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THE HISTORY OF TO-DAY.

The Education Department is pursuing a wise and patriotic course in adopting a primer which will, in brief and correct form, present the facts with regard to the war. Germany has been assiduous in teaching her people that the war has been forced upon her. As the emperor has put it "the award has been thrust into his hand," and he wants his people to believe that they must help him to defend the fatherland. Our governments cannot too quickly and emphatically teach the truth with regard to this matter, and the place to do the teaching is the school. If half the time that is spent in studying Ancient and Medieval History were spent in studying the history of the day it would be better for us all. Ancient and Medieval History is essential to the one whose education is to be complete, but if his time is limited, and he can only get an intelligent knowledge of some history, it had better be the history of the times in which he lives. The culture of the ancients will not prevail against the culture of the Germans as it has been exhibited in Belgium.

HE'S DOWN AND OUT.

Bourassa has shot his last bolt. He missed the chance of his life when on his return from France, he failed to encourage those who desired to join the Allies and battle for the entente. Prior to this he had managed to play a perplexing and perfidious part. He was forever extolling Britain and making it appear that he was an admirer of the freedom her constitution gave to her subjects. He had managed, in an election, to so mystify the people that they did not know where he stood. A master of French and English, he succeeded, before French and English audiences, in making addresses in which he used vague yet eloquent language, and to many who were influenced by the mere jingle of words he posed as a wonder. The war gave him the opportunity which came to all Canadians to sink petty differences, politically and nationally, and exert all the influence he had on behalf of the Allies. Instead of that he is accused of saying that "British were coquetting with Germany up to almost the last minute before the war with the idea of throwing France overboard." The French government should be the best judge of the facts and its premier and minister of war, and even the president, has expressed their earnest appreciation of Britain's friendship and support. Bourassa's shameful conduct has lost him friendship everywhere in Canada. Even in Ottawa, where the French are so strong, a lecture engagement had to be cancelled. He was plainly told that this was due to the force of public opinion. From being a dictator of the government he has become a political outcast, and there does not seem to be any one who is now disposed to do him reverence.

PROMISE OF CHEAPER POWER.

The people have not heard much about the Campbell offer to the city of electrical power because the matter has been under the consideration of the commission, and its members have not been saying much publicly. The proposition is one, however, which merits the serious consideration it has been given. The demand of the hour—the demand that stands out conspicuously—is for cheaper power, and apparently from the steam plant, with much of it old, the rate is about as low as it can be made. The question of lower rates is a big one, and can be taken up later.

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Toronto World. Krupp's Limited, has declared a dividend of 12 per cent. War is profitable to a firm that manufactures war material. Krupp is also going to enlarge its capital. The increase is justified by the demand in their line of business during the last few months. The Krupp's are pleased to hear that the business is brisk, and that the fighting is likely to be prolonged for a year or two. The directors must have felt quite amiable over the prospects. The new capital will be subscribed by the family, for so good an investment is not allowed to go outside, although it is rumored that the Kaiser himself has not been above taking a few shares on ground floor terms. Should Germany win in this war, Krupp would monopolize the trade of death and destruction, and the stock would soar. This is one of the businesses which ought to be run by an international commission.

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EMPEROR INTERVIEWED.

Czarina Confident of Victory For Russia. Copenhagen, Nov. 21.—The Emperor of Russia, in an interview with a special correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende, expressed her confidence in the ultimate victory of the Russian arms. She said: "Have you noticed how the war has welded the people into unbreakable unity? As long as the war lasts, there will be no political parties in the lands over which the czar rules. The labor party is going hand in hand with the other parties. Poles, Finns and Jews have become Russians. They are collecting money for our hospitals, and have voluntarily joined the colors. Many have already distinguished themselves in battle. From the Arctic to the Black Sea, and from Vladivostok to the Baltic, you will find one united Russia, which can and will be victorious. "If the war is prolonged and very costly in life, it will be the defenders of justice and not the promise-breakers or of neutrally-violators who will at last attain victory. "Tell Denmark that these words are from Empress Marie Feodorovna."

250,000 BACKSLIDERS. Presbyterians Get Report of Number on "Suspended Roll." Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—More than 250,000 members of the Presbyterian church in the United States have been placed on the "suspended roll" in the last five years, according to the report of the Rev. William Fulton to the general assembly committee on educational policy in session in this city.

He gives as the causes "the growing love of pleasure, disregard for the Lord's day and the work of God, the increasing craze for amusements and the influence of worldly company—in short, the modern view of life which is preached by many secular organizations."

Presbyterian records show that in 1910 there were 48,956 on the "suspended roll"; in 1911 the total was 54,143; 1912, 51,266; 1913, 50,927; 1914, 50,484.

