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THE WAR SITUATION.

The war situation at the week-end is intensely interesting, with a promise of still more interesting developments. Despite heavier resistance the Allies continue to make gains on the western front, and the Germans will probably be compelled to retire still further before they can make anything like a firm stand.

Following yesterday's announcement that a British force had arrived at Baku, on the Caspian Sea, comes news today from northern Russia that a new government has been formed whose object is to restore Russia to sanity and expel the German invaders, co-operating with the Allies to that end. With the Japanese, Americans and British in Siberia, and the new developments in southern and northern Russia, the prospect of reconstructing the eastern front and forcing Germany and Austria to pay more attention to that quarter has greatly improved. The seriousness of this situation is evidently realized by the Kaiser and Austrian ruler, who have been in troubled conference, although they give out the report that it is harmonious and satisfactory. Their man-power is steadily declining and they have no new source of supply. Their plans to get great supplies of food from Russia have not proved as successful as they hoped, and are now very seriously threatened. They will fight on, to get as favorable terms of peace as possible, and the war will go on into next year, but the Allies now have the advantage and will hold it to the end.

SHIPBUILDING.

Of the remarkable work done in shipbuilding in the United States, Bradstreet's gives the following striking summary:

"More ships were launched by the Emergency Fleet Corporation during July than were ever sent into the water in an entire year before. The vessels launched during the month numbered 123, and their dead-weight tonnage aggregated 681,944 tons. Of the total number sixty-seven of 483,244 tons were of steel, fifty-three of 187,000 tons were of wood, and three of 11,000 tons were of a composite type. During the month forty-one ships of 235,025 dead-weight tons were delivered, thirty-six being steel vessels of 217,025 tons, and five wooden ones of 18,000 tons. These deliveries, it may be said, do not include two ships of 15,855 dead-weight tons completed in Japanese yards. With July the Shipping Board under its present chairman completed about a year of energetic work. In the course of that time there were finished and delivered 247 ships aggregating 1,571,896 tons, thirty-seven being steel contract vessels of 248,000 tons and 210 requisitioned ships of 1,226,156 tons. The achievement is one upon which the Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation are to be congratulated. Even more noteworthy as indicative of how the work is progressing is the fact that 775,545 tons, or nearly half of the total tonnage completed during the year, were delivered within the last three months. Finally the figures of launches hold a gratifying promise of expansion in the future. The hulls sent into the water January 1 of the present year to the end of July comprise a total of 1,710,836 dead-weight tons, of which considerably more than a third were launched in July, that month's total being over seven times the figure for January."

IRELAND AND THE WAR.

Assuming to speak for Ireland, the lord mayor of Dublin, with a group of Nationalist members of parliament and two men acting in the place of the notorious De Valera and Griffith who were deported to England last May, has sent a voluminous address to President Wilson, denouncing conscription for Ireland and charging the British authorities with efforts "to inflame prejudice against Ireland." The whole address is a bitter arraignment of British rule in Ireland for nearly a century past and an endeavor to justify that country in resisting conscription. Here is a sample paragraph:

"In the 750 years during which a stranger sway has blighted Ireland, her people have never had occasion to welcome an unselfish or generous deed at the hands of their rulers. Every so-called 'concession' was but the loosening of a fetter. Every benefit sprang from a manipulation of our own money by a foreign treasury denying us an honest audit of accounts. None was yielded as an act of grace. All were the offspring of constraint, tumult or political expediency. Reason and argument fell on deaf ears. To England the union has brought enhanced wealth, population, power and importance; to Ireland increased taxation, stunted industries, swollen immigration and calumnious officialism."

Another paragraph has this fling at Ulster:

"To obstruct the recent Home Rule bill the British executive allowed its favorites to defy its parliament without

punishment, to import arms from suspect regions with impunity, to threaten 'to break every law' to effectuate their designs, to infect the army with mutiny, and set up a rival executive backed by military array to enforce the rule of a caste against the vast majority of the people. The highest officers of state became the guerdon of organizers of rebellion, boastful of aid from Germany."

