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THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

During the week there has been no change in the standing of the armies of the west along the Belgium line. Both sides magnify small successes and minimize small losses. They keep up the fighting and allow each other but little rest.

In the east the fact that the tenth army of the Russians operating northward from Warsaw, has been forced backward for a considerable distance and lost a large number of men as prisoners is established. The Russians claim that the retreat has stopped and that they now occupy strong positions and that the German advance has stopped. The Russians admit the loss of one army corps, while the Germans claim to have taken 100,000 prisoners. Both sides agree that the bad roads have prevented the Germans from following up their advantage, but that new battle lines are being formed. In the Carpathians the fight for the mountain passes still goes on as it has for several weeks without any apparent advantage to either side.

The naval blockade of England and Ireland by Germany which went into effect on February 18th has as yet produced no special effects except among the diplomats. Mines however, have been the cause of the sinking of three Norwegian ships, while torpedoes from submarines have sunk several English merchantmen. England on Wednesday made the waters between England and Ireland a "war zone" and will plant those waters full of mines. Certain channels will be left open so that English pilots can take vessels through in safety. This is undoubtedly done to prevent the German submarines from navigating those waters with safety.

Two American ships have struck mines, or at least are supposed to have struck mines and sunk. The fact that they ran against mines will relieve this country from difficulty as generally speaking a vessel that runs voluntarily into a mine sown locality takes its own risk. The last American vessel sunk was off Dover, however, and that is pretty far south for German mines to be encountered.

ARE YOU READY?

We are not alarmists. But when a man leaves his house on a very cloudy day he will take his umbrella along. We are not prophesying war. We do not want war. We would suffer considerable chagrin as well as actual damage rather than go to war.

But we want our readers to realize that we are walking along the edge of a precipice. Just now we are very close to the edge. We want our readers to look over the edge of that precipice and imagine as best they may as to what it will mean to them, to this nation, if we make a misstep.

We want them to remember also that, while we may and are willing to suffer losses, lose some prestige, sacrifice some pride, yet that there are some things that neither nations or individuals can condone—and that it would be an easy matter, for either of the nations at war, if they so desired to force us into the fight.

Any day something that may appear to the people of this country as an outrage, or as an attack on our national honor. It may not have originated with the highest authorities of the offending nation but popular sentiment might take the act as a sufficient cause of war. The sinking of the Maine caused the war with Spain though that act was never authoritatively laid at the door of Spain. The Ship of State is sailing through dangerous waters. It is a poor time to rock the boat. But it is well to be ready for a possible swim.

County News

J. R. Young V. S. of St. Thomas is moving to Hittinger county.

Lewis Grombo of Drayton died last Friday after a lingering illness.

Spencer Douglas is visiting friends in and around St. Thomas where he taught school for several years.

George Ganssle left St. Thomas last week to join his family who are spending the winter at San Antonio, Texas.

The Firemen of Drayton gave a social on the evening of Washington's birthday for the benefit of the firemen's fund.

Miss Maggie Trenbeath of Neche, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. A. Heilman, in Iowa for a year is back home.

The Methodist church members of Hamilton are making arrangements for a week's revival, to begin the first week in March.

The Orangemen lodge of Carlisle will give a box social in the Carlisle school house this evening. A large attendance is expected.

Mrs. Patrick Maloney and her two daughters are moving from Cavalier to Grand Forks where they expect to make their home.

The attendance at the St. Thomas school took a sudden drop this month on account of many of the pupils being vaccinated.

The people of Hamilton gave an elaborate reception to Rev. and Mrs. Horner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Parsons last week.

Miss Ellen Robertson of Bathgate is home from the Columbia University where she took a post graduate course and received her degrees.

Miss Doris Lee of Neche gave a Valentine party to a number of her school mates. Games and delightful refreshments constituted the program of the evening.

At the Pembina River Farmers Club in the Welford neighborhood resolutions were passed to petition the legislature to pass a law making hail insurance compulsory and making a tax levy for the same.