"They slipped back into the world, fell away, were relegated to the ecclesiastical scrap heap," said Dr. Fulton.

WHOM HAD KING DAVID IN MIND?

(Psalm IV, 20-23.) "He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him; he hath broken his covenant. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, but they were drawn as swords."

But thou, O God, smite bring him down into the pit of destruction, blood-thirsty and deceitful man shall not live out of half his days."

INSPIRED BY DEAD HERO.

Lord Robert's Funeral Gave Impetus to Recruiting. London, Nov. 21.—Just as the Lord mayor's procession had a favorable effect on recruiting, so did the funeral of Lord Roberts give another impetus to the work of enlistment. The number of men joining yesterday is said to be due to the influence of England's dead hero. The authorities took advantage of the occasion to exhibit a poster picture of Lord Roberts with the words, "He did his duty."

An enthusiastic send-off was given yesterday to 500 Nationalist volunteers who left Belfast to join the new army. Another 500 are expected next week.

The parliamentary recruiting committee has published a series of messages from representative religious leaders, urging men to enlist.

TO PAY WAR WIDOWS.

Government Is Urged to Put a Tax On Cocoa. London, Nov. 21.—A tax on cocoa and abolition of payment to members of parliament is the advice given this morning by the Daily Express and the Globe to the government in order to allow a pound weekly to be paid to the war widows. The fact that cocoa, associated in the public mind with a certain ministerial order, escapes the chancellor of the exchequer, while an additional six cents a pound is placed on tea, pleases neither the labor members nor the opposition. As regards the immunity to members of parliament, it may be remarked that many members of the opposition still refuse to accept this democratic plan, clinging to the old idea that legislators should do their work as a public duty.

BERLIN FEARS EARLY SIEGE.

Guns of Heaviest Calibre Are In Position. Petrograd, Nov. 23.—A Russian military doctor, who was imprisoned in Germany, has reached Bucharest and reports that the most extensive preparations are being made for the defence of Berlin from the side of Kuestrin, the fortress covering the mouth on the east. The strongest fortifications are approaching completion, guns of the heaviest calibre have been mounted, large quantities of supplies have been accumulated, and a great bridge has been newly erected at the confluence of the Rivers Warthe and Oder, where are fortified positions of great strength. Military patrols prevent the examination of the progress of the work.

A Tory Procedure.

The London Advertiser (liberal) says: "It is fitting that Major-General Hughes should be called to account by a conservative paper. Had the liberal press demanded his resignation as the Toronto Telegram has done, it would have been accused of disloyalty. It was certain to come, and since the honorable gentleman seems to be exhibiting the many Home Guard characteristics, a reprimand is necessary."

Advertisement for Bibbys Dent's Gloves. Features: The Store That Keeps the Prices Down. MEN'S SUIT SPECIAL \$12.50. Hand tailored suits, blue serge, Scotch tweeds, worsteds, etc., sizes 34 to 44; new models, new patterns, sample suits, sold-outs etc. Suits that were sold regularly for \$15, \$16.50 and \$18.00, now \$12.50. Men's Overcoat Special \$12.50. New shawl collar ulsters, new military ulster with two-way collar, heavy Scotch and English tweeds, chevots and Chinchillas; all new models, all new patterns. The Best \$12.50 Overcoat in Canada. Small Boys' Overcoats. For boys, 2-12 to 8 yrs. for \$2.75. Russian style military ulsters, etc. \$3.75 and \$4.00 values, while they last. Price \$2.75. Big Boys' Overcoats. For boys, 14, 15 and 16 years. New two-way collar, storm ulster, heavy Scotch and English chevots, plain or belted backs; nothing can beat these overcoats at the price anywhere in America. Kingston's One Price Clothing House.

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Advertisement for J. E. Mullen, Announcements. As I have decided to vacate my present premises in the early spring of 1915, I am now prepared to make reductions on any monument that I have in stock. J. E. MULLEN, Cor. Princess and Clergy Streets, Phone 1417, Kingston.

Advertisement for Marble Hall, While Shopping. Enjoy Afternoon Tea at Marble Hall, 238 Princess Street. Phone 980.

Advertisement for Treadgold Sporting Goods Co. Hockey Boots. We have the finest line of hockey and skating boots shown in the city. BUY NOW—We bought before the war and didn't have to pay the high price. FREE—One Week Only—FREE. Treadgold Sporting Goods Co., Bicycles, Sporting Goods, Phone 529, 88-90 Princess St.

Advertisement for P. Walsh, Builders!! Have You Tried Gypsum Wall Plaster? It Saves Time. P. WALSH, Barrack Street.

Advertisement for Crawford's Coal. USE CRAWFORD'S COAL. BETTER GET YOUR MIND ON THE COAL QUESTION NOW.