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THE SITUATION

To all intents and purposes the situation at the time of writing still continues to be a deadlock between the Germans and the Allies. The latter at a few points have gained slight ground, but nothing decisive can be said to have taken place either way.

The German fleet still remains in the Kiel canal. There is a persistent rumor that the Krupp works are turning out a new style of gun for them. Their siege guns came as a complete surprise to the foe and made the most modern defences the human mind could devise look like so much crack paper.

The Russian troops would seem to be making a fair amount of advance, but the fighting is manifestly very stubborn.

Turkey, of course, has jumped into the fray in the hope that if the Kaiser succeeds she will get back her former territory. He won't do that, however.

GOOD TIMES AND WARM SMOKESTACKS

Good times are bound to come back to the world and to this country. But good times don't come by any means of fat kind after lean ones. They are not controlled by blind eyes nor forecasted by people like Madame Tibeats.

Crops come naturally. The crops of 1914 are on the whole more profitable in this country than in 1913, or any of the fat years of the last decade. We have in this country a larger army of efficient, industrious people than ever we had.

These facts are quite enough to show that fleet engagements are not to be expected at the beginning of a war. They give no countenance to the view that the battleship is doomed by the advent of the submarine, though its character, use and tactics may ultimately be changed.

DO NOT UNDER-RATE THE FOE

The Courier in one or two instances has been criticized for accrediting to Germany too much importance as an aggressive and a fighting power. There need be no mistake about this thing. The troops of the Kaiser are armed and equipped right to the minute.

It is true, and it is now unquestioned, that the German military machine is, in discipline, organization, numbers and armament, one of the most powerful field forces yet assembled in history.

prudent and strong; that he has counted the cost; and is prepared to make an immense and staggering sacrifice of his material prosperity in the effort to save himself from the consequences of defeat.

THE NAVY AND ITS WORK. John Leyland in the London Chronicle writes as follows: "When we think of the fighting of our troops in France let it be remembered that but for the navy not a soldier would have set foot in that country."

British Airmen Superior. London Daily Mail.—The British airmen, in the course of this war, have established an individual ascendancy over the German air service.

London Times.—The German theologians (who addressed a manifesto to "the Evangelical Christians abroad") ignored the fact that the German Government has, in practice, entirely abandoned the teachings of Christianity to follow the devil's gospel preached by Nietzsche and popularized by Treitschke and Bernhardi.

Leave of Absence. Leave of absence has been granted eagerly. Captain Henderson, for ten days from October 28th.

Boy Knight Notes. In the results of the Canadian league for the past season which has just been made known, the Boy Knights have maintained their high standing in the various matches.

Battery Orders. 32nd Battery, Headquarters Brantford, October 30th, 1914.

WHETHER you drink beer for its food and tonic properties—or because you like it—the best beer for you is O'keefe's Pilsener Lager.

Let's hope that the Allies will have Turkey for Christmas. The Russians are pushing towards Cracow. It is to be hoped they make the Germans eat the same with the "ae" left out.

Press Comment

Monitors Still to be Reckoned With. Springfield Republican.—That three British monitors should have distinguished themselves fighting along the Belgian coast might almost be classed among the anomalies of the war.

British Empire Review.—German aims and ideals now stand revealed in the light of the world's eyes. The world rejects them. There is no concealment. Germany would impose upon the world a civilization—a "culture"—which civilization she would deem it a negation of that culture to which mankind aspires.

Corsica Preferred to Calvary. London Times.—The German theologians (who addressed a manifesto to "the Evangelical Christians abroad") ignored the fact that the German Government has, in practice, entirely abandoned the teachings of Christianity to follow the devil's gospel preached by Nietzsche and popularized by Treitschke and Bernhardi.

Belgium Must be Restored. London Chronicle.—Belgian statesmen can rest assured that Britain will not abandon the struggle till all the wrongs of their country are righted as liberally as they can be, and her territory and independence are fully restored to her, with solid guarantees against future aggression.

Compensation for the Maimed. London Express.—The Workmen's Compensation Act forces the private employer to provide for his workmen who are injured during their hours of labor. The same obligation rests with the State, and it should be met with promptness and with unqualified generosity.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS. At a banquet in London Lord Roberts warmly congratulated Hon. Sam Hughes upon getting Canada's first contingent together on such short notice.

