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THE WAR SITUATION.

The best war news of the day, if it be well-founded, is that the authorities in Austria-Hungary regard the food situation with the gravest apprehension. That there have been food riots is clearly true, and that there have been serious complaints against Germany is established by the fact that the German press has felt it necessary to explain that Germany could not send more food from the Ukraine to Austria because it was not to be had. Yesterday's and today's cables have much to say about the seriousness of the crisis regarding food in both Austria-Hungary and Germany. We are also told that Austrian soldiers taken prisoners on the Italian front were hungry and ill-nourished. Hunger in the dual-monarchy may prove a powerful ally to the Italians and their Allies. There is still heavy fighting on the Italian front, and the enemy is not only held in check but has been forced to withdraw from some positions previously gained. While the battle still rages there appears to be a general feeling that the Austrian drive will ultimately fail, and that this will cause further outbreaks among the people in the flourishing Austrian cities.

On the western front the Germans are still passive. That they will strike again is certain, and as they must hasten to get a decision before too many American troops arrive, and before discontent among the German people becomes too pronounced, an early blow on some portion of the front may be expected. That it can be a harder blow than any yet delivered does not seem probable, but that it will be of a desperate character we may well be assured.

DEMOCRACY'S GREAT TASK.

Viewing the matter from the narrow point of view, an earlier ending of the war would have been welcomed, because of the appalling sacrifices its continuance involved. As time has gone on, however, and the real significance of the struggle grows more apparent, it has been made clear that to make peace before the Central Powers had been utterly crushed would be a calamity and not a blessing. Had peace come before the present time it would have been a German peace, which means that the struggle for world-domination would only be postponed until the tiger-nation had gathered itself for the next spring at the throat of democracy.

We know the issue now. It is democracy or autocracy, human freedom or Prussian military domination, Christian civilization or a barbaric despotism. Germany must not be left free, even if she falls in the west, to pursue her ambitions in the east. The stakes for which the Allies fight is the future peace of the world. The world must not be permitted to lose its soul and reel back into barbarism, to the extinction of the civilization wrought out through centuries of sacrifice and suffering and noble devotion to the cause of liberty and righteousness.

Had peace come early, the real character of Prussian ambition would have been realized, nor the real depth of Prussian depravity revealed. There would have been a disposition to view the German as a misguided but rather clever fellow, who ought to be regarded with a degree of respectful tolerance. There is now no danger of committing that colossal blunder.

If, therefore, the war drags on, it is leading inevitably to the only right result. The utter exhaustion of Germany, leaving her people face to face with the grim necessity of repairing the ravages of war and paying heavy indemnities for the destruction they have wrought in Belgium and elsewhere, is the only result that will sticken them of war and warlike ambitions. It must be made clear that the day of the predatory nation is past, and that the rights of smaller peoples and the sacredness of treaties must be respected. Else the war will have been fought only to be fought over again at some future time.

It is essential, therefore, that we keep ever in mind the larger issues of the war. These were recognized by the United States, or she would still be neutral. Her people saw the danger to the principles of democracy and all the great republics stands for among the nations. They discovered in their own country an insidious propaganda to supplant American ideals with German Kultur. And they gave the only answer—a great and self-respecting people could give to such a challenge.

Must the war be prolonged and still greater sacrifices made? If that is necessary to break the obstinate spirit and render forever unsatisfiable the brutal ambitions of Germany, then in God's name the democracies of the world must endure and persevere, and "strike till the last armed foe expires." They owe it to themselves and to the cause of humanity. When their task is accomplished, an emancipated world will go on to the achievement of high and noble purposes, untroubled and unafraid.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

What is termed an Institute of Rural Community Life was held in Whitby, Ontario, last week. It was a get-together movement. One speaker said that the spirit of the movement was expressed in "Thy Kingdom come" and "Thy will be done on earth." Mr. A. MacLaren, head of the Agricultural College at Guelph, was the leader and chief speaker. The delegates numbered seventy-five, and there were able addresses and also demonstrations of games for country people. In the course of an address, a report of the closing session, Mr. MacLaren told of an incident which occurred that day. Rev. Father Kelly of Norwood, who had been in attendance, just before he left had had a conversation with Rev. A. H. Foster, pastor of the Methodist Tabernacle. Said Father Kelly: "Mr. Foster, do you believe in prayer?" "I do," replied Mr. Foster. "I am going overseas as chaplain," said Father Kelly. "I will pray for you if you will pray for me." This was the spirit "that they may be one" behind the Community Life Movement, said Mr. MacLaren.

We can readily believe the statement that this Institute was a great inspiration to all the delegates. The get-together spirit has been wonderfully promoted by the war and we may anticipate a great breaking down of local prejudices throughout the country and a keener desire for united effort to promote the common welfare. This will be one of the compensations of the terrible world conflict now engrossing the public mind.

