, 901,450.
Untrained reserves, 2,232,392.

What force Italy is able at once to put in the field is not known outside the war ministry at Rome but it should be in the neighborhood of one and a half millions. As the Italian army is thoroughly well trained and contains some brilliant officers among the higher commands, it should be able to give a good account of itself.

The Italian navy comprises a total of eighty-five effective ships of all classes, with a personnel of 33,035 officers and men. The fleet is made up as follows:

Battleships, seven.
Older battleships, eight.
First-class cruisers, nine.
Second and third-class cruisers, fifteen.
Gunboats, five.
Destroyers, forty-six.
Torpedo boats, seventy-five.
Submarines, twenty.

Italy's biggest ship, the "G" (1), ranks with the most powerful battleships of the world. Her tonnage is 28,000 and she carries eight 15-inch guns. There are five battleships of over 20,000 tons displacement and ten of over 10,000 tons. Three battleships are under construction.

In naval strength Italy ranks seventh among the world's powers, Austria-Hungary, her principal antagonist in the conflict, being eighth.

PRAISE FOR CANADIANS

The "Gaulois," of Paris, says it ought to be widely recognized in France that the Canadians who, for some weeks past, have appeared on the field of battle have displayed calm and superb heroism. "Nowhere in France should people be ignorant of the prodigality with which they shed their blood for the sacred cause. Their action is all the more splendid in that Canadians as a race are in no way prepared for such work; they are children of a land which is the most pacific in the world, which for the past two centuries had no concern with war, and in

which military questions were of no moment and never had been the object of any serious preoccupation. But though it is essentially an agricultural, trading, and industrial country devoted to works of peace, it desired to have a share in the common struggle; hence it raised, equipped, and armed thousands upon thousands of men, and sent them to fight in the armies of the British where these improvised soldiers showed at once that they were quite equal in all respects to the most valiant troops of England and France." This is high praise for our brave Canadian boys, but not too high.

The Tory government of Manitoba according to Sir R. P. Roblin, pleaded guilty to the charge of negligence in connection with the work on the new parliament buildings in Winnipeg. The Liberals charged that \$800,000 had been bled in connection with this work. Now the question is, who got the money?

If the reports which emanate from Carleton county to the effect that Sir Robert Borden has refused to recognize Dr. J. Kidd Flemming as a Conservative candidate are well founded, the members of the legislature who voted to whitewash the ex-premier will be placed in a most peculiar position. Only a bunch of kindergarten politicians would have permitted themselves to have been caught in such a trap.

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COALITION CABINET

(Continued from page one.)
ance that the coalition would not involve the surrender by any person of his political purposes or ideals, the statement continues: "We accept that declaration, and so long as the pledge is honorably and strictly observed we shall be ready to give to the new government, in carrying on the war, the same hearty co-operation as has been given by the party to the last government. "This war, as the world has repeatedly been assured by British statesmen, is being waged for the strict and honorable maintenance of treaties and for the right of small nations to freedom and the unhampered development of their national life. These principles are very dear to Irishmen and of incalculable value to the future of the Irish race. But, while we feel confident that these principles will be remembered and acted upon in any future transactions between the British and Irish nations, and while we accept this pledge of the prime minister, we feel that this is the hour when it is incumbent upon us to remind the Irish people that the great achievements of this party and the movement from which it sprang, have been won by reliance upon themselves and by independent action in parliament, and we are strongly of the opinion that the chairman acted wisely in declining, even in the extraordinary and unlooked-for circumstances of the present hour, to depart, in the least degree, from the policy on which the great success of this party had been built, and that the old policy should be strictly adhered to until an Irish government is in actual control of every inch of Irish soil."

CLEARED FOR ST. JOHN.

