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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL WHIG READERS

SUPPORT RICHARDSON FOR THE MAYORALTY

Some Features of the Campaign--The Doctor's Voice Raised in Behalf of Poor Woman--He Has Well Served the City.

The Mayoralty campaign has been short, extending over a week only, but in that time there has been great activity, and the people are pretty well decided as to whom they will vote for on Monday next. Alderman Richardson is the favorite. One realizes this as he moves among the people and listens to their talk. There are two ways of attracting attention. One is by serving the people genially and reasonably, and the other is by bumping up against them and inviting their hostility. Dr. Richardson has been unpretentious in his claims. He has not, however, been a silent partner in the various institutions with which he has been identified. He has had his views, and he has not been afraid to express them fairly and candidly.

At the last meeting of the Council his voice was raised on behalf of Mrs. Roper, a poor woman, who, not knowing the law, was being harshly dealt with. She was injured through a fall on the sidewalk, and entitled to a consideration, but because a notice of her intention to seek damages was not given within a specified time, according to law, the Board of Works was advised to take no action upon her claim. Alderman Richardson protested. Mrs. Roper had suffered from an accident, had been in the General Hospital, and had lost the wages she was unable to earn during her illness. It was certainly ungracious of a great corporation to dodge its liability under the circumstances. Dr. Richardson's plea had the desired effect. The case was referred back to the Board of Works for consideration upon its merits. This is only one case of many instances in which Alderman Richardson has championed the cause of the poor and the down-trodden.

Some one has discovered that Alderman Richardson, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Militia, has not been called out for active service at the front. It is not his fault that this has been the case. He offered his services on three occasions to the Militia Department, and they were not accepted. Dr. Richardson was willing to serve. He has the training and the experience. Men of his calibre are wanted in the King's service, but he does not get the call. The war is a national one, and the only consideration during its continuance is supposed to be one of fitness. Dr. Richardson is, therefore, at home because he has not been allowed to enter active service.

If Alderman Richardson did nothing else during his term of office in the Council his contribution to the health of the city, through the incinerator, entitles him to the public's support. Alderman Wright's professional service has been acknowledged in connection with the building and its equipment, but Alderman Richardson has been the moving force in getting the plant into successful operation. As a physician he knows the value of the incinerator, and he gives it his time and attention. If it is running so well to

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MAY GO TO BERMUDA.

Rumor Says 71st Battalion Is To Be Transferred.

Chatham, Dec. 31.—It is rumored here that the 71st Battalion, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Donald Sutherland, will be transferred to Bermuda at no distant date, and that the Canadian battalion now at that island will probably not overlook.

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THREE BAPTIST PARSONS ENLIST AS PRIVATES.

Although the response to the Lord Derby Recruiting Campaign was not complete enough to suit everybody, it is evident that it was extensive and most comprehensive. In the centre of the crowd shown above, waiting to enlist, are three Baptist clergymen.

A BRITISH CRUISER SUNK

By Internal Explosion, the Admiralty Announces.

ABOUT 300 LIVES LOST

FOUR HUNDRED OF THE CREW WERE SAVED.

This is the Third British Battleship Blown Up by Internal Explosion While in Harbor.

(Special to the Whig)

London, Dec. 31.—The British cruiser *Natal* was sunk by an internal explosion, the Admiralty announced to-day. Four hundred of the crew have been saved. The *Natal* carried a crew of about 725, indicating probable loss of about 300 lives.

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"SILLY LOVE" BANE OF SCHOOL TEACHER.

Professor De Groat Tells Young Women Affairs of Heart Interfere With Work.

Syracuse, Dec. 31.—A warning to school teachers against "silly love affairs which materially interfere with their work," was given by Professor Harry De Groat, principal of Cortland Normal School, before the Associated Academicians Principals of the States in convention here to-day.

"There is nothing so dangerous to the value of a young woman as silly love matters," he said. "It is a demoralizing influence. Young women think mostly of their beaux when they should be giving their attention to their classroom work."

Principals should have no objection to dignified and discreet love affairs among their teachers, but unfortunately there are too many of the opposite character. Many young women lose their contracts because of carelessness in their teaching and in love affairs."

Professor De Groat declared that there could not be a strong school where was a weak principal. "The principal should always give the young teacher a helping hand," he said. "It is wrong to expect a young teacher just out of college to perform a successful and difficult operation, would you?"

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FORD PEACE PARTY.

Arrives in Denmark On Last Lap of The Cruise.

(Special to the Whig)

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—The Ford peace party arrived in Denmark from Stockholm to-day on the last lap of the cruise to "bring the boys out of the trenches."

Business Manager Gaston Plaintiff hurried out to see shipping men about chartering a vessel to carry the delegates to The Hague.

WINTER LIGHTS ON LAKES.

Will Be Maintained To Aid Traffic On Ice.

ARTILLERY BACK BONE OF AN OFFENSIVE.

British Staff Confident German Lines Could Be Broken Anywhere, But Weather Conditions Would Prevent Movement Of Big Guns.

London, Dec. 31.—Despatches from both east and west express the belief that the winter weather is likely to prove the most severe obstacle to war operations on the principal fronts during the next few weeks. "The most dreaded period of winter is from the end of December to the end of January," was a French general's reply a year ago to the demand for a great offensive. The same remark would probably apply equally this year.

Reuter's correspondent at western headquarters, after remarking that the British staff is confident that the Allies are now so strong in men and munitions that they can break through the German lines whenever the right time comes, declares that the weather is the chief reason for postponing the big movement, and adds:

"Such a movement needs careful planning and extreme caution. Rolling-up tactics always involve the possibility of counter-attacks, which may end in rolling up the aggressor. With the face of the country in a porous and mushy condition, it is impossible to effect the essential quick movements of artillery, without which any big offensive is foredoomed to fail."

The Allied troops would probably have little trouble in occupying the greater part of the German front trenches forthwith, because the enemy holds these lightly. But then?

With the ranges registered to a nice point from myriads of artillery and machine-guns, such a step would be sheer suicide until the opportunity is right."

Thus she will have greater wealth to defend, and her increased armaments are a logical necessity. She must become the dominant country of the American continent. Such growth will give disquietude to the British Australasian colonies and to Japan, whose navy is intact, and who may well become jealous of American ascendancy.

"Thus we see from afar the possibility of a new drama. The long foretold Pacific battle, impossible yesterday, will be possible to-morrow. The material reasons for such a conflict are constantly increasing."

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