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EDITORIALS

An agitation has been started in Eastern Canada because large military orders which Canada can supply had been given to the States. As a result, both the French and British governments have appointed agents to make purchases for them in Canada. It was pointed out that the success of the war in the last analysis might be a financial one and that the more the countries at war traded among themselves the stronger they are to stand the fight. This co-operation of the Allies with the trade of Canada may have far-reaching effects after the war. France is not likely to forget soon the countries that helped save her liberties.

One of the interesting side-lights on the war is the presence of Canadians fighting for the liberties of old France. Canada is in many respects the child of France and if it were not for stern fortune might have been so still. The return of the long-lost child to fight for liberties that are only a memory is always interesting. The motive that inspires the French-Canadian to enter this war must be a rather mixed one. That he is loyal to the British flag that gave him his liberties, was proven on the fields of South Africa. At the same time the land of his fathers must still possess a charm for him and he will fight with a double motive.

What an idle thing it is to argue over the question whether the British regular is a better soldier than the Canadian volunteer. Yet there are a few who persist in this

vain contest. It reminds one of the old school days, when the little boys quarreled over the fighting qualities of their big brothers. The chief fame of which the Canadians can boast today is that they are a chip off the old block. The British soldier is one of the bravest and staunchest in the world and the Canadian under similar conditions is probably just as brave and staunch, because he belongs to the same stock.

A few months more and Prince Rupert will be in the throes of a municipal election. The coming year is likely to produce a crisis in this city. There is a million and a half of treasury certificates coming due in June and the city is not likely to have the funds. Instead of taking time by the forelock the present council dilly-dallied with the really good offers that they had for city debentures until it was too late. To extricate the city from its present difficulties requires the hand of a genius. In the past the man who offered the biggest pay to the workman was the one who got the votes. That class of man cannot now save the city. The man the city wants today is the one who has made a success in his own business and who is big and strong enough to do the right thing in spite of popularity. Citizens should make no mistake about the importance of the issue. It may mean bankruptcy or salvation for a good many people. It's certainly no school-boy's job, and the people should realize that only the best heads the city possesses should be put in office.

UHLANS CAUGHT IN DEADLY TRAP

Two Regiments Found in Camp Driven Out and Riddled With Shrapnel—Germans Retreat.

Northern France, Oct. 26.—In Northeastern France the situation remains vague, but the greatest optimism is everywhere. One staff officer says that the Germans are quitting Northeastern France as quickly as possible.

He said that the German cavalry had paid heavily for their temerity in recent operations, especially a couple of Uhlans regiments, which were found in camp in Caestre, near Hazebrouck. Their bivouac was discovered by an airman just before dawn. He passed the word along, and a regiment of infantry worked up carefully to their position. A heavy mist hung over the countryside, but the Uhlans outposts were alert as the infantrymen crept up in the enshrouding darkness.

The German sentries gave the alarm, and the Uhlans took the obvious way out, which happened to be along a tree-lined road. Five hundred yards from the road a battery of artillery was posted, and as the long, gray column of horsemen broke cover, the guns opened with a sheet of shrapnel fire. The enemy left more than 250 dead and wounded on the road. It is remarkable how quickly conditions of life in the territory evacuated by the Germans return to normal. The day after the invaders left Hazebrouck the refugee population returned and resumed their affairs where they left off when the Germans came. Business began again in the usual way. The price of vegetables, eggs and meats was the engrossing topic with the fugitives the day before. They completely dismissed war from their minds.

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The French Minister of the interior has deposed the mayor of Vitry-le-Francois, Dr. Forfer, and his assistant, for having, as is officially announced from Bordeaux, "failed in their duty by abandoning their posts at a moment when they ought to have given the inhabitants of their village an example of coolness and self-possession." The mayors of Lievin and Nadaud have been deposed for similar cowardice at the approach of the enemy.

The Kaiser has conferred the iron cross on the commander and each member of the crew of the German naval airship Schuckelanz II. This distinction is conferred for services rendered the Fatherland by "the magnificent aerial reconnoitering that led to the destruction of the three British cruisers recently torpedoed in the North Sea by German submarines."

The German military commander at Saarburg, Lorraine, has issued a proclamation ordering the removal of all French signs and inscriptions from the shops, buildings and schools. The commander also forbids the use of envelopes, letters and bills with French headings.

The President of France has received information that the Germans on October 8th again bombarded his country house at Sampigny, in the Department of the Meuse. Forty-eight shells were fired at the buildings, which were completely destroyed.

English and French warships have captured an Austrian steamer which was masquerading under the Greek flag. The steamer had a cargo of arms and ammunition which was destined for Albania, where the Austrians are arming the Malissori tribesmen against the Montenegrins.

While a French commission, headed by M. Mollard, the Under Secretary of Fine Arts and of which M. Paeulle is a member, which was charged with investigating the violation of the rights of nations in the previous bombardment of Rheims, were making a tour of the town in an automobile on October 9th, shells were fired toward the car by the Germans. None of the commissioners were hurt, but a passerby was killed. It is believed the Germans thought President Poincare was one of the occupants of the car.

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