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DEATH OF EARL KITCHENER

Few events, if any, since the outbreak of the war, have caused such a painful shock as the news of the death of Earl Kitchener, a report of which appears elsewhere in this paper. Kitchener has been a household word throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire for many years, notably since the Khartoum Expedition in 1898 which he commanded with such consummate skill and for which he was publicly thanked by parliament and raised to the Peerage. His work in connection with the South African war and recently as Secretary for War is too recent and too well known to require any detailed comment. He has been the leading figure in the War Office and the tower of strength upon which, apparently, the War Office leaned. His death is nothing short of a national calamity and will be regarded as a personal loss throughout the Empire.

Yet, Kitchener's place will be filled. The work of the War Office and of the British Army will go on to a finish. Britain has never yet lost a war lord whose place has not been filled. His death, lamentable and regrettable as it is, is neither as lamentable nor as regrettable as the fact that such a thing could happen. Our despatches intimate that German spies had secretly announced his departure from England and that as a result a German submarine had been sent in pursuit. This would indicate either that there is a leakage of the secrets of the War Office or that there is a spy in the employ of the War Office. It is too soon to form a conclusion. It is possible that the ship may have struck a mine, in which case the deplorable event would be an unavoidable accident. But even if it should prove to have been an accident there is still an unjustifiable feature in connection with it. Why should a ship carrying such an important mission be alone? Had she been convoyed, even in case of accident, some, if not all of those on board might have saved.

Viewed in any light and from any angle the death of Earl Kitchener and the circumstances in connection with it are deplorable in the extreme. Whether there has been negligence or oversight or too much "taking for granted" on the part of the War Office our despatches do not indicate very clearly, but it is known that more than once it has taken a calamity to arouse governments and executive offices to the seriousness of serious situations. Knowing Great Britain and British blood we are confident that whatever lesson is to be learned from the death of Kitchener will be learned by the British Government and the British people and that greatly as he shall be missed the work of the War Office and of the army which he practically created will go on to final and glorious victory.

THE WAR NEWS

The war news of the past few days has brought us a realization of what war actually means and of what we ourselves mean when we give of our blood to carry the war to a conclusion. We have not yet begun to realize this. We have not yet fully realized that the thousands of young men whom we have called together under the banner of Britain have been called for the stern duty of war, have been called to risk their lives and to lay down their lives if need be to maintain

for us and for those who come after us the liberties and the heritage handed down to us by others who had paid the price. We have become accustomed to the spectacular street parade, the stirring martial music and have even figured the value in dollars and cents and in social pleasure of the presence among us of so many customers for our trade and comrades in our enjoyments. But we are at war. These men are on their way to war, to stand shoulder to shoulder with other men who are battling for the life of the Empire, to fill the places of those who have fallen, to fall themselves if need be and, whatever else befalls, to keep the banner of Britain flying. It was for this that 2,200 of Prince Edward Island's sons volunteered, for this that over 300,000 of Canada's sons have left their homes and their families, have given up most of what life means to men. We must not be surprised or depressed, or down hearted when news of losses comes. The war cannot be won without losses, without terrible losses, losses that will try the souls of mothers and fathers, of wives and daughters of sisters and brothers. But those who have gone or are going to the front and those who gave them up for this service have counted the cost. The thing is we are wimpy. As to the cost, those who have gone or are going to the front and those who voluntarily gave them up to the service had counted upon it. Now we are in the midst of it. Many of our own Islanders are now engaged in one of the fiercest battles since the beginning of the war. That we shall hear in a few days of casualties is a foregone conclusion. That we shall hear also that our boys have acquitted themselves worthily, that they have added to the laurels won a year ago near the scene of the present battle, we have no doubt. It has been the glory of Britain and it has been our boast that "our sons have nobly known to die but could not learn to flinch or fly." Let it be our glory and our boast now that Canada's sons, our own beloved flesh and blood, have stood the supreme test of manhood, have done their duty even unto death. And while we pray for their safe return home after an honourable peace, let us pray also—and first—that they be given the grace to die, if need be, like men.

The battles in which we are engaged now, both at Hooge and at Verdun, are battles against madmen. Those who read in yesterday's Guardian the report of the battle raging at Fort Vaux, in the Verdun sector, where German line after line was driven up against certain death, whole lines annihilated and as they toppled over their places taken by others to meet the same fate, could come to no other conclusion than that in their madness and blood lust the Germans are ready to sacrifice their men in hundreds of thousands for the empty privilege of boasting that they have won a few yards of French trenches. Even if they succeed in capturing the position it will not bring them a yard nearer their objective nor be of any military advantage to them except as a boast for their people.

As to the battle of Hooge in which the Canadians are engaged we know little as yet. That the losses are heavy is indicated by our despatches yesterday, and this morning. The outcome of the battle, which is still in progress, we may not know for some days.

BON VOYAGE 105th

On Thursday afternoon the citizens will enjoy a couple of hours out with the boys of the 105th Battalion. There will be five minute speeches, music, vocal and by the band, and a general jovial time. It will not be a farewell but a *bon voyage*, a God speed to the boys before leaving for Valcartier. It is not an occasion for sadness but rather for rejoicing that the province has been able to raise this splendid body of men to take their part in the shaping of the future history of the world, in the cleansing of the world from the hell-born disease that is threatening our civilization, our Christianity, our homes and our liberties. Let it be a joyous reunion of citizens and soldiers, a souvenir that our soldiers will cherish while away from home and a reminder to them that we shall "turn the dark cloud inside out till the boys come home."

MILLIONS STILL HUNGRY IN BELGIUM.

MONTREAL, June 5.—According to information given out here today from the headquarters of the Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, approximately nine million persons are now being fed in Belgium through the gifts of those who appreciate their position and their extreme need. From two or three million during the early days of the war the number has steadily crept up until today nearly every man, woman and child in Belgium is dependent to a certain extent on the outside world. All through the winter these people have been clothed and fed through the generosity of England, the United States, Australia and Canada and in proposition to her population Canada has not been in the rear with her

donations. Some time ago the Belgian Relief Committee of Montreal—which in reality is the Belgian Relief Committee of Canada—sent forth the cry for a bag of flour from each Canadian. How Canada responded to this is now well known. With the generosity characteristic of Canadians thousands of dollars were sent to the various branches of the Relief Committee and ultimately turned into the Montreal office. Now the winter is over in Belgium but the dark days are not yet gone. Many believe the end of the war is in sight but even with such optimism as this is ever staring them in the face the terror of starvation. Belgium must have more food and it is only across the water that they can look for relief. Hence the new call of the committee for more assistance.

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HEAVY FIGHTING ON GREEK FRONTIER

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, June 5.—French positions near Lake Doiron have been violently bombarded, according to a despatch to the Havas Agency from Saloniki. In the vicinity of the Greco-Serbian frontier a Greek convoy crossing the Pataros region near Doiron was annihilated by German and Bulgarian troops, says the correspondent despite the fact that White and Greek flags were hoisted.

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