Lawrence Demaree, son of Brazil Demaree, who was married in Winnipeg the other day was the third son of Mr. Demaree who has married within the last few months.

The students of the school for the blind at Bathgate had a fancy dress party Friday evening which is said to have been a swell affair. Only the school was present.

Miss Ethel Bjarnson and Oliver Einarson, two prominent young people of the Milton neighborhood were married last week by Rev. K. K. Olafson of Gardar. They are spending their honeymoon among friends at Wynyard, Saskatchewan.

Hensel Farmers Club is one of the most active of such organizations in the county. At a meeting on the 11th inst the attendance was about a hundred, including women and young people. They have regular debates on live topics which all are interested in.

St. Thomas defeated the Bathgate basket ball team on their own floor last week and the performance wound up with a turkey supper. Several of the young ladies of the St. Thomas high school accompanied the team and all reported royal reception.

At the meeting of the Grain Growers Association at Fargo last week Donald McLarty of Hyde Park took first prize for the best corn grown in the northern part of the state. This makes the eighth consecutive time that Mr. McLarty has carried off the first prize for corn.

Petit thieving in and around Neche, which was prevalent for some time must stop says the authorities of the town. Last week they swooped down on three characters, August Sonnenberg, Fred Hartwig and August Rutzinski, three Russians, who were charged with stealing a gun from Will Quinell. The gun was found which furnished the clue, and two of the accused were bound over to the district court by Justice Dawson. States Attorney McMurchey prosecuting.

The Cash System.

The following clipping goes to show that the old fashion credit system is fast being relegated in all parts of the country. In showing what the west is doing, the Spokane, (Washington) New West Trade winds up an article on the subject thusly:—

"Grocers and general merchants might just as well face the fact first as last that they cannot carry the burden of supporting dead beats and customers who are either too improvident or dishonest to meet their obligations. It is an outrage, both upon the proprietors of benevolence to persist in this demoralizing line of action. Furthermore, the paying public has revolted at having these deficits charged up to its account, and the man persists in this practice many reasonably except to confine his business to non desirable and indiscriminating patrons."

Astronomical Calculations.

Here is a bit of lore about the moon that is given out in plenty of time for everybody to keep tab on it: February, 1915, will not have a full moon, a thing not recorded since 1806, and will not happen again, until 2,500,000 years from February. The moon in January was full the 1st and 30th. In March it will be full the 1st and 30th, again, and that cuts any possibility of February having a full moon. It is an odd combination of circumstances. If there is anything in signs, 1906 was a peace year after a big war.—Ex.

The Liver Regulates the Body—A Sluggish Liver Needs Care.

Someone has said that people chronic liver complaint should be shut up away from humanity, for they are pessimists and see through a "glass darkly." Why? Because mental states depend upon physical states. Biliousness, headaches, dizziness and constipation disappear after using Dr. King's New Life Pills. 25c at your druggist.

Stop That Cough—Now.

When you catch cold, or begin to cough, the first thing to do is to take Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It penetrates the linings of the throat and lungs and fights the germs of the disease, giving quick relief and natural healing. "Our whole family depend on Pine-Tar-Honey for coughs and colds," writes Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio. It always helps. 25c at your druggist.

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Colds are Often Most Serious—Stop Possible Complications.

The disregard of a cold has often brought many a regret. The fact of sneezing, coughing, or a fever should be warning enough that your system needs immediate attention. Certainly loss of sleep is most serious. It is a warning given by nature. It is man's duty to himself to assist by doing his part. Dr. King's New Discovery is based on a scientific analysis of colds, 50c at your druggist. Buy a bottle today.

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Dress and Working Shoes, a big stock to select from, \$2.00 to \$6.00 kind, each pair guaranteed, at a saving from 50c to \$1.00.

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The Gordon, none better, in the latest styles. Ask for a Gordon.

