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The Situation.

Sir John French has been able to record another British advance of some moment. Part of the ground taken was lost, but the rest was held including the main trench of the Hohenzollern redoubt. In this assault the British used poisonous gases for the first time. It is a lamentable phase of warfare, but justified because of the diabolical conduct of the Huns in a like regard.

The French are making a violent artillery demonstration in the direction of Lens, and it is regarded as a prelude to another big drive in that quarter.

The news from the Eastern theatre is still reassuring, as far as the Russian operations are concerned.

Sir Edward Grey's statement in the British House regarding the Balkan situation, was couched in the calm and unemotional language so characteristic of the British Foreign Secretary. He made it clear that the feeling among the nations in that region is not one making for union but division, and that nothing excepting a preponderant advantage for the allies would have made any negotiations for concerted action successful. He expressed the opinion that in the long run Greece would have to stand by Serbia. Meanwhile the news despatches state that Germany is trying to force Roumania to define definitely her attitude towards the central powers.

There need be no cause for surprise that at a large public gathering in London, the demand was made that Zeppelin raids should be avenged by similar air attacks upon German cities. It would seem to be necessary, as in the case of poisonous gases, to answer this kind of butchery in kind.

The British Red Cross Society.

The special appeal of the British Red Cross Society has raised many questions in the minds of citizens with regard to the relation of the Canadian Red Cross Society to the British Red Cross Society, and, further, about the work done by the British Red Cross Society.

It should be borne in mind that it was at the Geneva Convention in 1864 that fifteen European nations agreed that neutrals and civilians could help the sick and wounded through Red Cross Societies without being classed as belligerents. This Convention, therefore, underlies the organization and the work of Red Cross Societies. Apart from any other considerations, this Convention itself is sufficient answer to the question which is frequently asked, "Why does not the Government look after the sick and wounded?" The emblem of the Red Cross was adopted and is recognized the world over as indicative of the humanitarian work which is done under it. It is also recognized as a safeguard in that no enemy is supposed to attack or destroy persons, places or property so marked.

As Canada was not an independent nation, and was not, therefore, a party to the Geneva Convention, the Canadian Red Cross Society has its standing and is able to minister to the wants of the sick and wounded through its affiliation with the British Red Cross Society. Although the Canadian Society has certain obligations which it has undertaken to fulfil, it works constantly in co-operation with the parent society. Its Commissioner in England has a seat on the British Council, and thus the closest affiliation of these two organizations is maintained. Both British and Canadian Red Cross Societies are managed by committees, all of whose members give their time freely. It is, therefore, an institution concerning which it may be said that its management is purely voluntary. There are expenses, of course, in connection with the offices, and with the packing, transportation, etc., of the materials sent, but these expenses are kept down to a minimum and all accounts are regularly audited.

The demands made upon the Red Cross agencies by the present war are of such magnitude, and the co-operation with the movements of the Army and Navy so vital, that the whole distribution of supplies and service, medical and otherwise, has been placed under the Director-General of the Army Medical Corps. In this way the Government has co-ordinated all these agencies, and each is able therefore, to work with the maximum of efficiency and with the least possible

loss due to over-lapping. Absolutely no discrimination is made among the men who need help. The British Red Cross Society cares for all alike, whether from the Motherland, from any of the colonies, or from any other of the British possessions. Thus, the British Red Cross Society co-operates with every medical auxiliary in use by the British Army. More than that, its activities are not confined to the British Army. They extend also to the Allied forces, and it has met calls made upon it by all the Allies for doctors, nurses, ambulances and medical supplies. In Serbia in particular, it has been much in evidence in dealing with the typhus epidemic.

The hospital equipment, served in whole or in part by the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, is very complex, and no simple classification would deal with the facts fairly. Beginning just behind the fighting line with field hospitals, farther in the rear clearing hospitals are reached and still farther back base and general hospitals. Again, behind these there are voluntary hospitals of various sorts. Through all these hospitals the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John work. The following summary will give some idea of the demands which these Societies meet:

1. The British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, conjointly furnished auxiliary supplies of all sorts, from ambulances to bandages, to all hospitals of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

2. These Societies have also certain special hospitals which draw on their stores for exclusive support.

3. These Societies supply surgical and other stores to many hundreds of voluntary hospitals recognized by the War Office.

