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THE WAR SITUATION.

It is evident that Germany has been considering the possibility of getting troops through to the relief of Turkey, and one of yesterday's cables gave currency to a rumor that a German army would attempt to dash through Serbia and on to Salonica, thus bringing relief to the Turk. Such an attempt on the part of Germany would, however, be repented by Roumania and Greece. The Balkan neutrals would all have to decide at once which side they would join, and an entirely new situation would develop, out of which Germany could hardly hope to gain advantage.

There seems more probability that a new drive will be attempted against the British and French in the west. Success in that direction, if it could be achieved, following that gained against Russia in the Warsaw region, would greatly increase German prestige and would not involve an addition to the number of nations fighting against her. If, as one report says, the German armies operating against the Russians have not received any reinforcements for over a week, it may be that there is some foundation for the story that an extract from an army order issued in Flanders announces the beginning of extensive new operations in the west.

Readers of the news cannot but be impressed by the fact that so much attention is devoted to speculation as to Germany's next move. Will she press on toward Petrograd? Will she rush to the relief of Turkey? Will she make another drive toward Calais? That these questions are asked is clear evidence of the deep concern with which her movements are anticipated, and it is also an admission of her tremendous striking power. After more than a year of war, Germany is still the aggressive, and apparently hopes to win in the end. Among other qualities we must cultivate in view of the general situation is that of patience. There is a lot of hard fighting ahead. A favorable solution of the Balkan problem would be of the greatest possible value to the Allies at this somewhat critical period in the great struggle. The British and French express absolute confidence in their ability to hold the western front, but they are making no important gains there, and the Russians are still retreating in the east. The Dardanelles offer the most hope of relief in the very difficult situation.

THE GREAT ISSUE

The London Chronicle, commenting on Sir Robert Borden's speech at the Guildhall, in which the Canadian premier pointed out that British civilization and British institutions are at stake in this war, says:

"It is on this issue that the dominions are prepared to stand by us to the end. They recognized it is true, other calls to the conflict. They recognized the call of honor—that we could not stand aside and see trampled in the dust a weak and unoffending people whose independence and liberties we had guaranteed. But now that we are all in the fight we see that it is for nothing less than the future of civilization. The world will not quickly unlearn the lesson eventually taught by this vastest of world conflicts. Is that lesson to be that democracy is a success, or that it is a failure? Is the Empire with free ideals to be henceforth condemned as an earthly vessel broken in the clash with Kaiserism's iron? Or will the faith that dawned with the greatness of first-century Greece and third-century Rome, that was renewed by Cromwell's Ironsides, and made splendid by the soldiers of the French Revolution, gain a yet further claim on men's allegiance—the faith that freedom is not only sweet, but strong, and destined to prevail? That is the issue upon which not only our dominions, but the great democracies of France and Italy fight by our side. Russia herself, so long and so tragically schooled in the precepts of Prussian tyranny, fights beside us, too, not in a Court war or a bureaucratic war, but in a people's war, in which her millions dimly but deeply feel that not only the racial freedom of the Slavs, but their hope of personal freedom is at stake."

The more men observe German methods in this war, and the more deeply they study its causes, and learn what it is that Germany aims to accomplish, they more fully realize the truth of the statements made by the London Chronicle in the paragraph just quoted. The man whose home is in the most remote portion of the British Empire cannot truly say that he has no interest in this struggle, for the very liberty he enjoys is British, and is threatened by a power which would trample every vestige of that liberty under foot. Democracy is fighting for its life in Europe, and there is no escape from the effects of this great war. Either there will be more of liberty and righteousness in the world, or the hand of the oppressor will fall heavily upon mankind. There is no evading the issue. The man or nation that seeks to evade responsibility acts the part of a weakling, and merits the contempt of those whose devotion will bring ultimate victory to the cause of the Allies in the titanic struggle that now shakes the world.

LLOYD GEORGE'S APPEAL

There is no man in England whose command of striking language and whose power of appeal can equal those of Mr. Lloyd George, in presenting to the people the needs and the duty of the hour. In his great speech to the representatives of the coal miners, portions of which have already been cabled to this side, he said:

"The trenches are not all in Flanders; every pit is a trench in this war, a labyrinth of trenches; every workshop is a rampart, every yard which can turn out the munitions of war is a fortress; picks, shovels, lathes, hammers, they are as much the weapons of this great war of European liberty as the bayonet, the rifle and the machine gun. That man who does not handle them with all his strength is failing as much in his duty as the soldier who runs away from the battle at the front."

"I do not know whether the story of the Australian and New Zealand battalions has yet appeared. If it has not, I will take the risk of even breaking cabinet confidence to tell it, and I will defy even the press barons to wrong-doing."

"What happened the other day? The New Zealand battalions and the Australians were expecting a Turkish attack. What was the effect upon them? No man would go on the sick list. Not all the doctors of the regiment could persuade them; there was no shirking; they said, 'Not until the attack is over and we have finished the Turks, not until then will we go into the hospital.' That is the spirit which alone will enable us to win through. Nothing short of it will achieve victory."

