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THE WAR SITUATION.

If the news that comes by way of Amsterdam is at all reliable the Germans, having made peace with the Ukrainians, will attempt the disruption of the rest of Russia, and to that end will make war on the Bolsheviks, encouraging the Ukrainians to do the same. This would not be a surprising development, although at the moment German attention is doubtless chiefly centred upon the western front in the hope that a favorable decision may be secured there before the Americans can put their full force in the field. It would be of immense value to the future of Germany to be able to control the policy of the countries to the eastward, and the disruption of Russia would be a first natural step, encouraged by the state of chaos now existing in that country.

The Emperor of Austria has issued another declaration expressing his desire for peace, but between the lines one reads that it is a German peace he still anticipates, and while he remains in that mood there can be no serious negotiations. The Italians anticipate a more aggressive policy on the part of the Austrians on their front, as a result of the release of Austrian armies in the east.

On the western front the British and French have been the aggressors in the most recent fighting, and a momentous struggle appears to be near at hand. Both British and French are confident. It is worthy of note that the British have been able to spare enough men to take over more of the line in Italy, and that the Americans are in the light at more than one point on the French front.

COMPULSORY REGISTRATION.

There is to be compulsory registration of all men and women in Canada over sixteen years of age. This step should have been taken by the former government when it launched its abortive national service campaign. The government cannot mobilize the man and woman power of the country for war-work until it has full information. When it knows it can provide not only for additional strength for the army but for the speeding up of the industrial and commercial life of the country, it can see to it that the essential industries receive due attention at the expense of the non-essential.

We are also told that there will be a thoroughly organized propaganda to secure by the volunteer system, enough men and women to carry on the campaign for increased production, and to secure the necessary labor for all essential industries. Doubtless there will be a general response, but as in the case of military service a degree of compulsion may in the end prove necessary. There are dark days ahead, and the country must secure, by whatever means, the fullest co-operation of all men and women to perform the tasks imposed by war conditions. The action to be taken should be hastened, for the early spring should see all preparations made for a great year of food production in Canada. The famine spectre is abroad in Europe, and America must send relief to the people.

CONCERNING TITLES.

The Toronto Star wants to know why a few titles are not handed out to working men when so many are given to persons whose right to them is certainly no greater. We quote:

"The multiplication of titles is not a thing to be desired, but if services to the nation and the people are to be recognized in this way, we see no reason why men who labor with their hands should be omitted. The production of food, clothing, and machinery, the construction of houses, factories, and railways, the transportation of passengers and freight involve not only hard work, but danger to life and limb, and exposure to all kinds of weather. During the recent storms, as the passenger lay comfortably in his berth, perhaps grumbling at delay, how much thought did he give to the toll, hardship, and danger suffered by the train crews? Only recently has there been placed on the statute book a law providing for compensation to workmen injured in manufacturing and other industries. The law is good so far as it goes, but it is impossible to fully compensate any man for the loss of a limb, or the family for the loss of the husband and father. To the men who take these risks society owes a debt which it can never fully repay. Seldom is one of our sky-scrapers built without taking its toll of human life. The householder is disappointed when the milk or bread does not arrive on a stormy day, not always thinking of the driver who faces the fury of the blast. Many titles have been conferred for services less useful to the state, less arduous and dangerous than those of factory hands, train crews, sailors, construction gangs, and other workers. This is not an argument for the further extension of the title system. It is rather points to the conclusion that those deserving of honor are so numerous that it would be impossible to recognize their services by artificial distinction."

It is realization of what the Toronto Star so clearly points out that makes the average citizen resentful of a system under which certain persons are singled out for a distinction they have

not earned any more than it has been earned by a host of others. Canada can get along very well without titles, and parliament should give expression to the popular feeling in that regard.

Of daylight saving the Toronto Globe says:—"The benefit of an extra hour of daylight and out-of-doors enjoyment in the evening ought to appeal especially to men and women who work in stores and factories. In the summer months the sunlight thus gained after working hours would not be lost in the morning. The sun would still be the earliest riser. In addition to giving more time for recreation, the plan would result in an appreciable saving in artificial light. Householders in pocket would be money in pocket, and no interest would suffer at a time when even gas and electrical concerns are urging consumers to economize. The fact that the Ottawa Government is negotiating with Washington in regard to the daylight saving system is an indication that Canada will give it a trial in conjunction with the United States."

It is not pleasing to learn that nearly three times as much British and American tonnage was sunk last year as was produced by those countries. Moreover, there was an increase in the sinkings last week in comparison with several preceding weeks. Despite all predictions and assurances, the German submarine menace has not been overcome. We are told now that new methods of meeting the danger will prove more effective. The only real method is the destruction of the submarine bases, and that seems a long way off.

It is eminently proper that the whole case of the street railway company should be reviewed by legislative authority and that the city should be given an opportunity to readjust its relations with the New Brunswick Power Company, perhaps even to the extent of acquiring the plant. It would be a crime to fasten upon the citizens a perpetual burden to provide dividends on watered stock.

The German press is very abusive in its references to President Wilson. The conclusion of peace with the Ukrainians appears to have brought renewed confidence to the Germans, and the old arrogant spirit flames up again. This is a good thing for the Allies, because it will call forth an answering spirit of stern determination in the United States to teach the enemy a needed lesson.

President Wilson—"I believe the righteous cause we are now prosecuting will serve to bind more closely the people of the United States and the people of Great Britain, and the people of all the other nations which desire the triumph of justice and liberty, and the establishment of peace which shall last."

The Standard still withholds the names of the gentlemen who would introduce purity and economy and shed lustre upon a union government at Fredericton. Perhaps it is waiting to learn the result of certain proceedings to be taken by the attorney general. These should shed considerable light.

Toronto Globe—Mr. Lloyd George should be told very plainly that Lord Beaverbrook would not be chosen as a Canadian representative in the Imperial Conference by the people of Canada. If he goes in it should be understood that he goes as Bonar Law's man behind the throne, not as Canada's "powerful friend."

The insincerity and folly of the old Conservative cry against "any truck or trade with the Yankees" is now apparent. The Canadian duty has been removed from wheat, flour, cattle, tractors and some other things without causing the slightest worry to the flag-wavers of half a dozen years ago.

Even at a time when war experiences have hardened us to tales of horror there is something peculiarly heart-rending in the story of the fire in the Grey Nunnery in Montreal, where scores of persons, including a large number of mere infants, lost their lives.

The British government is still "controlling" the liquor traffic. In the interests of the nation it should end the traffic. Drink does no more good to an Englishman than it does to a Canadian. It injures both.

These gambling raids are losing the charm of novelty. Why not raise the limit at police headquarters and inject a little more interest into the game? St. John should put the kindergarten in the public schools and face the situation in a progressive and courageous spirit.

When will the board of trade take a stand in the matter of the demand of the New Brunswick Power Company for increased rates? What stand will it take? The people are asking.

Bolo Pasha, the traitor, has been sentenced to death. This will be a severe warning to other traitors in France and the Allied countries.

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Tired Tim—Bout forty years ago, mum. Me neither pushed it.

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Bless the Child!

Bessie went with her mother to the market the other day, and seeing sawdust on the floor, she whispered: "Mamma, does he butcher dolls?"

Dash or—

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