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## THE WAR

The latest development in the war, the surrender of Bulgaria opens a new chapter in the war, a chapter with unknown possibilities. We have been accustomed during this war, to unexpected as well as expected developments and the expected has not always been what has happened.

This, however, is a new thing, the capitulation of a whole nation and not an inconsiderable one. Bulgaria has done us much mischief. No country entered the war in a more selfish and calculating spirit and in her acknowledged defeat she will have little sympathy. That the war has lasted so long with such lamentable cost in life and treasure is due in great measure to the shifty course of Bulgaria which by her strategic position was able to take Serbia in the rear, to block the Black Sea to the Allies, and to open to Germany and Austria their corridor to the East. Bulgaria has given no mercy and deserves none and we believe she will receive none. She has laid down her arms unconditionally; has opened her country to the enemy and has been plainly told that any terms she would get would be given her over the table at the final peace conference. This is the position held today by Bulgaria which went into the war with a purely selfish motive and carried it on as long as she could after the most approved methods of German savagery. She is now down and out, not even asking for mercy and probably not expecting it.

The opening up of Bulgaria to the Allies is in itself a step weighted with immeasurable possibilities. Standing between Berlin and Constantinople she has been able to guard the lines of communication between the German and Turkish Capitals. This communication is now broken and the Turks, with their armies broken stripped of the greater part of their equipment, wandering between the devil and the desert, are now left practically to their own resources, the resources of the desert and the mountains. That they will shortly follow the example of Bulgaria would be a not unexpected eventuality. As a fighting force they are already about down and out and this good work will be continued by General Allenby until it is accomplished. It is probable that, like the Bulgarians, they will anticipate the inevitable by laying down their arms.

The surrender of Bulgaria leaves the brave little Serbian army free to settle conclusions with Austria and Austria is none too anxious to take on any additional trouble. What she will do, with her two main allies in the east out of the war is another of the questions that the near future may answer.

As to the events along the western front from the North Sea to Switzerland they are happening so rapidly that it is useless to summarise them. Yesterday's despatches are outclassed by those of today in glorious deeds and tomorrow's will outclass those of today. Victory, final and complete, is being won but only being won. The German leaders have not yet chosen which horn of the dilemma to face, the judgment of the Allies or that of the German people and they will likely have to be bayoneted into both. This process is now going on at a bewildering rate. They will probably have one more opportunity to dig in for the winter and next summer will see their finish.

### AERIAL POSSIBILITIES

Those who had the privilege of seeing, at the Prince Edward Theatre on Tuesday last, the cinematograph photographs of aerial service in England and Canada, will have no difficulty in realizing the untold possibilities of this modern science. To Prince Edward Islanders especially this service and its development should be of special interest. Isolated as we are from the rest of the continent, dependent upon steamship communication which at best is slow and, during winter, uncertain, we naturally look forward to something more dependable, something that will not be interrupted by winter storms, blocked up railways or ice blocked straits.

Aerial navigation will be the service of the near future. Already its possibilities

have been proven in the severest tests to which machinery can be put. In storm and calm, through fog and darkness, Allied airmen on the battlefield have demonstrated the usefulness, the safety and the dependability of the aeroplane. It has been tested and proved as the speediest mail carrier and already there are aerial mail routes all over England, across the English Channel and in the very near future the service will be carried across the Atlantic. In Canada and the United States, notwithstanding the strenuous war time and the need at the front of all the machines that can be manufactured, there are several aerial mail routes and the service is most satisfactory.

No doubt, after the war is over and thousands of aeroplanes are thrown on the market, these machines will be as common as automobiles are today. Mail and passenger services will be established where now these are carried on by mail coach and courier. In any case they will be established between the principal centres in Canada and the United States. We here in Prince Edward Island, who need such a service more than any other place in Canada, would do well to look to the future and make our preparations accordingly. An aerial service connecting us at least with the principal centres on the mainland railway system is quite within reach. We heretofore have been able to raise almost any indefinite number of thousands of dollars asked for for some specific war fund or for an investment in war loans; we could as easily raise the amount needed to establish an aerial service provided we set about it in a business way. Such a service inaugurated along the general lines of a steamship service would no doubt be given a mail contract and the usual government subsidy and should prove as profitable an investment as any steamship company, and it is a matter of common knowledge that steamship companies here have turned out to be veritable gold mines.

There is already the nucleus of an aerial company here. It could be enlarged by including in its membership every man, woman and child in the province. To such a membership the cost would be a mere bagatelle and every dollar invested would yield a dividend. We hope to see a definite movement started in the near future with a view to bringing this great modern possibility within our reach and give us our share of the commerce that will fill the heavens sooner than most of us think.

### NOTES

The news from Palestine is great, but personally we'd hate to have to decide what to do with 25,000 Turks.—Boston Record.

The Germans did one good thing for the Allies. They built a number of the ships on which American troops have been transported overseas to fight them.

