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THE SITUATION .

The Balkan operations continue to gain in importance. French, English, Italian, Russian, Greek, Serbian, Bulgarian, German and Turk forces are now engaged in the fighting. It is announced that gains made by the Allies have all been maintained, but no action of first importance has yet taken place. Greek forces are opposing Bulgarian invaders at Fupertra and volunteers have been called.

In the Somme operations the British by another drive advanced two hundred yards. Not much of a distance on paper, but quite notable in view of the elaborate defences held by a stubborn foe. They are now within half a mile of the village of Thiepval, their objective of the last two months.

The Russians are successfully continuing their difficult task of clearing the enemy out of the Carpathian passes in order to better make way for the invasion of Hungary.

In the Verdun fighting the French have made an advance between Fleury and Thiaumont.

War correspondents of German papers are commencing to paint in vivid terms the horrors to which the German soldiers are subjected under the "murderous" artillery fire of the British and French. The fact that the despatches have been allowed to be published in all their lurid terms is regarded as an indication that the Berlin authorities desire to have the popular mind prepared for serious reverses.

A despatch from Germany makes the claim that the trading submarine, Deutschland, has safely arrived after a twenty-three days trip from the States.

ANOTHER GERMAN BOGY

The Huns have a rumor in circulation, that preparations are nearly completed for a staggering blow at the Allies which will cause them to scurry for shelter and despairingly plead for peace.

German boasts are no new thing. They were going to be in Paris in a few weeks. That program was brought up with a short jolt, and then Calais was to be occupied. They are not there yet and never will be. The people of the Old Land were to be starved out by the operations of submarines, whereas the Johnny Bullites are still getting three square meals a day with a supper thrown in. The people of old Albion were to be terrified into submission by Zeppelin raids. As a matter of fact, to get souvenirs in connection with such visitations has become a regular fad. The Crown Prince was to occupy Verdun by July 1st. Instead, he is as far away from there at this date as his dad is from having a meal in a Paris cafe or strutting around the Champs-Elysees. The long skulking of the fleet in the Kiel Canal was because guns of exceptional range were being mounted, but when said fleet did come out, the British boats very soon made them hunt for shelter once more. So the list might be extended.

As a matter of fact, insofar from making any paralyzing move, the Germans now have their hands more than full. The Allies are keeping them so busy on the Somme front, and the French on the Verdun front that both Turkey and Austria are calling in vain for help, while Russia is battering both of them.

Under such circumstances, no one need be at all alarmed about the latest Hun bogy.

LIBERAL LEADERSHIP.

The Liberal forces are in an exceedingly bad way just now with regard to leadership, both in the Dominion and in the Province of Ontario.

In the Federal arena, Laurier still holds command. He offered to resign when, under his pilotage, the party was smashed on the Reciprocity rocks, but his withdrawal was not accepted. As a matter of fact there was nobody else in sight and there isn't yet. George Graham has been his right hand man, but even his best friends cannot regard him as of leadership timber. Dr. Clark of Red Deer is about the brainest of the others, but he is a free trade faddist and did not gain popularity with his party friends when he publicly rebuked the Kytes and Carvels in the House for attempting to harass the war efforts of the government and to twist some miserable party capital out of Canada's notable efforts in connection with hostilities.

As for Laurier, he has shown himself to be so unsound on the bilingual question that his Western followers last session, to a man, walked into the lobby against him and the Winnipeg Free Press, staunch Liberal paper that it is, called for new leadership.

They are in just as bad shape in the Province. Rowell, who is mainly a faddist, has not the personality which attracts men, nor the ability to hold to his views, the little following which he possesses. He is over in Europe now while manipulators in his behalf, have won two bye elections by joining forces with the liquor interests, which resent Premier Hearst's prohibitory legislation during the war. In the recent Toronto contest we had the spectacle of Dewart, the Grit standard bearer openly side-stepping Rowell's pet scheme the "abolition of the bar."—a very clear evidence of the fact that he does not give a rap for the views of his supposed leader. That he will aim to supplant Rowell in the job is quite generally thought. He is not the man to take orders from a chief whose main plank he has ignored and thereby won success.

Look where they will, the Grits of Ontario and of the Dominion, are out of leadership material and they know it.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Toronto Globe raves of "the Camp Borden horror," and the London Advertiser is quoting Dante's Inferno. The hot weather has evidently played hob with these two Grit sheets.

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Hartley Dewart, leading the Jews in the reoccupation of Palestine, will be a sight worth going some distance to see.

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The Guelph Mercury distinctly refuses to accept the invitation of the Courier to name the man who is leading the Ontario Grits while Rowell is gallivanting about Europe. The truth of the matter is that the party hasn't anyone.

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The sound of the factory whistles gets on the nerves of Mayor Bowlby—also annoys.

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Members of the Hamilton city council and board of trade who visited Camp Borden yesterday, were much pleased with what they saw. Still certain Grit sheets, for political purposes, continue to lie about it.

