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## World News in Brief

Dominion Day was this year celebrated in the Sunday Schools of both the United States and Canada.

Toronto gave the sailors of the Niobe, who visited the city last week, a great reception.

Last week both the British and the French made noteworthy advances on the western front, gaining considerable ground and many prisoners.

In the Provincial election last week the Liberals won 49 seats and the Conservatives only seven, or two less than at the last election. All the independent candidates were defeated.

The Belgian Army is now larger than at the beginning of the war, occupying a front of 22 miles, with eight divisions, including two of cavalry.

Venizelos, the popular Greek statesman, was given an enthusiastic reception on his return to Athens to take the leadership of the Government.

Ontario has been flooded with anti-conscription pamphlets and petitions to be signed against the proposed Military Service Act. The stuff is issued by an organization calling itself "The Patriotic League of Canadian Interests," with headquarters in Montreal, Que.

Official reports from Roumanian Army headquarters indicate that the Bulgarians are fiendishly ill-treating their Roumanian prisoners of war. The prisoners are half-starved, half-stripped and badly beaten, among other things.

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, commanding the Canadian forces at the front, has sent Premier Borden a cable emphasizing the need for reinforcement of the men at the front. "They have given their blood freely to maintain their nation's honor," he says, "and now confidently expect that the full fruits of their service will not be prejudiced."

A number of Germans were recently arrested at Christiania, Norway. They had a large quantity of explosives said to be designed for the blowing up of Norwegian vessels. Some of the explosives were concealed in articles that closely resemble lamps of coal. Carborundum was also concealed in tobacco and cigarettes, apparently to be employed for the ruin of machinery.

The shortage of fabrics in Germany is being seriously felt. Pulp shirts have become popular in Berlin stores, while the new German uniforms are being made of various fibres, which, however, prove useless in heavy weather. Water soaks through them, they shrink and crumble and fall easily into disrepair. Soap is also a great luxury in Germany and Austria.

Rev. E. M. Byssche, who went to France as the representative of the Methodist Board of Missions of New York to distribute \$100,000 war relief funds raised by the Methodists of the State, recently told a gathering of clergymen at New York that the Germans had made a regular business of manufacturing poisoned candy and having the soldiers distribute it among the children of Belgium. "I am a Pacifist on the subject of war,—on ordinary occasions," he said, "but there is no use talking back to a cannon or a fiend. One can charge off to war the burning of buildings, the blowing up of bridges, the destruction of homes and towns, but the poisoning of wells, the ruin of trees, the rape of children, the torture of innocent animals,—these are the acts of minds diseased of people who must be curbed in the interests of the rest of us."

Major W. Napier Keefer, of Toronto, who was a surgeon in the Indian Medical Service, and has medals for many campaigns, offered at the opening of the war to serve in any capacity. On account of his age, (he was born in 1844), he was only thanked for the offer. He was not content with this, and sent \$100,000 direct to the King to be used for war purposes in any way his Majesty thought best. This gift has just been allotted for various war charities and public thanks given to the generous donor, who, however, says he wants no recognition other than the knowledge that he is doing what he can for the Empire. It is men like Major Keefer that make Canadians and others feel that there must be something about the very air of Toronto that prompts men to unusual loyal service and generosity.

The outlook for the crops in Ontario is considered good by the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture.

Toronto clergymen have passed a resolution asking for the removal of their class from those exempted from military service.

Some opponents of Conscription in Quebec assert that a general strike will be declared in the Province if the measure passes.

Over 500,000 men are announced to have enlisted in the U.S. army and navy services and ranks during the past three months.

German agents have commenced an agitation in South Africa for a republic there, but the movement has been checked in time. General Botha says the link with Britain must be maintained as South Africa's one hope for the future.

The Minister of Militia last week in replying to a question in the House of Commons, stated that Armand Lavergne had not been appointed to secure recruits for the Home Defence Force, nor had he been employed in any military capacity by the Government, nor paid for military services since the war commenced.

