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THE SITUATION

It is pointed out by Mr. Frank H. Simonds, war critic for the "Review of Reviews," New York, that the underlying purpose of the German attack upon Verdun was to inflict such losses upon the French as would make the French and British unable to make premature counter-attacks, and thus be prevented from making a combined assault on the West front this summer. The plan failed. Joffre's answer was that Germany could pound herself to pieces against Verdun, while the British and ourselves continue to prepare our own attack in conjunction with the Russians, and at the appointed time we shall all strike together. That is why he refused help from the British in the Verdun operations, and that is why the Somme offensive is proving so successful. The Allies are now engaged in putting into operation a thoroughly co-ordinated plan for winning the war. It manifestly has for its main element the elimination of Austria by defeat and exhaustion. If this be the case, the striking and impressive work will be done by Russia, with Italian contributions, and now a small share by Rumania. If Austria is put out, and all the indications tend to the belief that she will be, then the German problem can be tackled next year. The troops of Franz Josef have been saved twice previously by the Huns, but the French at Verdun, and the French and British in the Somme are now holding them so hard that to spare men from either front would lead to a breaking of the lines. To hold them would be enough, but Joffre's and Haig's men are doing even more, for they have successfully assumed the offensive, battering down defences supposed to be impregnable, and each day gaining new ground.

Meanwhile the Austrian papers are admitting that the Rumanians have penetrated over forty miles into Hungary and the Russians are also pushing rapidly ahead in the Transylvania operations—Russia, whom the Germans thought months ago they had put out of the running for a considerable period.

The Italians are making good headway into Albania to the chagrin of the Greeks and it is reported that at a meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday, at which King Constantine was present a declaration was not yet approved. In what respect has not yet been stated, but it can hardly fail to be in conjunction with the Allies.

CANNOT BE WHISPERED

Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, the well-known novelist, has returned to New York from a visit to the front, where she was afforded exceptional opportunity to see things at first hand. During the course of an interview, she said:

"The atrocities of the Germans cannot be told, they cannot be whispered, they cannot be photographed, for they are beyond the power of any of these to describe. The Germans are an overdeveloped people. They have set everything below militarism, and all their vaunted Kultur, all their science, all their education, have been forgotten in the madness of their destructive ambition. The Germans wanted to destroy everything that was not German, men, women, and children, villages, monuments, cathedrals, everything—and rear a new Germany that would be a world Germany, with nothing of any other nation. But they have shot their bolt, and the punishment is at hand."

The story of Mrs. Atherton confirms all that other impartial observers have stated. The overwhelming testimony is that the Germans and their devilish Kultur are worse even than Attila, the King of the old time Huns.

John Brown, a sailor from Scotland, of the crew of the collier Tennessee, was drowned while bathing off Watson's Shore, Curtis Creek.

Every club in the American League except the Athletics, has led the race at least one day this year. Cleveland showed the way for 53 days, the New Yorks led for 24 days, Washington was on top for 11 days, the Red Sox have set the pace for the last three weeks, with the others enjoying the honors for shorter periods, including ties.

WITH HONORS

The remains of the men who perished with the Zeppelin which was brought down during the recent attack on England, were yesterday buried with honors.

That the British always manifest a fine spirit with regard to the individual and collective courage of any foe is well known and commendable, but quite a few will be inclined to the belief that the thing was carried too far in this instance. There has been nothing of chivalry and all of wanton devilishness about these air raids. No military object whatever has been gained while non-combatants, including women and children have been wantonly and ruthlessly murdered.

It is very seemly to treat an honorable enemy in the same spirit, but the Huns have most emphatically proved themselves to be the very reverse of that. It might be further contended that the victims were on their hazardous trip under orders. Quite true but that fact does not take away one whit from the diabolism which their task represented. To honor them was incidentally to honor and recognize the class of mission in which they were engaged.

Of the effect upon the Germans there need be no doubt. They will regard the tribute as an evidence that the people of the tight little islands are at last becoming terrorized and are anxious to placate the invaders.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It is admitted that Villa now has a larger force than ever in Mexico. The evidence accumulates that he won't be hanging on Uncle Sam's Christmas tree.

Opposition Leader Rowell is addressing prohibition gatherings in the Old Land. It is not believed that Hartley Dewar will leave by next steamer to help him.

They had a very explosive bill of fare for yesterday's session of the Hungarian Diet.

It is the manner of Grit papers to find political opponents guilty of any charge long before the evidence has been taken. That was the case with regard to the shell enquiry, and also with reference to Roblin and his colleagues. When proof is not adduced, they keep up their vilifications just the same, for slander is their stock in trade.

