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THE WAR

While there is no cessation in the fighting on the western front, and the Allies are slowly but surely driving the enemy back, the attention of the military critics appears to be centered more at present on developments along the Balkan front. There have been some clashes between the Greeks and Bulgarians, the latter having attacked Kavala and Drama, two important Greek towns. There had previously been some fighting near Seres. The Entente Allies were not concerned in these clashes, and their only significance lies in the possibility of their leading to war between Greece and Bulgaria. There has been "bad blood" between the Greeks and the Bulgarians since the Turkish war, the Greeks having in the settlement received Kavala which the Bulgarians claimed should have fallen to them. The recent clashes in this vicinity were partly an outcome of this old enmity and partly—a large part, too—an outcome of Bulgarian and German treachery, a joint agreement having been given by the Bulgarian and German governments that the Bulgarians would not attack Greece. Like other German agreements this one was also but a scrap of paper.

That important movements are looked for in this region is evidenced by the fact that a large body of Russians arrived recently in Saloniki. When it is remembered that the Allies had already about 800,000 men mobilized here, more than double the number of men available to Bulgarians, it is evident that the over-running of Bulgaria is not the only objective, if it be an objective at all. Russia has always been friendly to Bulgaria, indeed it is to Russia that Bulgaria owes her existence as an independent state, and it is said that in every Bulgarian cottage there is to be found a portrait of the Russian Czar of that day, who is revered as the deliverer of Bulgaria from the Turkish yoke. It is therefore regarded as improbable that the Bulgarians will take up arms against the Russians, and her allies. The landing of Russians in Saloniki is therefore expected to have a political effect upon the situation. There is besides this the growing conviction in Bulgaria that Russia, as a result of the war will be the next occupant of Constantinople, and the Dardanelles, so that Bulgaria's enmity towards Greece may yet be offset by self interest.

The participation by Russia in the offensive for the restoration of her ally, Serbia, will also have a tremendous moral effect upon the Balkan situation.

Roumania cannot much longer stand aloof from the conflict. It is understood that Russia has agreed to cede Bessarabia to Roumania as her reward for participation in the war. Bessarabia has a population of 2,000,000, all of them Roumanian in race, and the present Russian successes in Galicia are growing proof of the final collapse of the Teutonic resistance. Roumania has an army of nearly 800,000 men already mobilized, which she could throw into Bulgaria or into Transylvania.

In this mix-up anything may happen. That Bulgaria and Greece may patch up their quarrel is possible, as King Constantine still has a precarious hold upon the Grecian army. Germany, according to our despatches yesterday, has advised the Bulgarians to evacuate Greek territory, as she has no desire to see Greece enter the war. On the other hand the Greeks are anxious to get into the scrap to settle old scores with Bulgaria, and it is known that the great majority of Greeks are pro-Allies. The presence of such a huge army representative of all the Entente Allies is the most significant feature of the situation, and it may be assumed that a move will shortly be made which will set all the Balkans in a blaze. That Bulgaria may back out is possible; that Roumania may take a hand in the melee is also possible. Either one of these possibilities may change the complexion of the whole situation and the next few weeks should determine whether they both or either of them will materialize.

(Since the above was put in type our despatches this morning announce that Roumania has declared war on Austro-Hungary. This is the most important event in the war situation for many months and will unquestionably revolutionize the Balkan situation. With the Allies in strong force in the south, Bulgaria

is now within the jaws of the nut cracker. Whether she will fight and be broken or will avoid breaking by throwing in her lot with the Entente Allies the next few days should disclose. The entry of Roumania into the conflict opens the road for Russia into Austria; the elimination of Bulgaria either by being beaten into surrender or by her renunciation of her Teutonic Allies will open the road to Constantinople. There should be stirring events in the next few days.

REGISTRATION

As already announced the Dominion Government has decided upon a system of registration of all men of military age in Canada. This does not necessarily mean conscription or compulsory military service. It simply means that the names of men of military age will be enrolled, their physical fitness, their occupation and their usefulness in the industrial life of the country classified. Those who have volunteered and who for any reason have been rejected will be permitted to wear a badge indicating their willingness to serve; those whose occupation is of such a character that their services are more useful to the country than they would be if enlisted, will also be permitted to wear such a badge; those who have no valid reason for refusing military service must bear the stigma. To enlist or not to enlist will still, for the present at least, be left optional with each individual. It is not desired by the government, nor is it in any way desirable, that conscription should be introduced. It may, however, follow if recruiting does not show results which will assure Canada's full participation in the war. It is a war of defence, a war for the defence of Canada and its homes and institutions, a war in which, according to the present constitution of Canada, all men of military age and fitness may be called out without further legislation than our present military law.

It is quite probable that, had such a system of registration as this been adopted during the early stages of the war, many of those who enlisted would have been retained in other employments. There is a shortage of men for the munition plants, there is a shortage in many of the other productive employments, such, particularly, as agriculture. At the outset they were taken indiscriminately. The present registration system will correct this. It is known also that there are many men who should have enlisted, and did not for no other reason than their own unwillingness to take their share of the burden. These men will, under the registration system, have an opportunity of doing their duty like men or of openly bearing the odium. It is sincerely hoped, for the credit of Canada, that before the registration is begun those whom this odium threatens will guard against it by donning the khaki. The matter of a man's indispensability in civil employment will not be left to his own decision; it will be decided by a Commission. If he is likely to be of more service to the country where he is he will be given a badge; if otherwise he takes the consequences.