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Berlin has at last finally assumed the name of "Kitchener." Canadians, generally, will be glad to know that the title of the Hun capital is to be no longer perpetrated in this Province.

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If Roumania doesn't pretty soon get in with the Allies, the spelling of it will be Ruemania.

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It has been learned that Lieut.-Col. Shaw, formerly of Otonabee, who was killed in action, was recommended for the Victoria Cross.

A barn belonging to Levi Atkins, near Meaford, was totally destroyed by fire, together with the entire contents.

HYDRO WILL SPEND AT ONCE MUCH MONEY TO BETTER PLANT

Plant and Equipment From Toronto to Dundas Will be Doubled---Inter-Switch Station at Dundas Will be Duplicated, and New Switches Will be Installed at Niagara

Extensions and improvements in-volving an expenditure of well over a million and a quarter dollars are being undertaken by the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission to meet the ever increasing demand for Hydro in power. The announcement was made last night by Sir Adam Beck and preliminary work is already under way. The chief item of new work is the doubling of plant and equipment from Dundas to Toronto. Largely to meet the needs of Toronto the commission is undertaking the construction of a new double transmission line between Toronto and Dundas, and practically to duplicate the Toronto station—the expenditure being estimated at some thing over a million dollars. At Dundas the commission is also practically duplicating the big inter-switching station there at a cost of approximately $250,000. At Niagara Falls new switches and other equipment to handle the 50,000 additional horsepower being secured from the Canadian Niagara Power Company will be installed.

While the plans for extension have been under consideration for some time it was not intended to go on with them at present.

Demand Caused Action

"We had hoped," stated Sir Adam, "that we would be able to make our present equipment take care of the increasing load until conditions were more favorable for extensions, until labor conditions were better, materials, particularly metals, were cheaper—in other words, until the end of the war. So rapid has been the increase in consumption that we have been faced with the necessity of going ahead at once. Our plans will ensure for Toronto a sure and safe supply, and will bring our equipment at Niagara and Dundas up to the level necessary to handle the larger load we will have by the end of the year.

"The first instalment of power was received from the Canadian Niagara Co. has now been added to by a second 12,500 horsepower, which we took on within the past week. Our load now ranges between 115 and 120 horsepower, and before the end of the year the maximum load will be between 140 and 150.

"For the new double line out of Toronto the plans and specifications have been completed and we are now proceeding with the construction of a new doubleing lines in the Owen Sound-Collingwood district to pool the power resources of the four development centres, namely, the Big Chute, Eugenia Falls, Swift Rapids and Wasdell Falls. The commission is building thirty-five miles of transmission line from Collingwood to tap the Eugenia Falls development with the Big Chute. A six mile line from Wasdell Falls meeting the Orillia line from the Big Chute completes the circuit. Eugenia Falls has a power surplus of 4,000 horsepower, while Wasdell Falls has 1,000 h.p. more than is being used in that district. This surplus gives the commission almost immediately the added supply needed to serve the municipalities hitherto dependent upon the Big Chute, or a total supply from all four developments of 15,000 h.p. The commission estimates that with the increased development possible at the Big Chute and the developments yet to be made on the Saugeen and Severn rivers there is an ultimate development in the district of 25,000 h.p. When this is all in use at some future date the northern municipalities can be linked up with the Niagara system by a six mile line at Forest.

Sir Adam Beck stated last night that the tremendous increase in consumption was due to the mounting demand from all over the system. New municipalities were being added and those already in were increasing consumption steadily. A part of the increase was due to the manufacture of munitions. As an instance of the growth of the system Sir Adam pointed out that Hydro power was now being used to pump oil wells in the Petrolea oil district, displacing oil fuel at the very point where it was cheapest.

BAGDAD TO-DAY SHADOW OF ITS FORMER GLORY

Crumbling Mosques, Old Palaces and Neglected Tombs Everywhere.

Although little is heard of the movements of Russian troops toward Bagdad, one of their main objectives, and may not be heard for some months yet, we are indebted to a Mr. H. M. Allen for some particulars about the ancient capital of Caliphic power.

Looking at the wider aspect of the war there, he states that the contrast afforded between the Khaki-clad British soldiers contending with Germans and Turks amid the ruins of Mesopotamia is picturesque.

"Across the very plains where once swept the war chariots of the Chaldeans are now moving the armer motors of Germany and England, in the rivers where the Babylonian and Persian barges once plied, the shallow-draft gunboats that fly the Union Jack now manoeuvre.

British aeroplanes have already been seen flying across the skies that looked down upon Harun-al-Rashid, and a German Zeppelin may yet be reported hovering over the bazaars where the Commander of the Faithful delighted to wander .

The visitor to Bagdad recalls that is was the capital of a domain reaching from Spain into Africa and from Africa to India, and he knows that Harun-al-Rashid was once its ruler. These facts have been inscribed on the tablets of memory through the medium of "Amine," "All Baba," "Sindbad the Sailor," and other delightful "Arabian Nights'" tales.

