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THE WAR SITUATION

With no less than one hundred and ninety army divisions on the western front, one third of them held in reserve to be thrown quickly at any point of attack, and with the number of divisions still increasing, the Germans are apparently delaying their blow until the most complete preparation possible for the most terrific struggle of the war has been made.

On the side of the Allies, we are told, "the defence preparations are on a most formidable scale." Unless there has been a change within the last few weeks, their strength is greater than that of the enemy. In any case they await the attack with confidence, and today's story of a brilliant raid carried out by the Canadians reveals not only the fact of their times but of the unfitness of the German troops in front of them. We must anticipate, however, a sanguinary struggle, for Von Hindenburg has expressed his willingness to sacrifice his men by the hundred thousand in an effort to get through to Paris or to Calais.

At last we are beginning to hear of British air raids on Germany, and a German despatch says these raids have caused panic in German towns along the Rhine, from which many people have moved to central Germany. The British report shows very effective work by airplanes, dropping bombs on enemy works, billets and towns. The Allies appear now to have an unquestioned superiority in the air, which was not the case a month ago.

The Russian situation goes from bad to worse. The Finnish conflict is said to be prepared to make a compromise with the Germans. The Russian capital has been removed to Moscow. German possession of Odessa is of immense value to the Central Powers. The Turks are regaining ground lost to the Russians. The Bolsheviks are a helpless rabble. Whether Japan will intervene in Siberia is still an unsettled question. Today's report says that the Germans have been "invited" to organize an army in the Ukraine. It will of course be an army under German control.

Turning again to the situation on the western front, today's French report gives the assurance that the French armies are in a much better condition to meet the enemy than they were at the battle of Verdun. The spirit of the French troops has never been better than it is now, and there is a feeling of superiority which will be of enormous value when the great test comes. The weather steadily improves, and we may learn at any time that the great trial of strength has begun, from Switzerland to the Belgian coast.

MESSAGE FROM FRONT

Bishop Richardson and Rev. Dr. Neill, after a visit to Canada's sons in England and on the western front, bring words of cheer to the people of Canada. They bring the assurance that no army corps on the whole front surpasses the Canadians in fighting quality, and today's cables show that even while the message was being delivered in St. John the Canadians had just carried out one of the most brilliant raids in the history of their gallant exploits. Bishop Richardson and Rev. Dr. Neill assure us that reports of misconduct on the part of Canadian soldiers in England are without foundation. "Their morale, both in England and France, excited the admiration of the visitors, who are also able to testify that good provision is made for the men's comfort. This is especially true of the hospitals. No complaints were heard, and at the front the spirit of the soldiers was buoyant and confident. This paragraph from Bishop Richardson's message should rouse the people at home to still greater war effort.

"But," said his lordship, "it is absolutely the duty of those of us at home to put our full force into the conducting of the war, and if we don't play the game, to use the soldiers' phrase 'God help us.' No matter what it costs we must put every ounce of strength behind those men. We are going to win this war yet, but we must realize that we have a hard struggle before us, and the sooner we realize it the better. The men at the front realize it and the only effect that it has on them is their determination to stand firm."

While our sons are holding themselves in readiness to meet the foe, and daily and nightly face death in our stead, it is the universal duty of those at home to bend every energy to war-work, and especially to the food-production campaign which means so much to our Allies and even to our own soldiers in France and Flanders.

The Toronto Globe makes this keen thrust—"A few days ago the Food Administration closed a big egg business, with three affiliated firms, and ordered them to remain closed. These dealers had bought eggs at 80 1/2c. and sold them at 81 1/2c. For so doing they were adjudged guilty of profiteering, and put out of business. But this exercise of regulated authority occurred in the United States. It wasn't the result of Canadian administrative action on Commissioner O'Connor's reports."

THE NEW IRISH LEADER

John Dillon, whose friends sometimes said that he dictated the policies of John Redmond, first entered parliament in 1880, from Tipperary, at the age of twenty-nine years. He was a physician by training but abandoned the medical profession for a political career. What he was closely associated with Mr. Redmond during the closing years of the latter's life.

Retiring from parliament in 1888, he spent two years in California, returning in 1890 to be defeated as member for North Tyrone, but being elected in the same year from East Mayo, which he has since represented. Possessed of height and long limbs to a degree to make him a conspicuous figure, and presenting an air which his associates have described as one of melancholy, Mr. Dillon has often stood forth as a spectacular orator in his activities in the House of Commons.

