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THE SITUATION

straits. From the first, it was real- German officers? Should not a pasized that the task would be an expensive one, both in men and ships, and number of the landing forces, and officer. Another illustration is affordwith summer weather, this also is ed in the devilish system under which bound to increase. The Triumph was German students are practically one of the smaller type of pre-Dread-shunned, if they are unable to show noughts, but a fine vessel all the some disfiguring face wounds in consame. It is satisfactory to know that nection with their duelling monmany of her men were saved, for they strosity. The murderous work in are a big asset at this period. The Belgium, Northern France and on the naval supremacy of the Allies is not, high seas is simply an exemplification of course, in any sense jeopardized, of the true nature of the Kaiserites. Even apart from the recent addition of the Italian fleet, they have more than held their own with the enemy in the matter of vessels destroyed and

The struggle between the Germans and British, French and Belgian Allies. troops continues with very little variation. In this war there are no individual engagements to determine the tide of victory, but a trench to trench affair, resembling very much a long drawn-out siege for just about each yard of ground. It is this fact which renders the long duration of hostilities a practical certainty.

On the Eastern front, the Russians are still clinging to the foe with unabated determination. A tremendous feature in this area of the fighting.

The Italians thus far would seem to have been making surprisingly easy progress into Austria, but the report of sterner work may soon be expected from there.

MILITARY BRUTALITY. Many people have been surprised at the inhuman atrocities of German

published in Germany a modest little volume entitled "Recollections of what work they have been capable on what work they have been capable on managed to pull into a ditch. (When bers, retired, an ex-officer of the 1st a proud thing for the Dufferin Rifles carry a man back. I will explain that that he has no personal reasons for ers given charge of battalions. Hats that if he criticises German officers, it a three times three with a tiger. is not because he hates the German army, but because he loves it, and grieves over it. His criticisms, he Letters From says, are "notes written from a sor-

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. The scene of the banquet was the Officers' Club, His brother Lorne is more severely which seemed to have consisted of a suite of luxuriously furnished apart- vides a little insight into the anxieties could do nothing for. They just lay ments, and a picture and statue adorn- of brothers and comrades on active ed banqueting hall. The officers pre- service. He says in part: aristocracy, including a "prince of the blood royal." (Whether it was the that I am getting along fine, wounds Crown Prince or not, Captain Pomspeeches, and wine, were seized with though our whole division is pretty We had been up against big odds, and the "furor Teutonicus" and proceeded well cut up, and if we have to wait the sacrifice was great, but we manto destroy everything in sight: First, they broke all the dishes; then they smashed the tables and chairs; next place in the firing line. This is my they shattered the mirrors and defourth hospital since being wounded, left, and a pretty sorry looking bunch smashed the tables and chairs; next stroyed the statues; and finally they have been here now ten days. reduced to fragments everything that

In describing this banquet, Capt answer or not. So will close for this

Pommers says: "More than once I have witnessed with the best of love for all, manifestations of incredible vandalism which are almost beyond description At the farewell dinner given by the officers of the Elgeborn camp to the cavalry division, I was an eye-witness By Special Wire to the Courier. of a furious orgy of destruction, which extended not only to the dishes, but furniture of every kind contained in the hall where the banquet was given and in all the adjoining rooms. If ine in the North Sea yesterday, fact that the veneer of culture which cued and have been brought to covers the surface of our higher so- the Tyne.

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. A few extra swallows of alcohol were enough to transform these consciousness of its own innate superiority. And, even after they became sober, these barbarians recalled with pride, their drunken exploits. Imagine the deep impression which must have been made upon the noncommissioned orderlies who served at Church Street, Toronto. H. E. Smallpelce, the banquet, and who, while sober themselves saw this 'horde of barbarbarians give themselves up, without shame to such Teutonic fury. These witnesses undoubtedly described to their comrades all that they had seen The sudden transformation of civiliz-John Bull has lost another battle- ed human beings into savages could ship in the Dardanelles, making four not have been kept a secret behind the walls of the Officers' Club. not really time that an end be thus far in the effort to force these made of drunkenness in the corps of sion for alcoholic drinks cease to be

regarded as a proof of an honorable and manly spirit?" The above, let it be emphasized, is

