

THE COURIER

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THE SITUATION

John Bull has lost another battleship in the Dardanelles, making four in all which have met with a like fate thus far in the effort to force these straits.

The struggle between the Germans and British, French and Belgian troops continues with very little variation.

On the Eastern front, the Russians are still clinging to the foe with unabated determination.

AN INSIGHT INTO GERMAN MILITARY BRUTALITY.

Many people have been surprised at the inhuman atrocities of German militarism and have been amazed that a people supposed to be largely of the placid type should lend themselves to, and applaud such things.

Two or three years ago there was published in Germany a modest little volume entitled "Recollections of My Army Life," by Capt. Hans Pommer, retired, an ex-officer of the 1st Infantry Regiment of the Upper Rhine.

Among the episodes of his army life that he describes is a farewell banquet given (apparently in Berlin), by the officers of the Elgeborn camp, to their brother officers in a cavalry division which was about to be transferred to another post.

In describing this banquet, Capt Pommer says: "More than once I have witnessed manifestations of incredible vandalism which are almost beyond description.

ciety is very thin; that it is, indeed, only a superficial varnish, and yet, that corps of officers was composed of representatives of our highest aristocracy, including a Prince of royal blood.

The sudden transformation of civilized human beings into savages could not have been kept a secret behind the walls of the Officers' Club.

NOTES AND COMMENT. To be frank about it, Turkey still shows that she has some stuffing left.

Our neighbors have decided to await with "patience" the complete particulars regarding the latest attempt to torpedo a boat flying the Stars and Stripes.

Royalty has shown up in first class shape in this war. First and foremost there is that grand man, King Albert of Belgium.

Those good people who used to think that the local military forces were largely of "the playing at soldiers" order, have had their eyes completely opened by the events of the last few months.

Letters From Soldiers on Active Service

The subjoined letter was received yesterday by Mr. W. G. Johnson, "Courier" staff from his brother, now in hospital at Rouen, with wounds.

My Dear Brother,—Will try and write you a few lines to let you know that I am getting along fine, wounds healing up nicely and fully expect to be out of hospital in the course of a week.

DANISH SHIP SUNK. South Shields, Eng., May 27.—The Danish steamer Betty was torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea yesterday, and went to the bottom.

WE RALLIED

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enough to come through without a scratch, and went right through the lot from beginning to finish.

Well, Ernest, you would hardly believe the sights we see here. The dead were lying everywhere, and towns blown to atoms.

I am yours sincerely, ALFRED A. WAKELING.

London, May 27.—Sweden, Norway and Denmark have sent to Italy, Germany and Austria, following their declarations of war, formal notification of the Scandinavian nations' determination to maintain strict neutrality.

The French afternoon communique reported much aerial activity on the part of the allies along the entire front, over 200 projectiles being thrown, half of them weighing 22 pounds each, and some as high as 2200 pounds.

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KING VICTOR

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was eager for the conflict, a spirit of calm confidence has followed the stormy scenes which were enacted from the time the Salandra cabinet resigned until it was restored to power.

Udine, via Paris, May 27.—The passage through Udine of Italian soldiers of various nationalities, most of them singing the songs of their native land, tends to heighten the already great enthusiasm of the populace.

ROME, via Paris, May 27.—King Victor Emmanuel upon taking supreme command of the Italian army and navy, issued the following order:

"Soldiers on land and sea: The solemn hour of the nation's claims has struck. Following the example of my grandfather, I take to-day supreme command of Italy's forces on land and sea with the assurance of victory which your bravery, self-abnegation and discipline will obtain.

It is to the credit of the American people that there is no great public excitement over the Nebraska affair, and that there is a general disposition to give Germany the benefit of every doubt until the essential facts can be established.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Americans Will Retain Full Control of Their Nerves, Says the Sun

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, May 27.—The New World, in an editorial on the Nebraska, says:

It is to be hoped that an examination of the hull of the American Steamship Nebraska will show that the vessel struck a drifting mine. This is a dubious topic for another Gallipoli incident.

It is difficult to believe that, in view of the situation between the United States and Germany since the sinking of the Lusitania, the German Government would have authorized its submarine commanders to attack American ships.

Such action in such circumstances would be little less than an act of war. No conciliatory reply that the German foreign office could make to President Wilson's note would be a deliberate attack upon a ship flying the American flag.

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RECALL AMBASSADOR

The Tribune says: "If the Nebraska was torpedoed by a German submarine, Ambassador Gerard should be recalled."

Such an outrage as the torpedoing of the Nebraska would be properly accepted by the United States as the real answer of Germany to the American note, the declaration of purposes which makes further discussion impossible.

WAR MAY COME. "If Germany is to continue the submarine, if she decides to sink ships flying the American flag, if she decides to continue to murder American sailors on belligerent ships, we shall presently be at war with Germany."

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LOCAL

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WORTHY CAUSE. There should be a to-night in Victoria Hall tonight will be an evening of strelsy" under the patronage of the Brantford Chapter.

FELL IN HAMILTON. While visiting in Hamilton, Mr. Wm. G. Ham street was suddenly with an attack of angina when he fell on the street.

ELECTED AS DELEGATE. Ex-Ald. Geo. A. W. appointed by the Brantford Union as its delegate to the 56th Annual Con. International Typog.

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