4. These Societies supply additional personnel, doctors, nurses and orderlies, at the request of the War Office, to serve in hospitals, hospital trains, hospital ships and ambulances.

What Gordon Predicted.

Many people with a gift for looking ahead foresaw the present European war. It didn't require extraordinary acumen to predict a great crash after the rise of the Triple Entente as a counterweight to the Triple Alliance. But a remarkable capacity for divination must be conceded to the prophet who way back in 1882 could set "1910 or thereabouts" as the date for a clash between Great Britain and Germany on the issue of world supremacy.

It was an extraordinary man who made this extraordinary prediction—Charles George Gordon ("Chinese Gordon"), an undoubted genius and one of the most picturesque and her-

oic figures in British military history. A letter by Mr. Gordon to Mr. James R. Purdy, dated 1882, has recently been published in the Morning Post of London, from which the following is an extract.

"Every Briton should think of the future of his own country and cause each one to insist on the Government passing a measure for compulsory universal military training. So far as England is concerned, she need not for the next quarter of a century be under any apprehension of serious difficulties arising with any of her European neighbors, but in 1910 or thereabouts there will have arisen a naval power which may prove mightier than she, and should she (Germany) gain the supremacy, England will become extinct both as a sea and a land power, and all her dependencies including India, will fall into Germany's clutches. You may live to see this. I shall not, but when that time comes, remember my words."

In 1882 Germany was not a sea power had no colonies, and had not been bitten by imperialistic ambitions. Bismarck was encouraging France to occupy more African territory and to dispute priority in that region with Great Britain. But Gordon looked far beyond the superficial friction of the hour between Great Britain and France, and had a true vision of Germany's role as the ultimate challenger of Britain's sea power and overseas pretensions.

Gordon was, not a soldier, part statesman, part mystic. It has been granted to few humans to have his immense range of experience or to read the future as clearly as he did.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

President Wilson has had a private telephone wire installed so that he can talk to his fiancée at any time he likes. When it comes to a case of ring or instead of the ring of perhaps he won't be quite so anxious.

Those plucky Serbians continue to stand up to it in great style.

The Kaiser is after two more countries, making an offer to Spain of Morocco and Gibraltar, and to Sweden, Finland, a Grand Duchy of Russia. Instead of delivering these goods and others, it will pretty soon keep his Royal Niblets busy endeavoring to deliver himself.

Henry Ford has donated \$10,000 to the Canadian Red Cross Association. In other words he has offered to put his auto-graph to a cheque for that amount.

The Y. M. C. A. campaign in this city is on behalf of the greatest cause for one of the biggest assets of any country is a clean and virile manhood.

SUGGESTED ROLL OF HONOR

The following letter has been sent by Lt.-Colonel Mewburn, A. A. G., at Niagara to City Clerk Leonard and Mr. James Smith, Township Clerk:

"It is desired by the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence that a Roll of Honor, containing the names of residents of cities, towns, villages and municipalities, who have enlisted in the units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, should be established. It is suggested that this Roll of Honor should be published with additions thereto from time to time in the local newspapers, and that a copy of such roll, after verification and revision, be posted in the municipal hall of the city, town or municipality in question.

3. It is also suggested that parents or other next of kin in the various localities, who have sons or relatives who enlisted in units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, at places other than their own city, town or village should furnish a list of the same to the person compiling the list in the town or locality, so that the Roll of Honor should be as accurate as possible.

4. Care should be taken in the preparation and revision of this Roll of Honor, so that the same should be not only correct as to names and so forth, but that it should include only those who are honorably entitled to be shown thereon.

5. The preliminary Roll of Honor might be sub-divided into members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who have proceeded overseas, and those who are still training in Canada.

6. It is also desirable that a list should be made of members of the active militia employed on guard duty in Canada, but any such list should be kept separate and it does not appear to be entitled to the same honor of being posted in the municipal hall.

7. When these lists have been prepared a copy should be sent forward to the Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa.

The above remarks are forwarded in order that you may establish a Roll of Honor covering your city.

Lieut.-Col. H. Mewburn, A. A. G., Sec. Dir.

