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A WORD IN SEASON.

Lord Roberts warns the people to discount some of the stories of German atrocities. They may not be true, as some of the charges made against the British in the South African war were not true. "But whether the charges are true or not," he adds, "let us keep our own hands clean, and let us fight against the Germans in such a way as to earn their liking as well as their respect."

NEUTRALITY IN DOUBT.

The neutrality of Holland may not long survive the fall of Antwerp, whose fortifications failed it, though they were as strong as human skill and ingenuity could make them, lie on an estuary of the Scheldt, the mouth of which is Dutch territory. The Germans have proceeded to seize Antwerp and will hold it and Brussels, if they can, and will seek to make use of the outlet to the North Sea with or without the consent of Holland.

POLITICS AND WAR.

The Hamilton Spectator, conservative, calls down the papers that have been encouraging the federal government to declare for an early election. The Spectator may not have been presented at the party caucus which was held at Ottawa last week, and which was attended by several newspaper publishers. As a result there is not to be an early appeal to the people, and simply because the wise heads of the party have agreed that it would be a terrible mistake.

consent, has tabooed politics until the war is over. Canada cannot do better than follow her splendid example.

WHERE STAND THESE MEN?

The French-Canadians are to be complimented upon the manner in which they have undertaken to recruit a military unit to lead or complete the second contingent. The premier and the leader of the liberals are expected to be present, and also Hon. Lomax Gouin, Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, and Senator Dandurand. The nationalists are missing, and one is curious to know where they stand respecting the military movement. The government embraces several of these men. They forced themselves on the province, and they have been obliged on a couple of occasions to swallow their opinions or get out of the government. They are strangely mute now when Mr. Bourassa and some of his admirers are so anxious to impress the people with their thoughts. One of them is Wilfrid Marceau, who has addressed the papers on the subject of the war and expressed his disapprobation with the proceedings of Great Britain. He objects to the colonies fighting the battles that are England's own, and while she keeps them out of the management of her affairs. Instead of a million men, says Marceau, Britain has sent to the war only 100,000. In his opinion the million and more should be sent, and then it will be time enough to call for the colonies. Not content with this pessimism Marceau indulges in prophecy. "Before fifteen years," he writes, "there will have occurred such happenings in the world as will cause the idea of British imperialism to drop." Are such sentiments, so manifestly unfriendly and unfair, shared by many in Quebec? Marceau is a nationalist, one who can say "Hear, hear," to everything that Mr. Bourassa avers. Are the nationalist members of the government of one mind with him? It would not be surprising.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The purchase of supplies for the militia is now in the hands of a committee of the cabinet. A notice that no liberal need apply. The Taube (dove) is the popular air machine of the Germans. It is a small one, made of steel. Because of its weight it is not fast, and has not fared very well in its contests with the English monoplane.

Dr. Polson, the minister of education, is actually advertising in the Globe in connection with his department. Just what this means no one can surmise. The doctor is not consciously throwing any patronage in the way of the liberal papers.

In recruiting the second contingent the officers will be selected in the various districts on their merit, and the enlistment of men follows. Which is suggestive of the trouble that took place at Valcartier when a different course was followed.

Premier Roblin will not give the temperance men a hearing in the Manitoba legislature. He cannot forgive them for the narrow shave he had from a severe defeat. He has a sincere supporter in the cabinet who was re-elected by a majority of one.

In the three sessions of the Ontario legislature, 1912, 1913 and 1914, Hon. Mr. Hearst voted solidly with his party against the abolition of the bar. He even voted against the proposal on April 19th, 1913, to include club licenses in the operation of local option. The temperance people can expect a lot from him.

The first year of the war, says the London Mail, will cost some £250,000,000. That is about equal to the surplus savings that in ordinary times are available for investment. The chancellor of the exchequer counsels economy in every direction, and remarks that the last few hundred millions will win the war. So it is money quite as much as men that will eventually triumph.

Public Opinion

It May Not. Ottawa Journal. No doubt after the war the Scrap Cross will come into vogue.

A Call to Service. Toronto Star. To-day, all round the world, Britons are saying: "Come, come! he thing is serious. Let us all urn out and hunt this wild boar."

Some Plain Speech. Hon. Lloyd George. The man who declines to discharge is debt because his creditor is too poor to enforce it, is a black-guard.

Change of Name. London Advertiser. "E-No. 9" is the name of the British submarine which sank a German cruiser and a destroyer. "A-No. 9" seems to fit her better.

It Might Have Been. Bradford Examiner. Thanks to the efforts of the Australian fleet, the British flag now floats over the German possessions in Samoa. It is similar to the one that

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Dr. Stuart M. Polson, after a visit in New York, arrived in the city on Saturday, after experiencing one of the most interesting trips one could wish for. He was in Vienna when war was declared between that country and Serbia, but by the kindness of the Austrians he was able to reach Canada without difficulty. He said that he was always treated with the greatest kindness and respect by the people there; the hotel people with whom he had been boarding with, even sending him a letter offering accommodation for all the time he might wish to stay and half of their personal supply of gold when that medium was so scarce.

