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WAR COMMENT.

The French and British are pressing forward over a hundred mile front and, to quote a Paris critic, "whether the enemy is prepared or unprepared, Allied efforts have had the same results and the Germans have been out-generalled and out-fought." The retreating enemy is being harassed continually and his losses are enormous. The British alone took 8,000 prisoners yesterday between the Somme and Ancre rivers, and the French in the Meuse region have taken many prisoners and guns. The capture by Foch's troops of Lassigny, military critics believe, will make it impossible for the Germans to keep Noyon for any length of time, and each day's fighting is expected to bring nearer a German retirement on a large scale, possibly to the old Hindenburg line.

Six German armies have been beaten and more or less crippled in the fighting of the last six weeks. When the latest phase of the campaign was begun on July 18, about the most the civilized world hoped for this summer was the successful defence of Paris and the Channel ports. Today the road to Paris is not only closed—no doubt for all time—but a great area of territory has been reconquered and the initiative definitely wrested from the enemy. Foch is striking, first here and then there, apparently at will, and it is believed he is inflicting upon the Germans punishment from which they may never be able to recover in this war.

While those writers in France who are best able to judge are careful to explain that Field Marshal Foch is not taking many people into his confidence so far as his full designs are concerned, they are convinced that his succession of blows will force Ludendorff back to the old Hindenburg line. They do not believe the Germans can hope to make a permanent stand short of those positions. At the same time they warn us against undue optimism regarding the operation. The German resistance is at all times desperate, and is not likely now, or for some time to come, to develop into anything approaching a rout. A calm outlook is to be urged if we are to avoid a possible disappointment later on. But it is clear that the German plans have been upset, that his power has not been great enough to beat back the Entente armies, and that Ludendorff is being forced to use up his effectiveness in a manner far too costly for Germany and "out of all proportion to his resources." In the face of this, a reasonable optimism is justified. It is the drawing of premature and unsafe conclusions which we must guard against.

JAPAN AND SIBERIA.

Those who point to the food riots in Japan as an indication that a social crisis in that country is imminent and that Japan's participation in the Siberian expedition is likely to be seriously interfered with, are no doubt greatly mistaken. The food riots are serious enough, but they have no real bearing on the government's military programme and it is fully expected that so soon as the food supply can be properly distributed and the masses given their necessary rations of rice, the unrest prevailing among certain classes will pass away.

Japan has had thousands of food riots in the past. The margin between hunger and a plentiful supply of rice is never wide, and it often taxes the ingenuity of the government to satisfy the needs of the poor and pave the way to content. The Emperor, so far as the majority of Japanese are concerned, is believed to be gifted with divine power, and in the present unrest his donation of \$300,000 yen to relieve the suffering is expected to have a far-reaching effect on the situation.

Students of Japanese economic and military policies have been quick to assure the Allies that there is no need to fear that social unrest at home will be permitted to hamper Japan's effort in Siberia. The Japs, it is pointed out, have a deadly hatred for the Germans and welcome the present enterprise as a means of disabusing the minds of persons in America or other countries of doubt that they are serious in declaring that under no conditions would they seek an alliance with Germany. In this connection, one observer who has long been in close touch with Japanese affairs says:

"The Japanese are an exceedingly practical nation, but the Fates have so shifted things that the last possibility of a German-Japanese understanding may be said to have disappeared with the present war. Japan cannot ally with the Allies in 1914 and before Germany began to lose in the field, and her last act in the war will be to assist in ridding Russia of German influence. This task will be performed the more gladly because there is no nation on the face of the earth the Japanese hate as cordially as they do the Germans. This hatred began when Germany instigated the diplomacy which cost the Japanese Port Arthur, at the close of the war with China, and it has been intensified since by the Kaiser's personal creation of the 'Yellow Peril'—a deadly insult to the subjects of the Mikado than the loss of a dozen Port Arthurs. It was the Kaiser who dragged France, through Russia, her ally, into the plot to deprive

the Island Kingdom of the fruits of the Chinese war, and the revelation of German duplicity in that affair has now become an historical incident. One afternoon in 1904 instructions were sent to the German, French and British ministers at Tokio that Japan must withdraw from Port Arthur. The same evening the Kaiser gave a ball in the imperial palace in Potsdam. Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, was present; and slapping him affectionately on the back the Kaiser exclaimed, 'My dear Viscount, I shall always be the friend of Japan!' Aoki at once reported the incident to his government, and lying on the same table at Tokio, as it were, was the telegram telling of the Kaiser's friendship for Japan and the ministerial instructions from Berlin to the Japanese from the control of Port Arthur. The Japanese never forgot the coincidence; and when later the Kaiser sought to embroil the Mikado with the English-speaking nations by his insistence that he would deal treacherously with them and ultimately attack the United States, the government at Tokio forever closed the door on a German alliance."

In arranging to strike a blow in Siberia for the cause of the Allies, Japan has given every proof of sincerity. She is entering Russia in response to a request from the United States and the Entente that she join with them to help the Russian people against German intrigue and oppression. Her statements declare that they have no intention of seeking new territory; their territorial needs may be satisfied in Manchuria where she secured rights from Russia as a result of another war. She has never had confidence in the ability of the Bolsheviks to maintain any form of stable government in Russia and she has never trusted the Bolshevik leaders. Her aid to the Czech-Slovaks in establishing a new battlefield in the east should be great. She may have food riots at home, but they will not be permitted to interfere with her army in Russia. In fact, in spite of the delay for which she was in no way responsible, her troops have already done much to pave the road for a successful advance against the enemy.

