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## THE WAR NEWS

The European situation has undergone a marked change during the last week. Italy, with a strong army and navy, is not only into the war on the side of the Allies, but she is reported to be pledged not to make a separate peace. There is now a stronger probability than before that Romania will also declare war against Austria, and such action on her part would be of immense value to the cause of the Allies because of her strategic position, and because she has nearly half a million seasoned troops who are among the hardest fighters in Europe.

In the west the French have gained what they claim is a very important advantage, while the British have also met with some further successes, while all the counter attacks by the Germans have been repulsed with loss to the enemy. The Canadian losses in their share of a vigorous engagement in which they showed the greatest bravery, were smaller than at first reported. In the meantime the British forces are continuing to push steadily against the enemy, repulsing all attacks and gradually gaining a stronger foothold. It is recognized that they have enormous difficulties to overcome, but they have met with no serious reverse and continue their aggressive movement with ever-increasing force.

From the Russian armies comes news that the Austro-German advance in the centre, which pressed the Russians back and caused them to abandon much ground won previously by the Russians, have begun a new offensive movement which is being developed with considerable success. The harder Russia can strike now, the less the enemy can afford to withdraw troops to face the Italians.

The reconstruction of the British cabinet is still in progress, and illustrates the fact that the whole country is united with but one great purpose—the prosecution of the war to a successful issue. The leaders of both parties agree that there is to be no partisanship, but only patriotism, until the task is accomplished. Happily, also, the Italian people, who were lately divided into two camps holding very conflicting views, have sunk their differences, and a united Italy stands behind the flag and his cabinet.

Each day brings its contribution to the story of German savagery. One of the latest is that the Prussians deliberately fired upon and killed a large number of Belgian soldiers who were about to surrender to the British. The story is undoubtedly true. Apparently there is no consideration, either of kindred or humanity, that can appeal to these brutes.

Washington still awaits word from Berlin. Whether the fact that Italy is now numbered among her foes will prompt Germany to be more conciliatory in her reply to the American note remains to be seen. The reply is expected this week.

## THE CALL FOR MEN

The strong recruiting sermons preached throughout the province on Sunday and the vigorous campaign being carried on this week should result in an early filling up of the ranks of the 6888 Battalion. It is only necessary to glance at the war map to see that a tremendous task still awaits performance. The war may not end this year, or even next year. Every body hopes for an early ending, but German armies are still fighting on the borders, French and Russian soil. They have yet to be driven across their own borders and defeated on their own soil. They have immense resources, and though outnumbered and being steadily weakened they have great resisting power. How soon it will be broken down no man can tell. In England they anticipate and continue to organize for a long war. The task must be completed. The people guilty of the horrible crimes perpetrated by Germany since this war began must not merely be defeated but crushed. Canadians now have a bitter score to settle, for there seems no doubt that at least some Canadians wounded and prisoners have been treated with savage brutality.

A righteous vengeance must be wreaked upon such a foe. Prussian militarism must be crushed, and it must be done by men. The call has come again to the men of New Brunswick, and they will not be recreant to their duty.

## RE-MAKING EUROPE

Italy and Austria are old-time foes. The former country has scores to settle that will make her soldiers fight with a bitter determination to have done once for all with the questions at issue. Italy is financially a poor nation, but she has an effective fighting force both on land and sea. Her entrance into the war would be followed by a return to their native land of many thousands of Italians now in America or scattered over the world. If Romania also enters the war the position of Austria will be made still more hopeless, and her ability enormously weakened. The Turk also

will have a new and formidable enemy to reckon with, for Italy can send both battleships and soldiers to the Dardanelles. The map of Europe is to be remade, and democracy is to achieve new victories. The principles of government represented by Germany, Austria, and Turkey are to give way, and people now subjected to an alien and harsh rule will taste once more the pleasures of autonomy, or of union with those who cherish the same racial traditions and speak the same language. The military autocracy is a warning force in human affairs, and Europe is about to shake it off, let us hope, forever. Even Russia will be democratized to a notable extent by this war.

## GERMANY'S FINANCES

Judge Russell of Halifax, in a review of an article in the London Quarterly Review, holds that it proves the financial conditions in Germany to be very bad and rapidly growing worse. After referring to the gold situation in Germany he says:

"The main question, however, is not as to the absolute amount of gold in the Imperial Bank. The really important inquiry is what proportion does this amount bear to the paper circulation issued on the strength of it. Here, then are the figures. On December 31st, 1913, seven months before the war, the note issue amounted to 238,000,000 pounds (not counting Treasury notes) as compared with gold in the Reichbank amounting to about 105,000,000 pounds. This means that £148,000,000 of paper had no chance whatever of being redeemed in gold; in other words, Germany is keeping up the pretence of solvency by means of an inflated paper currency. In the year 1914 during which the Reichbank's gold stock rose by £44,887,000, the note circulation increased by £119,468,000, and the loans and discounts by a sum of £128,260,000, so that the addition to liabilities proceeded on a much greater scale than that to the gold stock. These are certainly convincing indications that the finances of Germany are rapidly plunging downwards, and at a rate which must be accelerated by the gathering momentum of the movement."

Italy's entry into the war will cut off a source of some of Germany and Austria's supplies. In his sudden, unheralded and unexpected descent upon the various military centres Maj. Gen. Hughes is no doubt illustrating what he wants the Canadian soldiers to do to the Germans.

Self-Denial Day in St. John for the benefit of the Belgians is June 8, one week from next Thursday. Every citizen, old and young, should remember the day. It is not charity. We owe a great debt to the Belgians.

Yesterday's traffic on the street railway extension to Coldbrook was so great as to surprise the railway company. No doubt they will be encouraged to operate the extension to East St. John and to plan other extensions. The traffic waits.

The Clean-up campaign should find all the people ready and willing to co-operate. It means better health for the city. In spite of other important claims on public attention this one should not be disregarded. The safety board and board of health are ready to do their share. If the clean-up is not a success the discredit will not be theirs. It is up to the people.

A cable from Berlin says: "What comment is heard on the situation is not flattering to Italy. The average German declines to take the Italian military success seriously, and seems to consider that Italy's onslaught will merely put off the ultimate victory of the Teutonic allies, without rendering victory doubtful." Are the German people still living in a fool's paradise?

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His Favorite.

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