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THE WAR SITUATION.

Although it is reported that the Grand Vizier of Turkey has apologized for the unwise acts of Turkish warships in the Black Sea, it is difficult to attach credence to explanations he may offer as to reported Turkish activities in Egypt. An invasion of a possession of a friendly power cannot be undertaken in cold blood and explained away as a mistake afterwards. There can be no doubt that Turkey, in her position of hostility to the Allies, has been actuated by German counsel, and in such event explanations must fail of their effect. If Turkey has taken the step under advice of Britain's enemies then it should be too late for her to attempt to avoid direct responsibility for her action.

The Russian ultimatum to Bulgaria appears to have had some effect, although whether the government at Sofia will array itself with the Allies or against them remains to be seen. It is stated, however, that the second line of the Bulgarian army will be mobilized and all put in readiness for active participation in the conflict.

On the fighting lines in Flanders and France, the day has brought little or no change. The German attacks continue with violence but the Allies are still holding their ground and in some places have made substantial advances. It appears that, in that zone, the corner has been turned and from now on the reports should tell of repeated successes for the Allied armies.

On the Eastern war front the Russians report to have successfully contended with the enemy, and to have driven them back at some points. The weather, which is expected to prove a powerful ally of the Russians, is growing colder, and the Czar's Government is reported to be making preparations for an especially aggressive campaign with the first approach of winter. Although the situation continues to give reason for optimism.

WIFE BEATERS AND THE LASH.

The following interesting letter found a place in The Standard's mail yesterday.

Friday,

Editor Standard,

Sir,—Do you not agree with me that the stories of wife beaters, so-called, are entirely too one-sided and sweetly sentimental in favor of the "sweet" women. For God's sake attack this question which is unbearably preposterous and puerile. A secret investigation into such quarrels would reveal the woman a devil. A few editorials in your paper lately relative to questions somewhat along these lines were intellectually choice. Man is spiritually and potentially identical with woman, therefore we want no "lash" as suggested by our Judge—playing to the ladies, is he?

Sincerely,

ALL FOR MAN.

Just what to do with a wife who comes under the classification used by our anonymous correspondent is a matter which has not yet crossed the ken of the editor of this newspaper. We lack experience with that sort of lady, as with men who hold views similar to those expressed in the foregoing communication. Possibly there are occasions when a man, presumably he is a man, might feel justified in going into his closet and pouring his soul out in an effort to settle in his own mind whether, in debates with his wife, it is better to use the intellect given him or an axe-handle, but on general principles the gentle practice of wife beating is hardly to be recommended as a substitute for the conventional parlor games.

The Police Magistrate, probably, harbors ideas on the question somewhat similar to our own, and his suggestion that the lash should be used for wife-beaters may be traceable to those ideas. Personally, we are unable to advise, as whether or not a man shall beat his wife is distinctly a matter to be settled by the individual. If the writer of The Standard letter has a wife, we would incline to the opinion that she did not "edit his copy" or, if she did and allowed it to pass muster, she is an extraordinary censor.

We are afraid we cannot give our approval to wife beating as an indoor sport, even though our failure to do so may lower us in the esteem of our novel correspondent.

A SUGGESTION.

A report of yesterday states that the Mayor of Westmont has received a letter from a friend in the United States, in which the latter relates a conversation he overheard, the subject of which had to do with a possible invasion of Canada by Germans living across the border. At the same time, reports from different centres in the Dominion tell of the arrest of suspicious characters, German or Austrian residents, who are attempting to make their way home to fight, or else are suspected of being spies.

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or Austrian in Canada, can hardly be blamed if he shows a natural desire to rejoin his flag. A Canadian in either Germany or Austria would be regarded by his fellows as poor stuff if he did not show a similar disposition, but, at the same time, there could be no reason for blaming the German or Austrian authorities if they took steps to prevent him getting out of the country. The same argument applied to the case of aliens in Canada affords ample reason why the authorities should arrest and hold in custody citizens of the countries with which we are at war, who attempt to leave Canada to report themselves to their regiments.

