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THE SITUATION.

Once more, apparently, the Germans got near Warsaw, and once more they were driven back. Once more the indomitable driving force behind the German machine reveals an almost sacred desire of the Germans to keep their own territory inviolate from the invader. Despatches to-day tell of the Russians getting the upper hand after a series of forced marches and fierce fighting. Again the Germans made a masterly retreat, suffering, of course, loss, but not annihilation. Thus far the war in the eastern zone of operations has been featured almost entirely of advances and retreats, executed on a big scale and with remarkable celerity. In France and Belgium, on the other hand, the war has consisted largely of siege operations. The difference is due to the nature of the ground and because of the wide stretch of territory on the Austrian and German eastern borders. Nevertheless the fact that huge army corps, with transports, heavy guns, etc., of both Russians and Germans, have been moved forward sixty and one hundred miles in various movements across country, only to retire and then move forward on the offensive again, forms one of the striking features of the war, and is a remarkable exhibition of efficiency. To-day the news is that the tide is now turning in the Czar's favor and that big captures have been made. These tactical movements on a huge scale have been in Poland chiefly, the Germans having had Warsaw as their objective. As in October, so in November, the Crown Prince reached within a few miles of Warsaw, but with new Russian army corps coming up a retreat had to be executed. In the meantime, however, the Russians, in Galicia and in East Prussia, have not slackened their efforts, and the German advance on Warsaw had no effect on these other operations. It causes the average person to wonder when it will all cease, and if a blow-up is not inevitable sooner or later. It must be a regenerated Russia which is waging this war, as the Czar's legions have shown a splendid resource whenever called upon.

The importance of holding the Channel ports against the Germans was never more fully evidenced than by the sinking of the German submarine U-18 off the Scottish coast. This raider was rammed by a British destroyer, which was not an out-of-the-way feat, but the fact that the German was 500 miles from his base at Heligoland shows the effectiveness of the underwater craft. With a number of submarines at Calais, 20 miles from England, these boats could do a tremendous amount of mischief to the British transports crossing to France with troops and provisions, and would be a never-ending source of worry to the Admiralty as well as to the War Office. Calais then, indeed, would be a pistol pointing at England. It is a remarkable fact, nevertheless, and one of which Britishers can feel proud, that not one soldier placed in charge of the navy for safe transport has been lost, and thousands upon thousands, including our own Canadians, have crossed many leagues of sea since the conflict broke out.

It is not unreasonable to expect that, despite the reported loss of 200,000 men in one week, the Germans will make another effort to reach Calais. The German general staff has no regard for life, providing its plan is accomplished.

In the British House of Commons yesterday the possibility of an attack on British shores was discussed, when the Under-Secretary for War, Mr. Tennant, pointed out that it was the first duty of the navy to prevent a raid, and if such occurred, it would be the first duty of the army to drive the enemy into the sea as fast as they could. Evidently Old England has considerable equanimity as regards any German invasion.

A SOLDIER'S WIFE'S VIEW.

Is it possible that there can be any criticism of the recent action of the Brantford Patriotic Association, which, by co-operating with the Canadian Association, has arrived at a basis for assisting the wives and children of volunteer soldiers who have gone to the front? A letter appeared in last night's issue of the Courier in which objection was taken, and it has brought forth a prompt and spirited

answer to-day from the wife of a Brantford soldier. The writer to the Courier wrongly intimated that all the money raised in Brantford was to be distributed to the dependents of soldiers entirely. As a matter of fact, the local Patriotic Association has already set aside considerable sums to facilitate the carrying out of public works whereby employment is to be provided, and it is also proposed to assist in the relief of actual distress caused by war conditions.

In reply to the argument put forth that soldiers' wives are receiving too much, it might appropriately be said that they have never given so much, and what the community in general can do for them in full measure is merely, after all, carrying out an obligation which does not repay, but is merely a recognition of their sacrifice. In this connection "Soldier's Wife" writes to the Courier as follows:

To the Editor The Courier:

Sir,—In reply to "Subscriber" I would say the wives of the soldiers who have volunteered for active service are only receiving what is right and just. We are letting our husbands and sons risk their lives while such cads as "Subscriber" sit at home writing letters protesting about what money we receive.

How about the woman who is left alone to look after and keep three or four children? Does he expect her to go out to work to keep them while at the same time her husband is working hard for his country? I would also point out that she might never see her husband again, yet almost every day she is being told that she is "well off"—in fact she is "better off" without him. Ask any one of them; they will tell you how, when meal-time comes and the children ask for Daddy, it is no little struggle to smile and say "Soon." Yet "Subscriber" would grudge a little extra going to her who has given up all she holds dear to fight for his country.

