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RESOLUTIONS

It is generally supposed that the chief occupation of saints and sinners alike on the last day of the year is the making of new resolutions, though it is to be feared that they are very often simply renewals of old resolves, which had been forgotten for the past 360 days. There will be more budding prohibitionists tomorrow than on any other day of the year, while the cigar stores had better make all they can today, for tomorrow the number of smokers will be reduced by many thousands.

In times like the present, resolutions will naturally run along the line of cutting down personal expenses, and this naturally suggests national expenses, which, after all, are only personal expenses in the mass. One wonders if the powers who control the destinies of our country are busy in the resolution business, and if they have resolved to run the country just as carefully as they would their personal affairs. Is it possible that the munition manufacturers have resolved to cut down their profits to the close margin of say 195 per cent., with an added clause that the difference between this and their former pittance be devoted to the Patriotic fund? Is it possible that our governors have resolved that during 1916 there will be no more graft or secret commissions? If such resolutions are made and kept, Canada will have the brightest year she has experienced in the past four.

Throughout the British Empire there will be a renewal of one resolution in the hearts, if not on the lips, of all. The resolve, made in August, 1914, will be kept with untiring vigilance. It has occasionally been put into words, but its truest

declaration has been in action. It is the resolve to spare neither men nor money in the effort to rid the world of an accursed militarism which has eaten into its inmost being. In the trenches, or in billets; in the hospitals, or in barracks; from east to west and north to south, wherever men have known the beneficent influence of British rule, there will be a stern renewal of that vow.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Bowser has not yet condescended to tell the people whether there is to be a general election or three by-elections, but indications point to a general election. The people, not having anything more to do with it than pay the price, will be told when the boss has all his plans laid.

The Russians evidently think they said too much about their first big offensive. They are busy again, and saying nothing about it. Austria, however, is sitting up and taking notice.

Germany is absolutely hemmed in at every point, except in the Near East, and there she will meet the last barrier in Suez.

The Austrian fleet, like the German, evidently believes that "discretion is the better part of valor."

PROVINCE BUILDERS

Dan: "Say Bill, its time we got in on this shipbuilding business."

Bill: "Where is the money to come from? You can't build ships without capital."

Dan: "You can build anything without capital if you pick the right province and the right time."

Bill: "Do you think British Co-

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lumbia will fall for any more of that guaranteed bond stuff?"

Dan: "Just as sure as they need ships. They need ships and the ports need shipbuilding. The government needs a new party cry, and what could be better than boosting shipbuilding? The people will vote for anything that sounds like wages, and the government is gasping to put up any scheme which spells votes."

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