"The peril is a great one, the peril is an immediate one, but if the democracy of Britain rise to the occasion, they will once more triumph over all the forces of despotism in Europe. Nothing we can say can possibly do more to convince the people of this country of the danger than the facts that appear from day to day in the papers; the headlines, please, pass those over. Read the news, please, and the men who, after doing that, do not understand the peril of their country, would not believe it though one rose from the dead to tell them."

"The time has come for every man, yes, and for every woman who can, to help their country. There are scores of thousands of brave men, 250,000 miners among them in the trenches, facing the death fury at this hour, waiting anxiously to hear the rattle of the loaded caissons coming from England to aid them; the wagons waiting outside the yard to be filled."

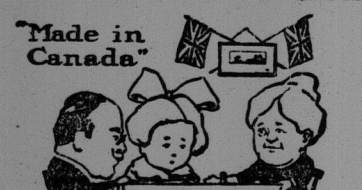
"Let us fill them; let us send them along then, when that is done, there will be written in letters of flame the greatest chapter in the history of these islands, in which it will be told how, when the flag of freedom dropped for a moment under the onslaughts of a ruthless foe, the men and the women of Britain came to the rescue and planted it firmly on high where no tyranny can ever tear it down again."

What will Sir Robert Borden do with Hon. Robert Rogers? Manitoba has given the latter gentleman notice to quit. The 40th Battalion, from Nova Scotia, has been recruited well up to strength again. The sister province is showing New Brunswick the way.

Considerable interest is now being shown in the Patriotic Fund, but the Fund must be greatly increased in order to meet the demands upon it during the next year.

All along the French front, we are told, preparations are being made for a winter campaign. The German front would have been pushed back to the Rhine or across it before next winter.

If German submarines came up the Bay of Fundy and put St. John shipping and grain elevators and other activities out of business it might help recruiting, but the damage would be done. Why is it not done? Simply because somebody is fighting successfully to prevent it. Our battles are being fought on the other side of the Atlantic. Some of our own men are there, and they need help. The ranks of the 5th Battalion must be filled. We must have a more vigorous recruiting campaign.



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"And what did my little son learn about this morning?"

"Oh, a mouse, Miss Wilcox told us all about mice."

"That's the boy! Now, how do you spell mouse?"

It was then Arthur gave promise of being an artful dodger. He paused meditatively for a moment, then said:

"Father, I guess I was wrong. It wasn't a mouse teacher was telling us about. It was a rat."

That Uncomfortable Feeling.

Halter—Do you think severe religious training really prevents a person from wrong-doing?

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Getting It Straight.

Husband—You spend altogether too much money.

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Grateful.

Mr. Bullion Bag (to Count Spaghetti, about to marry his daughter)—See here, count, let me give you a tip.

Count Spaghetti (holding out his hand)—Thank you, sare.

Safe Conjecture.

Trump—"Please, mum, I'm a Belgian refugee."

Lady—"Are you? Mention a town in Belgium."

Trump (cogitating a moment)—"I would, mum, but they have all been destroyed."

Liked the Eat.

"Did the new cook come this morning?"

"Dropped in about 12."

"How do things seem 'sult here?"

"Well, she liked the lunch I gave her so well that she has agreed to stay for dinner."

A Mystery.

"Joan of Arc was a spinster; was she not?"

"Yes; why?"

"Oh, I was just wondering how she got her armor buttoned up the back."

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moved behind the lines where those wounded were given good medical attendance. The surgeon who first attended my wounds, said 'You are from the States?' I said 'No. I am not, but I've worked there. I know it from your expression,' he replied. 'Are you a German?' I asked. 'Yes, but I left Harvard Medical School on Aug. 3,' he replied. After attending to my wounds this surgeon—I never learned his name—went out and when he returned he brought me three packages of Mured cigarettes. He also gave me 50 cents in real American money.

"We were the following day, placed on a train, and removed to a German prison camp at a place they called Slatia. Here they gave us kind treatment. Our wounds were daily inspected by surgeons who seemed to know their business. Our treatment was the same given the wounded Germans. For food we were given warm gruel and on two occasions we were furnished with light wines and oranges. It was a real surprise to us.

"After two days at the prison camp called Slatia, we were again moved and brought direct to the outskirts of Berlin, where those of us who were badly wounded were taken to a hospital for treatment. At this hospital, called St. Frederick's by my German companions, three surgeons worked over me pretty nearly a half day probing for pieces of shrapnel in my left shin. They extracted it. In the meantime I was under ether.

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though a member of the Allies, I must truly say that had I been a paying patient in the good Maine General Hospital in Portland, I could not have received any better treatment. The German nurses gave me gruel, and sometimes fruit mostly oranges. Once I had a cantelone grown in Italy, so the nurse told me.

"On July 2 a young German officer visited the hospital and asked every Canadian soldier to raise his hand. My hand went up and to each of us he delivered a New York newspaper. Under his arm he had a bundle of papers as big as a barrel. He also informed us if we wanted to write home to do so at once and he would see that the letters went by a route that would make sure their delivery in time, on American soil. Nearly all of us were glad of the opportunity and wrote letters to our families and friends. You will probably get this in time. This young officer spoke perfect English."

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