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THE WAR NEWS

What appeared to be the most important news of yesterday, and which certainly would have been such if it had been confirmed, is still lacking confirmation. It was the statement to the effect that a combined British, Belgian and Russian army was striking at the German line of communication into France.

The situation in France is still reported to be satisfactory to the allies. The German right wing has been forced back farther from Paris, and, while the German centre and left are in close contact with the British and French, the reports show that they have not only been repulsed, but at some points have been driven back for some distance.

There appears to be some further evidence of a German plan to converge their several armies upon a point in the French line of defence somewhere south-eastward of Paris, as was suggested in this column yesterday, and drive a wedge through in such a way as to divide the allied armies and perhaps make it possible to crush the French right wing before effective reinforcements could come from the north.

There is some foundation for the reports of a northern army which could either strike at the German line of communication through Belgium or in some other way make itself felt in the terrific struggle that is now in progress. The German army must do something and do it quickly, or the invasion of France must soon be turned into a retreat.

The Russians operating in Galicia have captured the fortress of Mikolajoff, south of Lemberg, and one of the most modern of Austrian fortresses. Supplies had been stored here and at Lemberg for a whole year, and these have fallen into the hands of the Russians.

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to whom Mrs. Bell has also written embodying her admirable suggestion. Imagine a German army taking to its heels with those degenerate English in hot pursuit. Can the Kaiser imagine it?

Australia is proud of the brilliant work of British troops in France. So is Canada. So is the whole Empire. Today's news offers some substantial ground for that hope.

The discount of American money in St. John does not appear to be serving any good purpose, while it does cause a great deal of unnecessary inconvenience.

If today's reports are true, the German advance on Paris has been as fruitless and infinitely more costly than the early French invasion of Alsace and Lorraine.

Let us hope that when the Russian armies are approaching Berlin those of the other allies will have made good their entry into Germany from the west. Today's news offers some substantial ground for that hope.

Today's reports from France will give people a higher opinion of General Joffre's strategy, if, as the London Chronicle correspondent declares, the retreat of the German right wing is of the nature of a rout, and is "the beginning of the end."

We begin to appreciate now the wisdom of Sir John French's remark several weeks ago that while a victory in the open field, if it could be won, was most desirable, yet it was more prudent to draw him farther away from his base, and inflicting as much loss as possible before risking a decisive engagement.

"Credits and politics are forgotten. All are Britons and nothing else," said Mr. J. M. B. Baxter to a Fairville audience last evening. But this morning the St. John Standard featured on its first page a lying and grossly partisan attack upon the Hon. W. L. MacKendze King, an able, honorable and highly esteemed member of the Canadian Liberal party.

In a letter to The Times a citizen of Kansas City writes:—"All the American people, minus the Germans, are with Great Britain in the war." A St. John man writing from Cleveland, Ohio, says that many Germans in the city, while they naturally sympathize with the people of their own race, express the view that Emperor William deserves defeat in this war.

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We are the B. C. Horse you see, And on our way to Germany, We'll stick as one through thick and thin, And fight our way to old Berlin.

We'll make him bow and scrape to us For stirring up this nasty fuss; We'll make him dance the Highland Fling, And "Rule Britannia" loudly sing.

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The Other Point of View "So you are taking summer boarders this year?" "Yes; we didn't have to, but my wife loves to hear 'em talk that city dialect."

All He's Come For "Mr. Green has called to pay his respects to you, sir." "Disappointed again. I thought he'd come to pay me that ten he owes."

He Was "Jane, what time is it?" called down the irate father. "I don't know, pa. The clock isn't going."

"But I am," spoke up the young man who could take a hint.

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HARVEST News Items: The peasants are being taken from the fields, and old men, boys and women will have to do the reaping.

Golden under the light of the moon of August Glean the serried heads of the mellow wheat fields. Wielded for harvest.

But the ruddy moon of the golden August Looks down upon the richly garnered treasure, Moved by the hand that ploughed and sowed in the furrows, Glad for the Summer—

Glad for the dewy nights and the sunny mornings, Rain and sun for the fields that should wave in August.

Rais and sun for the fields that should wave in August. Hope for the Winter.

Ah, the bitter aching, in sultry noon-gleams, Of aged arms that lift again to the reaping, Ah, the weary voices of sunburnt women Bent in the furrows!

Only the witless children shout at their gathering, the sheaves that escaped the reapers, What know they of the burdens of aged Or of the heart-ache?

Blood-red, full-orbed moon of the golden August, Hear the call that summons a nation's legions, Fathers, husbands, and sons, how rich is the harvest, Death, for thy sickle! —Beulah B. Amram, in the Jewish Exponent.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION To the Editor of the Evening Times-Star. Sir—Now that the Times and Star has printed the conclusions concerning spiritual healing that were announced in England last May by a "Clerical and Medical Committee of Inquiry," the following statement from another point of view is submitted with an earnest request for its publication.

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training, a medical doctor is almost the last person who should be called upon to decide such an issue. From his point of view, as frequently disclosed, indisputable evidence of present health would simply disprove a former diagnosis of disease, subject only to the possibility that the party "just got well anyway."

There was a time when accounts of Christian Science healing—the overcoming of physical disorder by an exclusively mental and spiritual method—were received with incredulity by disinterested persons. That time is passing, and among well informed people it may perhaps be said to have passed. Now that these cases of healing have become numerous, either personal observation or the weight of testimony has convinced most people, and the greater part of those who still hold out have chosen a difficult position. They can say they have never known a case of Christian Science healing only by refusing to accept the statements of persons who are worthy of belief on other subjects, or by insisting on some other explanation for effects which, in the ordinary course of reasoning, would be credited to Christian Science.

The change of sentiment on this subject can be briefly instanced here. Thus, in 1909 the government printing office at Washington issued a "Report on National Vitality," which was prepared for the "National Conservation Commission" by Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University. In this report Professor Fisher said: "The public should go and will go to those who will render the most effective help. There was no reason why it (the medical profession) should have lost hundreds of thousands of patients to Christian Science, except that these patients were for the most part benefited, and greatly benefited, by Christian Science after having received no benefit, and often injury, from the profession."

During a debate in the United States senate in July 1911, while Senator Works of California was speaking in opposition to a bill introduced by Senator Owen of Oklahoma for a national department of health, Senator Owen said: "The Senator has spoken, Mr. President, of the value of Christian Science. I myself believe it has been very efficacious in many cases. What the process is by which recovery is accomplished I do not think is thoroughly understood." Christian Scientists are glad to make helpful acknowledgments of the fact that a considerable number of phys-

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