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THE SITUATION

The Germans continue to make desperate efforts in the hilly region of the Argonne district, a most important point for the French to continue to hold. That they have made progress there is admitted. The Paris report says: "The gains which the enemy was able to realize yesterday did not exceed at any point, 400 metres (a metre is 39.37 inches)."

The German report is much more emphatic as follows:—

"Our troops took by storm the enemy's positions in the hills extending over a width of three kilometres, and a depth of one kilometre. Hill No. 28, La Fille Morte, is in our possession. Two thousand five hundred and eighty-one uninjured prisoners, including 51 officers, fell into our hands. In addition, 300 wounded were taken under our care. Two field cannons, two revolver cannons, six machine guns and a large quantity of tools were captured."

A kilometre represents 3,280 yards, not a very great distance in ordinary sense but a lot at such a critical point as any considerable success might lead on to the road to Paris.

Meanwhile the drive to Calais seems to be in abeyance although it is believed that the attainment of that objective looms large in the desires and the plans of the Kaiserites. In this regard an English paper, of recent date, vouches for these as recent utterances of a German officer, high up on the staff:—

"The Germans believe that by using Calais as a base they can, with their new guns, having a range of over 26 miles, sweep the English Channel clear of hostile ships, and not merely destroy Dover, but cover a landing for their troops. The latter are to be carried in small aluminum boats—held in readiness for the purpose—which could be easily transported overland. Submarines would ensure further protection if needed, and the Germans are confident that the confusion resulting from an air raid, carried out on a stupendous scale by all available German aircraft, will permit the rapid advance of a landing force on London. Calais they regard as the key to German world power."

A very pretty program and of course John Bull would be fanning himself while it was taking place. Incidentally the same officer remarked that Emperor William and his advisors regard Great Britain as the one power able to pay indemnity after the war; that after the struggle of 1870-71 they had levied double the cost of the campaign on France and they would do the same to John Bull.

The most important item of news to-day over the Courier's leased wire is that the Welsh Miners have gone out on strike, it is said contrary to the advice of their leaders. Lloyd George, is thus at a very early date brought face to face with an application of the stern rules which he recently enunciated regarding any sort of strike under the Munitions Act. Welsh coal, because of its particular quality, is of essential use to navy vessels. No doubt an example will be made and a way even yet found out of the difficulty. Britain most emphatically cannot afford to allow any of her interests to be jeopardized at such a period.

PREMIER BORDEN

IN OLD LAND

When Premier Borden paid his last visit to the Old Country he spoke out in no uncertain tones with regard to the fact that the Overseas Dominions in return for assuming a larger share of the Empire's burdens must have more of a say in her affairs. His claim received quite general endorsement and already on his present trip, he has attended a meeting of the British Cabinet.

Sir Robert has many important matters to look after during his sojourn and without any question he will fill the task with earnestness and capability. He is already in conference with the war office regarding the things Canada can supply at first hand and he has also got in touch with the Admiralty with reference to more effective transport facilities. This is a very vital matter. The grain yield of Canada, from all appearances, is this year going to be a little better than the average, and with a vastly increased area of production it is highly important that there shall be sufficient vessel accommodation. It would be a highly satisfactory thing if shipments could be made gradually, but this is impossible. Particularly in the West, grain growers for the most part, have to make a quick sale in order to meet their indebtedness and only a few farmers of the wealthier

sort, can afford to hold their yields. In all matters which he handles, the course of the Premier will without doubt be characterized by his usual thoroughness. He is most unquestionably the man to be at the Dominion helm during this period of stress.

STUPENDOUS FIGURES.

In justification of the superlative adjectives that are applied to the present war, William Michaelis, of Berlin, has compiled figures in Over Land and Sea, showing just how big the war is.

He estimates that 21,770,000 men stand opposed to each other—12,820,000 on the side of the Allies and 8,950,000 for Germany, Austria and Turkey. On the naval side, his estimates are as follows:

	Allies	Germany
Line ships	113	56
Big cruisers	87	17
Small cruisers	128	56
Torpedo boats	704	358
Submarines	179	40
(number new boats unknown.)		
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The area of the countries ranged against Germany exclusive of Italy, he figures to be 87,000,000 square kilometers, with an aggregate population of 800,000,000. Germany and her allies on the other hand have a territory of 6,000,000 square kilometers, and a population of 150,000,000 persons.