A counter address has been sent from Ulster to President Wilson, signed by Sir Edward Carson, head of the War Aims Committee, and leader of the Irish Unionist party, the Lord Mayor of Belfast, the president of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce, and the heads of various Ulster organizations. This document observes:

"At a time when all the free democracies of the world have accepted the burden of conscription as the only alternative to the destruction of free institutions and international justice, it is easily intelligible that those who maintain Ireland's right to solitary and privileged exemption from the same obligation should betray their consciousness that an apology is required to enable them to escape condemnation at the bar of civilized, and especially American, opinion."

The Ulster address goes further and denies that the Dublin address represents the unanimous opinion of Ireland. It says further, according to a cable summary, that the minority in Ireland, comprising from one-fourth to one-third of the population, dissents emphatically from the views of John Dillon, chairman of the Nationalist party, and his assistants and has a keen sense of shame that the country has not submitted to equality of sacrifice. It says that almost every assertion of the Dublin message was a distortion or misrepresentation of historical facts.

It may be taken for granted that President Wilson will not take time for a study of Irish history. He has an immediate task that will help to change the history of the world and save Ireland from German domination. In that he has the hearty support of the Irishmen of America—and should have that of every man and woman in Ireland.

Co-operative marketing of wool has proved a success in Saskatchewan. The co-operative branch of the provincial department of agriculture this year handled seventeen carloads of wool, valued at more than \$240,000, an increase of 170,000 pounds over last year. A Lethbridge, Alberta, grower has just received returns netting over seventy cents for his wool clip. There is profit in the sheep industry, and it is very satisfactory to note the growing interest in New Brunswick in this branch of husbandry.

The fuel controller at Ottawa urges the people of the maritime provinces to lay in a supply of soft coal. Dr. Frink urges that fifty per cent of requirements be purchased in the form of soft coal. Evidently there is a very poor prospect of getting hard coal to anything like the usual quantity, either by schooner or car. The season wears on, and the counsel given should be heeded by the people.

Since 1915 the British wrecking companies have salvaged no less than 401 vessels that were sunk by submarines in British waters. This work counts appreciably in the fight against the submarine.

We are again warned that Canada cannot afford to relax in food production or conservation. Especially is there a warning against the waste of any of this year's products.

Jews in Palestine are rallying to the Allied cause. They will be a welcome addition to the fighting forces against the Turk.

Western crop reports, both from Alberta and Saskatchewan, are better than they were a few weeks ago. Manitoba will harvest 145,000,000 bushels of grain.

The people may as well get used to using less sugar, for the supply will be much less before the winter is over.

Let us hope the large potato crop will be large enough to save us from prohibitive prices next winter.

There was a strong hint of autumn in the air this morning.

TRUMPET OF THE DEAD

"Trump Le Mort, J. E. Widener's crack imported three year old, is one of the season's great race horses. He came from France, and his name being translated means 'The Trumpet of the Dead.' His wins are always popular, as many have the hunch that as an American, he is calling the nation to sound the trumpet for the death of Hun devilism."

Every man in Canada can sound the trumpet. It will help. Grow something. Save something, and show a willingness to help in this crisis by joining the harvesters. This is the game that all can play.

LIGHTER VEIN

Sharing the Joy of Life. The only real happiness in this life springs from doing things for others, and nothing gives us greater pleasure than bringing our loved ones a box of candy, of which we are very fond.—Columbus Ohio State Journal.

Save Ten for Coal. The food administration has frowned on the envelop plan of serving sugar in restaurants, but perhaps the idea ought not to be abandoned altogether. The envelopes may be handy to serve coal in next winter.—Kansas City Star.

But Don't Fit Like It. "Do you think there is a chance that people will be required to wear clothes made of paper?" "Shouldn't be surprised. They have already made a start. Some of this summer's designs look like wall-paper."

Evolution. "Do you believe the old assertion that a politician is a statesman out of a job?" "Not altogether," replied Senator Sargent. "Sometimes a statesman gets a job and turns politician trying to hold on to it."

