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THE WAR SITUATION

News of the capture of Bapaume and Peronne by the British, and of Noyon by the French, marks a great change in the aspect of affairs on the western front. Instead of being reckoned yards as in the days of hand trench fighting, the advance of the Allied forces is reckoned in miles and along an extended front. The British gains are along a 45-mile front and that of the French along one of 87 miles.

Not that the task will be easy, since the forces of reaction on the one hand and those of the wildest radicalism on the other will be busy and troublesome; but we may trust the genius of this truly great people to pursue the middle course which leads to national development along the lines of sanity and safety, for the greatest good of the greatest number in a free and sovereign commonwealth.

AN OBJECT LESSON

Of prohibition in Russia, Mr. Samuel McRoberts, vice president of the National City Bank of New York, says: "In Russia the American traveler is brought closer to the enormous significance of a whole nation abstaining from strong drink as Russia has done in the suppression of the sale of vodka. It is a phenomenon of great underlying strength in the Russian character, somewhere. The sale of vodka was a government monopoly. The government simply stopped selling it, at first as a temporary measure during the mobilization, later as an economic measure for the duration of the war. The Russians themselves, in talking about it, say that the average Russian was the hardest drinker in the world. It is hard to believe that because the typical Russian has too fine a physique to have been a drunkard but it is undeniable that vodka was consumed in a large amount. The Russian appears to have been ordinarily abstemious, but on holidays he drank hard, as our cowboys or lumberjacks used to do on a time of spree. The feeling throughout Russia toward vodka now is hard for an outsider to understand. Today Russians in city and country are unanimous against a return of its public sale. Through all classes, the change brought about by the suppression is seen and so thoroughly appreciated that it is said that serious opposition would come if the government should order the sale renewed. The economic effect of the measure is so pronounced that without hesitation that between its influence and that of the enforced general increase of efficiency in Russian industry everywhere, the war will leave Russia positively and immediately richer and in a stronger economic position than before. The war has contributed to Russia's forward impulse."

Of the problem of the returned soldier the Toronto Star says: "The country will not have on its hands an army problem that can be disposed of by dealing with men in battalions or platoons. Each man enlisted of his own act as a volunteer. He will, after the war, be an individual one more, and his problem will be a personal one. He will resume the direction of his own affairs, and if the government, federal or provincial, hopes to induce him to apply his energies in ways unfamiliar to him before the war, inducements will have to be offered that will be no doubt about them. If there is to be a soldiers' land scheme it will have to be on a plan that will mean something, it will have to be an offer that is worth something, not merely a variation of the land terms always open to everybody."

The people of New Brunswick are beginning to wonder when the Murray government will learn that it has been defeated and when the lieutenant-governor will call upon Mr. Foster to form a new administration. The election in Gloucester county took place three weeks ago today.

The retreating Germans destroyed at least three hundred French villages in their retreat before the British. They laid waste the whole country. We can well believe that the French never felt such a fury of rage as when they witness this devastation.

China is ready to enter the war. If the Entente Allies desire her aid it can be secured. Naturally the Chinese look for accords, but it is quite possible that terms can be made on a satisfactory basis.

The Canadian government has cancelled its order for Ross rifles. We are not told whether the factory is to get a contract for Lee-Enfields, or whether it will have to close down.

Today's war news tells of still further important gains of territory by the Allies on the western front. The Germans are still retreating and fighting rearguard actions.

Swearing Off "Why are you so strong for prohibition?" "Well," replied Uncle Bill Botteltop, "a country is a good deal like an individual. After having had liquor with a cut limit for a period of years, it's a mighty good thing to go without for a while. The new Russia will not be isolated."

WHERE IS THE MOTHER

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LIGHTER VEIN

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Close Connection

Ethel has the gift of graphic description. "Until recently," she was a little country girl; now she lives in a large town. The first letter she wrote back to her old home began like this: "This is a queer place. Next door is fastened on our house." "Isn't our ice bill rather high, dear?" asked the young husband as he looked over the household accounts. "I was just going to ask you about that, love," said the bride. "I can't understand it at all. I've been just as economical as I possibly could, but never seem to have enough ice. Why, I've even left the ice-box door open on hot days to cool it off!"

Brown-I see that Robinson has got a job at last.

"What's he doing there?" "Brown-Smith has some horses that won't take the bit so Robinson has to talk to them till they yawn." "Judge. The judge was passing sentence on a very defiant looking culprit. "This is a sad case," his honor said. "You, who remained honest until you were 60, have tarnished your name and dishonored your family, all for the sake of three miserable dollars." "Please be fair," said the prisoner. "Was it my fault there were so few?"

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LOCAL NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS

A military party consisting of two officers and ten men arrived in the city last night, members of the 14th Battalion of the Rockwood Comfort Club held a sale and supper on Saturday afternoon in the city with the party. No fewer than 1,900 bags of Canadian mail were received and 100 bags of overseas mail. The largest portion of the latter was for Japan and Russia, and was shipped through St. John.

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Watch for large article by Dr. King, soon to appear in this paper, entitled "The Crying Need of the Woman of Today is More Iron in Her Blood." In this article Dr. King explains why the modern American woman requires more iron than she did twenty or thirty years ago and shows how by taking simple Nuxated Iron, weak nervous run-down women may increase their strength, vitality and endurance 100 per cent. in two weeks' time in many instances. Nuxated Iron, recommended by Dr. King, is for sale by Wasson's Drug Store, as all good druggists, on an absolute guarantee of success and satisfaction or your money refunded.

THE AIRSHIP TO THE RESCUE

The problem of communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland may be solved by the airship. It is said, if a difficulty of long standing will be overcome. When the island became part of Canada, in 1876, it was stipulated that efficient steam service for mails and passengers should be maintained winter and summer, "thus keeping the island in continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion." The islanders have frequently complained that this agreement was not kept, or adequate service maintained. Winter navigation being difficult and dangerous, it was proposed that a tunnel should be constructed under the Northumberland Strait. Communication by air would be much cheaper, and as the condition applying to mails and passengers only, it might be fulfilled in this way. If anybody had predicted that in 1917, he would have removed the controversy from the field of transportation to that of his own mentality, his neighbors would at least have described him as flighty.

NURSE HAD POOR HEALTH

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