The daily cost of the war to the ten nations now taking part he places at 169,000,000 marks (42,250,000 dollars) and he estimates that up to the first of April the total cost of the war was 40,000,000,000 marks (\$10,000,000,000). Italy again excepted, he places the annual cost of such a war at \$15,000,000,000.

It would take 60,000,000 of the huge 1000 mark bank notes to pay this cost and these notes, stacked up one on top of the other, would make a pile 20,000 feet, almost four miles in height. In gold this same sum would weigh 24,000,000 kilograms (\$52,912,800 pounds) whereas the entire gold production of the entire world during the past 500 years has amounted to but 15,000,000 kilograms.

The daily war costs for the German Empire he places at 33,000,000 marks (\$8,250,000) and only 40 days of this conflict cost as much as the whole Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. The cost to England, exclusive of the colonies, is about the same, and three months of this war cost Great Britain as much as the Boer war, lasting two years and seven months. France spends a little more daily.

NOTES AND COMMENT

July reigns all right.

Twenty-one thousand pant makers are on strike in New York. As to that, these warm days we are all in the business, especially the fat variety.

Numbers of English women are making shells. As to that, myriads of other women the world over continue to make their husbands shell out.

It is somewhat of the irony of fate that Lloyd George should first of all have to face the disciplining of his own compatriots under the Munitions Act.

The official statement shows that since the commencement of the war 450,000 square miles of German colonial possessions have been lost to that country. She had 1,134,240 square miles of them when hostilities commenced, so that the best part of one half are gone.

Thaw has at last been declared same, and a lot of enthusiastic fools demonstrated over the finding. People who have championed the cause of this murderer on the ground that he was vindictive virtue, never stop to think of his own career or the fact that he was touring Europe with Evelyn before he married her. Quite a nice exemplar of morals. What!

AUSTRIA

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BUT HERE'S THE RUB.

"If this question is answered in the affirmative and its affirmation cannot be doubted," according to the opinion of the Austro-Hungarian Government. "Then the question follows whether it does not seem possible, or even necessary, that appropriate measures should be taken to make fully respected the wish of the American government to remain a strictly impartial vis-a-vis of both belligerent parties."

The note continues: "A neutral country cannot be allowed to trade in contraband unhampered if it takes the former dimensions whereby the neutrality of the country will be endangered. The export of war material from the United States as a proceeding of the present war is not in consonance with the keeping of neutrality. The American Government therefore is undoubtedly entitled to prohibit the export of war material."

SOME ADVICE

"Regarding the possible objections that American industry is willing to supply Austria-Hungary and Germany, which, however, is impossible owing to the war situation, it may be pointed out that the American Government is in a position to redress this state of things. It would be quite sufficient to advise the enemies of Austria-Hungary and Germany that the supply of food stuffs and war material would be suspended if legitimate trade in these articles between Americans and neutral countries was not permitted."

DEAR FRIENDS.

In conclusion the Austro-Hungarian

Government appeals to the United States, calling attention to the interrupted good relations and friendship between the country and the dual monarchy, to take the present note under careful consideration.

French Now Gain Ground in Argonne

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, July 15.—From Athens comes the report of a substantial advance made by the Anglo-French forces against the Krithia-Achi Baou line, but since so many wild rumors have originated in the Grecian capital, this is received with reserve until officially confirmed.

The latest Paris communication counters the claims of German successes in the Argonne region, with the report that the French have set foot on several points in the German trenches on the road to Marie Therese, and that the French are making progress in their attacks beyond the Servon road to the west of the forest of Argonne.

On the eastern front nothing approaching a decisive action has been reported in a fortnight. The Germans however, against the public opinion, are delighted at the news that the Russians have sufficient forces in this direction to oppose formidable resistance. It is expected that the Servon road in southern Poland will be ended by an attack of the Austro-Germans toward the River Bug.

Great Britain again is experiencing domestic troubles with 150,000 coal miners actually on strike.

The meat packers representatives who have been greatly discouraged because they were prevented from getting their side of the controversy with the British Government presented to the American public, Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Gray. It has been suggested that some politicians desire to make Mr. Lloyd George the prime minister.

It is hard to understand how any sane man can believe in these wild fancies. Galt is only one possible prime minister at the present time, and Mr. Asquith is the man. He is not infallible any more than other people, but during his long period of office, he has shown gifts of the rarest kind and, in particular, the gift of keeping men together.

