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THE SITUATION.

The position at the front is that the Germans, with the greatest war machine in all history, in alert preparedness for the offensive, are steadily forcing their way towards the Channel coast.

The complete preparedness of Germany for these hostilities becomes more and more evident each day. Their spy system alone has extended to the most remote quarters of the British Empire, not alone with regard to available men and situation, but also with reference to climate during the various months of the year.

One of the Canadians for whose safety concern is felt is Hon. Dr. Beland, ex-Postmaster-General in the Laurier Cabinet. He was in Europe when war broke out, and at once offered his medical services to Belgium.

It is an awful piece of business, but the ultimate end cannot for one moment remain in doubt.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT IN ENGLAND.

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Zealand and other parts of Greater Britain when they come home. We are too proud of them to hide our pride as to attempt to hide it.

CHURCHES AND THE WAR.

The following editorial is taken from an English paper: "Eagerly desirous of peace, foremost to the best of our power in furthering it, keen especially to promote the close fellowship of Germany and England, we have, nevertheless been driven to declare that, dear to us as peace is, the principles of truth and honor are yet more dear."

This passage from the reply of the churches of Great Britain to the appeal of German theologians, "to the evangelical Christians abroad," sets forth briefly not only the attitude of the religious denominations of the nation to war in general, but it is a revealing evidence of the unanimity of opinion of the country on this particular war.

The churches have often been accused of doing little or nothing to promote the interests of international peace. The Prime Minister some time ago gave expression to the following statement: "What are the churches doing—what in particular is the Church of England doing to help in the fulfilment of her prayer for the gift to all nations of unity, peace and concord?"

The reproach has sometimes been justified, but the reply of the theologians of this country to the German professors and preachers is an earnest and sincere declaration in favor of peace, and a protest of abhorrence of the outbreak of the war between two neighboring nations of this country to the German professors and preachers is an earnest and sincere declaration in favor of peace.

If Germany finds "a world in arms" against her just now, it is because she has shown herself in war and in diplomacy to be destitute of honor; has proved that her "culture" is only a thin veneer for barbarism.

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Such sentiments are not to be found in the writings of the infatuated professors of Potsdam and the military furies whose teachings have brought Germany to its present fate, and it is curious that, in their defence of their native country, the German theologians utterly ignore these barbarous teachings.

BELGIUM'S KITCHENER

Little Kingdom Has a Strong and Capable Military Leader

Belgium, too, has its Lord Kitchener. He is General Baron Wahis, a warrior who attained his fame in the few chances Belgium had to fight before the present war—the subjection of the negro tribes in the Belgian Congo, the very heart of Africa.

General Wahis, supreme commander of the army of the little kingdom, won his way into the hearts of his countrymen by his daring feats during such warfare and his elevation to chief rank and his decorations have been well earned.



GEN. BARON WAHIS

He is a man of force and aggressiveness, much the same as his worthy aid, Lieutenant-General Leman, whom he lost by capture when the Germans took Liege. He is sixty years of age and is now on the field directing the operations of the Belgian forces.

PETROGRAD

The whole Slav world will hail with exultation the decision of Nicholas II, that the capital of Russia shall henceforth bear a purely Russian name. To them and to all who know them, the significance of this act is immense. It marks a deliberate breach with an old and bad tradition which has brought many evils on their race.

The reactionaries on the Neva could safely appeal to the reactionaries on the Spree for consolation in the most harsh and oppressive features of their internal policy, while the Junkers, against whom all that is progressive and enlightened in Germany have so often raised the honor of the entire Slav race in all its branches that this unholy alliance is no more—London Times.

ARMY HORSES MUST SWIM

A Necessary Part of Their Education For the War Game

An army on the march may at any time encounter a river which it is necessary to cross, and in the case of a cavalry raid or reconnaissance, there may be no time to find a bridge.

Consequently, all army horses are taught to swim. Those of the British army get their tuition at Aldershot, where there are a number of large ponds, called "fashes." These ponds are usually shallow at the edges, and have bottoms of firm sand.

The riders are dressed in old suits of fatigue clothes, which will not suffer from a wetting, and on the first day the horses are simply walked into the shallow edge of the pond, no deeper than, enough to cover their fetlocks.

Of course, there is a lot of snorting and shying, but by dint of coaxing this is soon overcome.

