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THE SITUATION

One of the cardinal principles of the Hun is to strike fear into the hearts of opponents, no matter by what means. That idea was manifestly at the bottom of the frenzied ravishment of Belgium, and it also dictated the use of liquid fire, tear shells, poison gas, the Zeppelin assaults upon England and other devilities too numerous to specify. That they would allow Kitchener's citizen soldiers to force them back on their haunches as far as the second line, without making violent counter-attacks, no one for a moment expected. They rushed forward large reinforcements and succeeded in retaking Delville Wood and the village of Longueval, but Haig's men have once more proved their fighting metal by getting most of both back again.

It is announced that the Russians are in command of two of the big Carpathian passes, and that some troops of the Czar have actually penetrated a day's march into Hungary. In the Caucasus, Grand Duke Nicholas continues to take prizes and to advance in satisfactory fashion.

General Smuts has reported further gains in German East Africa.

In telling the House of Commons yesterday that another vote of credit would be asked next week, Premier Asquith announced that the war up to date had cost Great Britain \$12,410,000,000. Pretty hard pull that, but John Bull is still able to slap his pocket with the remark, "There's more where that came from."

HYDRO ELECTRIC

This scheme, which a great many people declared could not prove a success and would most certainly wreck the Ontario Government, has had such a demand placed upon it that recently there was a stoppage for a few minutes because of the peak load.

Premier Hearst now makes the announcement that satisfactory negotiations have been concluded to avoid any possible trouble in the future. He adds, "The people's system must be amply taken care of and no steps will be omitted to see that this is done."

In connection with the flutter which has taken place it has been vastly amusing to witness the free advice which has been tendered from certain quarters. Newspapers which would have been greatly tickled had the scheme collapsed, are now deeply concerned over adequate meeting of the public demand for the service.

Had the Liberal Government remained in power at Toronto there would have been no Hydro Electric. That outfit was all for private monopoly interests; one of the reasons, no doubt, why they let go of the nickle mines.

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AN UNDER SECRETARY.

During the absence in the Old Land of Sir Sam Hughes, the Premier will become acting Minister of Militia, but a parliamentary secretary for the department has in addition been selected in the person of Mr. F. B. McCurdy, M.P., one of the Nova Scotia members. He will be in active charge, and has a business career back of him which should constitute a guarantee of excellent work. At fourteen years of age he entered business life, and has been very successful, having built up large interests. He is a director of the Nova Scotia car works, the Eastern Trust Company and the Halifax Tramway Company, and is stated to have executive abilities of a high order.

It will be remembered that Sir Sam returned from his former trip to England, in order to meet the exploded Kite charges, which sought to impugn his personal reputation, and his return trip, it is understood is quite likely to involve a lengthy stay. In connection with the notable getting together of over 350,000 soldiers, he has stood an amount of work little short of marvellous, and his dynamic force has been one of the big factors in the achievement.



OMAR SISTERS, GYMNASTS.

Coop and Lent's Circus, July 25th.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The police have been rounding up some Doukhobors out west, for going without clothes. As for most of us in this neck of the woods, we are leaving off all that the law allows.

The Toronto Globe boasts that the Liberal confab at Ottawa is issuing "Progressive" notes. That's the main trouble with the Grit party. Always issuing notes and never meeting them. While on the subject, they had better discuss Sir Wilfrid's pet liability, the Grand Trunk Pacific.

No use talking but there is the juice to pay these days.

It is announced that Italy and Germany are likely to be at war very soon. The backing each country has hitherto been giving the others' foes, has simply been a little friendly interest.

Hon. George Graham says he knows that it is Canadian nickel on that German submarine. George also knew that the Liberals were certain to win the last Dominion election. As a knower, he even exceeds the gentleman of biblical writ.

Deutschland Not Yet Gone

At Dawn To-day Departure Seemed to be Many Hours Away, at Least.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Baltimore, July 20.—At dawn to-day the screen of tugs and barges was drawn about the submarine merchantman Deutschland, indicating that she would not leave here for several hours at least. To all appearances she was ready to start on her return voyage to Germany last night. This morning, just before she was hidden from view, it was observed that she was submerged to about the same depth as when she came into the port with a full cargo.

Hustling Repairs.

Yesterday a force of mechanics was sent aboard the submarine to help the crew's mechanical gear overhaul several engine parts, one of which was later dismounted and hurried in an automobile to a local shop for refitting. It is thought probable that further testing of the machinery may be necessary before the vessel takes her departure.