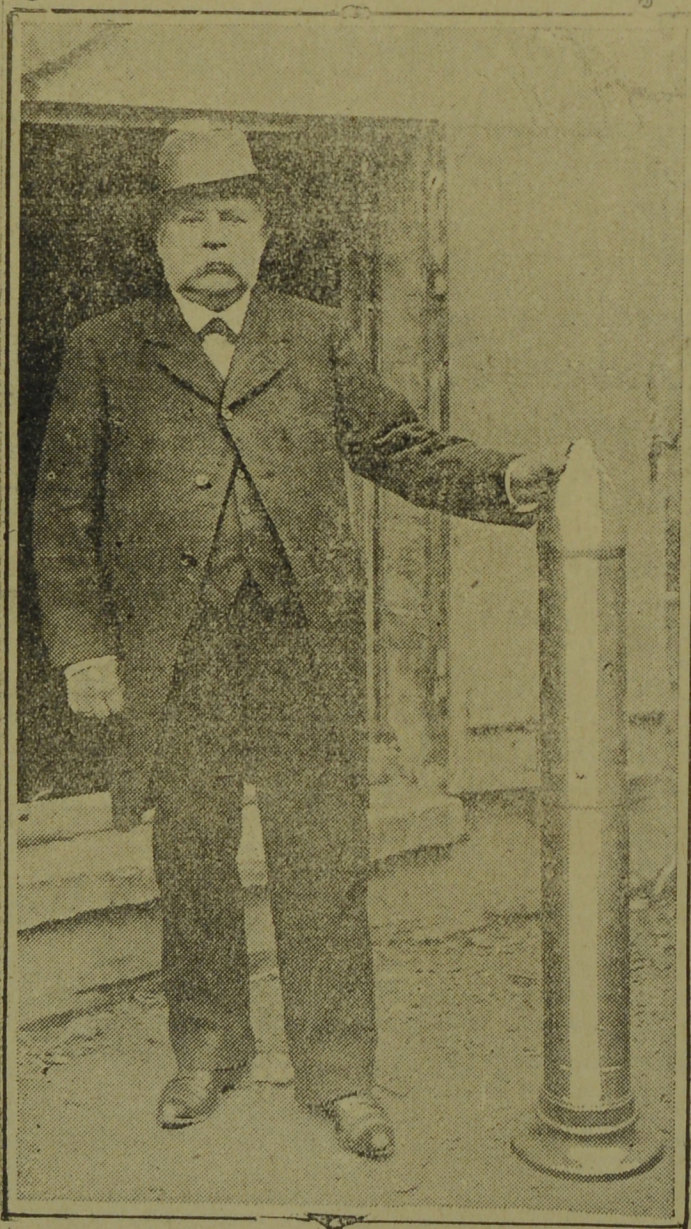
The tern schooner Charles C. Lister, has finished discharging her cargo of coal and left this morning for St. John, in tow of a tug.

Notice

The shareholders of the Fredericton Park Association will meet at the Barber House at 8.30 o'clock on Friday evening, May 28th. A full attendance is requested.

D. MCCATHERINE, President,
HUGH O'NEILL, Secretary.
F'ton, May 26.—3 ins.

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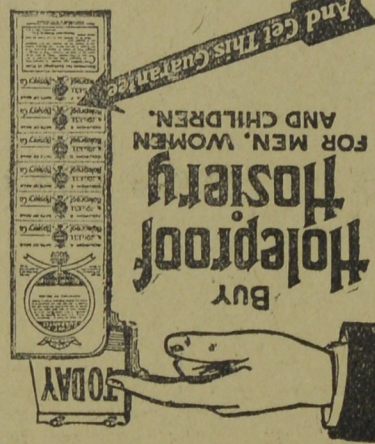
PUSHING BACK THE TURKS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, May 26—A great onslaught of General Von MacKenzie against the Russian line north of Przemyśl and around Jaroslau indicates that the powers of the German Austro offensive are not exhausted and verifies the belief in London that the Russians are not well equipped for the defence of the position in the Dardanelles. The Allies are officially reported slowly advancing against the stubborn opposition of the Turks.

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