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(Continued from page nine.)

ent. Even Lord Curzon, than whom the Government has no more strenuous or virulent opponent, has within the past few days gone out of his way to pay a magnificent tribute to those in office, and the way in which they have managed the nation's business in these history-making days. There are one or two carping critics, mostly anonymous, who kick and scream about the necessity of this or that or the other action, but nobody takes serious notice of them. The British public do not appear to be in the mood to tolerate any interference with the men at the helm, being confident that the nation's resources in men, money and material are in safe hands, both in the government and the fighting services. The Canadians here who watch closely the day's events as reflected in the newspapers have but one feeling—intense admiration for the magnificent fight which the Empire's sons are putting up on foreign soil, intense admiration for the displays of unexampled bravery and disregard of danger and all those fine qualities that have called forth the splendid tributes from all observers, and they are struck with the all-round efficiency of the men who are handling the nation's affairs in this time of stress and strain. At a time when Canada by her splendid gift of men and material is arousing the admiration of the whole of the English-speaking world it cannot be too widely made known that those who stand in the forefront today leading the nation are sustaining the high tradition of the great race. The British people are the first to impeach, criticize, pillory, and fire all the sundry who "fall down" or fall into the performance of public duties at any time, but one looks in vain for any discordant note. Not a few have called for the suppression of professional football, and some of the newspapers have backed up the appeal, but now, as ever, those in authority refrain from any russy interference with the liberties of the people, however much they may privately disapprove of any particular conduct. In a word, neither the British Government nor the British people is to be moved into historical or panicky legislation. There is a belief here that both the British and the French authorities are satisfied that they have the full measure of the German forces, that they have well-defined plans to meet them in their own fashion and that the leader on both sides of the Channel are confident that there can only be one result to the struggle.

COLONIALS IN EGYPT.

At the moment of writing it has just been known that the Austrian and New Zealand contingents have been landed in Egypt to meet the Turkish menace. The Canadian troops had



been looking forward to rubbing shoulders on Salisbury Plain with the men from the southern seas, and it is not at all improbable that some of the Canadians may move into the Australian huts. Meanwhile steps are being taken to have the Canadians ready whenever the call may come.

Within the last few days more Canadian doctors have gone to France from Southampton in company with Colonel Carleton Jones, M.D., and Colonel J. W. Bridges, M. D. The list includes Lieut.-Col. W. A. Scott and Rudolf, Majors G. G. G. and Goldsmith; Capt. Call, McLeod, McBeth, Colquhoun, Leslie, Bethuns, Tyler, Wilson, McKay, Phillip and Menzies.

Major Father Jolicoeur, of Valcartier, who is on duty at Salisbury Plain with the Roman Catholic troops, is shortly crossing to France for a month and on returning in the middle of January, he will come over to Quebec for a while, and return here later. The Rev. Father is very popular with the men of all ranks and religions and will be greatly missed.

Col. Victor Williams passed over a few days ago, and there is some likelihood that he may join Sir John French's staff.

Capt. Hamilton, the son of Archbishop Hamilton, of Ottawa, one of the hardest working officers in the contingent, has been promoted major—an appointment that meets with the approval of all, as being richly deserved. Capt. McBrien, who saw service in South Africa, and Capt. Brown have both become majors.

Major the Rev. Steacy, Divisional chaplain, reports that the four libraries with a total of 60,000 books are greatly appreciated by the troops, as the sacks full of illustrated papers and magazines that are arriving from all parts of the United Kingdom. The major is endeavoring to get something in the nature of a permanent library building erected, and he is also arranging for a picture theatre in each of the four camps in order that the soldiers may find something to interest them in the long winter evenings.

Capt. Killam, of Winnipeg, has had a bad spill with a motor-cycle, and is suffering from an injured shoulder, necessitating leave of absence, and Col. Archie McDonald has had a bad fall, but is progressing favorably.

Col. Naismith, M.D., of Toronto, the water specialist, whom the Minister of Militia sent over to look after water supplies has been spending a few days in London gathering data, and interviewing some of the wounded British soldiers who have returned from the front, getting to know the actual conditions of life in the trenches, particularly as they affect the men after water supplies. The Doctor wanted to get at some information in the Alexandria Hospital, and he suddenly found himself the object of much attention, was, in fact, mistaken for a German spy. Fortunately no great harm was done as Dr. Scott, a nephew of the Minister of Militia, was able to rescue the Doctor from his position of embarrassment. The incident provoked a good deal of amusement and laughter in which Col. Naismith himself joined. Today a romantic wedding came to

light with the return to camp of a young Canadian private, Victor Albert Baker, a C. P. R. engine driver. Seven weeks ago, Baker was introduced to the cousin of another soldier in the contingent—Bertha Venden Bosch, a Belgian refugee, who was being cared for in a hotel attached to a Congregational Church at Nunhead. Miss Bosch had been cashier at Antwerp and both her father and mother are still stranded somewhere on the continent. In spite of the difficulty of languages for neither speaks the tongue of the other, the soldier proposed, was accepted at the second meeting, an engagement ring was placed upon the lady's finger, and after two more interviews the pair became man and wife. Both the bridegroom and his father were in khaki. The Mayor of Chamberwell, a London borough, attended the wedding breakfast and the bridegroom returned to camp this morning. The bride goes to the home of her husband's parents in Canada, there to await his return from the war.

FULL STRENGTH PARADE.

The Canadian Contingent has had its first full-strength parade on the Plains, 25,000 men being drawn up on a front of about 1 1/2 miles, and reviewed by General Campbell and General Alderson. When the inspection was over all the officers were assembled and addressed by General Alderson who complimented them and the contingent upon the result of the day's manoeuvres, and the fine appearance of the troops. Those who have watched the progress of the Canadian troops since their arrival here declare that some of the battalions are hardly recognizable, showing as they do wonderful improvements in all that pertains to military movements and addresses. But even admitting this one must confess that the assembly for the first time of 32,000 men at Valcartier from all over the Dominion, their feeding, housing, and drilling into a compact soldierly body was a greater feat than anything yet achieved on this side on the same lines, and too much credit cannot be bestowed on those who bore the heat and burden of the day on the plain of Quebec. It is only by comparison that one is able to measure up the original achievement and properly appreciate it.

Hon. Greenwood, M. P., has been appointed a lieutenant-colonel in the New Welsh Army.

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This ship will be available about December Twentieth and will sail on or about December 25th. The Belgian Relief committee has authorized me to request further donations of cash, clothing and food stuffs. Persons within the city who desire to contribute clothing or food will please send same to the Dill shed, or advise the Secretary who will have the goods sent for. Cash donations may be forwarded to the undersigned and will be promptly acknowledged in the daily press.

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