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Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

A Shaw, of the customs department, preached in Grace church, Ganougan, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Hogan. The city solicitor has his hands full at present, five actions for damages pending. The electric-light company is doing an extensive business. It has now in operation 90 arc lights and 1,000 incandescents. It has adopted the meter system in keeping a record of electricity used by consumers. A new 1,000-light machine will be brought here, and already enough work for it has been secured.

THE OLD POET BRALEY

GOOD NIGHT! YOU QUAKER TEAM, GOOD NIGHT!

"And We'll Win Another Couple, Now We're Home Again." Says Johnny Evers, in Polysyllabic Interverbium. By Herton Braley. Boston, Mass., Oct. 12—"We'll start this story with sundry staves of the joyous song of the Boston Braves:

"The wise prognosticators of the journalistic press were certain that our future was lugubrious, they made asseverations with profoundest of distress, that we'd find the Quaker City insalubrious; they ratiocinated on the Mackian machine and its made assertions with profoundest which would quite obliterate us from this pleasant earthly scene with a brand of baseball science quite unworkable.

"But our captain, Mr. Evers, in his cultured Boston way, considered such discussions academical. 'We shall cheerfully endeavor' he informed the world, 'to play in a manner highly active and polemical' so we entered into conflict with McGillicuddy's crew. (They will never be so bulbous in the dom again) and we won the first engagement—and the next day make it two—and we'll win another couple now we're home again!

"And I rather fancy that's quite enough of polysyllabic highbrow stuff, but I had to put in some lines like these to sound conclusively toneless. If I really wrote as the players talk, why Emerson's shade from the grave would stalk, and he'd shudder and wince and squirm I wis, when he heard a jumble of words like this:

"Aw, say, them baseball-writer guys, they thinks they're hep—they stalls they're wise, they says that we ain't got no show to beat that bunch of Connie's—ho. But Johnny Evers says, 'Gawan! They're slipping yuh a line of con, we'll make them Athletes skid—we'll bump 'em off, an so—we did! An' now we've got their coat all right. Good night! You Quaker team, Good Night!

The Braves disproved the expert "dope" (believed by saint and sinner) and what was just a "forlorn hope" became a two-time winner; and that is truly for the best, it gives the game a greater zest; if things should always go along the way that we expected, if "experts" never got off wrong, if long shots never connected, there'd be no savor to the race—the world would be a dreary place.

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Following a rapid succession this declaration of war, were the proclamation of war against Russia, and then Germany's ultimatum to France, and the possibility of war with England. The optimism then turned to the depression of the signs of enthusiasm had disappeared, the cafes were deserted, the streets were filled with military motor-trucks dashing at full speed, soldiers on the march and all business was at a stand-still.

The British consulate was besieged by people of every nationality, endeavoring to prove their British citizenship in order to leave the country or to escape military duty. Dr. Polson secured his passport on August 2nd and with it the British consul advised him to leave Vienna at once. For the reasons given him he felt sure that England would be involved in the war. He then went to the office and purchased a ticket to New York on the Cunard liner Carpathia, which was to sail from Trieste on the 6th.

Sixty American doctors who were studying in the clinic secured a special car and left on August 4th for England, by way of Frankfurt, Germany. On the 4th he left for Trieste by train. At this time the stations were choked with departing refugees and on the next day a proclamation was issued to the effect that all passenger traffic would be suspended until the completion of the mobilization. The trucks and headdresses of the ways were heavily guarded by soldiers with fixed bayonets, and because there was so many Slavs in Austria special precaution against outrages were taken.

By this time the mobilization was well advanced and he saw trainloads of soldiers and war equipment passing. The Austrian officers, with whom he conversed did not think that England would go to war, as she had nothing to gain and everything to lose. They considered that the imminence of civil war in Ireland was another reason for her neutrality.

On his arrival in Trieste he found that the Carpathia had sailed directly from Fiume to Malta and, except for an occasional boat to Venice, the city was isolated. Trieste is the capital of the province and almost completely Italian in population. This is the province that Italy hopes to gain by her neutrality. Every day the papers announce that Italy was on the point of declaring war against England and France and notices to that effect were posted in the stock exchange. In Trieste at this time there was an absolute moratorium by the banks. No money was given out and hence letters of credit were valueless. All the silver money had been "corralled," the paper featuring a depreciation in the value of paper money.

In the hotels and stores, one had to take the change in goods. The Cunard people at this time were unable to raise \$3,000, so that the steamship Veria could be chartered. It was not until two weeks because of this. Godfrey E. P. Harelett, the British consul, was most kind to Dr. Polson, and gave him many favors. He was in the consulate when the British coat-of-arms was removed. This attracted a large crowd, but there was no hostile demonstration. The consul cut up and burned his large flag, as well as his cipher and private papers. This was to prevent their falling into the hands of the people.

It was at this time that the manager of the "Pension Phot," where he had been boarding, sent him a letter with the offer of free accommodation and 200 kronan in gold.

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