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THE SITUATION.

The British and the French troops in their recent offensive movement towards Lille met with success, the latter to a greater degree than the former, but both to a satisfactory extent. Lille is an important fortified town in the north of France, and has during its history suffered from frequent sieges. The Germans occupied the place at an early period of hostilities, and it is said that they have large fresh bodies of troops to pour in at this point. Speaking of German frightfulness in war, their record has always been such, and the pity of it is that the devastations of conflict have thus far left their own land untouched except for the bereavement of families. They have brought the horrors of the struggle to the peaceful homes of Belgium and northern France, while the households of their own people remain intact and unassailed. The Kaiser, in a message which he recently sent to his sister, the Queen of Greece, used the statement: "Our final victory is certain. Woe to those who still dare to draw the sword against us."

This murderer—he has been rightly so branded by the jury investigating the Lusitania horror—is very strong on Scripture. He ought to study that passage regarding those who raise the sword perishing by the sword. The spectacle of Count Bernstorff, German Ambassador in the States, calling upon Secretary of State Bryan and expressing "deep regret that the events of the war had led to the loss of so many American lives" constituted one of the biggest travesties on record. By the sanction of the Kaiser they were killed first and then an apology offered afterwards.

The Russians in the Caucasus are handing the Turks in excellent fashion, but have undoubtedly recently met with serious reverses at the hands of the Germans.

Italy still remains out of the fray. It is said that one phase of the hesitancy, although not in any sense a compelling one, is that she hates to face the certain destruction of her many beautiful buildings.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE WAR.

Our neighbors have had every conceivable provocation to cast in their lot with the Allies in connection with the present war. Germany endeavored in the first place to win their goodwill by every possible device and adopted very elaborate measures in this regard. The effort failed in a most striking manner. Uncle Sam could not overlook the gross violation and despoliation of Belgium, and although formal protest was lacking, there was no mistaking the national feeling of repudiation and abhorrence. Since then the Kaiser and his advisers have done things which look almost like a deliberate attempt to get the United States involved against them. One theory is that Berlin with another openly added foe would welcome this as a chance to negotiate peace terms. That may be dismissed as an idle dream. All the indications go to show that the Germans are unitedly in this thing to the finish. Their strong socialistic forces, which it was thought would welcome the chance to throw off the militarism which they have always professed to hate, are just as enthusiastic for the war as all the rest, and talk of internal disaffection is a myth. There is the other thought that the Fatherland would like to see our neighbors in the struggle for the reason that the concerns there which are turning out such large munitions for Great Britain would then be ordered to keep such outputs at home. Germany could purchase them with equal facility, but she hasn't the vessels or the routes for their conveyance to her shores. The British navy has rendered anything of that kind impossible. Uncle Sam is not in a position to get into any big war game. He has a regular army of only 95,000 men and state militia of 121,000. His navy is better, but not first-class as compared with others. It could be used, of course, for convoy purposes, as in the case of the Lusitania, but would not be needed for anything else.

President Wilson at the time of writing had not delivered any formal message from the White House, but he made a speech last night in Philadelphia which may be taken as a forecast of his views. The basis of his remarks can be found in the words: "There is such a thing as being too proud to fight. A nation may be so right that it does not need to convince others by force that it is right. Peace is the healing and elevating influence of the world." It is very evident from this that the cap of Uncle Sam will not be tossed into the ring. His added sympathy and help for the cause of the Allies may, however, be taken for granted.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Certain Grit papers which were continually bull-baiting the Borden Government with reference to the war have suddenly ceased. There has evidently been some influence at work to call them off—certainly not their own common-sense.

The Kaiser is still using the term "woe to them," just as if he was controller of the universe.

The words Kultur and Vulture rhyme in every sense.

One story is that the Germans burned forty-two British soldiers who were in a hangar. It sounds incredible, but then look at their crimes in Belgium and their gloating over the innocent victims of the Lusitania.

It is stated that President Wilson may address a personal letter to the Kaiser. If so, it may be regarded as booked for the waste-basket route.

The Lusitania murder has given a boost to recruiting in the Old Land. Nothing can quell or cow the British spirit.

In a recent engagement the Turks in hurried retreat are reported to have abandoned their tents. That was because the firing was intense.

EDITOR JACK ROGERS GONE.

