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EDITORIALS

Yesterday's dispatches seem to indicate that Italy is about to join in the European struggle. No other reason is sufficient to account for a declaration of martial law. It has been clear all along that Italy meant to profit by the present struggle in the acquiring of further territory. She listened patiently to Von Buelow when he proposed that Austria cede certain territory on the Adriatic for the consideration of Italy's neutrality. But Austria was not quite in the humor to be a sacrificed victim so Count Von Buelow had to back down. Francis Joseph apparently thinks that as Germany has got him in the scrap they will have to see him out, and, anyway, there is no reason why Austria-Hungary should be the first to suffer.

There are three possibilities before Italy as she buckles on her armor. She may declare war on all the enemies of the Triple Entente and support that move with all her powers by both land and sea. On the other hand, she may simply attack Turkey with the hope of having something to say in the carving and perhaps get a slice but what she is more likely to do is to confine her attacks to Austria and take possession of whatever territory she desires. Italy has no quarrel with Germany and it is doubtful whether Germany would at present resent this action of Italy so long as it was made clear that there was to be no attack on the Fatherland. The immediate result of this might be that the Dual Empire would be dissolved, Hungary securing her independence and the German element going in with Germany. Should this come about, Germany would still retain her present strength, with a shorter frontier to guard.

Sir Edwin Pears, an Englishman by birth, but a resident for forty years in Constantinople, has discussed this topic in an article contributed to the March Contemporary Review. Having explained at some length the plans and methods devised and practised by Germany to gain control over Turkey in Asia, he calls attention to the importance of the final stand to be taken by Roumania, Greece, and Bulgaria. Serbia's position was determined for her from the outset, because she was the occasion of the war, though not its cause. Sir Edwin has little to say about Greece, evidently believing she

will remain neutral to the end. The most recent indications are that she may yet decide to cast in her lot with the Allies in spite of the retirement of former Premier Vanzelos. It must be remembered that his article was written a few days ago, while the situation changes almost daily.

Sir Edwin Pears believes that Roumania's interest in the struggle will yet bring her into the alliance with Russia, with whom she cannot go to war, and with whom she has been for some time past decidedly friendly. She is strongly drawn toward the Allies by the fact that there are under Hungarian rule three and a half millions of Roumanians, and that the only way to free them from this position is by force. The only way to exercise force effectively is to unite with Russia when the time comes for a final invasion of Hungary.

The attitude of Bulgaria is more doubtful than that of Roumania, because Bulgaria was, in her own opinion, unjustly deprived of Greece and Servia of her fair share of the territory lost by Turkey in Europe as the result of the second Balkan war. In Sir Edwin's opinion, however, she will not prove irreconcilable if she is allowed to recover the southern boundary for which she stipulated after the first Balkan war. Bulgaria could probably forgive much and assist much if she could thereby make sure of regaining Adrianople.

Sir Edwin closes his article with an expression of his opinion that it would be unwise for Russia to retain Constantinople, which might make her stronger for the time, but would be sure to expose her before many years to the hostility of all the Balkan States. He admits that France and Great Britain are not likely to make any objection to Russia's permanent occupation of Constantinople, but he thinks it would be better for all interests to create a new independent State, with territory on each side of the Bosphorus-Dardanelles channel, and that channel left free and unfortified. As a matter of forecast, it is less unlikely that Russia will make Constantinople her capital and fortify the navigable channel, but throw it free and open to all peaceful merchant ships as the Panama and Suez canals now are—Toronto Globe.

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SIR RICHARD IS TOO SCARED OF BAD ROADS

Will there be a general election in Canada this spring? We do not know, and nobody else knows. The Aylmer Reformer probably states the case correctly when it says that Sir Richard McBride is being sent over the course to see how good the going is. If his government in British Columbia can go to the people at a time like this and come back safely, the Dominion government will feel encouraged to try. Of course in the last election, Sir Richard nearly had everything his own way, and it ought to be pretty safe for him to conduct this experiment in the interests of his party in federal politics. If he can romp in again pretty much as he did last time, or even if he only sustains such losses as would naturally be expected, it will be taken to mean that the country is friendly, not hostile, and that it would be safe to open ballot boxes.

But if Sir Richard McBride should meet with defeat or find that by going to the polls he has landed himself in a real fight, from which he has difficulty in emerging safely, the Dominion government will decide that as there is no need for an election this year it would be most improper and unpatriotic to create the financial disturbance and let loose the partisan bitterness that an election would cause, and involve the country in the unnecessary expense that it would entail. Instead, it will be decided (if the going isn't good and Sir Richard gets bumped), to avoid an election and the strife it would occasion, and earnestly endeavor to unite all Canadians in the work that lies before us of resolutely confronting the common enemy and bringing this war of wars to a successful end.