Lucky Man! C. R. H. writes back from a training camp where he arrived last week that he has been equipped with shoes weighing not less than twenty-five pounds apiece. He presumes from that that he has been selected to kick the Kaiser.—Kansas City Star.

OPENS UP PEACE RIVER DISTRICT

The Peace River district has been for many years the subject of much interest and speculation. Alluring tales from adventurous pioneers of its wonderful resources, charming climate and varying scenery, have long since lent to the district that charm of romance which distance and uncertainty blended with glowing promises. Now, however, the land so long famed by legend and mystery is being proved a reality, modern transportation having, so to speak, brought it to our very doors. A journey from Edmonton to the town of Peace River, for instance, which five years ago consumed nearly two weeks of toil and hardship, may now be made in less than twenty-four hours, in comfort at all times of the year, trains to this latest settlers mecca, which is nearly 1,000 miles north of the international boundary line, carrying both sleeping and dining car accommodation.

The department of the interior, through its natural resources intelligence branch, has prepared and is distributing a new illustrated report on the district based on investigations made by an official of that branch during the season of 1917. The publication contains interesting information with regard to climate, soil, agriculture, minerals, game, water power, transportation and education. A map of the district showing general topography also accompanies the report. The recent reservation in the interests of soldier settlement of available dominion lands has also necessitated the preparation of a map which would show the area in northern Alberta that had been reserved for such purposes. This publication is now available for distribution and should prove of considerable value to the returned soldier who is considering the advisability of settlement in the

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RECENT DEATHS

William Cooper died at his home in Fredericton last evening after a lengthy illness. He was eighty-eight years of age and is survived by three sons and two daughters. For many years he was engaged in the manufacture of carriages.

Messrs. Thomas and Patrick Killen received word yesterday that their cousin, Arthur Mills, had died in New York.

The death of Harold Young Gifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Heber Gifford, occurred on Wednesday at the home of his parents, Fortage Vale, Kings county.

JOHN L. HARKIN DIES AT CAMPBELLTON FROM EFFECTS OF ACCIDENT

Quebec, Que., Aug. 16—A private message received here yesterday stated that John L. Harkin, for many years traveller for the wholesale firm of Whitehead & Turner, Quebec, had died in a hospital at Campbellton (N. B.), as a result of injuries received in a runaway accident.

AMERICAN WOMEN PLEDGE COMRADESHIP

Washington, Aug. 16—Comradeship of American women is pledged in a cablegram sent today to the allied women's mass meeting at Paris by headquarters of the Y. M. C. A. war work council.

The meeting at Paris is attended by prominent women of England, France and America and will continue until August 19. Similar meetings are being held this month in India, China, Japan, Australia, Canada and South American countries.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Green-Thomas.

On Wednesday evening in St. John's (Stone) church, Rev. G. A. Kurling united in marriage Miss Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thomas, of Brussels street, and Roy Frederick Green of Grand Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Green left on a wedding trip to Grand Falls.

SUBMARINE SHELLS AND FIRES TANK STEAMER

Beaufort, N. C., Aug. 16—A large oil tank steamer is afire about twenty-five miles off Cape Hatteras, according to reports brought here tonight. A submarine is lying close by. The members of the crew have been taken off by life guards. It is presumed the submarine is a German and the tanker was set on fire by shell fire.

IN U. S. SERVICE.

Dr. George Ernest Mott of Lynn, son of George F. Mott, formerly of this city and nephew of the late Dr. J. O. Mott of this city, has joined the naval reserve with the provisional rank of lieutenant and has been assigned to the torpedo station at Newport.

"Pity 'Tis, 'Tis True."

"Article II. Between Austria-Hungary on the one hand, and the Ukrainian People's Republic on the other hand, as far as these two Powers border one another, those frontiers will exist which existed before the outbreak of the present war between the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and Russia. Further north, the frontier of the republic, beginning at Tarnograd, will in general follow the line of Bilgery to Sroczewierzyn, Krasnostau, Pugasace, Radzyn, Meshiretsch, Samaki, Selnik, Wyskietowski, Kamietstowski, Pru-

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