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THE WAR NEWS.

The Russian minister of war asserts that the German reports of a great victory in Poland are a pure invention. It is evident from what he says, and from the official reports that the situation of the German armies in the east is no more satisfactory than in the west.

There is a report from Amsterdam that large bodies of German infantry are being sent through Aix-la-Chapelle to the front in France and Belgium, but the Allies, who have been steadily gaining ground for more than a week past, are now in sufficient strength to withstand successfully any attack that may be made.

The latest reports show that Serbia's recent victory over Austria was decisive, and that the Austrian losses were enormous. In Austria and Hungary also the people must be beginning very seriously to ask themselves what they have to gain by this war.

An Associated Press correspondent says that M. Guyot, a French statistician, estimates that there are now in the field for all the belligerent countries 18,800,000 men, with another 10,000,000 in reserve.

A NOBLE UTTERANCE

The Premier of France yesterday delivered before the assembled Chamber of Deputies an address on the war tant must not only arouse the deepest interest among the French people, but also challenge the admiration of the world.

"Faithful to the signature that she attached to the treaty of September 4, 1914, and to which she pledged her honor, that is to say her life, France, in accord with her allies, will not sheathe her sword until after taking vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French Fatherland, the provinces ravished from her by force, restored heroic Belgium to its fullness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed; to the end that it be possible to re-construct, on a basis of justice, a Europe finally regenerated."

After a splendid tribute to the courage, patience and endurance of the French people, and to the heroes in the trenches, Premier Viviani pointed out that the country was in an excellent financial condition to meet the expenses of the war and there are on every side proofs of the great economic strength of the country.

"Gentlemen, the day of final victory has not yet come, and until it does our task will be one of great difficulty. The way may be long, and for this let us prepare our spirits, and be ever courageous. We have inherited the greatest burden of glory that any people can carry. Already the country has agreed to make every sacrifice that its duty entails. If this contest is the most gigantic ever recorded in history, it is not because the people are hurling themselves into warfare to conquer territory, to win enlargement of material life and reform, and political advantages, but because they are struggling to determine the fate of the world."

Premier Viviani here gives noble expression to the soul of France, a worthy ally of Britain and of heroic Belgium in this great struggle in behalf of honor

THE BARBARIANS.

The Germans are making the Belgians pay for Christmas festivities for the German soldiers. That's a fine Christian spirit, when so many hundreds of thousands of Belgians are starving. We recall the statement of Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg in August in regard to Belgium. He said: "We were compelled to override the just protests of the Luxembourg and Belgian governments. The wrong—I speak frankly—that we are committing we will endeavor to make good as soon as our military goal has been reached."

Some Germans still appear to think their Zeppelins will win the victory for them. Thus far the Zeppelins have done nothing.

The National Fire Protection Association of the United States issues a timely illustrated bulletin, which is circulated here by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, warning people to guard against fire caused by carelessness in handling Christmas decorations.

The Times said yesterday that the unfortunate at home would not be forgotten by St. John people this Christmas. Substantial proof of the prevalence of the spirit of good will has since come to hand, and if all the kindly acts of these winter days were recorded there would be no space for war news.

AMBASSADOR'S WIFE AIDED AMERICANS IN FRANCE.

Mrs. Myron T. Herrick, wife of the returning ambassador to France, who has returned to America, had a trying experience in the French war zone. Mrs. Herrick was her husband's chief aid in his excellent work in relieving stranded Americans in Paris at the outbreak of the war.

MESSAGE TO MOSLEMS.

Told Kaiser Wants Turkey as a Vassal. The text of the message addressed to the Moslems in India and in other British dominions by the Aga Khan, declaring that Turkey, having allowed herself to be made the tool of Germany, is given as follows in the Calcutta Englishman.

"With deep sorrow I find that the Turkish government, having joined hands with Germany, acting under German orders, is madly attempting to wage a most unprovoked war against such mighty sovereigns as the King-Emperor and the Czar of Russia. This is not the true and free will of the Sultan, but of German officers and other non-Moslems who have forced him to their bidding. Germany and Austria have been no disinterested friends of Islam, and while one took Bosnia the other has long been plotting to become the suzerain of Asia Minor and Mesopotamia, including Kerkala, Nejeff and Bagdad.