Early during the second year of the war he bitterly opposed the British government's plan to raise an additional 1,000,000 troops. He attacked conscription, but finally agreed to conform to the wishes of John Redmond in not further opposing the Military Service Bill. Early in 1916 he denounced the government's methods of dealing with the Irish revolt and condemned the executions. He made several motions in the House of Commons urging the government to disclose its plans for the administration of Ireland, declaring Ireland would welcome elections on the home rule question.

On several occasions Mr. Dillon has publicly criticized the British war policies, notably in connection with Roumania, Greece and the censorship. In an address in Dublin last December he condemned the Sinn Féiners, declaring they had alienated sympathy in the United States for the Irish cause. During the session of parliament last year he was described as one of the most voluminous speakers.

A BILLION CHICKENS

A billion chickens for 1918. This is the mark aimed at in the United States this year in the matter of poultry. The number of chickens raised annually in the United States is approximately 600,000,000, and the number of eggs produced is about 1,600,000,000 dozens. In order to release the necessary food and meat for Europe it is hoped to double the chicken and egg crop available for home consumption. If every American farmer could be induced to raise 200 chickens the billion mark will be reached with nearly 300,000,000 over for good measure.

LESS GERMAN, MORE FRENCH

(Toronto Star.) The best solution of the question of German in the school is to give the teaching of French, at the expense of German if necessary. Sir Robert Falconer says that Germany is not a country of study at the university and that excluding it would neither help nor hurt the German. Some of them bear wounds, some wear decorations won by deeds of exceptional daring, and all deserve the most and the best that home may do in their honor.

And while we honor the men our hearts go out in profound sympathy to the widows and little children who have come back to Canada, while husbands and fathers sleep "in Flanders fields." Their presence, more than any spoken words, is a reminder to us of the horrors of the war, and stirs us to grim endurance, and more determined effort to carry on the war to a victorious end, that never more may such a hurricane of death sweep over any portion of the earth as that which heaps up the dead and the maimed in Europe today.

Daylight saving has been adopted by the United States. The bill only awaits the president's signature. A similar bill will be introduced at Ottawa. It passes, Canada will be in line with the United States in a war measure which will be no less valuable in time of peace. The prejudice against it will quickly pass away.

To conserve the British food supply and provide labor in Canada, all Canadian soldiers in England unfit for military service will be sent home along with 25,000 soldiers' wives and children. Why was not this policy pursued from the first?

Mr. John Dillon begins his leadership of the National party by lecturing the British government. Mr. Dillon has a more useful field of activity in Ireland. The Sinn Féiners are just now standing in the path of the British government, and of Irish home rule.

Canadian Finance points out that in the average family's food budget one dollar at the end of 1917 would buy only as much as 60 1/2 cents bought before the war, and in textiles would buy only as much as forty-one cents before the war.

The session of parliament which opens today is expected to be comparatively brief. Except in relation to war measures, the government calls for the strict economy.

German brutality toward prisoners is further revealed by recent reports. Civilization must be saved from German domination at whatever cost.

The Kaiser writes that he has strong hopes of a complete victory soon by Von Hindenburg on the western front. Evidently the great struggle is near.

AUSTRALIA HIT BY A CYCLONE; MANY CASUALTIES

Brisbane, Australia, Mar. 18.—Most of the houses in Innisfail have been demolished by a cyclone. There were many casualties.

A despatch from Melbourne last week said great damage had been done in several towns in North Queensland by cyclone.

Niagara Falls is one of the two 100 per-cent "dilly" sites in the state as regards the sale of Thrift Saving Stamps.

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HOW IT'S WORKED.

(Brookville Recorder.) An instance of how the food producers manipulate was afforded recently in connection with the order prohibiting the importation of beans into Canada from the United States. Before the embargo was put on many dealers in various parts of Ontario were selling beans at 12 1/2 and 13 1/2 cents. So soon as it became known no further stocks were to be allowed to come into Canada, the price at once shot up from 17 to 22 cents a pound. They were the same stocks of beans that had just previously been sold at the lower price. These beans had been purchased at a price that would enable the dealer to make a profit at 18 1/2 and 17 1/2 cents a pound.

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Men's Special Plain Rubbers, all sizes, \$1.10 per pair
Men's Stayon, Sole Rubbers, small heels, sizes 8, 9, 10, 50c per pair
Boys' Special Rubbers, all sizes 1 to 5, 75c per pair
Youths' Special Rubbers, all sizes 11 to 13, 60c per pair
Ladies' Special Plain Rubbers, all sizes, 65c per pair
Ladies' Special Plain Rubbers, all sizes, 65c per pair
Misses' Special Plain Rubbers, all sizes 11 to 12, 60c per pair
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