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Nothing can better show the authenticity of the war news being received in this country than the fact that bad news as well as good is allowed to come through. Once in a while a pessimist turns up to say that the chances of the Allies' success is not nearly so bright as the information received would have us believe. In denial of this it is sufficient to point out that in the earlier stages of the war the news that was allowed to come through all pointed out too clearly that the Allies were being repulsed. When the tide turned in their favor so did the news received. Both naval skirmishes, too, were reported as accurately as could be desired without any attempt at hiding the facts. Indeed, an examination of foreign and British papers with our own show that in Prince Rupert we get the facts as fully as they do in the larger centers.

From a good deal of comment seen in the daily papers it would appear that the Canadian banks are not coming up to the mark that was expected of them. The action of the government in making bank notes legal tender and otherwise enlarging the credit of the banks is a veritable boost for these institutions. It will mean

hundreds of thousands of dollars for them and at the same time remove all cause for worry. This action of the government was intended for the benefit of the people. It was expected that the banks would act as the custodian of the people's trust and deal out credit in a reasonable manner. If they fail in this they may secure a temporary advantage but the time will come when they will pay dearly for their treachery.

The ebb and flow of the moral stamina of a country is an interesting study. In the early days of Canada it was quite the thing for respectable people to overindulge themselves with "the cup that cheers." Then followed a period of opposition and to be guilty of over indulgence was to become socially ostracized. Now, again, we seem to be upon a period of moral laxitude in this respect and a good many people not only think they cannot not have a good time but cannot be socially "smart" unless their social events allow a free use of the forbidden drink. If half the reports one hears about town are true, there is need for a return of the old temperance lecturer or his modern equivalent.

YEAR EXTENSION TO OIL PROPERTY LEASE HOLDERS

Vancouver, Sept. 25.—In view of the European war, lease-holders who have filed on petroleum and natural gas rights under lands in the province of Alberta will be given a flat year's extension of time in fulfilling requirements which the Government sets down in the mining regulations.

Announcement to this effect has just been made by R. B. Bennett, K. C., M.P. At the request of Robert Goodwin, of the Alberta New England Oil and Gas Company, Limited, Mr. Bennett recently got into touch with Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior. He put the matter clearly before the minister, pointing out how the war had completely upset the plans of various companies and individuals who otherwise would have been in a position to go ahead this year with the development of their leases, as the regulations required. Dr. Roche then unofficially assured Calgary's representative in the House that due consideration would be given all lease-holders, and that a flat extension of one year at least would be granted.

This means that leaseholders whose leases are dated from March 2, 1914, may hold these leases until March 2, 1916, without making any further payments. The same privilege will be extended to lease-holders whose second year of ownership commences this fall.

UNEASINESS IN AUSTRIAN CITIES

People of Adriatic Seaport Are Kept in Ignorance of the Real Situation—Riotous Scenes in Capital.

Vienna, Sept. 25.—According to reliable reports from Trieste, the Austrians have now 60,000 soldiers at Pola, 60,000 in the neighborhood of Bisino, and over 200,000 on the Italian frontier.

Uneasiness regarding the situation is increasing in Trieste. Little war news outside the official report is obtainable. The Russian successes in Galicia are reported as being without significance.

The position of the Italian inhabitants of Trieste is exceedingly uncomfortable. Hundreds have been arrested, and many houses belonging to Italians have been searched by the police. A large number of Italians are leaving Trieste, especially the younger men, many of whom are enlisting in the Italian army.

The few British subjects remaining in Trieste, many of them women and elderly men, have been advised by the police to leave Austria in order to avoid unpleasant consequences.

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A deserter who scooted from the army five years ago has just given himself up in England because he "wanted to have a smack at the enemy."

The two Dublin policemen dismissed for refusing to disarm National volunteers, and the sixteen constables suspended at the same time, have been reinstated.

The Wilson liner Run was sunk by a contact mine in the North Sea. Trawlers came to the rescue of the passengers and saved the lives of nearly all on board.

The British Admiralty has announced that it will not resort to the use of mines in naval warfare. These despicable methods of warfare will be left to the Germans, who refused to sign The Hague convention prohibiting the use of marine mines.

Many hundreds of girls employed in London drapery stores, millinery establishments and dressmaking houses, and a large number of waitresses and domestic servants have been thrown out of employment owing to the war.

Representatives of every woman's society in Montreal were called together recently at the Y. W. C. A. to form an auxiliary executive to co-operate with those conducting the local Patriotic Fund campaign. All classes and ages of women attended and flocked eagerly to the platform when the chairman, Miss Helen Reid, asked for volunteers to work under the new executive. Miss Reid was appointed convener of the committee.

The Canadian Women's Hospital Ship Fund, which was closed on September 1, has reached a total of \$218,034.61, over twice the amount originally called for. The said sum has been forwarded to the British Admiralty through Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, and will be used for a supplementary naval hospital at Haslar, near Portsmouth, which will bear the name, "The Canadian Women's Hospital."

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