Buffalo Next Place

By Special Wire to the Courier. Oakland, Cal., Oct. 15.—The American Prison Association at its closing session last night selected Buffalo, N. Y., as the place of its next meeting. Arthur Pratt of Utah was elected president.

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TAGEBLATT COMMENTS ON DELCASSE

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—(Wireless to Sayville).—The assertion is made by the Tageblatt that Theophile Delcasse, who recently resigned as the foreign minister of France, opposed the landing of troops at Saloniki.

Perceiving that popular opinion in France was turning against him," the Tageblatt adds, "Delcasse seized upon the pretext of the Saloniki expedition as a reason to resign. He was thus able to disappear from the political theatre in the attitude of a man who foresaw calamities and warned the nation while in reality he, together with President Poincare and War Minister Millerand brought about the present situation."

The Vossische Zeitung says: "Delcasse's whole career was based upon the idea of revenge. He entered parliament with a speech in favor of a French-Russian alliance. He always represented the idea of war in Germany. He was inspired by the late King Edward, one of the most active workers for the isolation of Germany. In 1905 Clemenceau thought that Delcasse had disappeared from public life never again to return, but he did reappear and if he is now abandoned for ever by his former associates their decision comes too late for France."

RUSSIA

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of the expeditionary force. An Athens despatch to the Corriere Della Sera says that in exchange for this assistance the entente will furnish Greece funds for keeping up its armaments, and that the National Bank of Greece already has received a credit of 30,000,000 francs (\$60,000,000), from London and Paris.

Paris, Oct. 15.—Russian intervention in the Balkans probably will be preceded by a manifesto issued by Emperor Nicholas as chief protector of all Slavs to the Bulgarians, de-

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Julia Clifford Lathrop told Vassar students they should take courses in the rearing of children.

Marie Weber, maid, seeks \$5,000 for an attack by her mistress' bulldog at Belle Harbor, Long Island.

Geo. Zimmerman, German farmer near Shelbyville, Ill., lent \$2,500 to a clairvoyant to gain a woman's affections and lost everything.

Lord Milner

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hurled back across the Stripa River, in Eastern Galicia, Petrograd asserts the advantage still rests with the Russians, who hold eight miles of the east bank of the river after actions which have virtually separated the Austro-German armies.

Violent actions continue on the Dvinsk front, with little relative change in the positions of the contending armies.

DON'T LIKE THE RAIDS

Irritation is displayed by the press at the failure of the re-organized air craft force for the defense of London to bring down a single Zeppelin of the squadron which attacked the capital on Wednesday night. Demands for reprisals are increasing.

Lists of casualties in the British army published in newspapers here during the first fifteen days of October show a total of 31,055 killed, wounded or missing. Of these 1,443 were officers.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The annual convention of Brant County and City of Brantford Teachers is proving very interesting and instructive. About 200 teachers of the city and county are attending. Much interest is being shown and many points of interest are being brought out. Yesterday afternoon an address on "Sewing" by Miss E. Reynolds of Paris, was much enjoyed as was the talk on "Home Economics in our Schools," by Miss F. McNally of this city. An intelligent discussion was held on the "League of the Empire," several communications being read from various associations. The main point brought out and agreed upon was the closer union of the different parts of the Empire. This morning much interest centred around the topic "Superannuation" handled by Prof. M. A. Mackenzie, M.A. of Toronto. "The Ontario Teachers' Alliance" by Mr. E. S. Hogarth, B.A. of the Collegiate Institute, Hamilton, was both interesting and helpful, some very good points being brought out.

A. F. Britain of Cottonwood, Kan., showed an ear of corn 9 1/2 feet tall. John Slavin of Brooklyn, aged 50, was jailed a month for throwing dishes at his mother.

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WANTS ADMISSION

W. McMeans has applied mission to the House of B is recommended for admission to the Brantford Alliance, being the proceeds of a collection at the union service held in the Colborne Street Methodist Church on Thanksgiving.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

The members of the C a very enjoyable time last when they were entertained at the Hotel. The following were elected for the next year: President, Mr. J. B. Detwiler; Fred Coles; vice, Harry Bunston; social vice, Frank Sloan; sports vice, Will Hermon; secretary, Allen; treasurer, Frank Sloan.

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