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

The Triumph has been sunk, but not that outlook upon the part of the

Our neighbors have decided to await with "patience" the complete particulars regarding the latest attempt to torpedo a boat flying the Stars and Stripes. Meanwhile, to the average observer, it looks very much as if the Kaiserites would rather have Uncle Sam in the scrap than out of

Royalty has shown up in first class shape in this war. First and foremost there is that grand man, King Alkenzen is at present the most notable bert of Belgium. Now the King of that phrase. We carry a small shovel Italy is also going to take hold of and pick "entrenching tool," and dig his forces in person. The Grand Duke Nicholas has proved himself an outstanding figure in the handling of the tack, so we advanced a little farther, Russian troops, and the young Prince of Wales has been at the front and frequently under fire. The Kaiser has hind a hedge and we no sooner show-AN INSIGHT INTO GERMAN also been at the front, but mainly at ed ourselves than a terrible fire was a safe distance in the rear.

Those good people who used to militarism and have been amazed that think that the local military forces ing to do but to push forward, and a people supposed to be largely of the were largely of "the playing at sol- we had only just started. One parplacid type should lend themselves to, diers" order, have had their eyes com- ticular spot I noticed was awful. and applaud such things. It is the old pletely opened by the events of the was a small piece of plowed land with Hun feeling latent, but now again ex- last few months. From all branches swept right along the ridge of it. Bulemplified, in modern times—that's all there has been a ready response for lets were hitting and whistling everywhere. We could do nothing for our three years ago there was of the Upper to be able to say that the last three Rhine. In his preface Captain Pom- of their commanding officers are all Only 250 of us were left and 5 officers. mers says that his military career has in it, one of them holding an import- We lost about 700 men and 20 officers "honorable, if not brilliant, ant post at Shorncliffe, and two oth- that morning. The Colonel was killed, dissatisfaction or condemnation; and off to them and all the rest, and then

Soldiers on

The subjoined letter was received yesterday by Mr. W. G. Johnson, in hospital at Rouen, with wounds. wounded and is in England. It pro-

Rouen, May 11, 1915. My Dear Brother,-Will try and write you a few lines to let you know healing up nicely and fully expect to be out of hospital in the course of a tainly can fight. Battalion after bat-week, although do not know how long talion came up and the French in refor fresh troops from Canada, it may aged to hold out and gain the day. I will be sent straight back to my old again, Lieut. T. P. Jones being in

Have not heard very much of Lorne only that he has been sent to England wounded away. (The dead we left, I was breakable, not only in the ban- and I am hoping that he is never sent don't know who buried them). queting hall, but in all the adjoining back here, for his safety was more on were then ordered to take up another rooms. Even the stoves (massive my nerves than my own.

Have not had any of my mail sent we were kept at for seven days. We were kept at for seven days. We back from the company, so do not lost another forty-five during that know whether I have any letters to time.

As ever, BROTHER ALEC.

DANISH SHIP SUNK.

South Shields, Eng., May 27 .the tables, chairs, stoves, statues, and The Danish steamer Betty was we apply the saying 'in vino veritas' to the behavior of this corps of officers, we must admit the melancholy

WE RALLIED

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enough to come through without a you come to think it over, it is only men into actual barbarians, although scratch, and went right through the right.

Well, Ernest, you would hardly bethey were representatives of a race lot from beginning to finish. It will which is filled to overflowing with a be a big blow to Canada when they lieve the sights we see here. know the casualties. It is given out 8-dead were lying everywhere, and 288 of all ranks. In my battalion we towns blown to atoms. I came lost 750, very few were left by time througt Vlameertinghe one morning darkness set in on April 23. I think about 4 o'clock. In the doorway of a we totalled 250 men and 5 officers out house a man was lying in a pool of of 1000 men and 26 officers. We lost blood, We went over to see 700 in the first hour of the fight, mak- was dead, and there was a girl about f open country. Maybe it would be interesting to to break a man's heart. There are