Mayor Booker of Hamilton recently created a sensation by publicly declaring that the children born in Belgium through the rape of Belgian women by Germans should be painlessly destroyed. He advanced the opinion, he said, in the future interests of the world of civilization, and refused to retract or modify it. In this connection it is interesting to note that many such Belgian and French mothers have taken a similar view to that of the Hamilton Mayor, and destroyed the children thus born. In at least one case a French woman charged with the murder of a child born under these premises was honorably acquitted by a French judicial court, and the verdict was given almost a world-wide popular endorsement.

Sir Rodman Roblin, former Premier of Manitoba, Hon. Geo. R. Coldwell, and Hon. James H. Howden, former members of the Manitoba Cabinet, who have been under indictment in the Assize Court at Winnipeg for some months charged with conspiracy in connection with the Manitoba Parliament Buildings scandal, were discharged last week by Mr. Justice Pendergast, after letters had been read from doctors to show that the former Premier was in such a critical state of health that his life might be endangered by his standing trial. The other two were also reported as in very poor health.

A man who conducted a doll factory in London, England, recently asked a military tribunal for exemption from the army, saying that he employed 60 people and was rapidly capturing trade which was formerly controlled by Germany. If he were conscripted, he said, his employees would be without jobs and the Germans would capture the trade after the war. His summons to serve was postponed for three months.

Capt. J. F. Verville, of Montreal, recently married the Baroness Helen Van Der Graecht De Rommersvael, of Belgium, at London, England. He is a relative of Alphonse Verville, Liberal M.P. for Montreal.

## WE MUST NOT ROB THE SOLDIERS OF THEIR INFLUENCE

Important Point Regarding the Justice of a Referendum Or Other Appeal to the People.

Those who are impressed with the idea that a referendum or an election could be held in Canada at this time without injustice to the soldiers overseas should remember one phase of the matter. It is all right to talk glibly of giving the soldiers overseas the opportunity to cast their ballots, and it may be even possible to suggest how the mechanical part of the voting may be done without serious inconvenience. It is a pleasing feature of the discussion of the matter that no one has the impudence to suggest that the brave Canadians defending this land across the sea should be de-

prived of the right to express their opinion along with that of the confessedly lesser Canadians were at home. But it is as unjust and ungrateful to rob the men fighting and dying in our behalf of the "influence" that should accompany the vote. The vote to most men is of lesser importance than the influence that accompanies the vote. As Mr. N. F. Davidson, of Toronto, points out in a letter to the daily newspapers, candidates are accustomed to emphasize the "influence" along with the "vote." If the soldiers were here to vote under ordinary conditions what an influence they would give to public opinion from their knowledge and experience. If that single battalion from Quebec that Col. Arthurs spoke about was back in the Province it is possible that their "influence" might do much to offset the vapourings of the Bourrassas and Lavergnes. As it would be under present conditions, the meanest renegade at home would have both vote and influence while the bravest lad at the battle front would only have the vote. Mr. Davidson briefly but clearly puts the whole question into this short paragraph:

"Amongst the many weighty objections to a war time election or to a referendum, I see many references to the men overseas. I have seen many suggestions that their votes could be taken even in an unsatisfactory manner. I have seen no reference to the real kernel of the difficulty, viz., the impossibility, on the one hand of conveying the full information about various candidates to the soldier voter and the absolute impossibility of the soldier expressing his "influence". Candidates are accustomed to seek from every voter his "vote and influence." Every man is entitled not only to give his vote, but to exercise his influence; even non-voters are entitled to, and do, exercise much influence. Patriotic sentiment in this country undoubtedly feels the effect of having over 300,000 men overseas. To have an election or referendum would lose to the country the great benefit of this patriotic influence; would rob each individual overseas of that influence which means so much to him and to his country."

It may be that an election may be unavoidable in this country at this time, but those responsible for it must answer to the charge that they failed to play fair with the brave men overseas.



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