At the same time there is another precaution which might be taken here as it has already been taken in some Canadian centres. All residents of German or Austrian origin should be required to register themselves with the authorities, under penalty of imprisonment if they failed to comply with the order. There have been no discoveries of German or Austrian spies in this city, but as the winter season approaches, and the St. Lawrence port is closed to navigation, St. John becomes of more importance in connection with Canada's participation in Empire warfare. Already, remounts for the British army are being shipped through this port. The New Brunswick regiment of the second Canadian contingent will be mobilized here, and this will be an important centre for the shipment of foodstuffs and supplies during the winter months. While there may be no danger, nor cause for alarm, it is as well to be prepared, and a measure compelling all aliens of German or Austrian birth, now residing in St. John or vicinity, to report themselves to the authorities so they could be kept under surveillance, if adopted and carried into effect now might prove of value in the future. If there is no need for it, no harm can be done by its passage, but it might remove cause for regret in future if it could be shown that precautions which might have been valuable had not been neglected.

Members of the staff of The Standard lost an esteemed friend in the death of Rupert E. Walker, who passed suddenly away last evening. The late Mr. Walker, for several years was engaged in journalism in St. John and until ill-health caused him to retire from active work, was a valued member of the staff of this paper, as city editor and editor, successively. He was a man of genial temperament and kindly disposition and the members of his family, in their bereavement, will have the sincere sympathy of his former colleagues in local newspaperdom.

Turkey has apologized for the occurrences in the Black Sea. If the apology is implemented by the immediate dismantling of the Goeben and Breslau and the abandonment of the Turkish invasion of Egypt, it might be considered. But it is unlikely that the European powers forming the Triple Entente will be satisfied with the usual brand of Turkish reparations. This time the Sick Man of Europe has gone too far to hope to escape punishment by the use of empty words.

The Kaiser's march to Calais is proving almost as big a failure as his celebrated dash to Paris.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

(Toronto Mail and Empire)
Occasionally we come across instances where shabbiness gets its richly merited reward. A despatch from London tells of a large department store there which, it appears, gave with much ostentation \$50,000 to the Prince of Wales's Relief Fund. At the same time it is understood to have reduced the number of its staff by almost half. Thus, while it was publicly so generous of aid toward relief of the poor, it seems to have been throwing out of work large numbers of employees dependent upon their weekly wages for a living. Knowledge of this coming to the Royal ears not only was the cheque returned, we are told, but, according to the story, the Royal patronage, much sought by London merchants, was withdrawn. The story has got abroad, and that, of course, would do more damage to the reputation of the store than several times the \$50,000 would pay for.

It is an old saying that charity should begin at home. In the many difficult situations in which large employers of labor find themselves when dealing with the war depression, it may not always be possible for them to maintain full staffs. Whenever that can be done, even at some loss of profits, it ought to be done. But the position of firms or individuals that give ostentatiously to public causes, and then close out employees, is surely unenviable. Tactics of that type bring no gain. In fact, there is a public reaction that entirely negatives any advertising value the public gift may have had. It is a very safe rule for business concerns to look after their employees first of all, and then, if they are able, extend their benevolence. A house that does that is honored wherever its name is.

A Chant of Hate Against England.

BY ERNST LISAUER IN "JUGEND."

An illustration of the intense animosity against England prevailing in Germany.

(Rendered into English verse by Barbara Henderson.)

French and Russian, they matter not,
A blow for a blow and a shot for a shot
We love them none the less, we hate them not.
We hold the Weichsel and Vosges-gate,
We have but one and only hate,
We love as one, we hate as one,
We have one foe and one alone—
ENGLAND!

In the Captain's Mess, in the banquet hall,
Sat feasting the officers, one and all.
Like a sabre-blow, like the swing of a sail,
One seized his glass held high to hail;
Sharp-snapped like the stroke of a rudder's play,
Spoke three words only: "To the Day!"

Whose glass this fate?
They had all but a single hate.
Who was thus known?
They had one foe and one alone—
ENGLAND!