tell you some of our doings since we dozens of cases similar. have been here. In the first place, taking it in turns in the trenches. We morning. days. The battalion out would be the was hardly a house that had not been reserves. We used to have plenty of shelled. excitement during the night, as soon Well, Ernest, I hope I have as it was dusk we would go out prov- bored you with this long letter. I had ling around for anything eatable, and plenty of time, and I thought perhaps wood and coal to make fires. The it would interest you to have a little weather was awful cold and wet when news first hand. So many things hap-Sickness is reported among a large the reluctant testimony of a German we first landed here. The mud would pen here, I believe, I could write 50 the whole of the time. Sleep was out to see the airships having a scrap). I of the question for the four days on guess all these little stories can keep, account of the cold and wet. used to get what they call "trench and please give my very best respects feet," the feet and legs would get to all at home, and pray that God will numbed and hardly any use in them. spare us to meet again in the near The four days seemed like four future.

> We remained in France till a month ago, then we were given a rest and taken up to Belgium. We were only n Belgium three weeks. That is a pretty hot corner round Ypres. We have been in about 25 different towns and villages in France and 4 in Belgium, on the go all the time.

> On April 21st we marched place called Vlamertinghe and billeted in a factory on the main road from the afternoon we heard fierce bombarding, and about 5 o'clock the French were retreating, both infantry and artillery. It was an awful sight co see the refugees, poor little children, mothers with babies, old men and women. We helped them all we could, putting them in wagons and transports so that they could get out of the danger zone of the long range guns. We were told to be in readiness at any ime, so laid down to get what rest we could. At midnight we were called We arrived there just before daybreak and dug ourselves in along the roadway. (I guess you are familiar with

> daybreak, the Germans did not look as if they were going to make an atunder cover. At 5 a.m. we were told to take a trench about 1,500 yards away. We had been lying down beopened up, machine gun, rifle and shrapnel. It came from all directions, on our front and both flanks, our boys went over in dozens. There was nothlater). It took us just one hour to take the trench the French had lost. second in command wounded and also the Adjutant was killed. Captain Colquhoun was the only company commander left, and he was carried

only 11 of us reached the trench. The worst was yet to come during the day. We had no artillery behind us, and we had to hold the trench at all costs. Their artillery started shell-Active Service ing us right away to drive us out. I think we sampled every kind of shell made in Germany. For 14 hours they kept it up continually, Jack Johnsons, shrapnel, gas shells and coal boxes The last named are terrors, they hit the ground and explode, throwing out a big black cloud of smoke. It fairly shakes the life out of a fellow.

If ever anyone prayed for night, I

off that night, through the poisonou

gases. In my platoon 55 started and

did. "It was hell." Our wounded we there patiently. It must have been awful for them. I never expected to come out alive.

Towards evening our artillery came into action and reinforcements from the British army. It was a grand sight to see them advance. They cerwill be at the base, for it seems as serve. That made our position secure. we were. There was only a handful of

On the seventh night, April 30th, time, hoping that you are all well, and we went up again and dug trenches, with the best of love for all, days, and finally away back here to get rested and re-organized.

I will explain why you are not al-

lowed to carry a wounded man back. Take this fight as a sample. Suppose every man carried a comrade back, how many would be left to make the advance? In that case none at all. It Best family physic. may sound a trifle brutal, but when

Do not gripe or cause pain. Purely vegeta-

ing an advance of over 1,500 yards 19 and two other girls about 10 years was eager for the conflict, a spirit of old, all four were dead. It is enough

Ypres is the worst place I have been nearly all our work has been in in. Another fellow and I came through France, the 2nd and 4th Battalions there about 1 o'clock on a Sunday The town was in flames, used to relieve each other every four dead horses lay everywhere, and there

We so I must thank you for your letter

I am yours sincerely, ALFRED A. WAKELING. MAINTAIN NEUTRALITY.

London, May 27.—Sweden, Norway and Denmark have sent to Italy, Germany and Austria, following their declarations of war, formal notification of the Ypres to Calais. On the 22nd, during | Scandinavian nations' determination to maintain strict neutrality.

AIRMEN BUSY.

The French afternoon communique reported much aerial activity on the part of the allies along the entire struck. Following the example of my front, over 200 projectiles being grandfather I take to-day supreme thrown, half of them weighing 22 command of Italy's forces on land pounds each, and some as high 220 pounds. camps near St. Quentin were attacked, and several hangars destroyed we could. At midnight we were called as well as the gasoline supply tanks. out and marched up to the Yser canal. Shells were also dropped on the aerodrome near Douai, the hangais and machines being struck.