The Terrace Hill residents want a subway at St. Paul's Avenue, and a more abundant water supply, and in both desires the Courier thinks that they are right.

The citizens of Hunland are fighting shy of the latest Prussian war loan. Trouble is that the Kaiser and his associates have not delivered the goods with regard to what was to have been a speedy victory.

NEWS FROM SIMCOE

Simcoe, Sept. 7.—Senator and Mrs. McCall have gone to the Welland House, St. Catharines, for a rest. Sneak thieves have been appropriating bicycles in town. On Saturday Mr. R. E. Gunton was victimized. Tuesday afternoon two wheels were taken from the racks at the rear of the public school while the owners were at their books. Clarence King lost his "Crescent," and Harry Westerspoon a "Great Western Cross." About this time last year four wheels disappeared in the same way.

Mr. A. Osborne is not recovering very rapidly from injuries received eight weeks ago.

Local bowlers will begin at once to build an eight rink green on the Rectory property, corner of West and Metcalf streets. The situation is central, and an ideal location for a green.

William Lorne Munro, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Munro, of Talbot St., for several years in the Dominion Gas offices here, and at present travelling auditor for the company, was married to-day to Miss Ethel Gertrude, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Hall, of Dunnville. The ceremony took place quietly at the home of the bride's parents, and was witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

Gordon Boyd and Annie Knowles, of Carleton Place, and Jessie Abel, of Silver Hill, have gone to North Bay Normal School.

Simcoe, Sept. 7.—The resignation of Dr. W. J. Day, as pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church has been accepted by the Presbytery to take effect at the end of the month and the pulpit will be declared vacant on Sunday, Oct. 1st by Rev. John Robertson, of Port Dover, who has been appointed moderator.

Mr. Morton Brown of Simcoe will conduct the services in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Port Dover on Sunday in the absence of the rector, Rev. Johnston, who is on a vacation.

The Misses McCool returned from a vacation at Port Sidney, Muskoka. Mrs. McKelvie and Mrs. Rowat are back from a month's visit with Calgary and Edmonton friends.

The funeral of the late Roland S. Boyd who died in London, on Tuesday, will be held to Oakwood cemetery on the arrival of the Woodstock train to-morrow.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Tutela branch of the Women's Institute held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Henry on Tuesday, September 6th. It being the occasion of a visit from the Moyle-Tranquillity Institute. The meeting opened in the usual way, the President, Mrs. Hird, in the chair. After the business for the day was finished, Mrs. Wood, president of the Moyle-Tranquillity, kindly presided, and the following excellent program was given by their institute: Piano solo, Miss Evelyn Kemp; vocal duet, Miss Kinney and Gracie Turnbull; paper on Friendship, by Mrs. J. R. Moyle; vocal solo, Miss Heath; paper on "Kindness," by Mrs. Norman Clump; instrumental solo, Miss Dora Arnold; recitation, Miss R. Sharp; vocal solo, Miss Heath. The roll call was answered by giving suggestions for comforts for the soldiers. This ended a very able program, the papers being of exceptionally high class, displaying great talent and the program in full showing the high standing of the Institute. The lady audience was tendered to those who had so kindly taken part, and the meeting was brought to a close by singing the ode and God Save the King. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, and the gathering broke up, having enjoyed a very profitable time together. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Orlo Pawcett, River Road.

The Calnsville Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting on the afternoon of August 29th, at the home of Mrs. R. Fonger, Pinegrove. There was a large attendance owing to the Park Road and Alford Junction paying Calnsville a visit. The president, Mrs. Rose took the chair and opened the meeting by the singing of the hymn "Help Somebody to-day." Then the usual business was transacted. The principal item was the arranging of helping to raise funds for North Brant to buy a Field Ambulance, instead of the first proposal of a Field Kitchen. The ladies and gentlemen present with the idea and wished to proceed at once with the work for no nobler cause, and the help to our own Canadian boys at the front. Our new position of the business was the arranging of the next meeting to be held on the 26th of Sept. at the president's home.

The meeting was then given in charge of Mrs. N. Edmondson, vice-president of Park Road, who called on Mrs. Armstrong for a paper on "How to keep young." A few good suggestions were thrown out, and the listeners felt much benefited for them. Miss Lena Kenny rendered a solo very effectively; Mrs. Hird read a paper, written by Miss Asnew, entitled "Time, Health, Money," and Mrs. Kilgour another on "Hospitality," these being exceptionally good. Mrs. Hurley was then called upon and spoke for a few minutes about the camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, which proved indeed interesting. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

A social time was then spent by the ladies, while a dainty lunch was served by the younger members.

