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THE WAR NEWS.

The situation in Greece overhangs all else in the news from the seat of war. King Constantine has been brought to book. He must choose the course he will pursue without delay. The Allies have already waited a long time and the moment of decision has come. Behind the ultimatum stands the Allied fleet, and the blockade of Greek ports. It appears evident from today's cables that the Greek people are in sympathy with the Allies, and that the King is the stumbling block. The visit of Lord Kitchener has brought the matter to the point where an answer must be given. The purpose of his departure from London is now at least partially revealed. He will get an answer from King Constantine, and perhaps within the next forty-eight hours we shall find Greece giving more substantial aid to the Allies. If not, we shall at least know more definitely whether it is to be peace or war between Greece and the Allies. The tenor of the despatches today is more hopeful, but the situation is still full of anxiety. An interesting statement made by Ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece, on Nov. 4, is featured by the London press. He said:—

"Two things seem quite clear to me—first, that Germany is bound to lose in the long run; second, that the new battleground in the Balkans offers favorable conditions to the Allies."

If this view is shared by the majority of the Grecian people there is little danger of their joining forces with Germany.

AN AMERICAN OPINION.

The New York World prints a review of the war situation in the near east, written by "a high officer in the United States army whose name cannot be given for obvious reasons." This writer does not believe that Germany and Austria will attempt a large operation in Egypt, India, or against the Suez Canal, for the reason that they have not men to spare. He contends that they could gain nothing there to help them win the war. To attempt a great campaign there would be, in his opinion, "a most eccentric operation." Then he says:—

"This war is going to be decided on the eastern or western front, where the French, British and Belgians are lined up on the one side and the Russians on the other. Germany and Austria sent only 250,000 to 300,000 to smash a way through Serbia in order to reach Constantinople. Why did they not send more men for this job? Simply because they could not spare them, and depended utterly on Bulgaria to supply the deficiency of men. It is obvious that Germany and Austria have not enough men on their long eastern frontier now to do what they want to do in Russia. Then, where are they going to get enough men to send against the Suez Canal? They simply cannot spare the men. It would require hundreds of thousands. The Suez Canal is very difficult of access. Not only is there no railroad leading up to it, but the question of a water supply for the troops is one of the greatest importance. There was some reason for the Serbian campaign. The central powers were likely to run out of men before their enemies, if they do not run out of something else first."

Let us hope this view is well-founded. If the Allies can save Serbia, and keep the conflict confined to Europe the work of exhaustion will gradually destroy the last hope of the Central Powers. To achieve that result, however, the Allies must put forth their utmost strength along the whole battle front, east, west, and south.

MINISTERS AND OTHERS.

Rev. Samuel S. Macmillan, dean of St. Paul's cathedral in Detroit, has been granted a year's leave of absence, as the affairs of his parish are in such a flourishing state that it is felt he can be spared for a year. Instead of taking a holiday, and spending the year in rest and travel, however, the dean announces that he will spend it in the sociological department of a great automobile factory. In explaining his unusual course he says he believes the experience will enable him thereafter to preach a more vital and practical Christianity. He says further:—

"I believe that it would be a good thing if the church would order that about every seventh year a clergyman should go for a time into the ranks of labor and learn at first hand more about the life, the thought, the material environment and the problems of the men he is seeking to reach and help. The only true charity is that which gives a man a job, enabling him to live in a self-respecting manner. The time is coming when the commercial world will take upon itself the care of the unfortunate whom it now turns over to the Associated Charities and other such bodies. More and more employers are interested themselves in their men's welfare and as most causes which become the concern of charity are the products of our industrial system, this is logical. Most ministers, when they are given a leave of absence decide to spend the time in study in the comparative section of college. I prefer to spend mine in the 'School of Humanity.'"

Perhaps a little less of theology and a little more of sociology in the student

course, before he began his ministry at all, would help the clergyman to a better understanding of the problems of those to whom he ministers. Having such general knowledge at the outset, and getting close to his people in their daily life, he would not find it necessary to join "the ranks of labor" every seventh year to get the right point of view. Nor would he be likely to prove very useful as a workman. Moreover, if he is to be effective as a teacher and guide and harmonizer of differences, a working knowledge of affairs from the employer's viewpoint is quite as essential as the other. Logically, therefore, he would have to spend a seventh year as a manufacturer, and another as a commercial man, while his parish in the meantime jogged along without him. It would therefore appear to be a wiser plan for the minister to acquire early a knowledge of the principles of sociology, and try to apply that knowledge in his pastoral relations with all classes, keeping the golden rule and the principle of sacrifice and service as much as possible in the foreground.

No more room for soldiers in St. John? Quite wrong. Nobody home at militia headquarters. That's what the matter is.

Those who desire to send comforts to the men at the front in time for Christmas have not much time to spare. There are delays in delivery and the weeks soon pass.

The Ottawa board of control is unanimously agreed to the adoption of Mayor Porter's suggestion that a half million dollars of the civic sinking funds be invested in the new Dominion government war loan.

There is an excellent opportunity for people with surplus funds to be patriotic and help to base up this new Dominion loan. It is likely to prove a very popular issue throughout the country, and the country needs the money. Moreover, it is an absolutely safe investment.

