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THE SITUATION.

Whether Lord Kitchener proposes with General Joffre to force the issue of the war throughout the winter, or whether the Germans will continue its prosecution with great energy, is a live question just now with military experts, who are watching every turn in the conflict day by day.

of Belgium fled before the advance of the German soldiers as they would flee from a scourge of God?

Reports of atrocities committed by the various armies are constantly brought to the attention of the public, particularly the public of neutral nations. Wise men naturally discount such reports, allowing for exaggeration and angry spirits.

We do not doubt that, when they learn the truth about Belgium's fate, the German people at home will stand aghast before the crime of their military leaders. For no man has yet uttered any reasonable argument against the action of Belgium in asserting her national self-respect by defending her neutrality.

In some quarters Great Britain is accused of a militarism not much of an improvement over that of Germany. History will admit, however, that the exemplification of her war spirit Germany has given in her treatment of Belgium has no parallel in British history.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Von Kluck isn't surrounded to-day, nor the Crown Prince killed.

War operations in Flanders at present seem to be stuck in the mud.

Why should the Toronto garrison be mobilized and the public scared when we have the Monroe doctrine?

Over ninety per cent. of the inhabitants of Africa are at war. Why call the present conflict a European affair?

The war news has been particularly dull recently. The Serbians haven't captured 40,000 Austrians for some weeks.

Christmas is coming, but "Peace on earth and good-will to all men" seems just now a long way removed from Yuletide.

The Zeppelins have not raided London yet, nor have they dropped a bomb on British warships. Cheer up, pessimists.

In the names of the 25th Dragoons leaving to-day for active service it is a pleasure to note that the contingent is well represented by native-born Canadians.

WHERE GERMANY IS UNMASKED.

The world has not yet visualized in all its horror the German destruction of Belgium. This feature of the European war has yet to sink into the consciousness alike of non-combatant and belligerent nations, and has yet to exert the influence it will finally exert upon the great jury which sits in judgment upon the various nations now at war.

Writing in "The Nineteenth Century and After," a British member of Parliament describes a visit he recently paid to Termonde. His description, remarkably restrained as it is, yet tells of senseless and abandoned vandalism which suggests a temper on the part of the German armies akin to madness.

The European war has given Villa a free hand. After the war is over this Mexican brigand may be attended to properly. It would be a good thing to pay our respects both to Turkey and Mexico.

Every British soldier must be carried on the back of the navy. This is an expression from Baron Fisher of the Admiralty, and when it is considered that not one soldier's life has been lost so far while traversing the high seas, what a wonderfully efficient navy have we got?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, ex-Premier of Canada, deservedly accepted congratulations yesterday on his 73rd birthday. He is a bright and distinguished Canadian, but the adulation of certain Liberal papers that he is "the greatest of Canadians" is not acceptable, even to those who wish the old warrior hale and hearty for many years to come.



RUSSIANS MEET REVERSE IN POLAND; GAIN IN EAST PRUSSIA AND GALICIA.

Russia officially announces heavy fighting in Poland on a line from Plock to Lenczyca, which is about ten miles further from the German frontier than her position a few days ago. The Russian report states that the fighting is taking on the character of a great battle on a seventy mile front.

Hard times prevail in the United States as in Canada, and yet the times would have been much harder, in Brantford particularly, had the Liberals had their way at the last session in Ottawa.

Germany's wearing-down process on the British navy has shown itself, but it really cannot be said to have been very effective to date.

London Telegraph—We must fight with our gloves off; it is truer to-day than ever before, in Lord Fisher's words, "that moderation in war is imbecility."

Syracuse Herald—When there is rioting in almost every street of the city in which he lives, the prudent householder gets out his musket or revolver and looks to see if it is loaded and ready to fire.

Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph—No German dreadnoughts are being sunk by British mines. That is what comes of keeping dreadnoughts at home in a nice little canal away from the big wet.

London Telegraph—The German army says that the Russians are good soldiers, but that they lack the powers of initiative. How about those poor lads of eighteen years who have been recently moved down by the British at Ypres?