"If Germany succeeds, which Heaven forbid, Turkey will become only a vassal of Germany, and the Kaiser's resident will be the real ruler of Turkey, and will control the holy cities. No Islamic interest was threatened in this war, and our relation was not in peril, nor was Turkey in peril, for the British and Russian empire and the French Republic had offered solemnly to guarantee Turkey all her territories in complete independence if she had remained at peace.

"Turkey was the trustee of Islam, and the whole world was content to let her hold our holy cities in her keeping. Now that Turkey has so disastrously shown herself a tool in German hands she has not only ruined herself but has lost her position of trustee of Islam and evil will overtake her. Turkey has been persuaded to draw the sword in an unholy cause from which she could be but ruined, whatever else happened, and she will lose her position as a great nation, for such mighty sovereigns as the King-Emperor and the Czar can never be defeated.



ROYAL YEAST LIGHTER VEIN. For Winter Use. The motor goggles mother wore. Last summer, now are cook's—She wears them peeling onions and They're not at all for looks.

Megaphone Youngster. "What do you suppose makes that baby cry so awfully loud?" "Why, both its parents are hard of hearing, you know."

Gather Ye Roses While Ye May. "Gerold and Vanessa are to be married. I get the credit for making the match."

"Are you all the credit you can get, my dear. In a few years they may be giving you the blame."

A Daughter's Laughter. With increasing amusement he laughed. Because of his daughter's wild laughter; Then he said: "Though I seem to be daunted, I am sure that my daughter is daughter."

Likely. Judge—Officer, what's the matter with the prisoner—tell her to stop that crying—she's been at it fifteen minutes. (More sobs.) Officer—Please, sir, I'm a'thinkin' she wants to be hauled out.

A Combination Name. A new teacher found that a little negro girl was named Fertilizer Johnson.

"Are you sure that Fertilizer is your right name?" she was asked. "Yes, ma'am," replied the little girl. "Well, tell your mother to come here," said the teacher.

The mother came the next day. "Yes, Fertilizer is right," she said. "You see, I named her after her father and mother both. Her father's name is Ferdinand and my name is Liza, so we called her Fertilizer."

To Stand It. Grateful Patient—"By the way, I should be glad if you would send in your bill soon."

Eminent Physician—"Never mind about that, my dear madam; you must get quite strong first"—Philadelphia Record.

The Only Way He Could. Howler—I made quite an impression with my voice last night. Hinkley—What did you do? Sing into a phonograph somewhere?

Unfair Advantage. James—The rain falls alike on the just and unjust. Jones—True, but the unjust man is generally provided with the just man's umbrella.

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ALCOHOL AND WAR.

(By Sir James Creighton-Brown, in the Observer, London.) When the history of the present great and terrible war comes to be written it will, I believe, be found that alcohol actively and negatively, in its progress and final issue. It has been responsible, I believe, in some degree for the hideous and barbarities perpetrated in Belgium and France by the soldiers of Germany, cruelties and barbarities which have deprived her of the moral support of the civilized world.

On the other hand, the withdrawal of alcohol by Russia, by means of her decree prohibiting the sale of vodka, a fertile source of demoralization and disease, will be found to have strengthened her arm and helped her to those victories she is achieving and to that sustained resistance necessary to conduct this atrocious war to a triumphant finish in Berlin.

We have innumerable substitutes that possess some of alcohol's attractive qualities without its drawbacks. Look at tea. I sometimes think that tea should be sold with an A instead of two Es, for tea has been one of the saviors of mankind. I verily believe that but for the introduction of tea and coffee Europe might have drunk itself to death.

I recollect a great surgeon, Mr. Lawson last, telling me—I always operate at nine o'clock in the morning, and I find that if I take wine at dinner the previous evening, even only a pint of claret, my fingers are not just as exact and nimble as they are when I have had no wine at all, and so I never take wine or any stimulant when I have to operate.

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