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THE SITUATION

Sir Ian Hamilton who has charge of affairs in connection with the Dardanelles operations, does not issue many reports but when they do come they are usually of a cheering nature. He now records the capture of an important tactical point, and an appreciable gain of ground. He states that the fighting in the course of these operations has been very severe, with heavy losses to the Turks and equally, no doubt, a large casualty list for the Allies. To-day over the Courier's leased wire there comes the story of the sinking of four Turkish transports by British submarines, which is an added good piece of news in connection with this part of the struggle.

The French continue their daily shelling of the German trenches without abatement and they are clearly now demonstrating their superiority over the enemy response in this department.

The Russians are manfully continuing their race for time. Their main object, although still retreating, is to hold off the foe until the Autumn rains set in and thus during the winter months to pull themselves together on behalf of a good offensive reorganization. With Japan now straining every effort to increase the supply of munitions to the troops of the Czar they should not in the near future lack to such a lamentable extent in this respect as they have done. If they can maintain their checking movement on the present basis any overwhelming triumph of the Germans will be an impossibility.

The Italian official report still relates severe fighting with a slight advantage for their arms.

The tension between Germany and the United States has been notably relaxed. Our neighbors, outside of Roosevelt and some others, have from the first been exceedingly anxious to keep out of the hostilities. In fact one of the leading papers there recently made the statement that Wilson would have a walk-over for a second term as "The President who has kept us out of the war." With this desire our neighbors have stood more from the Kaiser and his advisers than anyone would previously have believed to be at all likely.

After the sinking of the Maine, the Spanish government offered to make every fepparation if an impartial investigation showed that it was an overt act on behalf of that nation. Uncle Sam would not listen to the proposal. "Remember the Maine" was the slogan which was sounded throughout the length and breadth of the land with the result of an immediate war. "Remember the Lusitania" or "Remember the Arabic" might much more fittingly have been a rallying cry this time, but instead there is distinct relief at Washington over the fact that Berlin has tardily promised to be less inhuman toward American passengers in the future. The fact of the matter is that the submarine game has not proved the brilliant success expected of it. The British navy which was to be decimated to such an extent as to enable the skulking fleet in the Kiel Canal to come out with a better chance of success, is stronger right now than at the commencement of the fracas, and the toll upon other craft, although large, has not to the smallest degree affected British commerce on the high seas, or prevented the free movement of transports. That which looks like a concession to the States is probably more largely based on the knowledge that the under-sea craft end of the game is proving too expensive for the results obtained.

THE ELECTION SITUATION

There is more or less talk these days with reference to the above subject. The Farmer's Sun referring to the matter says:

"We learn that the writs for the last Dominion election were returnable on the seventh of October, 1911. The present House of Commons will, therefore, come to an end by effluxion of time on the seventh of October, 1916. In such case, the constitution does not prescribe time of holding an election except interentially by directing that there should be a session of parliament once at least in every year, so that twelve months shall not intervene between two sessions. If the present House of Commons were to sit in parliament till July next, it would apparently be possible and lawful to defer the elections till June, 1917. In June last, when

the government was on the point of bringing on the elections, it seemed hardly possible that the war would last into the coming winter. It seemed, therefore, possible to avoid a khaki election, with its bitter and indecent strife about the war, and to have an election in June, 1916 on the economic issues which have been raised to importance since 1911. Disappointing as has been the duration of the war, the government can hardly doubt that it may have an election after the war between this time and the summer of 1917.

We should think that in view of the increase and wide dispersion of the Canadian soldiers in Europe, an election without the repeal of the soldiers' Voting Act would hardly be attempted."

Toronto Star (Liberal): "The people must rule. The present Parliament was elected in September, 1911, for a term of five years. The popular mandate cannot be renewed or extended except by the people themselves. It cannot be extended by an agreement between the servants of the people. It is for the people of Canada to say who the members of the House of Commons shall be—Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Governor-General, have nothing to say as to the composition of the House of Commons. The life of Parliament may be shortened by the Governor-General on the advice of his responsible Ministers, but it cannot be extended beyond five years except by the popular consent. We want no election now. If it can be avoided, we want no election during the war. Once the war is over, the date of the election is of no great importance, except that the people of Canada ought to be consulted at the earliest possible moment."

The Star certainly occupies most contradictory ground. (1) It is the people who must consent to a lengthening of the life of this Parliament. (2) It is not desirable to have an election during the war when such voice could be exercised. The situation is of course an entirely new one and precedents cannot be considered for there are none. It is true that in the Old Land the matter has been met by a Coalition Ministry but the situation is quite different here. In the meantime Manitoba has gone through a war time election without any harm although the proportion of families there interested in men at the front is larger than almost that of any other province.

NOTES AND COMMENT

Once more the Russian bear has danced on the toes of his pursuers.

After so much cool weather it's a case of warmer weather for the youngsters school weather.

Von Tirpitz, the "baby killer," is said to be ill. If he feels as sick as his record makes other people, he must, indeed, be in a bad way, and we're all glad to know of it.

Judging from the evidence in the Nova Scotia horse enquiry, Brantford's city hall would seem quite like a frisky young thing alongside some of those nags.

A despatch announces that mainly owing to the increasing cost of the war, Germany is commencing to put out peace feelers and that her changed attitude towards the States is a preliminary. The Prussians restricted to Prussia, and nothing more, is about the only bargain they can hope for.

Dr. Elizabeth Von Slyke, a foremost woman surgeon in the States didn't believe the stories of German atrocities, but on her return to New York from a visit to the front, states that they are even worse than depicted. The Huns stop at nothing, and women and children are their specialties.