We have long suspected that the Germans have no sense of humor, and now we know it. The ships of their new merchant marine are receiving such names as Hindenburg, Ludendorff and Tirpitz. Imagine the thrill of delight with which we shall learn from our shipping bulletins after the war the Hindenburg is expected to dock at Hoboken with the afternoon tide. Consider the welcome that will be extended to the Trpitz as she passes up the Thames to Gravesend.—Argonaut.

Canada now speaks of victory loans, and the next one to which it will be asked to subscribe will be projected almost at the same time as the Liberty Loan in the United States. The Dominion is determined to put up half a billion dollars, if called upon, and to herald the loan with the capture of Cambrai, scene of the debut of the tanks. One begins to wonder, not what Canada can do, but what there is in her effort to make the world safe for democracy, that she cannot do.—Christian Science Monitor.

The success of the five-ton Renault, or "whippet," tank and the future possibilities of this arm have given rise to the study of new technical problems. One of these is how to overcome the "blindness" of the tank. A tank in action can only see its immediate surroundings, and the courage has been recorded of officers who led tanks into action by walking ahead and directing their fire. Then there is the need for "liason" between tanks. It is extremely difficult to convey orders especially as the noise of the motor makes verbal communication impossible. Again, there is the difficulty of correct firing. When a tank is floundering about in shell holes direct hits are almost impossible; yet for a tank to remain stationary to give excellent opportunities to the enemy artillery. These and many other difficulties are now being studied, and their conquest is fraught with great possibilities.—Manchester Guardian.

### Your Problems Solved

BY REV. T. LINSKOTT, D. D.  
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Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems religious, natural, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

### POETRY AND ADVERTISING

"A Mere Woman" asks whether poetry would not be a good medium through which to do advertising. Will my friend I know and you know, that there is no poetry so charming to a woman as a well worded advertisement, which tells of new fashions, new and cheap goods and where one can get one splendid bargain. A business bringing advertisement for the merchant, is more eloquent and soothing than the choicest poem, or brilliant paragraph and enraptures him more than the sweetest music. Ask the expert ad writer of the Guardian to show you some of his samples.

"MAY A MAN EXPECT TO WIN IF GOD IS AGAINST HIM?" Mary H. wants to know: God in his mercy rarely if ever takes any arbitrary action against the man who is opposed to him. He permits them to have success, to have happy families and beautiful homes, but in the long run no man can win except God is on his side. He will miss supreme happiness, will be a stranger to rest of soul, and spend eternity in the dark.

Some men are afflicted with spring fever all the year around.

The "I told you so" chap is always on hand when the unexpected happens.

Some men actually know a few of the things they believe.

### Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

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### HARVEST TIME

By Edgar A. Guest

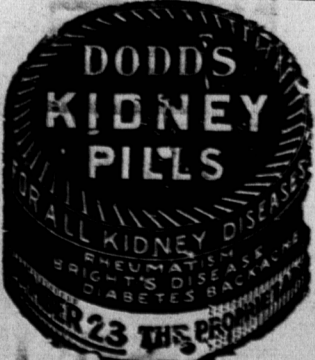
It's gettin' on to harvest time, the heavy work is done,  
 The fruits are turnin' red an' brown,  
 beneath the summer sun;  
 I've borne the heat an' faced the rain  
 an' stood to weeks o' toil  
 An' met with disappointment an'  
 some mighty stubborn soil,  
 But the corn is lookin' splendid an'  
 there's wealth on every tree  
 An' the Lord who reigns in Heaven  
 has been mighty good to me.

It's gettin' time to harvest, there's a field o' wavin' gold,  
 Where poverty was dwellin' in the lazy days of old,  
 Then I let it be neglected, as a barren patch of earth,  
 An' I scorned to give it labour, for I didn't know its worth,  
 Now I stand an' see its treasures; there was wealth beneath the clay!  
 An' the whole world is the richer for the grain that's there today.

As I gaze upon the splendours of the harvest time o' year  
 An' the joys that now have blossomed out of dismal days an' drear  
 See the apples in the orchards, an' the acres rich with grain  
 My thoughts begin to wander to the Flanders' fields of pain  
 An' my heart starts beatin' faster an' my hopes begin to climb  
 As I think o' joys we'll gather when it comes our harvest time.

From the bloodshed an' the anguish we've silenced every gun  
 When the rain of hate is over, an' the victory is won.

From the bloodshed an' the anguish an' the faith our children keep  
 Souls in tune with Truth an' Freedom it shall be our joy to reap.  
 We shall know for all our labours, all our griefs, an' all our tears,  
 A harvest time of riches that shall last for many years.  
 —By courtesy "The Montreal Herald"



### PROHIBITION COMMISSION

Sir,—In your issue of Saturday last, in referring to the recent report of the Temperance Alliance and to the appointment by the Government of the Prohibition Commission, you state that "The Government appointed the Commission in spite of the Alliance" etc.