HUNGARY UNIFORMS ARE LIKE CANADIAN BOOTS

Venice, March 30.—Hungary is said to have a cloth scandal of considerable proportions. Twenty persons have been arrested in connection with it and a number of suspects have fled the country. The swindle is said to have been cleverly carried out. Contractors submitted good materials for uniforms to the War Office, which sent them to the clothing factories to be made up.

During the transit of the cloth to the factories the swindlers contrived to substitute for it such shoddy goods that uniforms were literally rags in a few days.

One contractor of Pressburg, named Kohn received orders to cut cloth in certain lengths for uniforms. It is alleged that he cut each length one centimetre short, so that on an order of one million metres he defrauded the War Office out of ten thousand metres of cloth.

BANISH BULLY BOWSER

CHAMPAGNE HOME RUINED BY THE WAR

Epernay Has Become Great War Camp in East of France—Cellars in Chalk Rock.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—The National Geographic Society says that "those Americans who remember the Epernay of before the war doubtless find it a most difficult task to modify the cheerful picture of their memory to that of a great war camp, which Epernay is now pictured to be. Then it was a small town of prosperity and peace, from whose low, red brick railway station, with window plants, to outlying garden plots (the miniature farms of the townspeople, each kept with all the painstaking solicitude of a lady's dressing table), everything breathed of comfort and good will. Epernay lies just behind the line of invasion through Reims, and is one of the more important links in this segment of French defense.

"The town is connected with Reims, directly north, by a narrow-gauge railway, upon which, in times of peace, spirited trains rambled along, slightly faster than a normal walking pace. Like the bigger city to the north, Epernay is a great champagne centre. It has numerous works where the wines of the Champagne are bottled and great cellars drilled through the chalk rock on which the town is built. Here the wine is stored until thoroughly mellowed. Champagnes were cheap in the cafes of Epernay and the supply was plentiful.

"Much of the manufacture of the place is that of apparatus and material consumed in the champagne industry. There are railway shops here and small factory outputs of hats and sugar. Epernay has been engaged so long in the mellowing of wines that it has become mellowed in the process. Before the war it sold the finest of wines to the world, grew steadily wealthy and gardened its leisure hours away on tiny plots of ground upon its outskirts.

"These small farms were a feature of Epernay. Often they were almost fifty feet square, and every foot of their surface was covered with vegetables, trees, whitewashed stones or clam shells."

SEEK PARTY HARMONY

Republicans Name Committee to Consult With Progressives.

Albany, N. Y., March 29.—A committee of five was appointed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Republican League of Clubs of New York to ascertain on what common ground the Republicans and Progressives of the state can unite. Ormsby McHarg, of New York, was named chairman. The committee is authorized to confer with any similar committee to be appointed by the Progressives.

Small boy (much interested in shopman's reason for high price of eggs)—"But, mummy, how do the hens know we're at war with Germany?"—Punch.

PRINCESS PATRICIAS GAVE GOOD MEASURE

Were Ordered to Take a Lost Trench—Captured Two More.

London, March 27.—Reports have reached here that the Princess Patricia's have distinguished themselves in carrying out an order to take a lost trench. The Canadians not only carried out the order, but captured two other trenches, driving out the Germans at the point of the bayonet. It was in this charge that Lieut. Stewart, son of Lieut.-Colonel Stewart of Halifax, was wounded. Lieut. Stewart received a bullet wound in the stomach while leading a charge which was part of a sequel to the Neuve Chapelle victory.

During a visit to the Queen's Canadian military hospital, Major Hamilton Gault told the wounded men of the Patricia's of the announcement that the commanding officer had been killed in action. Col. Farquhar was well liked by his men. He never hesitated to ensure the comfort of those in the ranks.

Major Gault has recovered from his wound and will return immediately to France to take charge of the regiment which was organized and equipped at his expense. Prior to the death of Col. Farquhar, Major Gault was second in command.

INVALIDED PRINCESS PATS AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., March 29.—A number of the men from the Princess Patricia's Regiment returned home on the steamer Mis-sanabie.

Private Oscar Tichfield, of Red Deer, Alberta, a member of the regiment was brought ashore on a stretcher. He was taken to the military hospital, and will probably be sent home. He is seriously ill.

Another soldier named Herbert Burgess was taken to the quarantine hospital for observation for suspected spinal meningitis. With him went three of his comrades, who had exposed themselves to contagion.

Sergeant Samson, of Calgary, who says he was at the front for a month with the Princess Patricia's, was in charge of the returned soldiers.

His story is that he went to France with his regiment and fought in the trenches a mile or so to the southeast of Ypres. His feet were frozen and he was sent back to the base hospital, and finally to England. He recovered there, but the doctors, he says, discovered that he was flat-footed, and refused to allow him to return to the front. He was offered a position as instructor, but as he was a volunteer he preferred, if he could not go to the front, to return to his home in Canada.

German Bull (running amok in the "Neutral China Stores")—"I know I'm making a rotten exhibition of myself; but I shall tell everybody I was goaded into it."—Punch Cartoon.

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