The Historic Hermit

But the Bagdad of to-day, although the Turkish documents still call it "the glorious city," has naught but crumbling mosques, dilapidated palaces and neglected tombs to bear testimony to the splendor of the past.

It was Al-Mansur, the second caliph of the Abbasside dynasty, who removed the capital of Islam hither from Damascus. When he first saw the spot he was enchanted with it although there was then only a single habitation upon it—the cell of the venerable hermit Dad.

The latter, ignorant who his dignified visitor was, not only entered into conversation with him, but predicted that one Moslos was destined to found a city where they were standing.

"I am that man!" exclaimed the caliph, and he went on to inform the hermit that in his boyhood he had stolen a bracelet, and his nurse had ever after called him "Moslos," the name of a thief then well known. The old recluse must have made a considerable impression on the mind of Al-Mansur, for the town was eventually named for him. "Bag" signifies a garden in the Persian tongue, and the whole word means "The Garden of Dad."

An Ancient Rockefeller

This caliph, by the way, was perhaps the richest man in his time, for he possessed some $150,000,000. He did not, however, invest his wealth in Bagdad real estate, for he and his sons left it in a small town, confined to the western bank of the Tigris. Moreover, they economized in building materials, for they used fragments plundered from the ancient Persian city Ctesiphon, its near neighbor Seleucia, and from ancient Babylon.

It remained for Harun, ally and friend of Charlemagne, who came after Al-Mansur and his sons, to extend the capital to the eastern bank. With him, too, began the era of culture, science, literature, and that distinctly Persian luxury that at last wrought the downfall of Saracen power. Against such effeminate degeneracy Omar, conqueror of Syria, Persia and Egypt, sedulously warned his people, but in vain.

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Jerome to France

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London, Aug. 24.—Jerome K. Jerome is going to France soon to drive a Red Cross ambulance. The humorist, who is 57 years old, frequently has offered his services in different capacities since the war began, but without success. He is delighted at the chance now given him.

F. G. Affalo, another author, is going out on the same work.

OLD WORLD NOTES

The uninterned aliens in Scotland are the cause of some agitation for their internment. The other day an indignation meeting was held in the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, to advocate the immediate internment of 22,000 said to be still going free, and for all that they knew working for the success of their enemies. Mrs. Hope of Luffness presided at the meeting. She said that to her mind it was a perfect scandal. What, she asked, was the use of them sending their husbands, brothers, and sons to fight their battles over the seas if the very people we were fighting against are protected in this land? They had 872 male enemies in prohibited areas. They had also 400 German businesses open. They wished to have Britain for the British. They ought to intern all aliens, rich as well as poor, men as well as women. (Applause.) They ought also to make up their minds that they would not buy German goods.

Another case of exemption from military service on the ground of the applicant being a minister of the Gospel was thrashed out before Sheriff Substitute Orr of Edinburgh the other day. The young man was an elder of the International Bible Students Association. In this position he made his living by selling Bibles and religious literature, and his spiritual office was marked by the leading of services, private studies of the Bible, and the dispensation of the Sacrament to members of the association. In answer to questions by the learned sheriff, the young man said that the world was as yet converted, but that in this war and following the war in time, people would feel themselves called upon to become the true sons of God. The Sheriff was impressed. He granted the young gentleman release.

CRICKET

At a large gathering of cricketers on the O.S.B. grounds last night the following were selected to play against Hamilton St. George's on Saturday next, on the O.S.B. grounds. All players are requested to be on the grounds sharp at 2.30 p.m and in the event of any player that has been chosen being unable to play, kindly notify the Secretary, P. Farnsworth, at once.

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THREE NAMES

This morning's official casualty list contained the names of three Brant County men. Driver Leishman of Paris was reported as gassed, while among the wounded were Sgt. Alfred G. Bowtle and Pte. Ernest wife was notified Tuesday that her husband had been slightly gassed and was in Cambridge Hospital, England. Before enlisting Sergt. Bowtle worked at the post office and last summer was in charge of the 32nd battery, recruiting here.

RETURNING TO CAMP

A party of fourteen members of the 215th Battalion reported at the local office of the battalion yesterday, and this morning, after completing a term of harvesting work, they were sent on to Niagara, to rejoin the battalion this afternoon. Recruiting, once more, fell flat during the past two days. Several applications were received, but no men were able to pass the medical test, and accordingly the recruits obtained were nil. Two men from the recruiting office of the 215th journeyed to Paris yesterday, in the hope of securing a few men.

HYDRO MATTERS

In response to a communication from T. J. Hannigan, secretary of the Ontario Hydro Electric Association, his Worship Mayor Bowlby has replied, giving assurances of his sympathy with the organization, and his confidence in its president, Sir Adam Beck. Although not a member of the executive, he expresses willingness to lend his efforts to further the aims of the association, and suggests that it be represented by delegates from as many municipalities as possible at the convention of the Ontario Municipal Association, which is to be held very soon in Toronto.

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