Pittsburgh Despatch—Ambassador Gerard's suggestion that this country should contribute to the support of the Belgians whom Germany is holding as prisoners of war is undoubtedly prompted by humane feelings, but consideration will show its impracticability.

New York Sun—Mr. Taft's advice to lawyers to accept political office as a duty which they owe the country seems superfluous when the roll of the Sixty-third Congress is examined. In the Senate, which contains 96 members, there are 55 lawyers, and next in order are 20 "public officials," most of whom, no doubt were originally lawyers.

Westminster Gazette—Now for what Turkey is expected to do for Germany. She is to attack Egypt, block the Suez Canal, stir up Mohammedan risings against us both in

vice publicly rebuked. Reprimands can be taken privately, in good spirit when mistakes have been made, but publicly never.

Egypt and India, bring terror and peril to the European communities in the East. Also, no doubt, her intervention is to renew the trouble in the Balkans, set Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece by the ears, throw Italy into a state of perplexity as to her next move. We have the utmost confidence that all these machinations will come to naught.

London News and Leader—The literature of the war has produced no more impressive document than the pamphlet now issued by Methuen containing the speeches delivered on the subject by Mr. Asquith. No one who has heard the first of these speeches delivered in the House of Commons when war had been declared and the Prime Minister was at liberty to tell the world the truth, will forget that great burst of indignation, culminating in the denunciation of "the infamous proposal." It was an indictment that will live in history, not only by reason of its matter, but also by the restrained yet passionate eloquence of its form.

Springfield Republican—It is reported by the way of Holland that the reason for the recent imposition of a fine of \$1,250,000 on Brussels was the sale in that city of contraband Dutch newspapers smuggled across the borders. As to the merits of the case, or even as to the correctness of the amount of it, we have no adequate data for judgment, but it is obvious that at this rate the Germans in Belgium can lap up supplies faster than outside philanthropy can provide them. None can it be very difficult under military law to find at any time excuse for a whopping fine to offset any contribution from abroad. This is one of the ugliest aspects of the situation in Europe.

London News and Leader—The Premier's Speeches

Sees Financial Disaster Ahead For Germany

LONDON, Nov. 20—A report issued by the Swiss Bankverein, which keeps in close touch with the financial situation in Germany, shows a strong contrast to the optimism in German official circles. The report says that the Reichsbank into which gold is continually flowing, is no longer the only criterion in view of the creation of numerous institutions to make loans and issue their own currency.

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SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE MEETS

Work of Local Organization is Increasing in the City.

An interesting review of the work done by the Social Service League was given on Thursday at the usual fortnightly meeting. It showed the work to be increasing on all sides and much good being done in the way of food, clothing and work distribution.

Some 131 unemployed men and 28 unemployed women had registered as applicants for work. For relief there had been 64 applications. Nineteen days of relief work had been provided. Ten barrels of apples, forty-one bags of potatoes and four bags of turnips had been presented by the Township since the last meeting.

Mr. Cockshutt reported that the work of the league had very materially increased during the last fortnight, but the tension would be relieved when the big shops started up. Work progresses well on the Park Drive. Thirty per cent of the cost of making a driveway to Birkett's Lane will be borne by the league, this work being of a relief character in the Township.

Foreigners in need were given bread three times a week and sugar once in that time. There were some 500 of them out of work, and about one-quarter of them came to the league for relief.

Miss Robertson asked for the appointment of a committee of ladies to co-operate with her in dealing with cases of sickness of which she reported 12 for the fortnight.

The matter was left to the women's executive. The idea of a Christmas tree was endorsed by the league and it will be put up in the Armories and toys distributed from it on the natal day. The matter of a Christmas hamper was left to the ladies.

Livingston suggested that a public Christmas dinner for the poor would be a splendid thing with a distribution of toys to follow. Her idea was not moved upon.

Several cases were dealt with by the League which then adjourned.

KHEDIVE IS ACTIVE

PARIS, Nov. 21.—Khedive Abbas Hilmi of Egypt has definitely thrown in his lot with the Turks in the war, according to Petit Parisien.

