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INVASION OF CANADA ?

The German Ambassador was recently indiscreet enough to state in New York that Germany would not allow the Monroe doctrine to prevent her invading Canada.

The United States recognize this and are now discussing the position in the event of an invasion.

A few years ago there was a popular belief that the United States had nothing to fear from Europe, so long as the forts would withstand the attacks of the prospective enemy's fleet.

Any country that could control Canada or Mexico, or even force a landing along the coast, and could eliminate the U. S. navy—could place an armed force of considerable strength on this continent within a comparatively short time.

It is conceivable that a much larger army could be sent to the United States. It might take a month for the actual transportation, slowing down a large fleet to the speed of the slowest vessel, but a month is not such a long time, hardly more than would be required in the mobilization of a large army in the U. S., and, if what Representative Gardner recently said is correct, our friends to the south might experience considerable difficulty in combating an army of invasion.

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"In Cincinnati a similar pro-German demonstration was held, at which a raid on Canada was openly advocated and warmly cheered by all present.

"In these circumstances it would seem to be the height of wisdom for the Government to be prepared for eventualities, and I am glad to see that the movement for home defence has taken a concrete form.

OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

From the returns so far received in connection with the Army Field Service Fund it is evident that the voluntary contributions of oats will not amount to the promised 100,000 bushels.

As frequently stated in these columns many of our farmers have contributed liberally, and as frequently hinted, some have contributed disgracefully or, more disgracefully still, have contributed nothing.

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yet by any means beyond possibility. It is sincerely hoped that those who have so far shirked their duty will, before it is too late, so increase their giving that neither they nor their children will have cause to regret that they had not been killed in the war before the subscription lists were opened.

As an example of what others of our Islanders abroad, as well as at home, are doing we might mention one case that came to our notice only yesterday. Mr. Malcolm McQueen, barrister of Winnipeg, who is visiting his former home in Orwell, and his partner in the law firm, have each subscribed \$20 a month to the Patriotic Fund during the continuance of the war.

PATRIOTIC MEETING

It is quite possible that several reasons conspired to make the Patriotic meeting, called for last Tuesday evening, the failure that it undoubtedly was.

We do not for a moment attribute the absence of citizens from the meeting to any desire to evade contributing to the fund. Our citizens generally are generous and when solicited for contributions to any worthy cause are always ready to respond liberally but there is apparently a deep rooted antipathy to attending meetings.

It would have been more satisfactory had the meeting been well attended. A movement of this kind requires the enthusiasm that can be inspired only in the crowd and it is hoped that the adjourned meeting will be held as soon as possible.

There is a good deal of comment on the fact that our military men were not present in force but citizens who were not present themselves can ill afford to throw stones in this direction.

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HEALTHY RELAXATION

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Only a little less gruesome than the actual conflict is the constant perusal of the harrowing details of slaughter of suffering, of inhuman cruelty and the ever present fear as to the outcome.

To a certain few a book of favorite poems has the longed-for effect. A bracing walk does the work for others, and to all there should be much that is refreshing to mind and body in our bracing October air.

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PROVINCES DO NOT CONTROL COMPANY LAW

In Cases of Concerns Incorporated Under Act of the Dominion

PLOW COMPANY WINS APPEAL
Ruling by Privy Council is Important, Involving Provinces' License Revenue

LONDON, October 27.—An important judgment, involving company law in Canada was delivered by the Privy Council yesterday in consolidated appeals from the British Columbia Supreme Court in John Deere Plow Company vs. Theodore Wharton and Garnet Duck, with the Attorneys-General for this Province and the Dominion intervening.

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PATON'S WEEK END SPECIALS FROM THEIR FURNITURE DEPARTMENT

Our stock of Furniture is now complete, buying in carloads from the best factories at lowest prices. For spot cash enables us to sell about 20 p. c. lower than if we had to buy in small quantities and pay open freight rates.

Iron Beds is one of our strong lines and in going over our stock we find we have 16 odd Beds, lines that were discontinued, and we are going to offer them at 2 p. c. discount to make a speedy clearance.

Dining Room Furniture, consisting of Sideboards, Buffets, China Cabinets, Side Tables and Dining Room Chairs; all styles, qualities and prices from the lowest to the most expensive to be found here.

We have been told that we are selling Bureaus and Commodore at the lowest prices in the City. Our particular designs and the finish is what makes you decide so quickly when making a purchase at our store you have only to see them to be convinced.

We have a very complete line of Chairs suitable for any room in the house, all the different styles and the lowest prices.

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E. R. BROW
Charlottetown

Recruits Wanted for Artillery Unit

for Oversea Service

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Volunteers will please hand in their names to any of the following officers:—
Lieut.-Col. A. G. PEAKE, Charlottetown.
Major C. LEIGH, Charlottetown.
Major C. L. MCKAY, Charlottetown.
Major A. T. MCKAY, Montague.
Captain A. F. McQUAID, Souris.
Captain D. A. MacKINNON, Charlottetown.

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