AN OUTRAGE

Naturally our citizens are indignant over the outrage perpetrated in Victoria Park on Saturday night, a report of which appeared in yesterday morning's Guardian. It detracts little if any from the seriousness of the crime that the reverend gentleman was the victim of an outrage evidently intended for someone else. This, we are informed, was the second incident of this kind that has occurred in the Park this summer, the victim in the first case being a "Tom Peep" who had been spying upon some pedestrians who resented the interference and who undertook to deal at first hand with the offender. That the Rev. Mr. Sawdon, a visitor to the City and while enjoying a pleasant walk where he or any other respectable citizen had a perfect right to be, should be the victim of such an outrage, is not creditable to the police and is a positive disgrace to the City. Too many offences are permitted to pass unnoticed by the police; too many men under the influence of liquor are allowed to walk our streets and haunt our parks unmolested by the police and too many "Tom Peeps" have been allowed to shadow respectable people in Victoria Park during the summer and to use such discoveries as they made, or pretended to make, for blackmailing innocent people. Saturday night's outrage was simply the outcome of letting too many offences go unpunished. Our police will need to stiffen their backbones somewhat and see to it that no offense when known, shall go unpunished and no offender when seen, go unarrested. Lawbreaking may easily become a habit and it is up to the police to see that it does not become a habit in Charlottetown, and, if the habit has already been formed, to see that it is broken.

LIQUOR SUPPORTERS TAKING REVENGE ON THE GOVERNMENT

"Undoubtedly the liquor interests were taking their revenge," said Hon. G. Howard Ferguson today in discussing the result of the by-election in Southwest Toronto yesterday. "I do not regard the result as conclusive of any condemnation of the Government. Everything indicates that the speaker, sensible and thinking elector in the riding was caught napping because he did not realize that the active organizations of the liquor interests were at work all the time and he felt satisfied with the policy of the Government. The Government's policy on the Hydro and on nickel did not affect the vote at all despite the hysterical wailing of some of the newspapers and some of the speakers on Opposition platforms. These matters were brought out to the forefront of the fight, and the great bulk of the thinking people, not suspecting

that such an attack was being made by the liquor people, felt that the Government's position was secure on these two issues. Get Out "Foreign" Vote. "The liquor interests had all their cohorts working, and in the Jewish and Italian quarters they got out an army of the voters as they could. But with all they got out there is no reason to be dissatisfied when it is considered that thousands of the Conservatives did not vote, confident in the return of the Government candidate. "In the northern part of the riding, where the people are all English speaking and Canadian born, Mr. Norris got a majority. This shows how the thinking people would have voted had they thought

Annual Flower Show Aug. 30th and 31st.

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there was any danger for the Government candidate.

Mr. Dewart's Big Job.

"One bright feature," concluded Mr. Ferguson, "is that Mr. Dewart has now a long job to tackle, and he had better start at once. That job is the one he took on himself of getting all the Jews back to Jerusalem."

Hon. T. W. McGarry had nothing to say about the election. He has been unwell for the past few weeks and has had several minor operations. Beyond speaking last Friday night for a short time at one of Mr. Norris' meetings he took no part in the campaign. Hon. B. Lucas is out of the city today.

No Difference, Says Mr. Wylie.

"Mr. Dewart's election will not embarrass the Ontario Temperance Act," said Mr. Newton D. Wylie, secretary of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred. "We believe that the Government stands just as solid on it as on the day the legislation was enacted."

Liquor Man's Views.

"The result of yesterday's election proves beyond doubt that the majority of the people are opposed to prohibition," said Mr. James A. Blackley, secretary of the Licensed Wine and Spirit Shop Association. "Also that a petition such as that of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred is valueless. The only course open for the Government, now in face of the lack of support by the temperance people, is to call a special meeting of the House and amend the Ontario Temperance Act. Apart from the fact that it does not find favor with the masses, provincial prohibition is worthless because outsiders can ship all the liquor desired into Ontario. Other provinces will benefit at Ontario's expense. Prohibition will just be a trade diverter."

"Besides it is wiser to have high and restricted licences with strict Government supervision than to encourage the promiscuous importation of liquor into the province. The former tends to temperance reform, the people of this province will resist the law prohibition, keep it out of fact," concluded Mr. Blackley.

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ABIDE WITH US.

I know not where His Islands lift Their fringed palms in air; I only know I cannot drift Beyond his love and care.

Our Father, grant us, this day, the sense of Thy presence to cheer, and Thy light to direct us, and give us strength for Thy service. And yet more, Father, give us Thine own help and blessing in our sorrow, our failure, our failure and sin. Thou knowest that we cannot bear our burdens alone. We are only little children, and the world seems very dark to us, and our path very hard, if we are alone. But we are Thy little children; and so we know we can come to our Father, to ask Thee to help us, and enlighten us, and strengthen us, and give us hope. We are not ashamed of our tears, for our Lord has wept with us. We do not ask Thee to take away our sorrow, for He was made perfect through suffering. But we do ask Thee to be with us as Thou wert with Him, our Father, close to Thy little ones, when as He has promised us— Amen.

WANTS THE GUARDIAN.

"Please send the Guardian, I am sure," is the interesting postscript to a soldier's letter sent by the family to this paper today. Many hundreds of soldiers have written similarly. Better send the Guardian along to YOUR boy.

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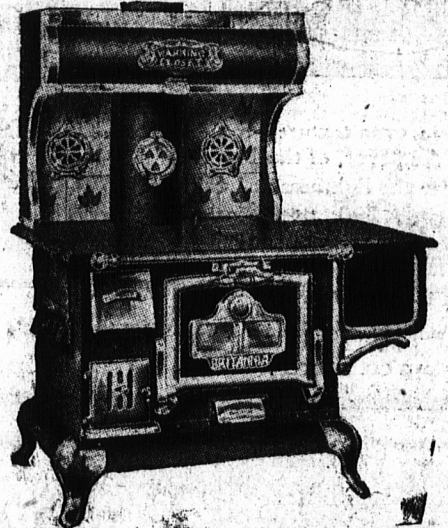
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