All through the night the tug Timmins played its searchlight ceaselessly over land and water, practically covering all approaches to the pier where the Deutschland is berthed.

Kept Everybody Away

Towards midnight the vigilance of the German guards about the pier lightened. Several launches were found hovering about the waters near the submarine, and while the Timmins threw its searchlight beams upon the strange craft, the night superintendent of the Eastern Forwarding Company, local agents of the submarine owners, jumped into a motor boat and made a long tour of the waters about the pier, to inspect the mysterious visitors.

Enemy Will Make Synthetic Rubber

London, July 20.—(New York World cable)—The Germans will commence the manufacture of synthetic rubber on a large scale early next month, according to information obtained from authoritative neutral sources. The process of manufacture has been simplified so it can be produced for between \$1.25 and \$1.50 a pound.

The subject had engaged the attention of some of the German expert chemists for months, and a big factory will be completed this month where the production of the rubber will be conducted.

Severe Storm Hits Town in Quebec Prov.

Several Buildings in Shawinigan Falls Struck by Lightning.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Shawinigan Falls, Que., July 20.—Much damage was done by a severe electrical storm, which centralized here yesterday afternoon. Several buildings were struck by lightning, the most serious case being that of the northern Ammunition Company. One of its two power houses which are situated near the plant of the Shawinigan Power Company, was struck and several generators were put out of business.

The dwelling of former Mayor Frigot was also struck and set on fire, but was not destroyed. Several barns and outbuildings were also reported to have been struck.

The Temps, of Paris, publishes a Madrid despatch to the effect that Prince de Ratther, German Ambassador to Spain, had a long conference with Premier Remenesse. It says official circles are preserving absolute silence in regard to the interview.

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SOCIALISTS, ONCE ENEMIES, NOW FRIENDS

Von Bethman Hollweg Meets Opposition from Conservatives.

MUCH DIFFERENCE OVER TAXATION.

Levies on People to Conduct War Mounting Higher and Higher.

Berlin, July 20.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Reichstag session just closed was marked by interesting developments in the relations between the Government and the various political parties. One result was to bring out more sharply than hitherto the opposition of the Conservatives to Chancellor Bethmann Hollweg.

Old Aristocrats

The Conservatives represent the old aristocratic traditions of Prussia, and their social and political influence is so great that they usually succeeded under previous chancellors in shaping the course of the Government. They have ever taken the lead in opposing all socialist and democratic tendencies in the states, and before the war one of their chief lines of policy was war upon the Socialists as an element dangerous to the monarchy and the present order.

Since the war has been in progress, however, the Government has quite changed its attitude toward the Socialists. The Chancellor has recently acted in the spirit of the Emperor's declaration, made just as the war was about to begin, that henceforth he knew no parties, but only Germans.

Chancellor Plays to Socialists

The loyalty with which the Socialists have stood by the Government and helped to fight the country's battles has been more than once recognized by Bethman Hollweg in his speeches in the Reichstag, and he has clearly admitted this fact must lead to some political readjustments after the war is over. This has never pleased the Conservatives. But the Chancellor has gone on his way making friends of the Socialists and inviting their support for Government measures. The Conservatives looked on coldly at all this, for they saw that their best argument for keeping the Government rigidly conservative was being wrested from their hands.

Hate Direct Taxation

Besides this, the Conservatives have taken offense at the Government's taxation policy. They are fully committed to the view that the Empire must collect its revenue taxes through indirect taxation, like customs duties, and internal revenue taxes of various kinds. Especially do they urgently insist that direct taxes—income, general property, and inheritance taxes—should be reserved for the federal states. The huge problem, however, of raising revenues to pay interest on the war debt, to pay pensions, and meet other expenses growing out of the war, cannot be solved without resorting to direct taxation—there are not enough indirect taxes in reach to meet the requirements of the situation. Hence along with the various indirect taxes proposed this spring by the Government was a direct tax on war profits. In working out the details of collecting this tax, however, it was found by the Budget Committee that it was practically impossible to distinguish between profits due to the war and profits not due to it. Hence an all-round property tax of one mill on the dollar was proposed by the committee and accepted by the Government. Some of the Conservatives finally voted for the tax; but their votes were not enough, and Von Heydebrand, voted against it to the bitter end. In this, curiously enough, they found themselves along with a small group of Socialists, and the main body of the Socialists last March.