Trade of the port of Boston for the week ending Sept. 3rd, amounted to \$347,303,047, an increase of more than \$87,000,000 over the corresponding period of 1915.

James Talbot, wealthy New York banker and merchant, who gave away \$1,000,000 in philanthropies before his death, bequeathed his estate to his family.

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AN ELECTION FIGHT

In British Columbia is Seeing a Very Hot Finish.

By Courier Leased Wire.
 Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 7.—Events are moving rapidly as the day of election draws near. Both Liberals and Conservatives are straining every nerve. Premier Bowser has been stumping the country from one end to the other, and is now on the lower mainland, where he will remain till the end of the campaign. Last night he spoke in New Westminster opera house. The Liberals at the same time were combing the city, giving an account of their recent tour through the province. The Premier's first appearance in the royal city was the signal for the opening of the campaign on the banks of the Fraser river. Messrs. Brewster and Macdonald will keep the Premier's trail in the city next Saturday. Voting takes place September 14. At last night's Conservative meeting in Westminster, Premier Bowser spoke on the legislation of the past session and treated with contempt the suggestion that the Conservatives have had any connection with plunging.

New York City was borrowing or owing money in London when the war broke out. Now London is floating a city water works loan in New York.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, Sept. 7, via London.—On the northern part of the front Russian troops crossed the Dvina in small force and captured part of a German position. The announcement follows:

"In the region south of Riga, an enemy aeroplane, brought down by our fire, fell within the German lines."

"North of Dvinsk our advanced posts, after having crossed to the western bank of the Dvina, drove the enemy from his trenches and captured a portion of his position. Our aeroplanes successfully bombarded the railway station and Baranovich."

In the direction of Brzezany (25 miles north of Halicz) and of Halicz, the fighting is continuing in our favor. The gallant troops of General Tcherbatchev having driven the enemy out of a series of fortified positions, and having advanced westward in their pursuit, reached the River Naraluvka, a tributary of the Gnila Lipa, which they crossed at some point."

"In the region of Halicz, our troops occupied the railway line from Halicz to Semikovitz and to Wodniki. They are bombarding with heavy and light artillery the town of Halicz, in which the enemy is still stubbornly holding out. The town is now in flames as a result of our bombardment."

"In this region we captured a total of 45 officers and 5,600 men, including 22 German officers and about 3,000 men, and five Turkish officers and 485 men. The capture of guns and ammunitions are being counted."

"In the wooded Carpathians our advance continues."

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Sept. 7.—The French official statement says that a powerful effort made by the German troops to dislodge the French from Hospital farm, on the Somme front, was without success and that the Germans were dispersed with heavy losses.

The text of the French official statement follows:

"North of the Somme the Germans made a powerful effort to dislodge us from Hospital farm. Their attacks were swept by our machine guns and dispersed with heavy losses. The enemy did not renew his attempts during the night. In other sectors there was nothing to report."

"South of the Somme the Germans debouched in force from the village of Herigny and made several attacks against our new positions southwest of Belloy-en-Santerre and South of Barleux. All these attacks were stopped by our curtains of fire before they were able to approach our lines. The losses which the enemy suffered during these fruitless attacks appear to have been very great. Four hundred prisoners taken south of the Somme yesterday have been counted up."

"According to fresh information the German troops beaten back yesterday by our infantry in the region of Chilly, belonging to a Saxon division which was transferred hurriedly from the Aisne front."

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) towards the end of the day yesterday, after violent artillery preparation our troops attacked the German organizations on the front between Vaux-Chapitre wood and Chenols. The entire front line of enemy trenches fell into our hands on a length of about 1500 metres. We took about 250 prisoners and about 10 machine guns."

"There is no event of importance to report from the remainder of the front."

Paris, Sept. 7.—The French serial service took an active part in the re-attack on the Somme front. It says the French official statement, in air fights yesterday two German machines were brought down by French pilots and four other German aeroplanes were forced to descend in a damaged condition. The text of the statement reporting the aeroplane activity says:

"Aviation—Our air service took an active part in the actions of the past few days on the Somme front, watching the movements of enemy infantry, carrying out bombardments in the rear of the German lines and attacking with machine guns troops on the march. Our machines, armed with guns, repeatedly bombarded the enemy's trenches."

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Tisza, the despatch says, informed the leaders of the opposition parties that he had procured from Emperor Francis Joseph a decree proroguing parliament, and that he would take the decision with him to every sitting, and promulgate it if the attacks of the opposition should become too violent.

By Courier Leased Wire.
 London, Sept. 7.—A Zurich despatch says that on account of the violent opposition with which the Hungarian government is meeting in parliament, measures have been taken to end the session if matters become more aggravated. Premier

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