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THE SITUATION

The cablegram from London yesterday which announced the taking of Lens was premature. Field Marshal Haig, in his official report, describes what has actually taken place in the words: "Our troops have been pushed slightly forward in the western outskirts of Lens." However, it is not on the cards that the place can remain much longer in German hands. It is the centre of a valuable coal mining district, and German occupation has caused very great hardship to the French in the cutting off of this fuel supply.

The Hun continues to fall back. They are fighting hard rear-guard actions, and their machine-gun nests are proving particularly bothersome, but nothing can materially stop the onward push of the allied troops. Neuve Chapelle and La Bassée are practically in the hands of the British and Cambrai is menaced.

French troops have crossed the Somme and advanced considerably in the Noyon sector.

The Canadians continue to do magnificently. It is the general testimony that the Boche has a distinct dislike to facing them, and that for initiative and resolute work they are unsurpassed.

British airplanes have dropped tons of bombs on Rhine cities, and it is reported that military works and railways have been badly damaged.

KIPLING AND THE AMERICAN INVASION

Whatever Rudyard Kipling writes or says is always of interest. During the war he has been much in demand as a speaker in the Old Land and here is a characteristic address which he recently made at the opening of an American hut in England.

You have done me great honor in asking me to open this hut. At the same time, I should like to point out that you have brought me here under false pretences. I do not pretend to be an expert on huts, and I know that this is a hut, not anything like a hut. (Laughter.) This is a house—a solid building intended for permanent occupation. Several years have passed since England was permanently occupied by the armed forces of a foreign nation. On the last occasion, 800 years ago, our people did not take kindly to the invaders. I know they did not, because I live a few miles from where the Battle of Hastings began and I assure you we are still talking about it. (Laughter.) But if you think one another, if you divide, you may rest assured you will perish.

As far as you are concerned, we are a plaid, not to say pacifist, community. You could not annoy us if you started in to build pyramids. (Laughter.) On the contrary, we should be pleased. We should say: "This looks like business; this looks like the United States meant to stay all they had done their share of the job thoroughly." We have been a long time over our present job, and we may be a long time yet. It has been a little bigger than we expected, because this is the first time since the creation that all the world has been obliged to unite to crush the devil. You remember that before the war one of our easy theories was that the devil was almost extinct, that he was only the child of misfortune or accident, and that we should soon abolish him by passing ringing resolutions against him. That has proved an expensive miscalculation. We find now that the devil is very much alive, and very much what he always was—immensely industrious, a born organizer, and better at quoting Scripture for his own ends than most honest men. (Laughter.) His industry and organization we can deal with, but more difficult to handle is his habit of quoting Scripture as soon as he is in difficulties. When Germany begins to realize that her defeat is certain, we shall be urged in the name of mercy, toleration, loving kindness, for the sake of the future of mankind, or by similar appeals to the inextinguishable vanity of man, who delights in thinking himself holy and righteous, when he is really only

lazy and tired—I say we shall be urged on those high grounds to make some sort of compromise with, or to extend some recognition to, the power which has for its one object the destruction of man, body and soul.

Yet, if we accept these pleas, we shall betray mankind as effectively as though we had turned our backs on the battle from the first. Your own President has said that there is no conceivable half-way house in dealing with the world's enemy. You are going, none too soon, into a world which has been laboriously wrecked by high German philosophy based on the devil's own creed that there is nothing good or evil in life, but thinking makes it so; in other words, that right and wrong are matters of pure fancy. That belief it will be your privilege to assist in removing from the German mind. (Cheers.)

These beliefs are primitive. Except on certain portions of the front, where he has been better educated, he believes that the United States army does not exist. In the first place it could not cross the Atlantic; in the second, it was sunk while crossing; in the third, it is no use when it arrived. It is possible that you may be able to persuade him that he has been misinformed on these points. But we are of a more credulous disposition. We are quite convinced that you have come over, and that the Allied armies at the front, who are authorities on the subject, tell us that your little vanguard there is extremely useful. (Laughter.) Meantime, your invasion of England goes forward according to programme day by day. Unlike the other invaders we have known, you bring everything you need with you, and you do not live on the inhabitants. In this you are true to the historical vow of your ancestors when they said to ours, "Millions for defence, but not a cent for tribute." (Laughter and cheers.)

