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EDITORIALS

It was interesting to note how the reported death of the Kaiser was received with such enthusiasm. Everybody was hoping that it was true and surrendered that hope with a good deal of regret. There is no doubt but that a good deal of that feeling arose because of the personality of the Kaiser and because he is universally looked upon as the cause of the war. Besides that, however, there was no doubt the feeling that with the Kaiser out of the way the end of the war was in sight. While the Crown Prince is known to be more hot-headed than even his father, he could be more easily handled by the German people if they thought their chances of victory had gone by. On the other hand, with the Crown Prince in command of the army, his recklessness might very easily run them into the ground. On the whole, the elimination of the Kaiser would be welcome to nine-tenths of the human family and would without doubt be the beginning of the end. May his shadow ever grow less.

The letter in yesterday's News showing the folly of dealing with mail order houses was well taken. It's like a man all the time taking money out of the bank and never putting any in. By and by the bank

will refuse to pay his cheques. If all the people sent outside for all their necessities they would soon have to go outside to seek a job. If only half the people buy on the outside then half the local people will be out of jobs, and so on. The question is a matter of life or death for the city. On the other hand, the merchants must see to it that local prices are no greater in proportion to Eastern prices than local labor is to Eastern labor. Give the local stores a chance. Keep your dollars rolling around in Rupert. You will lose them forever by sending them out of the country.

There is something disappointing in the way people rush to the Court House when a case from the underworld is up. The attendance at the recent case in Rupert would be better accommodated in the Westholme Theatre. The crowd at times was almost backed out on the street. It goes to prove that the morbid appeals most to human nature and that the path of virtue is a steep incline which requires serious effort to surmount. It is even possible that the cause of civilization would be better served by refusing to report such cases in the press but so far the people seem to insist on getting the news.

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RED CROSS SOCIETY APPEALS FOR HELP

The following letter received by The News speaks for itself:
 Editor, The Daily News.

Dear Sir,—In the multiplicity of appeals now before the people of Canada, there is one which is unique in its purpose and therefore also in its claims.

The Red Cross Society exists to collect funds and material and to provide assistance to the sick and wounded in time of war, supplementary to that provided by the Official Naval and Medical Departments.

There is no need to enlarge upon the claims of the Red Cross or to multiply instances of its usefulness. The Good Samaritan of the battlefield, it sees a neighbor in every sick and wounded man, binds up his wounds and takes care of him.

One instance of the sort of work done by the Red Cross Society comes to hand from Lady Perrot, a member of the Joint War Committee of the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Society in London. At 7 o'clock one evening a telephone message came in to the Red Cross office from the British consul at a French seaport, saying that 700 wounded men were waiting there to cross the Channel to an English hospital next day, and that there were no blankets to cover them.

In two hours the Red Cross Society shipped the necessary blankets and they reached France in time to be used for the wounded men.

This story shows both the "emergency" nature of Red Cross work and also answers the oft repeated question: "Why does the Red Cross need warm clothing and knitted goods?"

The wounded are not always treated in steam-heated wards. They are treated in tents and in all kinds of improvised hospitals. They have to be transferred from the battlefield to the hos-

pital, and from hospital to hospital by stretcher, motor, train or ship. Their needs cannot be measured by the ordinary requirements of hospital patients, and we rely upon the Canadian people to respond liberally to our appeal for funds and material to carry on this work on the broadest possible interpretation of its sphere of action.

What Are Needs of the Society?

We need funds to purchase regular surgical and medical supplies of all sorts, including the motor ambulances which are doing such noble work in carrying the wounded as quickly and painlessly as possible to the hospitals. Each of them costs about \$2,000, according to the approved War Office pattern. Money is also needed to fill the requests for blankets, underwear, sweaters and overcoats which are coming in from our commissioner in London. These are garments which cannot be made by the women of the country. Subscriptions will be gratefully received by treasurers of local and provincial branches or at 77 King Street East, Toronto.

But from the women we ask in practically unlimited quantities: Good woolen socks in sizes 10 1-2, 11 and 11 1-2; flannel shirts, pajamas, dressing gowns, cotton night shirts, and all the garments specified in "Suggestions for Work" issued by the head office and supplied to all applicants free of charge. Such supplies should be sent to local or provincial branches or to the Canadian Headquarters, 77 King St., East, Toronto.

What Has the Canadian Red Cross Society Already Done?

To the British Red Cross Society we have sent a cash donation of \$50,000, besides \$25,000 for the purchase of twelve motor ambulances. We have shipped to England in care of our Red Cross commissioner, Colonel Hodgetts, 50,000 bandages, 20,000 blankets, 17,000 pillows, 40,000 shirts, 35,000 socks and some 24,000 other knitted garments. Also 900 yards rubber sheeting, crutches, hot water bottles and other medical and surgical supplies. Also invalid foods such as biscuits, arrowroot, cereals, oxo cubes, preserves, etc., and such "comforts" for the convalescents as tobacco, cigarettes, games, books, stationery.

In addition to the above, a motor hospital kitchen and five motor ambulances have been provided through the generosity of Major Leonard, and the women of Calgary have given a sixth at a cost of \$2,500. We equipped with Red Cross supplies the (Continued on Page Three.)

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Submarines and torpedo boats are playing such an important part in the present war that a general description of them might be of interest to the average layman.

Torpedo boats were used as early as the American Civil War. These were of a primitive type and were known as spar torpedo boats. The torpedo or explosive was not "fired," but was attached to a spar fixed to the bow of the boat and exploded by ramming the ship of the enemy. In these early days an ordinary steam launch was employed; but the modern torpedo boat is quite different. It has a length of about 160 feet and a speed of about 28 knots. It is fitted up with tubes for discharging torpedoes, which pass through the water like a miniature submarine. The model of torpedo adopted by all nations is the Whitehead torpedo, invented by an Austrian engineer in 1867. It is really a miniature submarine boat propelled by compressed air which it contains within itself. It is a perfect little engine, with machinery propellers and an automatic steering gear like any other boat. In its forward part it contains an explosive which is discharged by contact with its objective. Its compressed air contains energy enough to carry it for about half a mile and it can be aimed with wonderful precision. When discharged from the torpedo tube it can be arranged to travel either slightly submerged or at any depth required.

The ordinary torpedo is about 16 1-2 feet long and 18 inches in diameter and weighs about 1,250 pounds. The cost for each is between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Should a discharged torpedo miss its mark, as soon as the compressed air has all escaped it ascends to the surface and floats there so that it can be recovered and recharged. If it takes effect, of course it is blown to pieces, as well as any ship within its reach. Nitro glycerine is the usual explosive used.

Torpedoes may be discharged by the regular torpedo boats, submarines or warships. They have never yet been extensively used in any great sea fight but their havoc in a sea battle can be well imagined.

The torpedo boat destroyer is considerably larger than the torpedo boat and of about the same speed. Its average length is about 250 feet. It carries, naturally, heavier guns than the torpedo boat (the torpedo boat carries three besides its torpedo tubes, usually quick firers) and is employed as its name signifies. The British torpedo boat destroyers have done excellent service in the present war in hunting out German submarines and in general patrol work.

A man's repentance is always sincere—at the time.

"Mamma's darling" generally looks like a brat to the other people in the neighborhood.

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