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There is no doubt in the world but that the first shock of war dislocated business through Canada as well as other countries to a marked degree. For days and perhaps weeks business men just stood on corners and discussed events and gazed for the latest from the front. This feeling grows on one and if it is not checked it will work riot with business. It is time, therefore, that business men returned to their ordinary routine. Those who are prepared to go to the front can be relied on to do their part and those at home should do likewise and see that production is increased.

Canada is situated very happily in that our trade with the United States cannot be interfered with and they are one of our biggest customers. Then our trade with Europe is perfectly safe with the British navy supreme so that the outlook for business is good. As The News has pointed out on several occasions and as is substantiated by history, the only ones to be affected by the war are the unproductive elements in the community. It is up to them, therefore, to get busy and take up some productive line, and the quicker the better for themselves and the country.

Another line of helpfulness, outlined by the Rev. Canon Rix in his address to the Daughters of the Empire, was the practice of economy in the household. There is no family but has considerable waste of some kind and perhaps a certain amount of extravagance at times. This should be done away with and the strictest economy exercised. There are liable to be cases where public assistance will be necessary and steps should be taken to have this carried out. If everybody would economize a certain amount every day and place it in a relief fund there would be no need for any one to be in want.

The work undertaken by the Daughters of the Empire along the line of articles of clothing for the soldiers who enlist here deserves every encouragement. Not only will the articles turned out be of particular service to the men in the field, but it will be a gentle reminder that the women of this town are following their career. In so vital and patriotic a cause everyone should feel that they have contributed something toward the success of our arms. To many this will be a splendid opportunity to assist along with the efforts of the Daughters of the Empire.



THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE INTO PRUSSIA.

A map showing scenes of Russian victories. The Russians hold Dargelmen, Johannsburg, Ortelburg, Willenberg, Neidenburg, Insterburg, Goldapp and Arys. Heavy battles have been fought at Lyck, Gumbinnen and Soldau. The German defeat at Soldau is described as a rout. The fate of the east side of Prussia, from the Vistula River, is said to have been decided.

## EYES OF WORLD TURN ON PARIS CITY MAKES READY FOR SIEGE

SPECULATION OF CAPACITY OF THE FORTS TO WITHSTAND  
ATTACK—DEFENCE SYSTEM EMBRACES 400 SQUARE MILES

Washington, Sept. 3.—The fortifications of Paris and their ability to resist a siege are receiving the close attention of military observers, now that Paris is the announced objective point of the German forces, and the French ministry of war has adopted urgent means of strengthening the city's defences to the utmost.

While the city's detailed defences are surrounded with secrecy by French military authorities, yet their general character and formidable strength are known to military experts, who describe them as among the strongest in the world.

### Three Circles of Defence.

The fortifications consist of three distinct circles sweeping around the city: First, the solid wall of masonry, eighteen feet high, extending for twenty-two miles around the old sections of Paris; second, the system of seventeen detached forts, arranged at intervals two miles beyond the wall and making a circuit of the city thirty-four miles long; and, third, an outer girdle of forts, seventy-five miles long, on the heights commanding the Valley of the Seine.

Each of these circles of masonry and steel is a complete defence in itself, the forts being linked together with redoubts, bastion and glacis, which permit a cross fire against approach from any direction.

The magnitude of the system

is shown by its area, which exceeds 400 square miles.

The wall around Paris and the seventeen detached forts two miles beyond the wall were built by Louis Philippe. They sustained the German siege of 1870-71, and the outer forts have since been greatly strengthened. The third line of forts on the hills of St. Germaine, Corneilles and Villiers are of modern construction, with the latest type of batteries and heavy guns.

### Inner Wall Guards Best Parts.

The inner wall about Paris surrounds the best known and most important sections of the city, including the business sections along the grand boulevards, the residence sections on the north and west of the city, and the Latin Quarter and other sections of the left bank of the Seine.

On the outside of the wall a circle of suburbs extends for many miles, including Neuilly, Argenteuil, Versailles, Vincennes and many others. The forts of the second and third line of defences are dotted among these suburbs, protecting them and the approaches to the capital.

### Gates Closed at Night.

The wall contains 93 bastions and 67 gates. Some of these have been abandoned owing to the pressure of modern construction and trade. But recent advice received here from Paris state that all the gates still ex-

isting are now closed at 8 p. m. with rigid regulations of movements from within or without.

The second line of forts includes the famous fortress of Mt. Valerian, which was the center of attack in the German siege of 1870. It is strengthened by two groups of works—Hautes Bruyeres and the Chatillon forts batteries. South of the city is the row of forts at Ivry, Bietre, Montrogue, Vanveves and Issy. North and east of the city are three great forts around St. Denis and two others at Fort Aubervilliers and Fort Charenton, commanding the approaches from the great wood of Bondy.

### Defence Requires 170,000 Men.

The outer circle of forts, which are of most modern type, have from twenty-four to twenty-six guns and 600 to 1,200 men each. In all the three lines of defence require 170,000 men to operate them, not counting troops assembled within the city. According to military experts it would require a force of 500,000 men to invest these defences.

General von Moltke, field marshal of the German forces at the time of the siege of Paris in 1870, states in a report on that siege that the French artillery armament consisted of more than 2,627 pieces, including 200 of the largest calibre of naval ordnance.

### Railway Control Essential

There were 500 rounds for each gun. Von Moltke points out that the bombardment of a fortified place in the heart of an enemy's country is difficult if not impossible until the invader is master of the railways or waterways by which heavy siege artillery can be brought up in full quantity.

He explains the failure to bombard Paris at the outset of the former siege by saying that it would have required 300 heavy guns with 500 rounds for each gun. The movement forward of these heavy guns would have required 4,500 four-wheeled wagons and 10,000 horses, which were not available.

### Siege Guns in Play.

At a later stage the Germans brought up their big siege guns, attacking the enciente and ports and dropping 300 to 400 fifteen-centimeter shells daily into the heart of the city. Notwithstanding the fury of the Germans, Paris withstood the siege for 132 days.

Since then the entire new and outer third line of defence has been erected and military experts say the fortifications as a whole are far more formidable than those which resisted the former siege.

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