NOTES AND COMMENTS

When they lose Lens, the German vision of ultimate victory will become that much more obscured.

The Huns are having the ground slip under them in France at about the same rate as their hopes are sliding.

The campaign on behalf of the heroes of the merchant marine has got off to a splendid start, and residents of Brantford and Brant county will be told right in line when their train arrives a little later.

The use of sugar is to be made more limited in Canada, but this will not affect the crop of sweet young things.

The Crown Prince has been giving another interview, just as though anything he may say matters. He belongs to the never wasers.

Hon. Dr. Beland, speaking at the Quebec exhibition, said:

"A few days ago I spoke at Toronto before a gathering of my least 20,000 people, and what I told those people then I now repeat: The extremists of the Province of Ontario may hurt insults at the people of this Province of Quebec; the extremists of the Province of Quebec may hurt insults at the people of Ontario; as for me, that is beneath my dignity. But if you insult one another, if you divide, you may rest assured you will perish."

RAILWAY SHOPMEN GET M'ADOO AWARD

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TROUBLE IS AVERTED

Increases in Wages Under Award Will Aggregate Fifteen Millions

By Courier Leased Wire.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—An agreement was reached this morning between the Canadian Railway War Board, through its labor committee, and the representatives of the Railroad Shopmen's Federation, in regard to demands made for increased wages. The men will be given the McAdoo award offered to United States railway employees and all its amendments. Thirty thousand men in railway shops all over Canada are affected, and the increases in wages will total \$15,000,000 per annum. All the Canadian railways are touched by the decision.

By this agreement the threatened trouble with the employees of the mechanical departments of the roads is removed. The agreement goes into effect either from the date of the expiry of recent agreements or not later, in the case of unexpired agreements, than August 1st. The men's pay is calculated retroactively according to the basic trades are concerned in the agreement. For the railways this affects the largest single spending department. The conclusion of the negotiations is said to be a epoch-making event, as it is the first time in Canadian railway history that all the roads have negotiated as one with such a large and complex body of workers.

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This Physician Would Prevent Widows From Re-Marrying—Save Marriageable Men For Single Women of the Nation, to Raise Birth Rate

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, Sept. 4.—Enactment of a law in Germany to prevent widows from re-marrying so as to leave available men for single women is urged in a letter to the Tag by a Munich doctor, Hans von Hertig. He points out that the widows, through re-marrying after the war would have detrimental effect on the birth rate as most of them are mothers already.

On December 1, 1910, he writes, there were in Germany about 300,000 widows between the ages of 18 and 45. At a very modest estimate there are now 800,000.

WEDDING BELLS RING AT PARIS

Miss Mary Byers Became the Bride of Geo. Gourlay Today

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

(From our own Correspondent) Paris, Sept. 4.—A quiet but pretty wedding took place this Wednesday at high noon, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. S. B. Wale, Mark street, Paris Station, when Mary (Mayme), eldest daughter of Mr. Harry Byers, Emily street, was united in marriage to Mr. George D. Gourlay, son of Mrs. Jane Gourlay, of Ayr. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Nicholson, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The bride was becomingly gowned in gray duchess satin with touches of old rose, and carried a bouquet of white roses and lily of the valley. The groom's wedding march was ably rendered by Mrs. A. J. Simon, cousin of the bride, as the party entered the room, and while the register was being signed, Miss Jessie Gourlay, sister of the groom, sang very sweetly, "Because." After the ceremony, dainty refreshments were served. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay left for points west, the bride travelling in a smart tailored suit of dark blue, with small taupe hat. Both the bride and groom are very popular, and were the recipients of an unusually large number of valuable gifts. Owing to a recent bereavement, the groom's brother having been killed in action on the western front, only immediate relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay will reside in Paris.