(A) If by this statement you mean to say that the Temperance Alliance opposed the appointment of such Commission, your statement is entirely contrary to the facts. You have no warrant whatever for making such a statement.

(B) With regard to the withholding from operation of Section 52 of the Act to which attention was called by the Alliance, you state that "the Commissioners and the Government had already taken action in the matter, the Commissioners having interviewed the Premier on the subject about a fortnight ago, and he having promised to bring the matter before the first meeting of the Government."

According to your statement the matter was brought to the attention of the Government and the promise given by the Premier about the 15th of September. The official Gazette shows that the Government met and transacted business on the 20th of September, about a week after the promise was made, but up to the present the required proclamation has not been made.

I am Sir etc.

A. W. STERNS.

Member of Alliance Committee  
(A) We would respectfully refer Mr. Sterns to the debate in the Leg-

islature on the subject.  
 MR. J. H. BELL said: "I am not aware that there has been any desire on the part of the temperance people for this commission. In fact indications are to the contrary."

HON. MR. MCKINNON declared that the real temperance people want the commission.

MR. LEA said he would like Hon. Mr. McKinnon to state whom he considers temperance men. The Secretary of the Temperance Alliance, Mr. Schürman had published a letter in which he strongly condemned this commission.

(B) We are not in a position to state whether the matter came before a meeting of the Government on Sept. 20. Premier Arsenault may be relied upon to fulfil his promise to the Commissioners.—Ed. G.

MRS. SUSAN DUFF  
 There passed away at Upton, Dundas, P. E. Island on Sept. 28th 1918, Susan Walker, beloved wife of John Duff, aged 74 years. Deceased was a daughter of the late James Walker of Brackley Point and sister of David Walker of Charlottetown. She leaves a husband, four sons and five daughters who knew her as a devoted wife and mother.  
 In early life she was brought to a knowledge of Salvation under the ministry of the late Rev. Donald McDonald and has always been a consistent and devout member of the church of Scotland. She will be remembered as one who ever had the spiritual interests of others at heart, and she and her husband always opened their home to devotional exercises.  
 Through a long and trying illness she manifested a peace and joy which shed forth the comfort of the kingdom of heaven and told of the glory into which she was passing.  
 The funeral took place on Mon. Sept. 30th the services were held in the Kirk near by, Rev. Ewen McDouall her pastor officiated. To Mr. Duff who is himself laid aside by a severe illness and to the family and friends much sympathy is extended.  
 (Other papers please copy.)

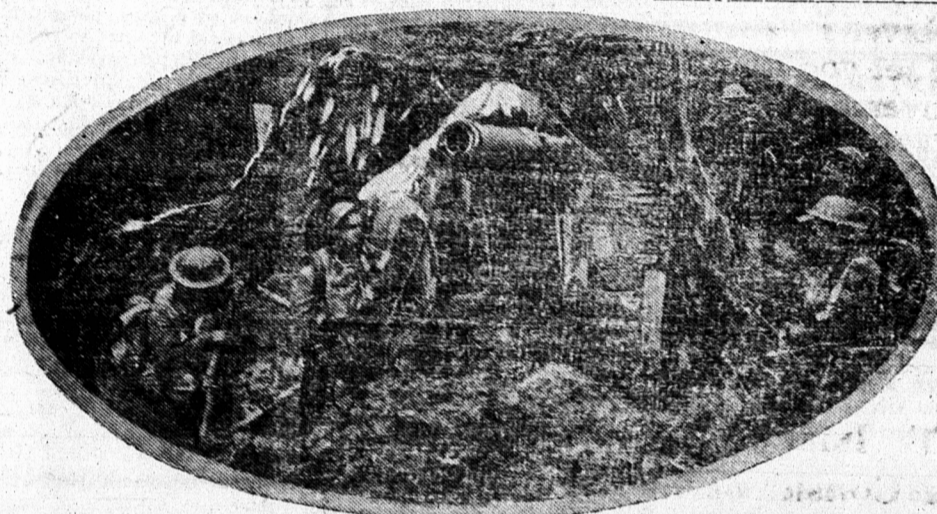


Consider what you would do if you suddenly found your income reduced a certain amount. How would you save if you were compelled to save?

Do you refrain from unnecessary repairs and improvements? Do only what is necessary to keep things from going to pieces. Don't worry about shabbiness in war time? Save the money for Victory.

It takes any man longer to make a garden than it takes an old hen to unmake it.

Love is a serious matter the first time a young man bumps into it.



A CAPTURED GUN

Canadians inspecting a German cannon of high power just captured by them. The enemy before retreating blew off the muzzles of four of these other cases by Canadians, especially guns to prevent their being used against them, as was done in many Morrison of Ottawa.



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British skirmishing party on the wood just cleared of Germans by our was done by Canadians in Bourlon Champagne front advancing through an artillery. This is the kind of work that wood.—British official photograph.

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