There will be no slackening of effort in the countries of the Entente until victory rests on the Allied banner. In this connection the London Daily Mail says: "The civilian population, under their less but still enormous strain, show no signs of a snapping point. Infinite adjustments, endless complexity of new troubles, alterations of plan and disposition, the menace of the night raids and incessant, unrelenting work—yet where are the host of cases of nervous breakdown that a prophet of 1914 would have foretold? Incessant work may be the secret, or one of the secrets. The men at the front always say when asked how they endure, 'We have got to do it—there's all.' The people on the home front have all had their bit to do. They have had no time to think of their nerves. The great war has proved that the wonderful human machine is more elastic than ever we imagined, but it has also proved that work is the human machine's great shock-absorber."

A British and a German submarine recently met in British waters. The German boat was sunk and its captain taken prisoner. This is not the first time a British submarine crew has out-manoeuvred the crew of a German U-boat.

Paris people are again listening to the sound of heavy cannon-firing. But they know that it is a retreating enemy which is carrying on the battle. Parisians no longer have cause to fear for the safety of their great city.

Another French cruiser has joined the Allied fleet at Vladivostok. The Siberian expedition is rapidly developing into a military and naval movement of great proportions.

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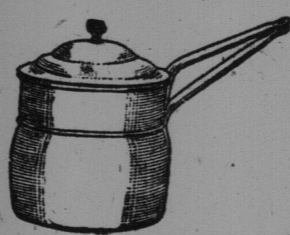
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(Sgd.) R. T. HAYES.

Mayor.

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MORE BRAVE N. B. SOLDIERS IN THE CASUALTY LIST

Lieut. Alexander Turner, formerly of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff here, and later manager in Chipman, has been killed in action. He was a member of the N. B. battalion.

W. E. Calhoun of Cape Station, Albert county, was advised yesterday that his son, Sergt. Winney E. Calhoun, had been killed in action. He was overseas with the 104th.

Sergt. Major H. T. Brewer of the Fredericton armories, was notified yesterday that his son, Sergt. William Brewer, had been killed in action. He was overseas with the 104th.

A. Purdy Chesley of St. John was advised yesterday that his son, Frank A. Chesley, of the N. S. battalion, had been killed in action. He is survived by his father, two brothers, Harold A. with the 25th and George with an ammunition column at the front, and three sisters, Marion, Gertrude and Amy, all at home.

Daniel Whelan of Woodstock, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Whelan, has been killed in action. He is survived by a draft from the 65th battery.

In Moncton yesterday word of the death of Pte. Howard Emerson Bulmer in France was received. He crossed with the 149th battalion.

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Mrs. John Harrington, 87 Lancaster avenue, has word that her son, Pte. Louis Edward Harrington, has been wounded in the left arm.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Taylor, Charlotte street, West St. John, was advised yesterday that their son, E. R. Taylor, had been wounded in the left leg.

The names of six New Brunswick men appear in the midnight casualty list as follows: Wounded, G. H. Campbell, Westmorland county; G. E. Raymond, Grand Manan; B. W. Thorne, Havelock; William A. McMillin, Bathurst; Ill. F. A. Glencairn, Richibucto.

LOCAL NEWS

The Dominion police yesterday captured the fourth German prisoner who escaped recently from Sackville.

His Worship Mayor Hayes announced last night receipt of a subscription for the Rising fund to be devoted to the purchase of comforts for convalescent soldiers overseas.

George Evans has been appointed acting foreman of street work in the West End, succeeding the late J. Nichols. A permanent appointment will not be made for some time.

W. Ernest Wallace, a ship carpenter, employed at the Marine Construction Company's plant, received cuts on the head yesterday, when he fell backwards from a platform about twenty feet high.

A meeting of the St. John branch of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers was held last night in the Painters' Hall, Charlotte street. A campaign is to be started for increased wages.

"Dollar Day" yesterday, proved most successful ever held in St. John. Merchants last night that during the week preceding Christmas they had never before seen so much ready money in circulation.

A large number of people attended a moonlight excursion on the St. John river last evening on the steamer Clamplain, held under the auspices of the Canadian Imperial League.

The soldiers on Partridge Island were entertained last evening by members of the Soldiers' Comforts Circle of West St. John. Miss Oram, little Miss Gregory, Miss Nellie Ferguson, Miss Ross, Miss Edith Long, and Mrs. E. A. Young took part.

HELPED RED CROSS. The Junior Red Cross Circle of St. George's Church, has received with thanks the sum of \$10.20, half the proceeds of a bazaar held on Mrs. Lilley's grounds, West St. John, by four little girls on Tuesday afternoon. The girls who managed the sale were Louise Lord, Audrey Lord, Lillian Silphant and Audrey Livingston.

THE BEERSVILLE RAILWAY

G. E. Burrell of Sydney, J. W. Cummings of New Glasgow, and J. D. Betts of Joggins Mines, who are interested in mining at Beersville, were in consultation yesterday with J. H. Frink, fuel administrator, with the resumption of operations there. Later they met Freu-

ier Foster and discussed the possibility of having the Beersville Railway resume operations in order to ship the coal mined, if the mines were re-opened. Premier Foster assured the gentlemen that the provincial government would only be too glad to assist in any way possible.

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