Next, the riders are taken off, and the horses are persuaded to go a little deeper—perhaps up to the belly. Day by day they are induced to go a little further in, and by the fourth or fifth day most start swimming quite naturally.

At first their riders swim beside them, in order to give them confidence. It is a risky business for a man to swim beside a horse until he is thoroughly accustomed to so doing. If he swims too close he may get a dangerous blow from the animal's hoofs.

When a sentry cries "Halt! Who goes there?" the correct reply is "Friend."

Winnipeg's patriotic fund is past the \$500,000 mark.

SOUTH AFRICA

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The scheme is declared in Cape Town, the despatch adds, to be an unspeakable act of treasonism. An overwhelming majority of the Dutch are shocked. The government officials at Cape Town say they have no fear of the disaffection spreading.

Solomon G. Maritz fought in the Boer war with the rank of commandant. News despatches in the early part of November, 1901, described his military activity, and on December 10, of the same year he was reported wounded.

In the summer of 1904 the administration of German southwest Africa was confronted with a rebellion of the native Hereros, and in the early part of July Germany sent her inability to cope with the movement. She asked aid of Great Britain.

In response the British government granted Germany permission to employ Maritz, who had then the title of general as a military adviser to General Trotha, commander of the German troops in southwest Africa. Two steamships conveyed General Maritz, 10 Boer officers and 500 Boer marksmen from Cape Town to Swakopmund, from which place they advanced to join the German forces.

News despatches from Berlin in July of 1904 related that General Trotha has entrusted General Maritz with the conduct of his main division against the Hereros.

Hope was expressed at this time in German circles in Cape Town that these Boers would remain in German southwest Africa as colonists.

There are in the world six countries in which according to the last issue of the "Canadian Life Echoes," women have full preliminary suffrage, and in a surprisingly large number of countries they have a partial franchise.

The article dealing with the matter in the October number of the "Canadian Life Echoes," is but one of several that are designed to interest the feminine reader. The issue contains a number of women, and is illustrated with many extremely interesting pictures of activities into which the modern woman so largely enters.

Prompt and intelligent action has frequently been the means of saving lives that otherwise would have been lost. In any case, pain and suffering can be made less disastrous. Other attractive features make up this book, and it will be sent free to anyone forwarding name and address.

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FAR EAST

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port of a Russian victory near Raczki midway between Augustow and Suwalki, which resulted in the capture of several German batteries sent from Koenigsberg.

Berlin declares that all of the western part of Russian Poland is now in the possession of Germany. It would appear to be a fact that no heavy engagements have yet been fought in this region, most of the fighting being between screens of cavalry.

Should the Austro-German forces suffer defeat along the battle front now forming the way would be opened, it is being argued in London, for the invasion of Silesia, which next to the Rhine provinces, is the richest district of Germany.

But it is not anticipated even in the event of their victory that the Russians will advance with any great speed.

Russia has suffered her most severe marine loss of the war by the sinking of the Cruiser Pallada, which has been torpedoed by a German submarine in the Baltic. In every theatre of the war the offensive with unparalleled vigor and British naval observers are inclined to expect some cooperative display of activity by the German fleet.

Along the battle line of the Aisne the very brief official communication given out in Paris declares that what little change there has been in the situation favors the allies. The chief alteration in this line, however, seems to be its disposition to stretch toward the shores of the channel.

A most interesting bit of news from the western front is found in the report from various sources that several of the forts around Antwerp are still occupied by the defenders. If this is true, it is argued here that possibly the expected reinforcements for the German right wing may not be sent forward in time.

Reports also continue to reach London that the great activity of the German cavalry near Lille is screening movement to cover the retreat of the army of General Von Kluck. Such a retreat is even said to be under way to the north and to the northeast.

Rev. A. W. Mayse of Selkirk, Man., has accepted a call from the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

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LOCAL

IMBIBED TOO WELL.

Six members of the com Thanksgiving in a congenial incorporated too much of the wine and were taken care of police authorities yesterday.

LADIES TO MEET.

The ladies at the Children's who have been doing good work in the Brantford soldiers, are again to-morrow at the She make more pneumonia jackets forward.

HOLMEDALE TIGERS

Holmedale Tigers will hold eral meeting on Thursday night players and those interested in the club are requested to attend West Mill street.

SLIGHT DEFECT

The tower at Grace church on some slight defect having discovered in the construction matter is not serious, however repairs are under way.

NO CHARGE

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