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THE WAR SITUATION.

Chancellor Von Hertling declares that Germany will not give up Alsace-Lorraine. He also holds that England should be made to give up Gibraltar, Alderney, Hong Kong, the Falkland Islands and other fortified points on sailing routes.

It is obvious that Von Hertling is not in the mood to talk peace. He represents Prussian militarism and the German dream of world-domination. The war must go on until the German people choose other spokesmen. That discontent grows in Germany there can be no doubt, and developments in Austria may encourage the protesting work-people who are now under the heel of the militarists.

Word comes that Austria is prepared to go on with peace negotiations with Russia on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities. Germany refuses to adopt a like policy, and threatens another invasion of Russia. The situation there is rapidly nearing another crisis.

The sensation of the day is Col. Repington's charge that the British government has not been making proper preparations to meet a German drive on the western front. He asserts that the German armies outnumber the Allies and says:

"The question which concerns most deeply every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom is whether England will now be sufficiently reinforced to enable them to compete with the enemy on fair terms. My opinion is that they will not be."

In reply to all critics Mr. Bonar Law declares that the chief of the Imperial staff and Field Marshal Haig have the full confidence of the government. What effect Col. Repington's broadside will have remains to be seen. He says: "Haig's recent statement that his drafts did not reach him to be properly trained and that he had to fight 181 German divisions with half that number, form the most formidable indictment of the war cabinet that could have been made."

THE FOOD CONTROLLER.

Food Controller Hanna has resigned. There was a feeling that his incumbency of office under the new government would not be prolonged. The eulogy which accompanies the announcement of his resignation will be read and interpreted in each locality in the light of what the people there know of local results of Mr. Hanna's activities. In St. John, for example, the people know that while he was exhorting them to use less wheat flour he was doing nothing to bring potatoes, an excellent substitute, within their reach, although enormous quantities of potatoes will not be a little later on for lack of a market. They know also that they are paying about two dollars per barrel more for oatmeal than they should, because the price of oats was not fixed along with the price of wheat. Mr. Hanna will be remembered as the food controller who did not control, and all the eulogies that may now be heaped upon him will not obliterate the record. That he did some good work is freely granted. That he did all he should have done will not be seriously affirmed by his best friends. Mr. Hanna is very close to the big interests which would be affected by a radical policy, but a war-time policy to be successful must be radical. In the United States manufacturing plants were ordered to close for a certain number of days. The thing was unheard of, and protests poured in from all parts of the country. President Wilson did not budge one inch. The order stood and was obeyed, and the country thinks more of its president because he was not afraid to tread on some toes when they got in the way of his war work. Let us hope the new food controller in Canada will not waste any time explaining what he cannot do, but will boldly do the things he can and should do, whether some people like it or not. The people of this country will respond to bold and vigorous leadership, and there are still some profiteers lurking in the underbrush.

DAYLIGHT-SAVING.

Of daylight-saving the Halifax Chronicle says: "In Canada, the daylight saving plan has already been tried with so much satisfaction in so many different localities that it may be said to have well passed the experimental stage. Its solid and varied merits have been proved. Its disadvantages, even when only locally applied, have been found trifling, and are apparent only to the very few. But it has been tested and approved on the

greatest of scales elsewhere. It was put into operation in various parts of Europe in the spring of 1915. It has been adopted by the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Denmark, Holland and Sweden. It is in force also in Australia. No country which adopted, has yet abandoned it or manifested any desire to do so. It is no longer regarded as a war-time measure, but as a permanent part of the social economy of each of the countries named. They have one and all found it so advantageous in every respect that they are bent on perpetuating it. And why not? It not only saves artificial light and fuel to a most important extent, but permits more adequate enjoyment of the annual visit of the sun to these northern latitudes in summer, and to southern latitudes in winter. It is merely a practical correction of the purely conventional and stupid modern prejudice in favor of a piece of mechanism called a clock, and against the great natural time-keeper of our planetary system. Why man should prefer to be guided by a clock rather than by the sun, it is difficult to imagine. He is the only living creature with such an unnatural preference. A clock is right, or tells the correct time throughout the year, only at the equator, North or south of the equator, the clock is correct at each parallel of latitude but twice a year. The rest of the year, men have been going astray with the clock instead of right with the sun as do all beasts and birds and insects, ever since the clock was invented; and that, after all, is not so very long ago."

Remarking that Sir George Foster's bill providing for daylight saving was introduced in parliament last year, and perished for lack of official support, the Chronicle declares there must be no such failure this year, especially if it is adopted, as seems to be certain, in the United States.

