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THE SITUATION.

The retreat of the German army has been halted for the taking up of strongly prepared positions along the Aisne river and about Rheims. The latter place is strongly fortified. Without any doubt the Kaiser's troops have been strongly reinforced at this point to make up for losses, and it is equally certain that lost equipment will have been replaced, with more added. What the Allies are manifestly attempting is to get between the main body of the enemy and his reinforcements, which, it is stated, are being rushed from Belgium to the aid of the German general. If this can be done it should prove to be a stroke which will count for very much. All the indications point to a big and a stubborn battle. Always noted for their brilliancy in attack, the French during these hostilities have been exhibiting all the wonderful vim which carried the tri-color to victory for so many years under Napoleon, while the British have collected, if not exceeded, all the splendid traditions of a long history and won new and imperishable renown. Such a combination of dash and steadiness is telling a tale in Europe such as never before known.

Unconfirmed reports state that Austria is not only in a bad way with regard to her army and its provisioning, but that the people are parading and calling for peace. Whether the latter statement is true or not, the fact is self-evident that Emperor Joseph's troops are no longer any considerable factor in this struggle. From Roumania there comes word that the Ministry has resigned, and that their successors are likely to form an open alliance with Russia. King Charles of Roumania is, like the Kaiser, a Hohenzollern, but family ties among rulers do not count one iota when it comes to war. Emperor William himself, for instance, is the eldest son of the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, and a first cousin of King George.

The plucky little Belgians are still at it, and keeping a lot of troops busy in their country whom the Germans would much rather have elsewhere.

DIPLOMACY AND THE WAR.

When the final victory rests with the allies, as rest it must before hostilities are ended, there will be very much to attribute to British diplomacy and good faith in connection with the outcome. In the forefront stands Sir Edward Grey, undoubtedly one of the foremost diplomats of modern times. It was he who, on more than one occasion prevented a European conflagration and it was he who in the present instance sought by every means in his power to prevent the terrible embroglio which now exists. The official correspondence of which this paper holds a copy, abundantly shows this and also the further fact that the German Ambassador in London, England, sought to avert hostilities. It is demonstrated with equal clearness that it was the Kaiser and his war lords advisers who finally took matters in hand and forced the deplorable issue. Sir Edward declared that the treaty rights of Belgium—rights also guaranteed by Germany—must be recognized, even if war resulted, and in this he was heartily and unreservedly backed not alone by the government members, but also by members of the Opposition and the Irish Nationalists.

The dogs of war once let out of leash Great Britain immediately found herself in strong company. Why? Simply because of the foresight which had led to cordial relations not only with France and Russia, but also with Japan. The Kaiser thought that he had done a very smart thing with his triple alliance with Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy, but the latter has thus far refused to stand by the arrangement for reasons which she deems to be amply sufficient. Indeed, her entire attitude since the opening of events has been one of practically open favor for the cause of Britain and France. Another feature of the situation is the attitude of Portugal. Her ex-King and Queen are not only residents of the Old Land, but greeted everywhere by their monarchial titles. Yet her people are openly for John Bull. All of which goes to show that the smaller nations fully realize the value of his friendship and the fact that he is not of an autocratic disposition, while the word of his diplomats is as good as his bond.

CANADIAN FLOUR MILLS WILL RUN AT FULL CAPACITY

Orders from the Dominion and Ontario Governments for an aggregate of 1,500,000 barrels of flour are only the beginning of the increased demand on the flour mills of Canada as a result of the war. The mobilization of the armies of Europe will result in a large reduction in the acreage sown to wheat in that continent. That reduction in acreage and consequent reduction in yield will greatly increase the demand for wheat and flour from other producing countries. Canada will find a ready market for all the wheat and flour she can export during the war. The flour mills of Canada will be kept busy grinding Canadian wheat into Canadian flour for export to the Mother Country at this time of trial.

In the home market also there will be an increased demand for flour. The tendency of many will be to use more bread and other staple articles of food instead of some of the luxuries of the table. This will mean an increased consumption of flour. Thus it would appear that the 7000 men who are working in the flour mills of Canada are assured of continued employment throughout the war. It is possible the number of employees in flour mills will have to be increased but even if an increase should be unnecessary the continued operation of this industry will mean the circulation of approximately four million dollars a year in wages to Canadian workmen.

THE DUM-DUM BULLET CHARGE.

With reference to the unverified story from Berlin that on the 7th or 8th of September, Emperor William forwarded a communication to the President of the United States stating that the British army on the continent was using Dum-Dum or explosive bullets, and protesting thereat as a violation of the Hague conventions, it is interesting to find in despatches from Paris the following: "A further note has been sent to the Hague by the French Government protesting against the use of Dum-Dum bullets by the Germans. The text of the note is as follows: 'The government of the French Republic has the honor of informing the powers signing the Hague convention of the following facts, concerning the use of Dum-Dum bullets, which constitute a violation of the convention signed by the German government on October 18, 1907: 'On August 10, 1914, after an engagement between French and German regiments, a major in the Medical Service sent to the commanding the infantry brigade a cartridge of cartridges found on the Munster road near the German Custom office which contained five cartridges loaded with cylindrical conical bullets cut at the point, the nickel covering of which was incomplete and left exposed the fore end of the leaden core. Other similar bullets have been found in the bodies of the French dead, and have been sent to the War Office. The Declaration of the Hague dated July 29th, 1864, and signed by Germany, condemns the use of such bullets in the following terms: 'The contracting powers forbid the use of bullets which expand or flatten easily in the human body, such as bullets with a hollow envelope which does not completely cover the core or has an incision in it.'"

The British Government has emphatically denied that explosive bullets have been used in the British Army, during the present war; but so far as is known, the German authorities have not denied the circumstantial charge made by the French Government. It might be explained that Dum-Dum is the arsenal in India where the ammunition for the Indian army is made and that no explosive bullets have been used in the rifle cartridges manufactured there for many years. The name Dum-Dum became identified with explosive bullets on account of an issue of cartridges with bullet of that description turned out at the Indian arsenal for use in one of the many border wars, the object being to increase the stopping power of the small calibre cartridge when used against the hordes of fanatical tribesmen. There was violent protest aroused against the use of this ammunition in England and none of it has been issued or made since at Dum-Dum.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The next thing the Allies know, they will have to find room for Roumania. Instead of "Hear, Hear," it has been "Rear, Rear," just lately for the Kaiser's hordes. Is there any country on earth which can beat Ontario weather during September and October? Two Dutch and two Swedish trade steamers have been blown up in the North Sea by German floating mines. They were traversing commercial routes at the time. The Kaiser's alleged partner is in reality the Devil. Winnipeg has raised a quarter of a million dollars for a patriotic fund, and Montreal is reaching after one million dollars for a like purpose, and will get it. Cannon sound in that city as each \$100,000 is attained.

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RHEIMS FALLS

(Continued from Page 1) The text of the statement is as follows: "On our left wing during the day of yesterday, the Germans offered resistance on the north side of the River Aisne along a line marked by the Forest of L'Angle and Craonne (12 miles southeast of Laon). "On the centre the German line of resistance was located yesterday to the north of Rheims and of Chalons. In order to reach Venne, the town in the western section of the Argonne region, the forces of the enemy which in the southern part of the Argonne, hastened their movement of retreat. In passing between the Argonne region and the River Meuse their front yesterday at the end of the bay extended from Varennes to Consenvoye. "On our right wing the Germans were doubling back on Etain (in France) and on Metz, Delme and Chateau-Salins (all in Lorraine)."

Hood's Pills

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