Perhaps the man next door could offer his services to the country, so that his wife and children could be maintained as well.

Yours truly,
A SOLDIER'S WIFE.

There is something of real pathos in the above letter, and there is a just claim. It is written by a wife who may be a widow and the mother of children who may be fatherless. But we in this city and in this country are big enough and strong enough to see that want and misery do not stalk through these homes which were a few months ago happy and contented. Money is not compensation in this case; it is alleviation and a just recognition of service of which there is no higher.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

German Kultur and Turkish treachery are fine companions.

With winter almost in full blast, the war may become a game of real freeze-out.

General Vodka and General Absinthe are prisoners of war, and it is doubtful if either of these home-destroyers will be allowed liberty again.

The German method of announcing a retreat is that "the decision" is postponed. It is both consoling and unique.

Canada will soon be calling for more men. Let no young man hesitate to start now to prepare himself for what he may in a very short time realize is a necessary duty.

The European war is a mere bagatelle to the war in Toronto on Major-General Hughes. And it all started, as the Telegram remarks, over a threatened Bologna raid from Buffalo.

The following is perpetrated by a Montreal exchange:

"Why did the Kaiser count his chickens before they were hatched?"

"Because he heard Von Kluck."

Toronto authorities say the threat of a German invasion into Canada was no joke, but the information came from Washington. Many a hot story from a correspondent's viewpoint has often come from a similar source.

British airmen penetrated the heart of Germany and inflicted severe damage on the Kaiser's Zeppelins. The exploit is the second of the kind since the war broke out, and reports to hand indicate that the Kaiser himself is now "up in the air."

The Bundesrath in Germany has put restrictions on the prices of potatoes and also on the use of wheat flour in restaurants and inns. Apparently internal difficulties are expected, or are the Germans fortifying themselves for a prolonged war?

As yet there has been little talk of conscription in Canada, but there has been a serious suggestion to enforce it in some form or other in Britain. It is naturally a repugnant step to take, but if it is taken in the Old Land it will be due to the failure of many able-bodied men to do their duty voluntarily. The very privilege of doing voluntarily what millions of other people have to do compulsorily is

worth fighting for, and the present war will settle the issue. There will be no more conscription after this war.

Maximilian Harden, a Berlin journalist, frankly admits that Germany willed the war and had to will it. To hold Belgium and a strip of France, he says, Germany might not accept peace. In this connection it takes not one but several parties to conclude the bargain, and Great Britain will be the very last to accede to such terms.

Buffalo after January, 1916, will be governed by a commission of five men and the mayor. The commission idea in regard to such a large city will be watched with interest. As far as Brantford's experience is concerned, commissions for different branches of the service, such government has worked out satisfactorily, and might even be enlarged.

British newspapers are severely censuring the football devotees in the Old Land. Out of a visit to different matches, where there were crowds aggregating 30,000, one recruit was secured. There is something wrong with that kind of sport. In Canada some of the most prominent athletes are on active service, and Brantford has one, a well-known professional lacrosse player.

The Globe doesn't know whether to call the Brockville Times a puff-blower or a cobra in view of the latter's indictment of the Globe on its anti-militarist doctrines. Nobody objects to the Globe's anti-war crusade, but the no-emergency cry of the official Liberal organ a short time ago, backed up by the action of a servile Liberal Senate, cannot help but put the Toronto daily in a ridiculous light throughout Canada just now.

Speaking at the annual meeting of A. and F. Pears, Limited, in London, England, a few days ago, Sir T. R. Dewar said: "If you keep on advertising, advertising will keep you. Advertising to business is what imagination is to poetry." This is true of all lines of business, and especially at such a time as we are now passing through. And it applies to more things than soap, if business men will only realize the fact, so admirably stated by one who spends millions of dollars yearly in advertising and who knows that advertising pays.

The time is approaching when the annual municipal elections will be held. In this connection there seems no likelihood that there will be a contest for the mayoralty. Should there be one, it will be against all precedents in Brantford, as public service in the mayor's chair has always been rewarded by a second term. In these recent times of stress, and in a business capacity generally, Mayor Spence has more than fully earned the reward of an acclamation.

The old days of Canadian journalism are coming back. In explaining why a recent editorial in the Toronto Globe was referred to as one "solid column of froth," the Montreal Daily Mail says:

"Since the outbreak of the present war the Toronto Globe has given vent to such an avalanche of sickly, sentimental slobbering, doddering imbecility and hysterical nonsense as never before flowed from a Canadian newspaper office. If the reading public of Toronto suddenly went mad, an unprejudiced and conscientious jury would convict the Toronto Globe of conniving at that result. A wireless plant was found in its editorial columns."

