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THE WAR SITUATION.

We can better appreciate now than we could a year ago the wisdom of the Roumanian statesman who pointed out that if his country then entered the war the German and Austrian armies would sweep over it before Russia or her allies could intervene. In spite of long delay and preparation, Roumania may yet be over-run before relief arrives. We are given in the Teutonic advance in Roumania another illustration of the tremendous power the enemy can still exert. There was a very general feeling when the Roumanians did join the Allies that their action would have a powerful influence in shortening the war. No doubt it will have that effect, for the Teutonic advance is costly, and every battalion that is wiped out weakens the power to strike or to defend, but meanwhile Roumania suffers as Belgium and Serbia and Russian Poland suffered at earlier periods.

There is nevertheless a confession of German weakness in the movement against Roumania. We may be very sure that the great stroke would have been delivered on the western front if there had been the slightest hope of breaking through the French or British lines. By winning a success in Roumania the enemy may prolong the war, but sooner or later the growing armies in the west and in Russia must be reckoned with, and though it take a year to exert the full strength of the Allies, the effectiveness of the enemy will have been greatly reduced and victory assured.

The German people, however, are still fed on assurances of victory. Only yesterday the Chancellor boasted:

"Our lines are unbroken, and Roumania, through which a great change of events was expected, is now atoning for what she did. God has helped us up to the present. He will help us further. The almost super-human heroism of our troops, which cannot be expressed in words of thanks, and our clear conscience, since we, the first and only ones, were ready and are ready to end the war by a peace guaranteeing our existence and our future—they give us moral right to such confidence."

A German newspaper, the Rhenish and Westphalian Gazette, according to a recent cable says:

"Our ultimate aim is to push through to the west and the ocean. Whatever offers resistance must be crushed." Referring to the Balkans, the Gazette says: "What the victor gets he holds." In respect to the last German colonies the Gazette is quoted as saying: "If we do not succeed in reconquering them, the French provinces are worth twice our colonies and we will take our compensation out in France. Let us daily tell the French that every foot we conquer is ours. We need not waste words about Belgium. We need access to the channel and we need Antwerp. Whoever wants Belgium may fetch it from us." The Gazette concludes that England is more assailable than Russia, and that London can be destroyed easier than Moscow, because it says Moscow costs blood and London only torpedoes. "We have no fantastic dreams," says the Gazette, "of conquering the world. We neither can nor will destroy the British empire, but the minimum necessary for German peace is the complete beating down of France in the west and the prestige of the German flag on all the seas."

All this is very fine and very boastful. The people will be more ready to accept it because of the success of the armies in Roumania and the fact that Germany still holds most of Belgium, part of France, Russian Poland and some other Russian ground, and almost all of Serbia and Montenegro. The Allies have not yet been able to reconquer this territory and carry the war effectively into Germany and Austria. Until that is done there will be people in Germany who can still be deceived into expectation of just such a result of the war as the German newspaper from which we have quoted professes to anticipate. The Teutonic successes in Roumania serve to emphasize still further the magnitude of the task before the Allies, and to remind Canadians that they must provide more men and munitions, and continue to regard war as the chief business of this country until the enemy has been crushed so completely that peace for a very long period may be assured to the world.

At the moment, the situation in Roumania is far from satisfactory. The like is true in Greece, where German influence is having a much worse effect than had been expected. There appears to be a sort of winter dead-lock on the western and Italian and Russian fronts, and apparently little change is anticipated before next summer, except that there will be a steady wearing down and weakening of the Teutonic armies. The British Empire, and that means Canada, must put forth a supreme effort to be in readiness for the tremendous struggle of next year.

THE PRICE OF MILK.

The increased price of milk is not based upon the scarcity of the article. If it were, a reduction of the use of ice cream or of milk itself might relieve the situation. The question to be decided is whether the farmer can profitably produce milk at less than five cents per quart, and whether milk can be profitably delivered from the farmer to the consumer for less than another five cents.

If the farmer is getting too large a profit the fact should be capable of demonstration. If the price he gets is not too high in proportion to his cost of production, but the dealer who gets five cents per quart for passing the milk on to the consumer is charging more than he should, that fact also should be capable of demonstration. So far as the farmer is concerned, he has the cheese and butter factories as alternative markets. He is therefore in a somewhat independent position. Both farmer and dealer in taking the full market rate for what they have to sell pursue a course that is by no means peculiar to them. Everybody who has anything to sell does precisely the same.