The brief address of Dr. Abramson before the Canadian Club yesterday set out very clearly the value of the research laboratory and also of what is termed the routine laboratory connected with a public health department. We owe it to the research laboratory that we can cope with diseases which not so very many years ago were responsible for an appalling death rate. With a provincial laboratory, which should also combine research work, and branches at central points, in connection with a well organized public health department, this province should reap a great practical benefit from the legislation making these developments possible. Hon. Dr. Roberts has done the province good service in promoting that legislation and having the provincial laboratory established. He is continuing his labors to have the general policy adopted carried out in other provinces, and excellent results may be anticipated.

Ottawa Journal-Press:—"At the annual meeting in Toronto of the Association of Ontario Children's Aid Societies, many important phases of children's aid work were dealt with, but one especially should have the sympathetic attention of the provincial government. That is the need of homes for feeble-minded. The lack of provision for the public care of such people has been a matter of concern with children's aid societies almost constantly. People-minded children cannot be dealt with as other neglected and erring children are, but unfortunately there is no way of casting for them otherwise." This is a true of the maritime provinces as of Ontario. It is a subject which must be pressed upon the attention of governments here as well as in the larger province.

One is a little surprised that there are any pacifists left in England, but two of them were heard in parliament yesterday. They did not suggest any relaxation in war effort, but one of them professed a belief that the German people would favor peace if it could be got on reasonable terms. Mr. Balfour very properly pointed out that no word has come from Germany that could be interpreted as the expression of the sincerest desire for peace on fair terms. The Germans have never intimated that they would restore Belgium, or do anything that would justify the Allies in believing they wanted peace on reasonable terms.

The feeling against all that is pro-German in England is now so strong that Premier Lloyd George is himself "examining the whole question of the position of persons enemy alien birth," and it declared "there is a public determination to have the last remnants of German infiltration in influential British circles wiped out." The same feeling and determination are manifest in the United States.

The Kaiser has a new name. In the hope of causing a revolt against the French in Morocco he was described to the people as "Kaiser El Madj Gulleum, chief of the Mussulmans." All is grief that comes to his mill, but the Moroccan failed to arrive.

The serious food situation in Belgium and northern France is another reminder to Canadians that they must conserve food and release as much wheat as possible to be sent overseas.

BLOOD DROPS OF HEROES.

When the woods at Kilmore are scarlet and gold, And the vines are like blood on the wall, I dream of the faces all pallid and cold, Of our brave ones who answered the call: Like the bright autumn leaves, Or the rich, garnered sheaves, Our trust, our greatest, our all; For my heart beats in Belgium, or far, France's world, When the woods at Kilmore are scarlet and gold.

When the woods at Kilmore are scarlet and gold, I see but the beauty of God, Not the small ways of men, and the mean faiths they hold, Like the blind worn under the clod; But the brave and the true, Who knew but to do, Like those glorious banners of God, Arrayed on His hills, or at rest on His mold, When the woods at Kilmore are scarlet and gold.

When the woods at Kilmore are scarlet and gold, There's another dread harvest afar; Where our greatest, our truest ones, struggle to hold Back the modern world's juggernaut car; And my heart only sees In the pages of trees That horrible pageant of war, Where God's men, for righteousness, strive, as of old— When the woods at Kilmore are scarlet and gold.

When the woods at Kilmore are scarlet and gold, And the vines are like blood on the wall, I hear on the winds o'er the wood and the world, A bitter, insistent call, 'Tis the cry of our slain, Appealing in vain, For help where the brave hearts fall; And his hand demand doth the whole world hold, When the woods at Kilmore are scarlet and gold. —Wilfred Campbell.

LIGHTER VEIN

Bell—I understand she spent a lot of money on her voice. Steel—Yes, she did, and believe me, she would make a good cash girl in a department store.

Good Thing. Joker—Well, there's one thing a cat never cries over. Rhummy—What is it? Joker—Spilt milk.

The Man for the Job. The General—Your records are kept in a very slovenly manner. They are all muddled up. Who has charge of them? The Aid de Camp—My orderly, sir.

A Settled Rule. The Major—What makes you so sure that old mule can stand another day's work? The Multerer—Cause he always has, sir.

BRANTFORD ASSISTS IN HOUSING SCHEME. Gives Special Concession to Industry to Erect Hundred Homes.

Brantford, June 20.—The Brantford City Council this evening granted a special concession to the Dominion Steel Products Company, which will erect 100 homes to cost from \$8,000 to \$8,000 for its employees. The land assessment will remain the same for five years, and only half of the building assessment will be taxed for general purposes, though in full for school and local improvement taxes. The city will pay the cost, \$25,000, of grading the streets in the new subdivision.

WAS A NATIVE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Bangor Commercial—Gordon S. O'Donnell of East Holden, who was killed in action in France, was a native of New Brunswick and moved to East Holden about six years ago. He was one of a family of nine children and was the eldest child, being between twenty-one and twenty-two years of age. The parents of Mr. O'Donnell resided in the city of Montreal and the news quickly spread among his friends, who deeply regret his loss. Mr. O'Donnell received his education in the public schools and worked on his father's farm until the time of his enlistment in the marine corps.