The Canadian Courier tells of a gentle hint Rev. A. Logan Gieggle of Toronto gave to a young athlete who ought to be in khaki. They met and the young man said: "Good morning, Mr. Gieggle." The minister regarded him sternly and sharply replied:—"It is a good morning—at Niagara Camp."

An anti-British association, having its headquarters in the United States, has been trying to stir up trouble in northern India. The hand of Germany is plainly visible. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, secretary of state for India, told parliament last week, however, that the attempt had utterly failed. India remains loyal.

Why did the authorities not wait until the returned wounded soldiers began to knock at our doors and ask for a night's lodging before telling us they were coming and should be provided for? If Sir Sam Hughes will start out on an official house-cleaning campaign and put a few business men on the job here and there, he will confer a lasting favor on an indignant public.

In an account of recruiting for the 77th Battalion in Ottawa the Free Press says:—"Mr. J. R. Booth, the millionaire lumber man, has undertaken to raise a platoon. He will recruit the men personally from the employees of his office, mills and yards. Three stores have each offered to raise sections to make up the departmental store platoon for the 77th Battalion. The sections are twelve men strong."

Mr. W. A. Stewart, at the Elks' Hall Saturday evening, made a timely protest against the conduct of those who "knocked" the travellers' platoon by asserting that it never could be raised. Every traveller and every commercial man should boost the platoon, whether he feels that he can join it or not. Sgt. Knight asserts that every man who cannot go to the front should do his best to encourage those who are able to go. Sir George Foster protests against the "doggers." Let every man look his duty squarely in the face.

Quebec proposes to look after its wounded soldiers when they return. "We intend to make a complete chain of service on behalf of the returned soldiers from the front from the time they land until they get a job, if possible," said Hon. G. A. Simard, member of the legislative council of Quebec, and chairman of the Provincial Soldiers' Employment Bureau. Hon. Mr. Simard also said:—"When the soldiers are discharged by the military hospital authorities the provincial bureau will see that they are furnished, with employment, as far as possible."

There are now fifty names on the roll of the commercial travellers' platoon. Among them is the name of a man who came from the United States to get in with so likely a lot of fellows as make up this platoon. Six names were added at the travellers' smoker and reception on Saturday evening. Why not a double platoon, now that the single platoon is "full"? Why not a company? It is up to the members of the New Brunswick Commercial Travellers' Association. This province set the example. Let it be such an example as will stir up the other provinces.

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"He isn't a true Bohemian," said the poet. "He's a poseur."

"How do you know?" asked the artist.

"Huh!" snorted the poet, with fine scorn. "I don't believe he owes a cent in the world."

Disciplinary Value of Football. "Really, Mr. Hewkins," said the headmaster, as Hawkins laughed loudly at the sight of his son being knuckled out on the football field, "I don't see how you can laugh at such a moment as this."

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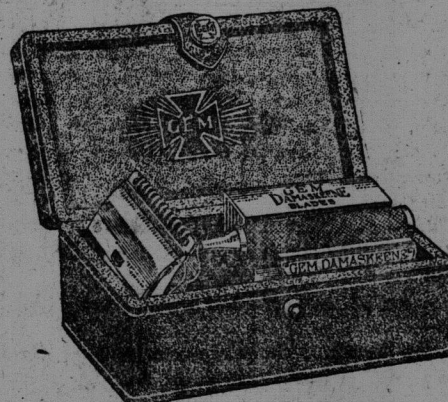
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GERMAN LOSSES ARE APPALLING

Casualty Lists Often Show Entire Battalions Decimated, But Comparatively Few Officers Appear

London, Nov. 22.—The appalling extent of the German losses is revealed by a perusal of the official casualty lists issued daily by the German government for the information of families, although newspapers are prohibited from reproducing them. The outstanding facts in these lists are the enormous gaps in certain regiments and the frequency with

which entire battalions are wiped out, the remarkably small proportion of officers lost, and the great number of volunteers killed.

The latest lists available cover the losses for October. For Prussia, Wurttemberg, Bavaria, and Saxony there are more than 200,000 names. It will be recalled that at the beginning of November the Prussian losses alone were estimated to be slightly more than two million.

The lists for October 23 alone give 10,000 casualties. The Prussian list includes nine regiments of the Guard, eight regiments of Grenadiers and Fusiliers of the regular infantry, thirty-one regiments of reserves and twenty-one of the Landwehr, and many from the field artillery.

The second battalion of a Guards regiment lost 487 men and only three officers. An example of the terrific losses of certain regiments is furnished by the 84th Prussian Infantry, the third battalion of which lost 582 out of a full complement of a thousand. A battalion of the Prussian 157th infantry regiment lost the following numbers in four companies of 200 each: First, 176; second, 188; third, 171; fourth, 168.

In a similar manner companies (250 men in each company) of the 224th Reserve Infantry Regiment lost men as follows: 203, 205, 215, 194, 111, 195, 197, 198, 146, 194, 192, and 216. The 78th Infantry Regiment lost 1,077 men out of 8,000.

These losses were probably suffered at Loos and Ypres. The Landstrum regiments are generally kept behind the firing line, yet they show heavy losses caused by illness. In the fourth companies of the 224th Reserve Regiment, 419 men and five officers were lost. The 158th Infantry Regiment lost 507 men and seven officers.

Rottterdam, Nov. 22.—The latest ten lists of Prussian losses contain the names of 79,464 killed, wounded and missing. This makes the total of Prussian losses 2,178,018.

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