SIR ROBERT MUST ACT.

There are no strings on the Toronto Globe. It hands out this sharp criticism of the union government at Ottawa:

"Who is obstructing Canada's new war union government in the offering out its pledges to abolish patronage and the spoils system? Why the delay? What is the meaning of the fact that political associations are still recommending for appointment, and that partisans are still pointing on 'pull' if the administration stands by the pre-election scrap of paper upon which it asked and received a mandate from the people, it better get busy at once. Action is overdue."

The Ottawa Journal properly calls attention to this matter. Civil service reform, it says, in so far as it applies to appointments to the outside service and to temporary positions, seems to have got stalled. These appointments are still being made in the old-fashioned way, and some of the departments are still putting on large numbers of temporary employees without any reference to the Civil Service Commission, and largely without any real consideration of the qualifications of the appointees.

"The Journal is right. It knows what it is talking about. One of the first duties of the newly-elected administration in December last should have been the promulgation by order in council of an edict ending the scandalous spoils system. Yet the Globe learns that party executives and patronage committees are still doing business at the old stand and in the old way. This must be stopped—and at once."

The response to the appeal of the Red Cross yesterday was wonderful. The citizens of St. John have shown their generosity in a wonderful way many times in the last three and a half years, and yesterday's response makes a new record. The men overseas will be glad to be given the knowledge that those at home are not forgetful of the needs of the sick and wounded in England and France, or wherever they may be suffering because of their devotion to Canada and the Empire and the cause of civilization.

Having now discovered for themselves that democracy can do no business with Germany, what will the Bolshevik leaders in Russia do? In what shape are their armies to fight an enemy that has utilized the period of negotiations to get ready to strike?

The Irish convention is to send delegates to confer with the British cabinet. Lloyd George is losing no opportunity to bring about a settlement of the Irish question.

POTATO ASSOCIATION.

The third annual convention and potato show of the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Association closed yesterday afternoon.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. A. H. Margison, East Florenceville; vice-president, F. E. Henderson, Andover; secretary, A. C. Taylor, Woodstock; treasurer, W. H. Moore, Scotch Lake; auditor, E. W. Jarvis, Woodstock; advisory board, T. H. Manser, Amosook Jet; Donald Innis, Tobique River; James Brennan, Jr., Chatham; H. P. Hatfield, Hartland; Ernest Inch, Burt's Corner.

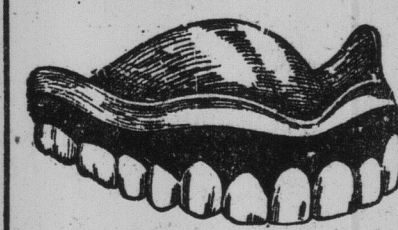
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Mrs. Annie Watkins, New Aberdeen, N. S., writes: "I think it is time for me to give my experience with your wonderful Kidney-Liver Pills. For seven months I suffered with what the doctor called indigestion, but whatever it was, I suffered terribly. The pain would start under my left shoulder and pass down my side until it reached the pit of my stomach. It just seemed as if the flesh were being torn from the bone. At times I used to go without food from one morning until the next. I had no energy left for work at all. At last our doctor sent me to the hospital for a month. For four days and nights I never broke my fast except for a drink of water. After four weeks' treatment there I returned home, and was back only four days when the pain came back worse than ever. Then I was told I would have to undergo an operation, but I would not consent to that. At last I read about Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and started to take them. At first I did not notice much difference, but still I kept on using them, and by the time four boxes were used I was perfectly well again. That was in 1914, so you see I can safely say that I was cured. I shall always be grateful to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, as they did more for me than four doctors."

She Went Days Without Food

When Hospital Treatment Failed an Operation Was Advised—But Cure Was Effected Without the Use of the Knife.

Glouce Bay, N. S., Jan. 6.—Here is a case which surely puzzled the hospital doctors. It was evident that the great suffering from pain under the left shoulder-blade was due to torpidity of the liver, but no medical treatment seemed to do any good.

In fact medicines failed, and the doctors said an operation was the only hope. But Mrs. Watkins hesitated before the enormous risk of an operation and decided to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills first.

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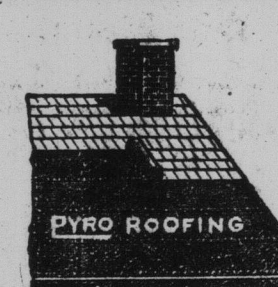
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