Take you the folk of the Earth in pay,
With bars of gold your ramparts lay,
Bedeck the ocean with bow on bow,
Ye reckon well, but well enough now,
French and Russian they matter not,
A blow for a blow, a shot for a shot,
We fight the battle with bronze and steel,
And the time that we count, Peace will seal.
You will we hate with a lasting hate,
We will never forego our hate,
Hate by water, and hate by land,
Hate of the head and hate of the hand,
Hate of the hammer and hate of the crown,
Hate of seventy millions, choking down,
We love as one, we hate as one,
We have one foe and one alone—
ENGLAND!

—New York Times.

A REPLY.

In reply to the above, and on the day of its publication, the New York Times received the following from Beatrice M. Barry:

French and Russian, they matter not,
For England only your wrath is hot;
But little Belgium is so small
You never mentioned her at all—
Or did her graveyards yawning deep,
Whisper that silence was discreet?

For Belgium is waste! Ay, Belgium is waste!
She weathers in the blood of her sons,
And the ruins that fill the little place
Speak of the vengeance of the Hun.
"Come, let us stand at the Judgment place,"
German and Belgian, face to face,
What can you say? What can you do?
What will history say of you?
For even the Hun can only say
That little Belgium lay in his way.
Is there no reckoning you must pay?
What of the justice of that "Day"?
Belgium one voice—Belgium one cry
Shrieking her wrongs, indicted by
GERMANY!

In her ruined homesteads, her trampled fields,
You have taken your toll, you have set your seal;
Her women are homeless, her men are dead,
Her children pitifully cry for bread;
Perchance they will drink with you—"To the Day!"
Let each man construe it as he may.
What shall it be?
They, too, have but one enemy:
Whose work is this?
Belgium has but one word to hiss—
GERMANY!

Take you the pick of your fighting men
Trained in all warlike arts, and then
Make of them all a human wedge
To break and shatter your sacred pledge;
You may fling your treaty lightly by,
But that "scrap of paper" will never die!
It will go down to posterity,
It will survive in eternity,
Truly you hate with a lasting hate;
Think you you will escape that hate?
"Hate by water and hate by land;
Hate of the head and hate of the hand."
Take you care lest it hem you in,
Lest the hate you boast of be your's alone,
And curses, like chickens, find roost at home
GERMANY!

Valor Of The French.

(From The London Times)

Much lies behind these pithy and modest daily reports from the French Minister of War. The advance here, the village taken there, and the fierce fighting of the world has ever seen. Competent observers who have of late visited the front report that the French army is displaying heroic valor in this mighty struggle. For weeks now the French troops, only aided on one section of their line by our own gallant countrymen, have held up the enemy at every point where they have had to face the most formidable attacks, and have repeatedly repulsed them. They have won ground at places after place. The heavy losses of the Germans, which are now admitted even in Berlin, attest their unconquerable heroism. The French army has always enjoyed an incomparable reputation for intrepidity in attack. Since this war began it has earned fresh and

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the profoundest admiration the ceaseless struggle which the French army is maintaining with so much skill and success. It retains entire confidence in the strategy of General Joffre, and is proud to know that the British army is fighting under his direction, side by side with his brave troops. It discerns in the stern courage of France a determination equal to its own. Shoulder to shoulder, the allies in the west will continue to wage this war with unflinching zeal until France is cleared of the foe, until the Belgian nation is restored to the possession of its own country, and until the menace of Prussian domination which has so long brooded over Europe is shattered for ever.

The Late E. L. Jewett

The funeral of Edward L. Jewett took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 12 Queen Square. The general esteem in which the deceased was held was made manifest by the lengthy cortege. There was a beautiful floral offering from No. 1 Company of the Fire Department. A large number of beautiful floral offerings from private individuals bore mute testimony of the respect which the deceased commanded from his fellow men. The obsequies were conducted by the Rev. J. J. McCaskill. Nephews of the deceased bore the pall. His remains were laid to rest in Fernhill cemetery.

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