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Work Shirts, 45c to \$1.00. Dress Shirts from 50c to \$4.50 fine silk.

Compare our prices and quality of goods.

Specials for Saturday

- One gall can Pumpin. 25c
- One gallon can of Beats. 25c
- Four gallon can of Home Made Saur Kraut. \$1.00
- 16 pounds of Granulated Sugar \$1.00
- 1 pound of Brick Cheese 20c
- 10c Ginger Snaps. 5c
- Bananas, per dozen 25c and 30c

Big Auction Sale.

Having rented my farm, I will sell at Public Auction at my place, on the north-east quarter of Section 17, Hill township, 8 miles south of St. Vincent, and

Five miles north-east of Joliette, on the Red River, in Minnesota, Friday, Feb. 26th,

Commencing at 10 o'clock. Free lunch at noon.

Ten work horses, and brood mares in foal, ranging in weight from 1,300 to 1,500 pounds, and some well bred colts of different age.

Two Hamiltonian drivers, 4 and 5 years old. Three milch cows (one fresh) heifers and calves.

Two registred Chester White and Duroc Jersey Boars. Fourteen sows bred, and twenty other hogs.

McCormick mower, Deering binder, plow, hay rakes, wagons, harrows, buggy, water and heating tanks, feed mill, gasoline engine, 3 1-2 h. p., light and heavy harness, sleighs, and numerous other articles.

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HUMANITARIAN WAR.

There is a great deal of wasted talk about humanitarian methods of warfare. It is like the proposition of the fond mother who being persuaded that her dear son needed a good spanking proposed that the doctor be first called to administer an anesthetic.

In times of peace nations societies and individuals get together and resolve that certain things should not be done in case of war. This is called "international law"—but there is no law about it because there is no force behind it.

When war does come naturally, the belligerents either modify or ignore "the laws" according to their own ideas. One would think that the neutral nations would and should have something to say at such times about these things but the belligerents claim that the "necessities of war" make them their own judges.

Every nation pleads for peace in peace times but every nation at the same time prepare for war.

According to much popular opinion at this particular time, it is wicked and contrary to the dictates of humanity to furnish any warring country with the munitions of war. But there is no popular sentiment against furnishing all the arms and ammunition that any nation desires to buy—in the time of peace.

It is a notorious fact that while Germany must have purchased a very large amount of war material previous to this war that she now objects to this country selling the same sort of goods to England and France.

In this statement we are not attempting to show that either of the warring factings are right or wrong in their contentions, but as one example of the contradiction of peace and war.

We are not attempting to answer the questions as to what is right. But the fact remains that it is as wrong, if wrong it is, to sell arms and powder in times of peace as it is in time of war.

That the argument of humanitarianism urged against supplying fighting armies with shot and shell is just as forcible when those armies are drilling to make future war.

All humanitarian arguments for the withholding of arms in time of war point conclusively to the abolishing of the manufacture of such materials at all times.

Again, scientific men are at all times busy studying how to ameliorate the sufferings of the wounded, and even go so far as to provide certain kinds of bullets that will wound—mercifully,—or kill with little pain. On the other hand, scientists are at all times inventing means by which more men may be killed and wounded and thus the two classes of scientists are kept busy.

Just now, millions of money are being spent with which to kill and maim and destroy, and just now, millions more are being spent to tie up the wounds, and to feed the starving.

There is no such thing as a humanitarian war. There is no humanity in war itself. War is hell. The humanity part is simply the great contradiction of war; it is the argument which if followed to its logical conclusion would abolish war for all time.

NEW RAILROAD TO CANADA.

C. M. Drew and W. H. Graue of Minneapolis and Robert Hamilton are the incorporators of the Red River Valley Railroad company, for which articles were filed with the secretary of state yesterday. The capital stock is given as \$1,000,000. The articles state the purpose of the company is the construction of a line of railroad from Fargo, N. D., to Winnipeg. The articles do not make clear whether the proposed line is planned to be a steam or electric railroad.

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