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The Situation.

The halt still continues in connection with the German drive on Verdun. For what reason, does not definitely appear and the experts are all at sea as to what will next be attempted by the foe.

Aerial fights continue to become more and more of a marked feature, as also offensive operations at sea.

President Wilson and His Stand.

That President Wilson can take a firm and courageous stand in domestic matters is abundantly shown by his decision to force the hand of Congress in the affair of a direct vote touching the ship controversy with Germany.

The High Cost of Living.

In a supplementary report the Commission appointed with regard to the above subject, forwards a comparison of prices in the years 1900 and 1914. They show an advance of approximately 80 per cent.

1914. While the better paid classes have perhaps improved their housing standards, and while, insofar as construction materials are concerned, the tendency is towards a more permanent type of dwelling, the unskilled and immigrant classes in the larger cities are crowded together to a degree that is new in the history of the country.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It is rumored that Mayor Bowly likes Pittsburgh so well that he has decided to stay in the place and become their chief magistrate.

Leader Rocell in the Ontario House heartily congratulated Premier Hearst upon his return to health. That's the proper feeling between public men.

Toronto had a great military parade yesterday, when 17,000 men in khaki marched through the streets. This Dominion is right on the job when it comes to standing by the old British lion.

Twenty-two more citizens paid no speak for neglecting to clean their snow from their sidewalks in the police court yesterday—Toronto Globe.

What the said walks were doing in court, goodness only knows, unless they were of the jagged variety.

No Compromise

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ators and representatives should speak with one voice and with the country free from political bias. We should wear our hearts on our sleeves so we may know our positions exactly.

The President's attitude is this: He supports the contention that belligerent merchantmen have the right to bear arms for defensive purposes, but he does not say, nor do I, and I doubt if anyone does, what constitutes defensive purposes.

A LAWLESS ACT. Furthermore, if a German warship without warning should attack and sink a merchantman, the President proposes to consider the attack a lawless act. He will be disposed to hold the German Government to strict accountability, and if the German government persisted, he would be tempted to sever diplomatic relations and submit the matter to Congress.

Washington, March 2.—Congress met to-day with a clear-cut issue pending between President Wilson and the official leaders of the House on the armed ship controversy.

NO COMPROMISE.

After a day of conferences and inaction by the House Foreign Affairs committee, word went forth from the White House last night that the President would accept no compromise; that he wanted Congress to pass upon one of the pending resolutions and that no resolution of confidence in the administration or other device to prevent members from recording their position would be acceptable.

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seek data at the State Department on the negotiations with Germany, and to report back to a committee meeting before the House convened for today's session.

Obituary

ELIZABETH DOUGHERTY. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon of Elizabeth Dougherty, 43 Sheridan street to St. Joseph's cemetery. Rev. Father Dogorsky officiated.

JAMES KEW. There passed peacefully away a highly respected resident in the person of James Kew, in his 83rd year. His demise took place yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. Silverthorne, 20 Walter street.

RUSSIAN STEAMER HAS BEEN SUNK

LONDON, March 2.—The Russian steamship Alexander Wentzel has been sunk. Eighteen of the crew were drowned and eleven rescued.

The Alexander Wentzel was reported in the latest available shipping records as having arrived at Cardiff, on January 23. The steamer was of 2,838 gross tons, was 325 feet long and 48 feet beam. She was built at West Hartlepool in 1899 and was owned by the Northern Steamship Company of Petrograd.

Local News

TALK TO GIRLS. Miss A. M. Ritchie gave a talk to the Y.W.C.A. girls last night on the "Present War in Bible Land."

RELIEF FUNDS. The Belgium Relief Secretary has acknowledged the receipt of \$178.00 from Brantford, and the Serbian Relief has acknowledged receipt of \$18.00.

STILL UNCLAIMED. The "Patriotic Fund" horse is still unclaimed. He is a fine animal, but will soon get off his feed if nobody calls for him.

MUST PAY DAMAGES. The case of Mrs. Craven vs. Brantford Township was heard yesterday before Judge Hardy in the county judges' court, and he gave a verdict that the plaintiff was entitled to \$100.

ROSS NOT FOR TORONTO. Toronto, March 2.—Sam Ross, the young southpaw of the Ottawa Canadian league team who is now with the New York Yankees at their training camp, and who was wanted by the Toronto club, is not available for the Leafs.

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An Avalanche. London, March 2.—A despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says that twenty persons have been killed and many injured by avalanches in the southern Tyrol.

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No troops in the world could have resisted it.

The last critical moment was late the same night and early Sunday morning when the Germans made desperate attempts to recover Douaumont by attacks, first from Louvemont along the road leading up to Bras village on the plateau, and second, by a later and less determined stab at turning Douaumont from the south by advance across the plateau near Vaux.

"We could concentrate nearly all the forts on the latter effort, which

was weakened by the Germans having to climb a narrow ravine and descend on a narrow front, affording us an easy mark, but the Bras fighting was quite a different affair and might have been very serious, if not actually critical.

"As the Germans advanced they were sheltered in the ravine from our guns on the plateau to their left, and by the Poivre and Tatou spurs from our batteries across the river, but it was the latter on Charny heights that finally smashed them when they reached charging distance. I saw them myself. It was just as if the plateau edge had been mined. The explosions were so continuous that the whole section was covered with a cloud of smoke through which one saw flashes.

"On came the lines of men in which huge rents were being torn, but which always seemed to fill up again, and over everything was a shower of earth, trees, and limbs of bodies flung into the air continually. They actually managed to advance

some distance; then our batteries joined in, and they simply lay down in rows.

"The Germans may talk of their howitzers, but our artillery is infinitely more effective. The gunners literally fire to an inch. At Verdun it was especially well organized. The commander is a wonder. You know '93." He showed the Germans what French artillery meant at the first battle of Verdun in 1914, when he smashed a whole Bavarian division with three batteries of "seventy-fives."

"He gets there because he insists on seeing everything himself—never leaves things to chance or to others. It is no exaggeration to say that he planned every round at Verdun. He is a little, slim, nervous chap, with a short, square, gray beard and brown complexion. He has the habit of appearing at unexpected moments, and woe betide any wretched local commander who hasn't got everything just as it should be.

"It is men like him—and there are

plenty of others—will win this war for France. You know if Frenchmen are properly led they can go anywhere. That's a truism as old as Napoleon.

"The end of the war may be nearer than most persons imagine. Anyway, as regards Verdun, there is no longer cause for anxiety. We have had time to bring up supplies and reinforcements, and the more fighting is prolonged the less chance the Germans have. Then perhaps, when they abandon the attack, dispirited, we may have something to say which the enemy may not find so easy to answer."

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