Chancellor Muzzled the Press

In the debates on these tax measures and on the press censorship the Conservatives were very severe in their criticisms of the Government and of the Chancellor. They resent it in particular that the newspapers were not permitted to say what they pleased about the United States in the height of the submarine controversy between Washington and Berlin; neither can they forgive the Chancellor for having yielded in modifying the form of submarine warfare.

Former Opposition Now His Friends

Several days ago the Chancellor spoke with unusual passion in exposing the false statements put forth in attack on him, a pamphlet evidently emanating from Conservative quarters; and he also had some sharp things to say in replying to another pamphlet by Herr Kapp, an influential conservative politician. These pamphlets made the impression upon the conservative Conservatives of beginning a systematic campaign for the overthrow of Bethmann-Hollweg. Some of the National Liberals and the dissatisfied with the Liberal and are known to sympathize with these attacks upon him. In proportion, however, as the ultra-national elements turn away from the Chancellor he is finding all the warmer support from the other parties in the Reichstag, including the old Socialist party. It was a curious spectacle, during the Chancellor's speech of June 6, to see the Conservatives listening with mute dissent, along with the seceding Socialists, while all the other parties in the house applauded him to the echo.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

A Tireless Worker.

The Right Hon. Thomas McKinnon Wood, who becomes Financial Secretary to the Treasury as well as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, will have his hands full with his dual duties. However, Mr. Wood is a tireless worker and will not mind a few extra tasks. He was born in London in 1855 and has been a member for Parliament for Glasgow for the past ten years, and held the position of Secretary for Scotland for some years, as well as Under Secretary. In addition to his Parliamentary duties, he has found time to write articles in the Encyclopedia Britannica, and various other reviews. He is regarded as a particularly efficient, hard-working member of Parliament.

No Peace Till Enemy Beaten.

Arthur Ponsobly, M.P. for Stirling, who has asked the government to announce its peace terms, is apt to get himself thoroughly disliked. Great Britain and her Allies are not going to make peace when Germany sees that the game is up. The Allies are going to exert their whole strength before they will consider peace proposals, and rightly so. Ponsobly was born in England in 1871, and after being educated at Oxford entered the diplomatic service, serving at Constantinople and at Copenhagen. Later he was private secretary to Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman. He has written several books, the best known of them being, "The Camel and the Needle's Eye," and "The Decline of Aristocracy."

Jewish Financial Secretary

E. S. Montagu, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, has succeeded Mr. Lloyd George as Minister of Munitions. Montagu is of Jewish ancestry and is a relative of Herbert Samuel, another member of the Coalition Cabinet. His real patronymic is not Montagu, but Samuel, the family having been founded in England by the minister's grandfather, a watchmaker, who established a small shop on Liverpool. The son moved to London, married a wealthy Jewish lady, founded a banking house and some twenty odd years ago when created a baronet, changed his name to Montagu. A few years ago he was raised to the peerage as Lord Swaythling. His younger brother, however, refused to change his name. His two sons are Herbert, Cabinet Minister, and Sir Stewart Samuel, the head of the famous banking house in Lombard street. Edwin Montagu, the new minister, was married a short time ago to the Hon. Beatrice Stanley, who became a convert to Judaism in order to save her fiancé from disinheritance.

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DUFFERINS WON

Three rinks of Paris clashed with three rinks of Dufferin yesterday, and the Dufferins out by 20 shots, the final total being 67 to 47.

PASSED MILITARY EXAM.

Among the officers and NCOs who passed the military examinations held in Niagara on June 15th, were Lt. Cottrill and Sgt. Brock of the 215th battalion.

GAVE TO CHAPLAIN'S FUNG

The city officials, who out of salaries pay a certain percentage each month, gave \$100 to the chaplain's fund of the 125th. This donation brought a very kind letter from Mr. Lavell, and this morning Mr. Bunnell, Lavell states that with the donated money many things were done for the comfort of the soldiers which would have been accomplished if the city officials are all gratified that their donation is much appreciated.

71ST IS ACTIVE

Recruiting still continues to fairly good progress with the 71st battery, which is increasing its activities daily, and covering many likely prospects. Campaigns being carried on in various parts of the county, and none who may be eligible. In days, members of the battery visit Paris and adjoining towns throughout the county, in see artillerymen, for whom the 71st is now being made in this. No stone will be left unturned. Waterous and his assistants

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