Toronto May 11.—Latest word from England gives no hope of any more passengers on the Lusitania being saved. E. S. Cowper, private secretary of J. R. Rogers, editor of "Jack Canuck," sent the following cable to Mrs. Rogers yesterday: "Sadly before final plunge. Quite unconcerned and with baby in arms."

Rogers has evidently died like a Briton, and whatever may have been his public standing, his most bitter enemy must grant him the honor of a "hero's death." He died as he had lived—"game."

Children's Hero Not Millionaire Sportsman Now

Queenstown, May 11.—The body of Albert Thompson, of Toronto, brought in by an admiralty trawler last night was found drifting with wreckage near the coast not far from the scene of the Lusitania disaster, which leads to the hope that additional bodies may be found in that vicinity. Seven unidentified bodies also were landed at Baltimore, 47 miles southwest of Cork, but the weather conditions are such that it is not considered probable that any more bodies will be found in that immediate vicinity.

A current of from two and one-half to three knots races around Old Head, Kinsale and this has been augmented by a stiff east wind, which at the end of eight or nine days may carry bodies ashore around Cape Clear on the west Irish coast. The winds ordinarily prevailing would have brought bodies ashore on the Atlantic coast of Cornwall, England.

The Cunard Steamship Company, after much trouble, has sent a tug to the scene of the disaster with instructions to run into the nearest cove and inform Cunard officials here if even a single body is found. There are indications that the heavy roll among the passengers in the first cabin was due to a scarcity of life belts, many of the men having given the life preservers they had obtained to helpless women.

Mrs. Stanley B. Lines of Toronto, paid a glowing tribute to the gallantry of Alfred Vanderbilt and his valet, Ronald Denver. "People will not talk of Mr. Vanderbilt in the future," said Mrs. Lines, "as a millionaire sportsman and a pleasure-seeker. He will be remembered as 'a children's hero' and men and women will salute his name. When death was nearing him he showed a gallantry which no words of mine can adequately describe," said Mrs. Lines. "He stood outside the palm saloon on the starboard side, with Ronald Denver by his side. He looked on the scene of horror and despair with pitying eyes. 'Find all the kiddies you can,' he said to his valet.

"The man rushed off immediately collecting children and as he brought them to Mr. Vanderbilt the latter dashed to the boats with two little ones in his arms at a time. When he could no longer find any children he went to the assistance of the women and placed as many as he could in safety. In all the work he was gallantly assisted by Ronald Denver, and the two continued their efforts until the very end. I hope the young men of Britain will act the same for the country now as Mr. Vanderbilt did for somebody's little ones."

When the Lusitania was in her death throes there was no cooler group aboard than that composed of Mme. Marie Depage, Herbert S. Stone

London W. Bates, Jr. and Dr. J. T. Houghton. The last named was the only survivor of the party. This little band guided women and children, supplied life belts, bound up the wounds of other passengers and then plunged hopelessly into the sea, having given up their own life preservers. Another throng of anxious friends and relatives arrived here last night, but the chances of identifying more of the dead are remote, as the great pits in the cemetery are filled with those buried as unknown, while other bodies which come ashore soon will be beyond identification.

LOCAL CASUALTY LIST

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this gallant deed was the presentation at the hands of Her Majesty of the V.C. and the privilege to retire and wear the prescribed uniform, and retain his rank of captain. He was a visitor at most regimental or Highland functions in Aberdeen. A big fellow, upwards of six feet high, of magnificent physique, clad in Highland dress, guided here and there throughout the throngs by his wife—a pitiful sight in a sense.

At the outbreak of the war he offered his services to the War Office and was attached to the base hospital in France, where with his special typing machine, he is playing the best part he can, writing letters for disabled soldiers.

PTE. W. BABCOCK was 36 years of age, and has led an adventurous life soldiering in many lands under the British flag. He has been in the Egyptian campaign, and was present at Tel Keber, had served through the Boer war, and was in the big fights at Paardeburg and Petermaritzburg. He is unmarried and resided with Mr. Hunter, being employed at the Bixel Brewery. Babcock now lies in the base hospital in France, wounded. He has a host of friends in the city, being a most popular good fellow.

PTE. CLAUDE CHARLTON employed before enlistment with the G. S. & M. Company, was well known throughout the city. He has served in the United States navy for two years and in the New York National Guard for two years. He resided at 154 Nelson street.