Miss Ida McFadden received official news yesterday that her nephew, Pte. Herman Clyde McFadden, had died of wounds in No. 47 casualty clearing station in France, on August 26th. He had been two years in France. Deceased was born in Carleton Place, and enlisted at Kingston. Having resided in town, he was well known here.

At the residence of Mr. John McCormick, South Dumfries, a very pleasant event took place the other evening, when Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hilborn of Paris, were presented with a handsome silver tea service on the anniversary of their 25th wedding. Mr. John Harrold, M.P., presided, while Mayor Robinson read an appropriately worded address, and Mrs. (Dr.) Duntun made the presentation. Short addresses were given during the evening, and good musical program rendered. Mr. Hilborn, although taken very much by surprise, made a suitable reply. Before separating, a dainty repast was served, after which all present expressed the hope that the esteemed couple would long be spared to enjoy each other's company.

The customs receipts for Paris for the month of August were \$10,170,87, as against \$15,350.89 for the corresponding month in 1917, showing a decrease of \$5,180.02.

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. Harry Byers the other evening, when the bride-to-be, Miss M. Byers, was tendered a miscellaneous shower by the members of the Junction Knitting Club, as also members of Balmoral Rebekah Lodge. Later games and music and dainty refreshments passed a jolly hour.

On Monday morning a pretty wedding was solemnized at the Baptist Church, when Miss Kathleen Heard was united in marriage to Mr. Howard E. Powers of St. Catharines. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Lawton. The bride was prettily gowned in Georgette crepe, and carried a bouquet of roses. Mrs. John Powers acted as maid of honor, while Mr. G. Harford assisted the groom; both were from St. Catharines. After the ceremony a dainty repast was served at the home of the bride's mother on Dumfries street. Later the young couple left on a short honeymoon trip West, amid showers of confetti and best wishes. The bride travelled in a suit of navy blue broadcloth with hat to match. There was a great blowing of the factory whistles and ringing of bells at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when news that the British

and Canadian troops had captured Lens. For some twenty minutes it was as if Bedlam had been let loose. Parisians have not had a chance to "demonstrate" for some time, and so took full advantage of it. Let-her-go-Gallagher for all it was worth yesterday.

The Misses Austin of Hamilton have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. A. Voisey.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Toronto were visiting with their son, Mr. W. Johnson.

What might have resulted in a bad fire last night was averted by the timely discovery of same, at the home of Mr. John Harold, Riverview Terrace. It seems their son, a lad, had been searching for a book in a clothes closet with a lighted candle when by some means one of the garments must have become ignited. Fortunately the blaze was discovered and put out before the brigade arrived. It was around ten o'clock when it happened.

MOMENT

(Continued from Page 1.) annihilation only for the enemy, not for us. We wanted to annihilate none of our enemies. We mean, however, to hold our own.

Regarding the American forces in France, the crown prince said: "I have found that the majority don't know what they are fighting for, but we feel, of course, the effect of the American presence. They have sent over very much material, and are now sending very much human material."

The crown prince said: "The word 'victory' must not be understood to mean that we want to annihilate the enemy, but only that we mean to hold our own and not let ourselves be vanquished. The moment England entered the war, that was clear to me, and I always emphasized it. When the interviewer remarked that the Crown Prince was considered abroad a 'fire-eater,' he answered: 'I am aware of these accusations. Do I need to say that not a word of them is true?'

Reverting to the question of what nation wanted the war, he declared that "it was clear that England would take advantage of the opportunity."

"Belgium, after all, was only a pretext," he continued. "England intervened because German competition was unbearable."

"We are fighting for our existence. I repeat our aim therefore can only be to safeguard ourselves. 'The enemy assault doubtless will continue for some time,' the Crown Prince said with regard to the fighting on the western front, "but our enemies must themselves see that they will not be able to attain their aim. Our troops are fighting splendidly and I attribute to their courage that such colossal superiority in strength does not crush us."

