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PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

Regular routine fighting goes on along the Franco-Belgian frontier with the usual number of killed and wounded but no definite progress made on either side.

In Poland and Galicia come the same conflicting reports. Both sides seem to be quite successful and each are taking the usual number of prisoners daily. If the figures are correct, the total "exchange" must have long ago exceeded the total numbers in either army.

Nothing special has occurred this week at the Dardanelles. Fog is given as the reason. There is talk of transports loaded with troops ready to land as soon as the ships reduce some of the forts.

Much speculation is printed as to the coming "spring campaign" which is expected when the grand rush will be made by the allied army.

It looks as though England will be compelled to resort to conscription to keep up the army.

There is a strong sentiment to close all bars in England as a war measure.

SOME CONCLUSIONS OF THE WAR.

After seven months of war under modern conditions some conclusion may be reached, or at least partially so. Among these are the following:-

That aeroplanes are and will be principally useful in war as scouts and that they have become an absolute necessity for that purpose alone.

That Zeppelins or air ships of that type, lack speed, but that it is quite possible that in the future they may be developed so that they will become the equal of the submarine as destructive agents.

That artillery is stronger than fortifications or steel clad ships.

That the longest range and heaviest guns win the naval and most of the land battles.

That the bayonet is still often the weapon that decides battles notwithstanding the use of machine guns.

That the army motor is now a gasoline vehicle.

That the spade is a stronger weapon

than the gun and that a trench is stronger than high walls.

The battles as known in history, are no longer fought.

That new inventions have knocked the bases out of all international law.

That international law has no value when the greater part of the world is at war. There are not enough neutrals to enforce it and law without force behind it is null and void.

If a submarine had thirty knots of speed on the surface, twenty knots submerged and a sailing radius of five thousand miles it would be nearly invincible.

The wireless has proven that the days of a lone cruiser preying on enemy commerce, are over. The end of such cruisers is absolutely certain, and the more damage she attains the quicker the end.

The present seems to prove that when so large bodies of men are opposed that "victories," "assaults," and "retreats" have but little influence on the general results. Such a war seems only a question of endurance.

In this war there is but little said about "the man behind the gun," but there is considerable comment on the gun itself.

One thing remains just the same as ever, "War is hell."

TELL IT TO THE ASSESSOR.

During the month of April the assessor will call upon the taxpayers, and this is the year in which he gathers the statistics which are tabulated and reported to the governor. They constitute the official statistics of the state and receive the widest possible publicity that the state government can give them.

It is of vital importance to the farmer that he understands this proposition, for instead of these figures working against him, they are his only protection against the speculator who arranges his figures to suit himself, and which might work against the farmer. If the farmer's figures prove inaccurate and unreliable, then his cause and the cause of the county in which he lives, and in fact the entire state, suffers by comparison in the estimation of everyone who is seeking knowledge of North Dakota, her products and resources.

Commissioner Flint, of the agricultural department, is guarding the interests of both the farmer and the state, and is out with the request that all farmers, for their own good if nothing more, get as near to the exact figures as possible when the assessor calls.

The same applies to those in the cities and villages who are engaged in manufacturing and other enterprises, in that they make as good a showing as possible, as every item of progress is a recommendation for the state. Everything showing industry should be represented in the statistics.

OUR JURY SYSTEM.

What is the matter with the American jury system? That there is something the matter goes without saying and the enormous amounts of money spent in trials that are wasted, in the end is ridiculous.

Last week twelve reputable men sat on the United States jury at Bismarck and listened to the evidence in the case of the government against the publishers of the "Jim Jam Gems," a periodical that has been denied admission to the United States mails. Two former jurors have sat on the case, one of which brought in a verdict of guilty, which verdict the judge set aside on a technicality, while another jury disagreed.

Either the former jurors in this case, who listened to the same evidence, were not competent to judge, or the men who sat there last week and decided for acquittal should have been some other place than in the jury box.

We came to the conclusion long ago that the jury system in this country is wrong, and a remedy is necessary.

We have not seen many copies of this pamphlet published monthly at the state capitol, but those we have seen lead us to believe that there was not a man on that jury who would take a copy to his home and read it to his family.

COMMERCIAL CLUBS

The Pioneer Express is in receipt of a membership card to the Fargo Commercial Club, duly signed by J. P. Hardy, the secretary. We don't expect that we will be able to attend many of their meetings or periodical functions on account of the distance between us, but we are thankful for the remembrance just the same. It was our privilege to attend a meeting of commercial clubs at Grand Forks last year, where we learned considerable of what is being done by these arteries of commercial unions locally. In answer to a question by one of the members as to the best method of forcing collections from delinquent members, Mr. Hardy answered that if a member did not have enough pride to donate his little mite to help the commercial club as he had agreed he should be dropped, which is sound advice. We took the advice home with us and it has been put into practice. We are pleased to say however, that the Pembina Commercial Club meet with but little obstacle in either getting or collecting dues, and the work accomplished the last few years is lots considering the size of Pembina.

According to reports from Crookston county option will be voted on May 24th, in Polk county. Should prohibition carry East Grand Forks and Crookston will be dry after the 24th of November next. Saloons in Moorhead are again tottering under the weight of prohibition, this time county option, after fighting the hardest battle in the history of that city only a few weeks ago. About fifty bartenders who have been living in Fargo are called in to establish residence in Moorhead to be ready to cast their vote against county option this spring.

The Nezperce, Idaho, Herald says a traveling man who recently visited that city, tells this story on a German at Genesee, with whom he was conversing on the merits on the European war: "I am neutral," the German protested, "and I do not give a damn which country Germany licks first."

Jos. Leiter says the market price of wheat is fixed on the Board of Trade in Winnipeg, and the American farmer has nothing to say about it. All the wheat raised in this country the last few years has not paid the cost of production.

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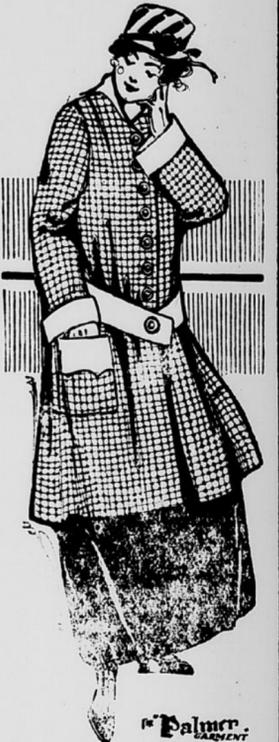
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