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Lords Discuss Irish Affairs

Earl Curzon Replies for Government—Wimborne and Lansdowne Critics

London, June 21.—Strong criticism of the government's Irish policy was heard in the House of Lords yesterday, when the Marquis of Londonderry initiated a debate with the view of ascertaining the government's intentions with regard to Ireland. Baron Wimborne and the Marquis of Lansdowne were critics of the government. Baron Wimborne contended that conscription was a physical impossibility and he desired to know how the government hoped to carry out its plan of giving recruits land. The Marquis of Lansdowne said things in Ireland now were much worse than in 1916.

Earl Curzon, replying on behalf of the government, said two great events had led to the change in the government's policy. The first was the revelation of the Sinn Féin conspiracy, which made it impossible for the government to pursue its home rule policy for the time being. The second event, he added, was the brought to trial without disclosing to the enemy the means by which the government detected their treasonable acts. These deportations had materially relieved the situation in Ireland, and the Nationalist members of parliament themselves shared that feeling of relief.

STIR AGAIN IN BALKANS

Paris, June 21.—A Geneva despatch to the Journal des Debats says Germany has guaranteed to Bulgaria not only Danube, Sava and Kupa but all the territory acquired by Greece in 1913 by the treaty of Bucharest, in order to satisfy the growing dissatisfaction in Bulgaria over the treaty concluded with Roumania. Anger at Greece, the correspondent adds, is increasing. Greece is now called Bulgaria's principal enemy by the Bulgarian press.

SAYS THEY STAND BY CRITICISM OF BOARD.

Montreal, June 21.—A. Hicks, Lawrence of New York, director of the Canadian Car & Foundry Company, Limited, who was here yesterday, said that the delay in the reply to the statement recently issued by seven Canadian members of the board in no wise implies that the opposition shareholders were dropping the charges made in a recent circular. Mr. Lawrence said that the "committee of shareholders" which issued the circular stand by their criticism of the board and did not propose to retract.

ASYLUM ATTENDANTS ARE FRIED FROM BLAME.

Montreal, June 21.—A coroner's jury yesterday found the three attendants at the Verdun hospital for the insane not criminally responsible for the death of Cornelius Boone, a dangerous lunatic who died as the result of injuries sustained in a struggle with the attendants.

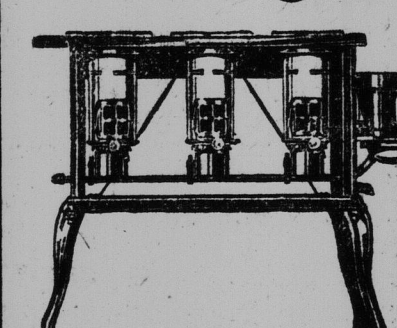
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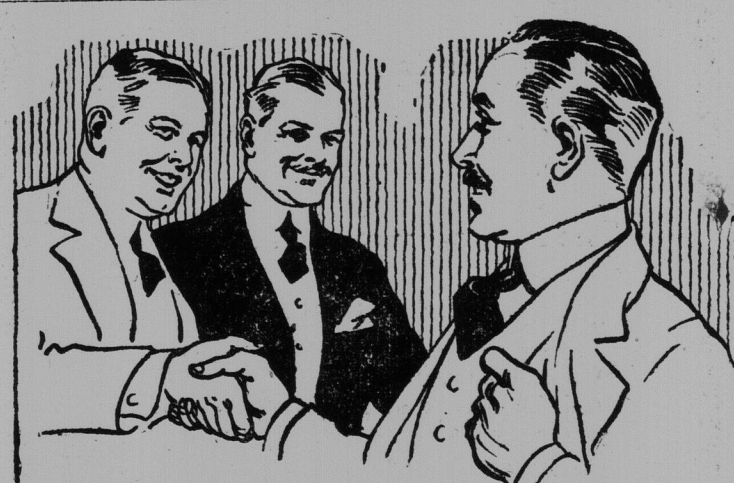
CAN CHOOSE DELEGATES.

Canadian Premier Can Take One Colleague to War Cabinet.

London, June 21.—The Times, which says there has been doubt respecting the exact representation of Canada in the Imperial War Cabinet, the dominion having four ministers here, and the practice limiting the delegates of each dominion to two, now understands that the question has been answered by the decision that any one of Borden's three colleagues may accompany him to any particular meeting. Sir Robert Borden cut.

Little Hoarding of Food.

Dr. C. J. O. Hastings, M. O. H., and Honorary Food Controller of Toronto, said on Saturday that there was very little hoarding of food in the city at present. A close inspection of the cold-storage houses, eating places and places supplying box lunches has disclosed no evidence of late that would warrant a particular meeting. Sir Robert Borden cut.



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