He said further: "The French fight brilliantly and are bleeding to death. They do not hesitate at any sacrifice. With the English, the individual man is very good and tenacious, but the leadership is deficient. Among the Americans I've found that the majority do not know what they are fighting for. I asked an American prisoner what they were fighting for and he answered: 'For Alsace, and to the question: "Where is Alsace?" "It is a big lake."

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THE WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS, AUTHOR OF "MARGARET GARRETT'S HUSBAND," AND OTHER NOTABLE STORIES.

RUTH IS VERY HAPPY TO BE BACK IN HER SOUTHERN HOME.

CHAPTER XIV.

Ruth sang all the time she was packing to go home. She couldn't help it. She visioned her aunt's delight, the beaming face of mammy Rachel, the greetings of her friends and the house servants (each one had been there when she came, a little girl of ten). Oh, it would be glorious to be with them all once more!

Only three months had passed, but it seemed three years since she had gone to the little church and promised to be a faithful wife to Brian. So much had been crowded in that short time, so much that she hated, as well as so much of joy, that the time seemed long. The housework went unnoticed, and she huddled and kissed them indiscriminately, to old Rachel's disgust.

"You shoo! ain't no call to kiss old Pete!" she grumbled. "It ain't lady-like."

"Never mind, mammy Rachel! I was so glad to see them I would have kissed Pete if he had been twice as old and twice as black."

Mrs. Clayborne, noting the warmth of Ruth's greetings, her ready tears and happy smiles, drew her own conclusions. "Take her upstairs and clean her up, mammy," she said to Rachel. "Oh, ain't this lovely!" Ruth exclaimed as she lay in the tub of warm water, made fragrant with her favorite bath-salts.

"Who tends to go to bath to home misery Ruth? I shoo! would I take to."

"Oh, Rachel dear! I fix my own bath, then get in and out again quickly, so that I can get it washed out for Brian. It isn't half so nice as having you."

"You wash you own tub?" unbelief in the question. "Yes. And I'll tell you a secret, Rachel: I guess I am lucky to have one to wash—considering."

Poor old mammy was puzzled. She half understood, but thought Ruth was joking. That her "chile," her baby, should do menial work, was beyond her comprehension.

Ruth insisted upon going to work at once, although Mrs. Clayborne urged her to wait until she was rested. Her keen eyes had not failed to note the weary look in Ruth's eyes, the red and roughened hands.

"She does her own work—I wonder if he can't afford even a single servant?" Mrs. Clayborne mused, but said nothing.

Ruth threw herself heart and soul into the plans for beautifying the old living room. She sent for painters and decorators to follow out her own original designs. She ordered brocades and wonderful stuffs for recovering the furniture and for hangings. She hardly took time to return the calls made upon her, or to receive her friends, so enthusiastic was she.

Then one day Peggy Sutton said to her: "The first thing we know, I reckon we will be hearing you have gone into business! They say it is quite a fad up North!"

"Oh no—but I do love to do over rooms and houses." Yet in spite of her denial, Peggy's careless remark remained with her, and there was a day that she didn't think how much happier she was doing such work, than in doing the homely tasks in Brian's home. If only he were there, with her, she would be almost too happy.

To-morrow—Mrs. Clayborne Pays Ruth generously for her work.

Your Problems Solved??

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.

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Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, marital, social and 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 Woman of the Street—"A Social Worker" wants to know, "What should be the attitude of the church to a fallen woman?" If this woman is still living in her sin the church should have some means of trying to influence her to forsake her wicked ways. When I lived in London, England, a band of earnest Christians held a midnight meeting every night of the week, composed exclusively of such women. They were treated to coffee and bread and butter and then a religious meeting was held, conducted by devoted men and women and by this means many of the poor creatures were reclaimed.

Quarrelling Church Members—"A Puzzled Man" inquires, "Two members of the same church and of the same lodge, are engaged in a legal battle, is it possible that either or both are Christians?" It is a thousand pities that any church or lodge should permit its members to go to law until an effort has been made by the church or lodge concerned to settle the dispute. One cannot dogmatize, but it is scarcely possible to believe that both the litigants are followers of Jesus Christ. Men who love one another do not need to go to law to settle their disputes. Your problems solved.

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