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EDITORIALS

Perhaps the present patriotic feeling might be utilized to revive the remains of the Canadian Club of Prince Rupert. This club was organized about four years ago and only held a few official meetings. No attempt was ever made to hold an annual meeting or elect new officers so that the organization may be said to have died a natural death from the lack of patriotic enthusiasm. While it is true that we are thinking at present more about the Empire than the Dominion it is also true that Canada must first make loyal Canadians of the men who come to our shores before they will take any interest in the Empire. Will somebody start the ball rolling for a real, live Canadian Club.

At one time it was almost a maxim of statecraft that there should be no British intervention in the affairs of the continent of Europe. The alliance with France and Russia represents a departure from this policy, and the present war is the natural outcome of that alliance.

It is the old story of a theory being abandoned in the face of practical conditions. German ambition has forced the other European powers into a union for self-preservation. The German attack on Belgium was just what was needed to convert the advocates of non-intervention into relentless opponents of Germany. They had refused to believe the alarmists, and there was some reason for their scepticism. The cry of "wolf, wolf," had been

raised so often that they would not hearken when the German wolf was really at their doors. When the wolf began to gobble up Belgium they were convinced.

Some of the alarmists are now saying, "I told you so," and we see no reason why they should not receive credit due to men who gave a warning that was required. They are not to be blamed because others had raised false alarms. Let the whole world admit that it did not realize how malignant and how dangerous was the wolf of German militarism. And let the whole world unite in the wolf hunt.

Many of us on this continent cherished the belief that by being in America we had rid ourselves of European militarism. Many Canadians looked upon European militarism as a phase of European continental foolishness, and were inclined to let the fools fight it out and take the consequences. Many Americans in the United States were in that frame of mind.

But Belgium has changed all that. We could not look upon Belgium and Germany as we would look upon two prize-fighters. Belgium was a child, a brave child, but still a child, looking with wondering, innocent eyes upon a savage wolf. Suddenly the wolf sprang upon the child. Just as suddenly Great Britain sprang upon the wolf. All theories of non-intervention were scattered to the four winds of Heaven. So in Canada, theories of non-intervention in European war are scattered to the four winds

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of Heaven. In the United States, it is Belgium that attracts universal sympathy. All over the world, in every continent, among all races, the question is being asked: Are you with the wolf and the tiger, or are you with the children of humanity, the weak and the helpless? Are you for the jungle, or are you for clearing through the jungle a path where humanity may move toward the light?

PRISON WITHOUT CELLS FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

New Method Planned for Reformation of Offenders.

Washington, Nov. 12.—A prison without cells and with no silence rule is to be built near Washington for the District prisoners now sent to Federal prisons.

In this prison the dreams of social workers will be realized. The aim will be to send the social derelicts forth after their term as wage earners and reformed citizens.

The prison, or reformatory, as its sponsors call it, will be located on a 15,000-acre site near Occoquan, the present District workhouse.

GEIER'S OFFICERS MUST STAY IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Nov. 12.—Two German officers and two men of the crew of the German cruiser Geier, now at Honolulu, who have been held for some time at San Francisco, will be paroled but must remain in the United States until the end of the war. The German embassy has been so informed by the State Department.

FRESH TALK OF RAID BY GERMANS ON CANADA

Montreal, Nov. 12.—The stories that the Germans of the United States are contemplating a raid on Canada have been given emphasis by a letter received by Mr. William Galbraith, former mayor of Westmount. The letter, which came from the vice-president of one of the biggest railways in the Western States, said:

"I overheard a conversation last night on a steamboat going from Norfolk to Richmond. It was between Germans, and to the effect that all the German singing societies, which are 500,000 strong, are carrying on a propaganda of secret arming and other arrangements for the purpose of attacking Canada from this side. The Germans here are bitter partisans and will attempt anything to beat the British, and involve this country in the conflict."

Steps have been taken to bring this information to the attention of the Dominion government.

OLD BANNOCKBURN RUSE IS REPEATED

British Dig Pits, Covering Them With Branches and Loose Turf Into Which Germans Fall.

London, Nov. 12.—The correspondent of The Chronicle in Northern France states that the Bannockburn ruse has been repeated successfully by the British in the battle of the Yser. He says: "About twenty-five yards in front of our trenches, deep pits were dug. These were covered with branches and loose turf, as at Bannockburn, and into these the Germans fell in heaps, calling out pitifully when too late they discovered the strategy."

"Our troops watched their destruction with a grim satisfaction and continued to bring down as many as possible before they reached the pits so that they would not be too quickly checked."

"Although the Germans more than filled the pits others came on in greater numbers and the pits soon became a scene of appalling horror. The Germans struggled, cried and fought one another in their vain attempts to extricate themselves. Many were accidentally transfixed by the bayonets of those who came first, while others were shot by their comrades. A shell fell into one pit and the huddled mass within was blown out of existence."

Pentiction has cut civil salaries to the extent of \$125 per month.

Revelstoke has spent \$12,500 on new cement sidewalks this year.

The Proctor Red Cross Society has sent seven pairs of blankets and four dozen pairs of woolen socks for the front.

FANNING ISLAND CABLE STATION WORKING AGAIN

Australian Line Reopened for Business After Repairs Necessitated by Raid of Germans.

Vancouver, Nov. 6.—Considerable satisfaction was expressed in shipping and other business circles of the city today when the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company announced that communication with Australia by way of the Fanning Island station had been re-established.

Four or five weeks ago the German cruiser Nurnberg visited Fanning Island and, taking the operator unawares, a landing party of the "Huns" wrecked the station, cut the cable and destroyed all the duplicate parts, which had been hidden on the island in case of attack. The Germans discovered the location of the duplicate plant by blowing open the safe at the station and finding a paper describing the place of "burial." The destruction of the duplicate plant explains the considerable delay in repairing the station, which presumably was carried out by the Australian fleet.

BRITAIN NEEDS MILLION MEN EARLY NEXT YEAR

Newspapers Assert That Recruiting Has Not Been Adequate in Crisis.

London, Nov. 12.—In view of the reassembling of Parliament, when an important debate on military matters is expected, it is interesting to note the trend of opinion which, with almost complete unanimity, admit that the present methods of recruiting are not adequate to meet the crisis. With only one or two exceptions, the entire London press, yesterday printed editorials pointing out the need of more men being recruited, and even such radical organs as The Chronicle and The Daily News urge that steps be taken in this direction.

The Chronicle says to beat the Germans back into their own territory, we must be able to put in the field, early next year, more than a million men, and have, at the same time, vast numbers in reserve for reinforcements.

The parliamentary correspondent of the Glasgow Herald, generally well informed, makes the assertion that an interesting document has been prepared in the form of an appeal signed by both Premier Asquith and Mr. Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, whose object is to obtain information concerning civilians suitable for military service. This document will be circulated by post over selected areas, The Herald says.

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