The people generally believe that the price of ten cents per quart for milk is too high. It is for the city council to probe the matter thoroughly and report what it finds. There can be no doubt at all about the hardship the high price of such a necessity as milk imposes upon poor families, especially where there are children; and more especially still if there is in the family a tendency toward the development of tuberculosis. If it can be shown that anybody is taking an unfair advantage of the people's necessities for personal gain at a time when universal sacrifice is called for, the duty of the government is plain. Let us see what the present investigation will bring forth.

FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS.

It is worth while to note from time to time what other communities are doing in the fight against tuberculosis. The Maine Anti-Tuberculosis Association has helped to prepare a two reel film "The Great Truth," which will be shown all over the state, for educational purposes. The Bangor Commercial says:

"It is confidently expected that the expenditure of \$150 by the state association for this film will prove one of the best educational investments of recent years. This association was one of forty to make this film possible. It was produced under the direct supervision of the National Association. After the film has been shown in Guilford, Milo, Dover, Orono and Old Town, it will be shown in other parts of the state, first in organized towns. Next summer the secretary, who is to be provided with a portable movie machine, will use the film for open air lectures in public squares of the various towns he will visit. Much interest is already awakened."

Of the Sanatorium at Bangor, a letter from August says:—"The Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Sanatorium will ask the coming legislature for an appropriation of \$7,900 for the year 1917 and \$8,100 for the year 1918. These amounts include salaries and wages at sanatorium, groceries and table supplies, fuel and lights, rent, repairs and sundries. It cost the sum of \$7,690.40 to run the sanatorium in 1915 and \$9,347.10 this far this year. It is estimated that the income of the institution will be \$6,670 for each of the years 1917 and 1918, this amount being divided as follows: Board of patients, \$5,000; dues, \$120; gifts, \$500; other sources, \$150. The income of the sanatorium for the year 1915 was \$5,016.46 and thus far this year the income has been \$9,095.12."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Lomer Gouin will address a recruiting meeting in Quebec next week. The baser sort of government officers are still insinuating that the Liberal leaders are not as loyal as, for example, the Nationalist colleagues of Sir Robert Borden. And this at a time when there should be but one voice in Canada, and that voice appealing for more men and more munitions, and more sacrifice of the sort our sons at the front are making for Canada and the Empire.

Sir Robert Borden will tour the west on a national service campaign. Mr. Bennett will accompany him. When will Sir Robert, with Messrs. Blondin and Patenaude, if not Bourassa and Lavergne, make a tour of Quebec province?

If the Roumanian armies are still intact, the Teutons have still a heavy task before Bucharest is taken and Roumania conquered.

RECENT DEATHS

David Hutchings. Hampton Village, Nov. 30—David Hutchings died at his home here this morning after an illness of about four years. He was seventy-nine years of age and leaves a widow, and a son and a daughter—John Hutchings, of Belleisle, and Mrs. Manford Roberts, of Hampton.

Elizabeth F. Halse. Elizabeth F. Halse died yesterday at her residence, 28 Wright street, aged 33 years. She was the daughter of the late William Halse and leaves to mourn one sister, Mrs. Rosborough, of Halifax.

Harry and James, brothers, were in their play-room for a little recreation after supper. Harry hit James with a stick. An argument followed, and in the midst of it the nurse happened in with the news that it was time for them to retire. James was put to bed first. The nurse said:—"You must forgive your brother before you go to bed. You might die in the night." After a few minutes elapsed, James replied:—"Well, I'll forgive him tonight, but if I don't die he'd better look out in the morning."

LIGHTER VEIN.

Years of Discretion
"Pa, what does it mean when it says that a man has arrived at years of discretion?"
"It means, my son, that he's too young to die and too old to have any fun."

End of a Successful Campaign

Glady's beau took her younger sister Mabel aside and confided in her as follows:
"Now, I am going to tell you something, Mabel. Do you know that last night at your party, your sister promised to marry me? I hope you'll forgive me for taking her away?"
"Forgive me, Mr. Sparks," said Mabel. "Of course I will. Why, that's what the party was for!"

In a village cricket match the local butcher was batting, when a ball bumped up and hit him on the head, from which the wicketkeeper made a catch. "How's that?" yelled the wicket-keeper, "Hout!" said the umpire. "But it's me on the head," protested the batsman. "Hi! don't know where it hit you," responded the umpire. "Hi! didn't see it, but Hi knows the sound of wood, so hout you go!"

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