To which we might add to the Mail's comment, "Why call any column of froth in the Globe 'solid'?"

GERMANS HAD LEASE ON ISLAND IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

British Troops occupy Herma as a precaution.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Island of Herma, one of the channel group of the coast of Guernsey, which is less than one square mile in area, has been occupied by British troops as a precaution against its possible use by Germany. Some time ago an agitation was started on the ground that the island was leased to Prince Von Blucher, a descendant of the famous German commander at the Battle of Waterloo. A wireless plant was found there shortly after the outbreak of the war and was destroyed.

Reginald McKenna, Home Secretary, explained in the Commons that a German company had leased the island as far back as 1880. This company in turn leased it to Von Blucher, who, though placing certain restrictions allowed tourists to land in some cases. The island has been inspected, and no evidence was found of military preparation. The authorities of Guernsey have been asked to take steps to terminate the lease of the German firm.

Many officers and men at Exhibition camp are studying the French language.

RUSSIAN VICTORY

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IN PERILOUS POSITION.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent intimates that the German Crown Prince's army during the last few days threatened Warsaw, has been severely repulsed. The correspondent says, however, that his forces arrived alarming close to Warsaw before they were finally checked.

"At Plock," the correspondent continued, "five German corps were opposed by only two Russian corps, which after putting up a desperate defence were compelled to retire. This left the road to Warsaw open and the Germans pushed ahead, staking all on arriving at Warsaw before reinforcements could be brought up, leaving their line of communications to take care of itself."

"The Russians made a stand on the Bzura River, though that position was not the most favorable. The Germans were always in superior numbers, but a number of Russian corps were moving speedily against immense difficulties of transportation, towards the threatened quarter."

"But for the German skill in retirement they would be in a

perilous position. They are in a long tongue of land between the Vistula and the Warta, depending entirely on these walls of water to defend their flanks. It is not likely their commanding general would take such chances unless he knew that it was impossible to smash through his flank. This is not impossible. General Rennenkampf is operating in the north. Let this hint suffice.

Members of the Harvard Club called on Uncle Sam to drop neutrality in the war.

GERMAN CRUELTY.

Principally Women and Children Killed in Libau Bombardment.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Petrograd says:

"Advices received here from Libau (in the Baltic) are to the effect that the Germans opened a second bombardment on the city which was especially directed against the most open and populous quarters. A great many inoffensive persons, principally women and a number of children, were killed. The exact number of the fatalities is not yet known."

HUGHES INSPECTS.

ST. JOHNS, Que., Nov. 23.—Major-General Hughes, Minister of Militia, to-day inspected the regiment of French-Canadians now training here preparatory to leaving for England on active service.

Billiousness
Is Cured by
HOOD'S PILLS
25c.

If N.P. SOAP were moulded into cakes it would cost more money and it would not be any better soap. A 15 cent bar of N.P. SOAP weighs more than 4 five cent cakes of other brands. — more than five cakes of some kinds. Buy N.P. SOAP—the finest soap you ever used—and save from 25 to 40 cents of the dollar.

SPECIAL VALUE-GIVING ITEMS

Remember that our Linen Sale is in full swing and meeting with unbounded success; also our Sale of Rugs, and values are here that you will find hard to beat.

Pure Linen Double Satin Damast Table Napkins

Your choice of 20 different designs. Pure Linen Double Satin Damast Table Napkins. "JOHN S. BROWN'S Shamrock Brand. Regular value \$5.00.

DURING SALE

\$2.95

WE HAVE PUT CLEARING PRICES ON ALL TRIMMED MILLINERY. THIS MEANS GRAND BARGAINS.

Felt Shapes

100 Felt Shapes in Black and colors—Shapes we have been selling from \$1.50 to \$3.00. TO CLEAR **49c**

The Popular Coat

Ladies' Tweed and Plain Cloth Coats, in the new cape and redingote effects.

SPECIAL BARGAIN

\$9.50

Kid Gloves

Ladies' fine French Kid Gloves, Gloves of a quality in Tan, White, Black or Grey.

ONLY \$1.00 A PAIR

A Warm Blanket These Cold Nights

is an inducer to a good night's sleep. We have a special Wool Blanket, large size. Regular \$3.75.