A German aeroplane was brough down yesterday at Braine. The pilot of the French machine which defeated the German aircraft was awarded the sacred lands which nature has given Military Medal for his achievement as the frontiers of our country, To and the officer observer was pro

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stormy scenes which were enacted is a dubious time for another Guiffrom the time the Salandra cabinet re- light incident. signed until it was restored to power and the demonstrations of rejoicing which followed until the opening of hostilities.

It is apparent that the nation is preparing to make without complaint whatever sacrifices the war may

Udine, via Paris, May 27-The passage through Udine of Italian soldiers of various nationalities, most of them singing the songs of their native heath, tends to heighten the already great enthusiasm of the populace. One Austro-German soldiers. be a great leader of men.

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

command of the Italian army and tion of friendly relations with the it awaits the German reply to Presi navy, issued the following order: "Soldiers on land and sea: The solemn hour of the nation's claims has

tion and discipline will obtain. "The enemy you are preparing to fight is hardened to war and worthy of you. Favored by the nature of the ground and skillful works he will re-

of unfurling Italy's colors on the you has come the glory of inally accomplishing the work undertaken wiso much heroism by our fathers."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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

New York, May 27.—The New World, in an editorial on the Nebras-

kan, says: ation of the hull of the American Bernstorff should receive his pass-Steamship Nebraskan will show that ports, and diplomatic relations the vessel struck a drifting mine. This

"It is difficult to believe that, 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. It is equally difficult to believe that a German commander

would have made an attack on his TWO GREAT LEADERS. own responsibility. ACT OF WAR. would be little less than an act of war No conciliatory reply that the German foreign office could make to cannot but note as these happy, singing soldiers pass the vast difference ance a deliberate attack upon a ship between them and the rigid, taciture flying the American flag, at a time

Both the when the two governments were enmilitary and the civilians of Udine have deavoring to arrive at a friendly and joined in their welcome of Lieuten- honorable understanding in respect ant-General Count Cadorna, the Ital- to submarine warfare. It is to the an commander-in-chief, by reason of credit of the American people that his extreme vigor and despite his 64 there is no great public excitement years seems to imbue everybody with over the Nebraskan affair, and that perfect faith in his leadership of the there is a general disposition to give Italian forces. Much faith also is Germany the benefit of every doubt placed by the populace in Cadornas until the essential facts can be eschief assistant, General Porro, who is tablished. American restraint, how- kan was caused by a floating mine cold, calculating and mechanical in ever, does not mean American indif- a torpedo remains to be determined his military work, but is declared to ference; for if it is proved that the and until the details are fully report Nebraskan is a victim of a German ed judgment must be suspended. torpedo, it will be impossible to re-

Rome, via Paris, May 27-King Vic-

United States.' command of Italy's forces on land and sea with the assurance of vic-Two German aviation tory which your bravery, self-abnega-

sist tenaciously, but your unsubdued ardor will surely vanquish him. "Soldiers, to you has come the glory

The Tribune says: "If the Nebraskan was torpedoed by a German submarine, Ambassado Gerard should be recalled, Count Von tween Germany and the United States should cease.

"Such an outrage as the torpedoin of the Nebraskan would be properly accepted by the United States as the real answer of Germany to the Anerican note, the declaration of purposes which makes further discussion

"A severance of diplomatic rela tions is not a declaration of war, but it is one more step, if not the last step. In taking it the United State would give final indication to Ger "Such action in such circumstances | many of the direction in which policy led and of the approach ostilities.

WAR MAY COME

"If Germany is to continue the sur narine, if she decides to sink sh lying the American flag, if she ides to continue to murder Ame cans on belligerent ships, we sha presently be at war with Germany. he Nebraskan was torpedoed, we ound to conclude Germany has eady made her decision."

CONTROL THEIR NERVES

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concile that action with any express- lits nerves will await calmly the clean tor Emmanuel upon taking supremie ed desire from Berlin for a continual ing up of this incident or accident, as dent Wilson's note."



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