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THE SITUATION.

While Germany is putting up a peace camouflage the Allies continue to smash the foe.

The British are either forcing the withdrawal or else driving out the enemy from the Hindenburg defences from Lille to St. Quentin.

The Franco-American armies have made a big advance in the Champagne region and recorded some splendid gains. The Hun there has also been forced to retreat on a big front.

The Serbs likewise are making splendid progress in driving Austro-German forces out of their land.

By the papers of Great Britain and the United States the latest Hun proposal is unanimously rejected. All agree that the only basis on which peace can be made is when Germany makes the plea as a suppliant and that otherwise the fighting must go on to the bitter end.

THE ALLEGED PEACE OFFER. There can only be the one answer of the Allies to the latest so-called peace offer, and that is to keep up the smashing blows with unabated vigor.

The would-be world bully finds himself and his associates faced with certain defeat, so the white flag is raised on behalf of an armistice—a white flag deeply stained with the bloody hands of the murderers who have raised it—and there is the impudent suggestion of talking peace on equal terms. And at the very moment when this is done, we have the Kaiser issuing a statement to the German army and navy, in which he says:

"I have decided, in accord with my allies, to once again offer peace to the enemy, but it will only be an honorable peace for which we extend our hand."

"Offer peace," forsooth, the only basis on which there will be any action is when Berlin sees fit.

The Kaiser has moved all his life in such a circle of arrogance, that he seems to think that he is doing a wonderful thing when he even indicates that it is his royal and All-Highest pleasure to be willing to engage in a discussion upon his own terms.

He and his associates have yet to learn their lesson, and it is that they must get down on their knees and sue for that which they now so ardently desire, and then only get what they want upon the terms dictated by the Entente Allies. Return of the lost colonies and other things to almost a like effect, cannot be entertained for a moment. This proposal of the Kaiser is not dictated for one moment from any desire to save the world from further bloodshed in the struggle so wantonly instigated by him and his advisers, but for the reason he sees the victorious armies of the Entente heading for the Rhine, and he wants to keep the Fatherland free from the war devastation which he has so justly imposed on other lands.

With one foot still on Belgium and the other still on France, this colossus of modern evil and devilment, has the nerve to extend a hand for "an honorable peace." There will in the end be such—one honorable to France and Belgium, and right and justice and human liberty—but it will be wrong from a prostrate foe, and not dictated about across some table with the pariah of the nations taking a decisive part.

The fight, costly though it is proving in treasure and precious lives, must still go on until the claws of the beast have been definitely drawn. All of our previous sacrifice and future security would else be entirely lost.

Meanwhile, it is safe to venture the opinion that neither Turkey nor Austria can stand another winter campaign. The people of both lands not only ardently desire a cessation of hostilities, but in addition, starvation and all round distress have reached a point beyond human endurance. Their over-lords cannot much longer hold them in leash, even if most of them desire to do so, which is very doubtful.

When these two outcrops withdraw, where will draggert Germany be? Where will, in any event, will all of them be in a few months at most, even if they should still stick together?

THE POOLROOM.

While evincing active interest in a game of pool played by Sammis making a snapper at Niagara Falls, the monkey mascot of that particular detachment had his fingers nipped between two balls. The regimental surgeon is in attendance.

WHAT WILSON PROPOSED

As far as the official report goes the Tonten offer is only to accept President Wilson's peace proposals as a basis for negotiation. The idea which seems to prevail in some quarters that his terms are accepted is erroneous. The Courier recently reported his suggestions but their repetition will again be in order.

1. Open covenants of peace without private international understandings.

2. Absolute freedom of the seas as peace or war, except as they may be closed by international action.

3. Removal of all economic barriers and establishing of equality of trade conditions among nations consenting to peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.

4. Guarantees for the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.

5. Impartial adjustment of all colonial claims based upon the principle that the peoples concerned have equal weight with the interested government.

6. Evacuation of all Russian territory and opportunity for Russia's political development.

7. Evacuation of all Belgium without any attempt to limit her sovereignty.

8. All French territory to be freed and restored and reparation for the taking of Alsace Lorraine.

9. Readjustment of Italy's frontiers along clearly recognizable lines of nationality.

10. Evacuation of Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro, with access to the seas for Serbia, and international guarantee of economic and political independence and territorial integrity of the Balkan States.

11. Secure sovereignty for Turkey's portion of the Ottoman Empire, but with other nationalities under Turkish rule assured security of life and opportunity for autonomous development with the Dardanelles permanently open to all nations.

12. Establishment of an independent Polish state, including territories inhabited by indisputably Polish population with free access to the sea, and political integrity, independence and territorial integrity guaranteed by international covenant.

13. General association of nations under specific covenants for mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to large and small states alike.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It's "down on your knees" for Germany.

The braggadocio Kaiser still has to learn the lesson of getting off his high horse.

The French always have a cogent way of putting things as witness the comment of one Paris paper: "The cornered beast draws in its claws and offers us its blood-stained paw."

The All-Highest exclaims, "My navy is holding its own." Yes—in the Kiel Canal.

Your Problems Solved?

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, B.D. (All rights reserved.)

Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, mental, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

A Penitent—The sin you confess is certainly very grave, but if you allow it to drive you into despair it will only increase the evil which you have done. No, I do not think it would do any good for you to confess it to any person but God. In future do not go in the way of temptation; fortify yourself by earnest resolve and prayer that for ever hereafter you will lead a virtuous life. If God has forgiven you, it would be so wicked to allow your sin to torment you and beg of you not to do so.

A Successful Church—"Pessimist" inquires, "Is the church a failure?" No, I do not think the church is, or has been a failure from the days of Christ until now. Notwithstanding all the decadence of the church and the evil things which have sometimes been done in its name, it has in the main stood for virtue and for men doing right to each other. The church today is a buttress against crime and it is the advocate of law and righteousness. There are doubtless many grave faults in the church, but it would be a sorrowful day if it were to cease its ministry.

WHERE COAL IS REALLY TREASURE.

Bishop Lucas of the Mackenzie River diocese cannot understand how anyone can regard coal as expensive at \$11 a ton. His last winter supply cost him \$150 per ton, and he was limited to five tons.

Bar at Parnell's Auction to-night at 7.30 and save.

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A wonderful purchase, and just at the time when you are requiring a little heavier underwear—a durable and comfortable suit.

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Men's and Boys' Wool Underwear, old stock. These goods are worth \$2.50 per garment. To clear at, a garment... 65c

Men's Dark Working Shirts, good quality, all sizes, at each... 85c

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Men's Scotch Worsted Socks, best quality, colors are grey and khaki, secure these to-morrow at... 50c pair Men's Extra Heavy Working Socks, reg. 60c. value, selling at 35c, a pair or... 3 pairs for \$1.00



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