NOW SELLING AT

\$2.85

Ladies' and Misses' Winter Coats

To-morrow we are giving a bargain, and such a big bargain that we don't expect they will last until noon. Ladies' and Misses' Heavy Winter Coats, in plain and reversible cloths, 7/8 and full length coats. If you want a bargain, come here to-morrow, but come early. Regular \$10.00 to \$15.00. **TO-MORROW**

\$4.95

Linen Items

2 yard and 2 1/2 yard long Damast Table Cloths. Regular \$2.00. For **\$1.39**

2, 2 1/2 and 3 yards long, double satin damask pure linen Table Cloths. Regular \$3.50 to \$5.00. For **\$2.95**

Pure linen heavy damask Table Napkins, fully bleached. Regular \$2.50. For **\$1.79**

8/4 and 8/10 half bleach pure linen Table Cloths. Regular \$1.75. For **\$1.25**

Handkerchiefs

Ladies' "Pure Linen" plain hemstitched Handkerchiefs. Regular 10c. For **5c**

An extra fine "Pure Linen" hemstitched Handkerchief. Regular 20c. For **50c**

Now 5 for **50c**

Ladies' embroidered edge and hemstitched embroidered fine Lawn Handkerchiefs. 12 1/2c, or 5 for **50c**

Ladies' pure linen INITIAL hemstitched Handkerchiefs. Regular 20c. For **10c**

Linen Items

25-inch Fancy Huck Towelling, choice designs. Reg. 60c. For **39c**

Fine Huck Guest Towelling, in stripe and floral effects. Regular 35c. For **25c**

Large size plain Huck Towels, hemmed and fringed ends. A BIG BARGAIN. Pair **25c**

An extra large size "Pure Linen" Huck Towel, hemmed and washed ready for use. LINEN SALE PRICE, pair **50c**

Beautiful Huck Towels

An extra large size Pure Linen Huck and Damask Towels, hemstitched and scalloped ends, very handsome designs on ends and around border. Regular price \$1.50 and \$1.75. DURING SALE, A PAIR **\$1.00**

Corded Velvet

27-inch fine or wide cord Costume Velvet, in all colors, fast pile. NOTE WORTH AND PRICE **59c**

Another Bargain

Ladies' Tweed, Plain Cloth and Fancy Cloth Coats, large range to choose from.

\$7.95

Velvet and Velour Shapes

Ladies, here is a bargain in beautiful velvet or velour shapes, Black and colors. Your choice of a large range. TO CLEAR **\$1.79**

Children's Coats

Here is a bargain in Children's Winter Coats that will command immediate attention. We have about 50 children's very fine coats, all styles to choose from.

THE PRICE IS

\$4.95

GET OUR PRICES ON FURS—They are lower than ever

Ogilvie, Lochhead & Co.

LOCAL

DELEGATES RETURNED.

The thirty Brantford delegates attended the Guelph Conference Christian workers returned to yesterday with new ideas and a well of the hospitality with they were received. The conference was a great success.

SKI CLUB.

A snow shoe and ski club, one of the outdoor sport clubs, is being organized. It is being promoted by the Y. M. C. A. It is expected that there will be a good number of members. The club will have two ski experts in the building. Prospects are that the club will have a great success.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT.

The executive of the children's concert met last night in the Club and various committees were taken. All prospects are successful evening, and it is arranged that the gifts would be sent to their destination in time for distribution on Christmas Day.

DUFFS SPORTS.

The Dufferin Rifle Athletic Association met last night in the Club and decided that the track and field and best dressed soldier competitions be held on Thursday following, December 10th and 18th. A schedule for the indoor baseball and basketball games will be drawn up at next day's night's meeting.

SYNOD MEETS.

A meeting of the Brantford Synod took place on Thursday, Grace Church, when all the churches in the district were represented. The synod assembly to carry through the session of business. Miss Bessie Senn will give two papers, the Rev. Dr. Remission of Sin will deliver an address. School work in all its branches will be discussed.

YOUNG MEN'S NIGHT.

The young men of Sydenham Epworth League gave their "at home" to the young men of the society and friends of the last night. It was well attended and a success. The hall had been tastefully decorated and everything was made to give the young men a good social time, an effort was crowned with success. The feature of the evening was the "at home" contest. Those present had to answer fifteen questions on the flags of nations which were a great display. A potato contest was also held. The program was rendered, those taking part being: Farnsworth, Batty, Jubert, Cowbrough, Woods, Scruton, A. Vaneverly, H. Vaneverly, R. Knott made an efficient pianist. An orchestra of five enriched the proceedings. It wound up with the serving of refreshments.

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