The Khedive, who was absent from Egypt at the time of the declaration of war by the allies against Turkey, went straight to Constantinople, says the paper, where he was welcomed by the Young Turk leaders. He has now joined the Turkish forces in Palestine and is added, and is preparing to attempt to invade Egypt.

SECOND FLIGHT TO BE MORE ORDERLY

PARIS, Nov. 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung's correspondent at Konigsberg telegraphs that the governor of East Prussia, has ordered refugees desiring to quit that region to procure better order than during the flight in August. He recommends that they go to Pomerania and West Prussia. They must leave all horses and live stock behind in care of the military authorities.

MISTRANSLATED THE ULTIMATUM

PARIS, Nov. 21.—In the course of the revision of the Belgian Grey Book it was discovered that the German foreign office intentionally mistranslated the French version given to Belgium, giving the ultimatum in a totally different sense from the German original. The German diplomatists (apparently) hoped thereby to hide behind the original text in case of dispute.

The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin interprets the international law of neutrality in new fashion. It contends that Belgium had no right to resist the German crossing of Belgium because it was not a German attack, hence Belgium was guilty of a breach of the law of nations and therefore is undeserving of consideration.

The Swiss papers object violently to this doctrine. J. Richardson, a respected business man of Saldit Ste Marie, whose sudden departure early in October caused much surprise, pleaded guilty to two charges of forgery and five counts of misappropriation of funds, amounting to more than \$5,000.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scurvy or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the voice, deranges the digestion, and breaks down the general health. It weakens the delicate lung tissues and leads to consumption.

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BATTERY REORGANIZATION

After being twice reduced to about a company's guard by sending large contingents to the front, the 2nd Battery is to be at once reorganized for home service. The regular drive will be held tonight when new section commanders will be appointed provisionally and the new recruits posted to sections. A splendid opportunity is open to young men of intelligence to join at once, as a class of instruction for non-commissioned officers' certificates is to be started shortly to qualify men to fill the post of those N. Co's who have gone to the front. The commanding officer expects to have the Battery in good shape in a month, when it is expected that drills will be discontinued to the winter, and a course of lectures substituted for those anxious to learn the mysteries of artillery work.

LOCAL NEWS

OFFICIAL NOTICE Mr. J. W. Westbrook has at last received official notice of his appointment as sheriff in place of the late Sheriff Ross.

HIS ACCOUNT John Dowling attended the board of audit of the criminal justice accounts, and his bill to the city for services then rendered amounts to \$12.50.

WERE ENTERTAINED. The members of the Big Sixteen class of Wesley Sunday School were entertained by their teacher, Geo. A. Ward last evening. There was a large turnout. Supper was served at the conclusion of an enjoyable program.

GO TO GUELPH. Messrs. T. J. Hendry, vice-president of the Dominion Life Underwriters association goes to Guelph to-night to give an address to the Wellington Association. He will be accompanied by Messrs. F. Reid, L. E. Percey, C. H. Emmerman and G. C. Hunt of Toronto.

TO SEE MINISTER. The deputations appointed at the last meeting of the City Council to wait on the Minister of Education at Toronto in connection with the right of way through the O. I. B. grounds for the Parks Drive, will make the trip on Tuesday next, this date having been arranged for.

INFORMATION REQUIRED. With regard to the proposition of the Hamilton-Brantford road, G. H. Gooderham of Toronto asks for particulars of Brantford city. He asks the population and the assessment will be considered when the matter comes before the legislature.

MARKET PRICES

Prices in general showed an upward tendency upon the market this morning. Eggs showed a big jump, having risen 7 cents a dozen. Fowl showed an all round increase. Butter sold at 28 and 30 cents, a decrease of 2 cents on last week. Eggs found a market at 40, 42 and 45 cents which is the highest price for some time. Chickens went for 65 and 70 cents and ducks brought 90 cents. Geese changed hands at \$1.50 each. Meat remained about level, pork being 4 and 15 cents and beef the same a last week. Apples remained at \$1.2 a barrel and potatoes were 60 and 65 cents a bag. Vegetables did no change prices. Hay sold at \$14 and \$15.

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