THE Answer WHY more CANADIANS Read The Literary Digest than any other NEWS WEEKLY published in the UNITED STATES. The Literary Digest is being read by thousands of Canadians from Halifax to Vancouver. This immediate popularity is accounted for by the fact that this great illustrated weekly presents the WAR NEWS from all sides without favor or bias.

Line, but they should be assured, and their families should be assured, of a comfortable maintenance for the rest of their days if, as well as being exhibited in Robertson's drug store window.

It will Pay You to buy your Footwear from us this SATURDAY. Youths' Box Kip, blucher cut, Lace Boots, sizes 11 to 2. Regular \$1.50. \$1.28. Boys' Box Kip, blucher cut, Lace Boots, extra good, sizes 1 to 5. Regular \$2.00. \$1.68.

SOME BIG EGG. Mrs. Garland, who lives at the Starch Works, recently found an egg in her chicken coop which measured 7 inches by 9 inches.

FISCAL YEAR ENDED. The Children's Aid Society's fiscal year comes to a close to-day, and the annual meeting of the Shelter will be held during next month.

IS POSTPONED. Owing to the annual inspection of the Dufferin Rifles Monday evening the regular meeting of the Dufferin Chapter, I.O.E., the same evening has been postponed one week.

FAREWELL SUPPER. The members of the 32nd Battery will parade Monday evening at Battery headquarters and proceed to the Teapot Inn, when a supper will be held in honor of those who are leaving for active service with the Dufferins.

BORDEN CLUB RALLY. Next Friday night the Borden Club is holding its annual rally of the season and the Borden Club from Paris are coming down to put on the program. A big time is expected.

TAXES COMING IN. Taxes rolled into the coffers of the Township in a very pleasing manner this morning, when the Township Tax-collectors made the Clerk's office their headquarters. The result was very gratifying to the officials.

LEAVING THE CITY. Frank A. Richards, Charles Williams and Arthur Harris, who have journeyed at the request of the police magistrate will leave that institution for a more commodious one in Toronto to-day.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT. The case of William Meates, charged with assault and malicious damage to property by his wife, was inadvertently stated to have been a squabble. Such was not the case, as the wife preferred a straight charge of assault against her husband.

PRISONERS PASS THROUGH. Last night there passed through the city on the 8:19 train, a batch of prisoners from London and other points en route for the Central Prison, Toronto. Three were to have left Brantford but owing to lack of accommodation on the train their departure was delayed.

BROKE PLATE GLASS. A \$65 plate glass window in McGregor's grocery store, Richmond street, was broken last night by some unknown. A policeman on Brant Ave. heard the crash, but had no evidence against a man he ran from whom he suspected of having fallen through the window.

THE BARRIS SEPARATION. The County Council will meet this afternoon in the county court building to consider the question of the separation of Paris as a municipality from the County. The council is 10-9 in favor of the losing of Paris and will endeavor to retain the town as part of the county.

HALLOWEEN PARTY. A Halloween Hard Times party was given at the home of Mr. Perry Lutes, Terrace Hill St. last evening. A feature of the occasion was the great variety of costumes, many of the make-ups being quite original and created much amusement.

WITH THE POLICE. Charles Ford was dismissed upon a charge of being drunk this morning only to be arrested for breaking a \$75 pane of sheet glass upon Dalhousie street last night. This charge was missed. William Taylor will have to travel in the mixed to the Ambitious City. He was charged with being a vagrant and promised to quit the city if he was discharged.

MARKET PRICES. Prices showed an upward tendency on the Saturday market this morning. Several household commodities rose a few cents, but the most noticeable slump was evident in potatoes, which sank to 70 cents a bag. Turnips were the lowest they have been in some time. Butter was stationary at 30 to 35 cents a pound, eggs rose from 33 to 35 cents, an increase of four cents.

Chinaman Sticks To First Story. Lee Yoo was yesterday informed of Lee Duck's death and he was greatly affected by the news. At first he would scarcely believe it and he went into fits of tears and was no quieter for some time. He appeared to be deeply grieved to learn of his cousin's death. He is progressing well but the continued effort to talk considerably weakens him.

Neill Shoe Co. Little Lads' Dongola Lace Boots, sizes 8 to 10, Regular \$1.15. Saturday 89c.