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NO BISMARK AT HAND. In the letters of the late Prince Bismarck to his wife, now published, and revealing a great deal that affected the political history of the times, a vivid portrait is given of the meeting between Napoleon and the iron chancellor.

MODERN PRISON REFORMS. In discussing the Bickerdike Bill, for the abolition of capital punishment, on the ground that it was a barbarous method of atoning for a crime, and that it occasionally led to the hanging of an innocent man, the minister of justice referred to the Kingston penitentiary.

A VERY NOTABLE FIGHT. One reads that Mr. Hocken, ex-mayor of Toronto, and the publisher of the Orange Sentinel, has gone to Winnipeg, to attend to Sir Rodmond Roblin.

It was very natural that Sir Rodmond should feel very sore over some of his experiences. Towards the Orange element he was inclined to be wrathful. Now it appears that he is interested in the Orange election and would like to see out of office, and out of power, the grand master, the man who led the forces against him in the election.

EDITORIAL NOTES. In Quebec, in future, when a man dies intestate, his wife will receive a third of his estate. A sensible law. It is a wonder it was not suggested many years ago.

opposition to accept, without discussion or resistance, all that is proposed. Political truce ought not to go as far as that, the Weekly Sun thinks.—St. Thomas Journal.

The Toronto News does not like the way in which the probe is being applied at Ottawa. It is not being inserted mildly or delicately enough to suit our contemporary. It has hurt in some cases, and hurt severely.

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SAFETY FIRST. Large letters painted on the side of this Dutch vessel proclaim her neutrality. The name was painted on before she sailed from Rotterdam on Feb. 18th.

temptation of actual war, and all that it implies? Seed grain is not given to the farmers of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The cost is charged against them. The government is secured and will require a payment for the seed later on.

An income tax was dodged in Canada because it would be hard to collect. In Britain the larger part of the public revenue comes from this tax and the treasury party find it the most easily and economically collected.

There is talk of an examination into the bread position, as to the causes for the increase of cost. An enquiry, incidentally, into the kind of places where the bread is made would have special interest for the consumer.

The enquiry into the exportation of liquor, the bulk of which is supposed to find its way to Germany, will do some good. Hope it will get at the facts. Action is forced by the press, which is a testimony to its power.

The question of compensation did not figure in Russia once the czar decided that the drinking of vodka should be stopped. He did not wait to enquire how the politicians would regard it. He did not consult the caucus.

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292,000 tons of food supplies on fifty-eight ships. Right You Are. Hamilton Herald. Corpl. Leary, of the Irish Guards, who captured two trenches and killed eight Germans all by himself, should get a commission as well as the Victoria Cross.

The British Preference. Toronto Star. This does not seem to have been the time for increasing the duties on British goods entering Canada—not if the increase will in the slightest degree tend to discourage the import to this country of British goods.

A Hand-Out To Us. New York World. Will Canada kindly try to cultivate self-control? How can we revive prosperity on this side of the line if it is going to make days and nights hideous with its shrieks and war-whoops over imaginary air-ships and submarines?

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO. Hay was selling on the market today for \$3 per ton. A number of dogs have been stolen from citizens.

WAR BULLETINS. Two Zeppelins bombarded Calais Monday afternoon, doing little damage. They attempted to attack the British base at Dunkirk, but were driven off by gunners.

Russian newspapers praised Grand Duke Nicholas' strategy in withdrawing from East Prussia and assured the people that the Russian forces are now again on a successful offensive.

It is reported at Athens that the British-French fleets are now within range of the inner fortifications of Constantinople.

Toronto World cable says Canadian artillery has been in action in France. The Russian army in concentration for an attack on Constantinople, and the British-French fleets are advancing up the Dardanelles.

It is reported that five civilians were killed in the Zeppelin raid on Calais Monday. Thirteen of the crew of the U.S. steamer Evelyn have failed to reach the Dutch coast.

It is expected in Ottawa that Maj.-Gen. Sam Hughes will command the second Canadian contingent.

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PUBLIC OPINION

Looks That Way. London Advertiser. Germany again tells Uncle Sam that he rides his ships to Britain at his peril. Is that not tantamount to a declaration of war?

Mix Well. Brantford Courier. Turkey has apologized to Greece, and thus prevented the fat of the latter from getting into the European fire.

Scramble For Wheat. London Chronicle. The crops of 1915 can hardly be so large as those of 1914, and before the end of the year something like an international scramble for wheat is quite a possibility.

Good Exhibit. Toronto Star. The people of the United States have contributed substantial relief to the Belgians. In all they have sent



A CONVALESCENT HOME. For Soldiers Established by a Former Montreal Lawyer. Surrey, Eng. Advertiser. Donald Macmaster, K.C., M.P., and Mrs. Macmaster have provided at their residence, "Merlewood," Virginia Water, a comfortable and up-to-date resting place for convalescent soldiers. They have given it the name of "The Merlewood Military Convalescent Home," and for the last three or four months batches of three officers and seven men have been made thoroughly comfortable, and have received skilled medical and nursing attention at Mr. Macmaster's expense.

Our Chertsey representative paid a visit to Merlewood on Thursday morning, and found one officer and seven men there. It is interesting to note that most of those who have been in the "home" are from the Canadian contingent at Salisbury. The officer was Captain Johnson, of the Canadian Medical Corps, a doctor who joined from Vancouver. Six of the seven men were "taking the air" in the beautiful grounds, but one, Sergt. Taylor, of the Engineers, was in the convalescent ward, which, before the war, was a spacious billiard room.

Sergt. Taylor was recovering from the effects of a broken ankle. He received his injury while on manoeuvres, having stepped into a hole on Salisbury Plain. He was annoyed at his bad luck. "Just as there was a chance of going to the front," remarking that he would not have cared so much if he had been hurt while on active service. "But to receive an injury like any child of ten might have got!"

Other Canadians at Merlewood are Pte. Vanis of the 4th, and Pte. Elliott of the 5th Canadian Battalion, Pte. McCoolie of the 5th Royal Scots, Pte. Broley of the 48th Regiment, and Sergt. Cooper of the Artillery, and Pte. Stevenson. Nurse Graham is in charge, while orderly Cross is also in attendance. The officers have a complete and elaborately furnished suite of rooms, with every comfort. Both Mr. and Mrs. Macmaster have taken the keenest interest in the convalescents, and Dr. Floyer, of Egham, is the medical attendant.

GERMAN JESUIT HEAD. Fears in France Regarding His Political Sympathies. London, Feb. 23.—The Roman Catholic authorities both in London and France see no ground for the fears expressed in France regarding the political sympathies of Father Vladimir Ledocowski, the new superior general of the Jesuits. It is pointed out that his late office as assistant superior general of the order in Germany loses significance when it is remembered that Holland and Belgium are grouped under the same territorial jurisdiction with Germany, Austria and Galicia, and that the new superior general belongs to Galicia. The strenuous resistance offered by his uncle, Count Wicelmas Ledocowski, to the Prussian government in connection with lingual and religious questions in Posen is also recalled as showing good reason for hoping that the new superior general of the order will not bend before kaiserism.