POSTERITY WILL JUDGE

"To much of his work, posterity may do justice, although the present generation cannot, for his work has been behind the scene in the way of consultation, negotiation and reconciliation. These labors present little for the public eye to rest on, but any one who has more than a superficial knowledge of politics—in fact, we may say anyone who has more than a superficial knowledge of human nature—understands how hard they are; indeed, far harder than mere showy performances."

RARE QUALITIES

"Mr. Asquith has also succeeded in expressing fervently, eloquently and with surpassing clarity, the true feeling of the British people about the war. His calm and steadfast temper, his unbroken courage, his mastery knowledge of affairs, and the personal tendency which gives him not merely the title, but the real place in his cabinet, are acknowledged by all. His withdrawal is inconceivable."

"We are almost inclined to offer a prize for the discovery of one person, not insane, who desires the resignation of Sir Edward Gray."

"As for Mr. Lloyd George, the suggestion that he should supplant his old and loyal friend, would be taken by him as a cruel insult."

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Extravagance is Treason

A great call comes to this country to-day to simplify its way of life, so that it may pay its bills, says Public Opinion.

"Every preacher, teacher, editor, harpist speaker ought to impress upon the public the plain fact that everyone indulging in any form of expenditure not directly conducive to the health and efficiency of himself and his family is helping to 'crab' the successful conduct of the war," says the Nation.

The new Chancellor of the Exchequer told the House of Commons that "personal extravagance must be avoided during the war."

"If we are to maintain our great financial position and to emerge from this war not merely victorious on the battlefield but with our financial position unimpaired, we must make great sacrifices now."

"If we spend £1000 in buying a fine new motor car we are devoting energy which might be devoted to the manufacture of goods for export. There is not energy enough in the country to manufacture all the goods which we ordinarily require and the goods we require for export."

HALF AS MUCH AGAIN SPENT.

The total population of Great Britain spends in the normal way about £2,000,000,000 a year, and now the war is making it spend half as much again—another £1,000,000,000 a year or £3,000,000,000 a year.

How then can we find the three million pounds' worth of commodities that the government must each day obtain?" asks the New Nation.

The answer is that except for certain quite limited resources there is only one way, and that is for the whole nation to diminish its private consumption. We must, in substance, pay for the war by our personal abstinance from expenditure in order that our savings may be available, whether as loans or as taxes, to keep the army and navy going."

"We have, it is true, as our first resource our normal annual surplus of production over consumption, the annual savings that we put into new mills and machinery, railways, and houses all over the world. These two or three hundred millions—the Treasury having wisely stopped all but the absolutely necessary new capital issues—we are already lending to the government in one or other form, often without being aware of it."

"As our second resource we can, it is suggested, draw upon accumulations, realise part of our immense invested wealth, or at any rate, borrow on our still unrivalled national credit. Unfortunately, as we now have to learn, this, in a world war, is to a great extent an illusion. Our 'investments' are of no use in this emergency—seeing that they are not themselves food or shells or rifles—except as things to seal or pledge to other nations as a means of getting more of these indispensable commodities into this country."

Now it is practically only in the United States that there are people who can to any appreciable amount, buy our securities or make us loans, and even there the limit is very quickly reached. There are, indeed, signs that it is already close at hand. In these days every nation needs every penny of its own wealth."

"We can, in fact, only look to our own personal abstinance from consumption, each in his own degree, for finding during the coming year at least five hundred million pounds to carry on the war."

TOO LAVISH IN OUR LIVING

"Fortunately our resources in this way are extensive, if we can only be induced to take advantage of them. We have hitherto been, as a nation, the most lavish in our living of any on the earth, except perhaps, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand, to whom we have set an extravagant example. In alcoholic and other artificial drinks, in costly and unnecessary clothes, in new motor cars and petrol for pleasure riding, in tobacco, in a quite absurd multiplication of domestic servants, in the ministrations of hundreds of thousands of men and women kept to amuse us, or to enable us to enjoy unduly prolonged holidays, we spend, in the aggregate, many hundreds of millions—far more than any other nation in Europe. It is a weakness common to all classes. The poor are in their degree, often quite as extravagant as the wealthy."

"At the present crisis anything but the simplest living and the most rigid personal economy is whatever the income, virtually an act of treason."

Mr. Aubrey White, C. M. G., Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, died suddenly in Muskoka.

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