British Press

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over nations but to protect the lives and property of American citizens. The ethical question remains unsettled but President Wilson went as far as his demands as his position as a neutral enabled him to go and his success establishes a principle which will be extended beyond its present limits. For that all humanity may thank him. He has won a position which will make his voice more powerful when the basis upon which international relations stand comes to be reaffirmed after the war."

REVELATION OF GERMANY. The Daily News says in an editorial, "It is much more than a decisive triumph for the United States; it is a revelation of the internal position of Germany. Faced with the choice between retreat and war, Germany has chosen to retreat. President Wilson may well take satisfaction in having re-established violated laws of humanity without throwing himself into the conflict."

The Daily News considers the illness of Admiral von Tirpitz the strongest possible confirmation of the belief that the real crisis was not in Washington but in Berlin, and that it was force behind the situation which compelled a change of front. It has been reported Emperor William supported Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and to-day's news gives this report intense significance.

The Daily Express supposes Germany was glad to have an excuse for abandoning a method of warfare which cost more than it was worth and which covered the German name with "ignominy."

Bankruptcy proceedings in the estate of Max Koble, banker, New York, cost \$57,145.

Dominion Troops

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Beachborough Park, three miles away, where a reception in the form of a garden party was given by Major-General Steele in the grounds of the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital. By this time the sky had cleared and the numerous visitors were able to walk about the grounds and take tea in the marquees. Princess Alexander of Teck was shown over the hospital by Lady Markham, and expressed great appreciation of the excellent arrangements for the wounded soldiers, many of whom were hobbling about the grounds. The new wing which has been added is now ready for use, and the visit of the Princess, although it did not constitute a formal opening, was virtually such as patients are to be admitted forthwith. This hospital, it will be remembered, has been established by the Canadian War Contingent Association. The house, kindly lent by Sir Arthur and Lady Markham, was at first sufficient, but temporary buildings have now been added whereby about 600 patients can be accommodated. The ability to make this extension is largely due to the efforts put forth by Canada Lodge of Freemasons. Invitations were sent out to about 50 officers, their wives and friends, and there was a large gathering of officers, who greatly appreciated this opportunity of meeting each other, as it frequently happens that though they know of each other's presence somewhere in the camp, friends do not meet except on an occasion like this. Amongst Montrealeers encountered by the correspondent were Sir Montagu and Lady Allan, Col. Harry Baker, M.P., Col. Cantlie and Major Maurice Alexander. From Ontario there were also Col. Morrison, Col. E. C. Ashton, Col. St. Pierre Hughes and Col. J. I. McLaren. General Turner was unable to be present, as he had important business in London to transact before taking over command of the second division on the following day. The appointment of Gen. Turner is everywhere received with great favor. A notable characteristic is that he has an excellent memory for names and faces of those under him, and it is said that in the brigade which he has just relinquished he knew all his officers, a.c.o.'s and quite a large number of men individually. It is with great regret at the same time that the second division takes leave of Major-General Steele, and, if reports be true, he is greatly disappointed at not going to the front with the division, but he has accepted dutifully the promotion to a higher and wider command, which embraces all the British as well as Canadian troops in the south-eastern district of England. Major Alexander was master of the ceremonies for the afternoon, and all the arrangements for the garden party were eminently satisfactory. The Princess received hearty cheers from visitors and wounded soldiers as she drove away.

Lieut. Col. Macpherson, of Portage la Prairie, second in command of the 2nd battalion, has been elected a member of the Manitoba Provincial Parliament for the Lakeside division, and he finds himself on the winning side.

A Privilege

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animates both the British and the French nations and it is everywhere felt that the gallant Russian armies, handicapped as they have been by the lack of enormous preparation for this war which has been made by Germany and Austria-Hungary, have made a most splendid and heroic resistance. The same lack of preparation for war on so tremendous a scale has hitherto fettered the efforts of our Empire, but considering the preparations now under way the response that has been given is not given by the United Kingdom, but every part of the Empire, and the numbers and resources at the command of the Allied nations, there is the highest confidence in the final outcome.

EXISTENCE OF EMPIRE. "More than ever the people of the United Kingdom are convinced that the struggle now proceeding does, in truth, involve the continued existence of our Empire. With that truth firmly grasped with the spirit which it has already evoked and will continue to evoke, there is no occasion for one moment's discouragement. Ours is the ability to make the Allies' cause triumph, ours must be the effort to accomplish that great purpose upon which lays the future destiny of the world."

THANKS UNCLE SAM. "No statement would be complete without a tribute to the great missions of mercy which have been organized by the people of the United States, providing relief for the suffering, and destitute in Belgium and northern France and in establishing hospitals for the care of the wounded. It is also unnecessary to say that the greatest appreciation of this noblest work is everywhere felt, not only in our Empire, but in France as well."

T-phones on Brooklyn bridge prove a good investment for the city of New York.

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TURKISH ADMIT HEAVY LOSSES

A despatch from Constantinople by way of Berlin says: "The losses in dead on the whole Gallipoli front which the allies sustained as a result of the general offensive movement co-incident with the Anafarta landing exceed 20,000 men. Most of the bodies are still unburied. One battalion was annihilated."

"The Turkish losses are not light, but they do not approach those of the British. The ground thus far occupied by the British is of little military value if an attack on the Dardanelles has been greatly cheered by the version of the recent heavy fighting at the Dardanelles contained in the official report received last night from General Sir Ian Hamilton, the British Commander-in-Chief. This report has been eagerly awaited in view of the assertion of Constantinople that the allies had been repulsed with heavy losses."

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