NURSE WRITES Mrs. Kirby has received the following letter with reference to her son, who left with the first contingent—13 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, Ward 6, April 24, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Kirby: Your son, Tom Kirby, armorer, came into this hospital this morning, suffering from a head wound of a serious nature, but he is so far very fairly well, quite as well as can be expected, and I trust will do well. I will write again. He sends his love. Yours faithfully, May Bradford.

PTE HOLWAY

Pte. A. G. Holway is the latest Brantfordite to be reported wounded in the Ypres battle, and according to a letter received yesterday by his mother he was wounded over the left eye and overcome by the asphyxiating gases which the Germans used with temporary success in their advance. He is now in a hospital somewhere in France. No further details are included in the letter, but Pte. Holway expressed grave anxiety for his fellow-soldiers of the 4th Battalion, which lost heavily in the fighting.

Prior to his departure with the first contingent of Dufferin Rifles, Pte. Holway was a member of the 38th, he having served one year with the regiment. He was by trade a machinist, being employed at the time of his enlistment at the Massey-Harris works. His wife and two children reside at 25 George street; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Crouch, wife of Sergt. Crouch, who is also with the first contingent in France, lives at 12 Balfour street.

PTE. KINSELLA

is another of the men who left Brantford with the first contingent to be wounded. He was injured during the Ypres fighting and it is not known how seriously. He is unmarried and had followed farm work as a vocation.

PTE. A. J. BARNES

son of Mrs. J. Barnes, Baldwin Ave., also on the wounded list, has been an active member of the Dufferin Rifles and when the call came for the first contingent, took prompt action to volunteer. He is an Englishman by birth and was an employee of the Massey-Harris works. He enjoys the regard of a large number of friends.

Dame Rumor Very Busy at Present

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, May 11.—It is being persistently rumored in Paris that Germany and Austria-Hungary have already declared, or are about to declare war on Italy in anticipation of such action on her part directed against themselves. This report, however, has received no confirmation of any kind.

Another rumor which made its appearance on the Bourse to-day is that the Italian Government has signed an agreement with the allies, Great Britain, France and Russia to take part in the war not later than May 26. This rumor also is without confirmation.

French observers of the political situation in Italy infer from the audience yesterday between King Victor Emmanuel and former Prime Minister Giolitti that the non-intervention party in Italy has determined to withdraw all opposition to the war. Consequently the Italian parties would be united in support of a war policy, in the judgment of French observers,

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based upon two fundamental considerations, namely, that wrongs have been done to Serbia and Belgium, and that the racial aspirations of the Italians on the eastern shore of the Adriatic and in the Mediterranean now can be satisfied.

Military writers are presenting the argument that war for Germany and Austria on a third frontier undoubtedly will make the resistance of the central empires on their other fronts more feeble, so much so that with the advent of Italy, victory over Germany is set for the middle of the summer.

The new principal has been appointed to St. Andrews. The King on the recommendation of the Secretary of Scotland, has approved the appointment of the Rev. John Herkless, D.D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of St. Andrew, to be Principal of the University in succession to the late Sir James Donaldson.

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LOCAL

THE TEMPERATURE

Record for the last 24 hours: 31; highest 65. Same date lowest 48; highest 67.

REMOVAL.

M. H. Robertson and Co. are removing from their store corner of Dalhousie and streets to the Temple Block store until recently occupied by Borbridge, "Foot Fitters."

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The Armenian night school Congregational church has closed the summer months. Miss S. of the teachers, was the recipient of a hearty vote of thanks from her kind friends.

NO SUBWAYS.

The Dominion Railway Board letter to the Township Council communicate the fact that they allow subways over the tracks upon Mount Pleasant Scarp and upon Geo. in section No. 6, as the town requested. Thus in all these Board has decided in favor of the railway.

RAPID PROGRESS.

Remarkably good progress made by the boys of Dufferin who have been taking swimming lessons under Instructor Geoley at the Y. M. C. A. Although no fewer than sixteen of them mastered the first position, and can swim a tank. If such progress continues Dufferin boys will soon have disputing the championship.

FALLEN ASLEEP.

Mrs. John Hutton, 49 Huron has received word of the Chicago of Mrs. Dennis D. Grand Boulevard. Deceased a Miss Katherine McKinnon in Brantford and lived here ten years ago when she and family moved to the S. husband passed away there. She leaves five children to great loss—Mrs. D. Hende E. Moore, Miss Gertrude, and Ernest, all of Chicago.

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