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THE WAR SITUATION

Yesterday was prolific in events that may be regarded as having an important bearing on the struggle engrossing the attention of the world. From the Eastern war zone came the word that the Russians had achieved the most important victory of the war, telegrams from the commander in chief of the Russian army stating that his men had driven the Austro-German forces back along the whole line of battle. Also, came a vague report of Russia celebrating a great victory over the Austrians. Whether this refers to an engagement of which no details have yet reached the outside world, or was merely to honor a former success is not known.

The Russian force opposing the Turks accomplished a wonderful feat in the way of a forced march through the snow covered passes of the Caucasus, in which all arms of the service travelled for thirty hours under the most difficult conditions and at the end of that time fought a spirited battle with Turkish troops and signally defeated them. It is reported that the suddenness of the Russian attack demoralized the Turks and that, aside from the damage inflicted on the Ottomans, the feat is expected to have a pronounced moral effect.

The Turkish-German alliance is still laboring in its efforts to create a state of Holy War, but, except from statements by the German news agencies which have already contributed most of the fiction to the present struggle, there is no indication that they will be successful. It has been stated that Turkey was preparing a powerful army for the invasion of Egypt, but in the light of the Russian achievement, it is now thought this force may be thrown towards Armenia and Egypt relieved from any danger.

Of the fighting in France and Flanders there is little to report. German attacks continue as desperate as before, but the lines of the Allies still hold. It is reported from the Dutch frontier that the Germans are preparing to retire, but this is not credited by British observers familiar with the situation.

The Admiralty officially announces the loss of the cruiser Good Hope in the fighting off the coast of Chile. The cruiser Monmouth, reported from German sources to have been sunk, is now said to have gone ashore with little or no loss of life, while the other British vessels engaged escaped. The fact that the German cruisers Dresden and Leipzig have not been heard from since the battle gives color to the report that they also went down, but the Admiralty does not claim this. Reports received yesterday by a Pacific coast shipping firm were to the effect that British and Japanese squadrons were in conflict with German vessels off the coast of Peru, but this had not been confirmed up to early this morning. An important development of the fighting in the far east, which has been officially announced in Tokyo, is that the German stronghold of Tsing Tau has at last succumbed to the pounding of British and Japanese squadrons and has surrendered. This will relieve the vessels operating there and it is to be expected they will now scour the Pacific for the German ships in those waters.

Much interest centres in the possibility of the Balkan states becoming involved. While there has been no official announcement, it is stated from London that arrangements are being made to bring Bulgaria into alliance with Serbia, Greece and Montenegro against the Turks. It is expected that the attempt will be successful, and that the Balkans will develop sufficient strength to take care of the Turkish end of the campaign, thus leaving the Russians free to prosecute their original designs in the direction of Berlin.

MR. CARVELL'S COMPLAINT.

Considerable Telegraph space was devoted yesterday morning to the publication of a lengthy letter from Mr. F. B. Carvell, as well as copies of letters said to have been exchanged between the Chief of the Dark Lantern Brigade and Governor Wood. It is hardly necessary to state that the letters refer to the reports on the Dugal charges, which, apparently, have not been made public soon enough to suit the partisan purposes of Mr. Carvell, or of the Telegraph.

In his letter to the Telegraph Mr. Carvell, as usual, indulges in gallery play, and assumes the role of a deeply injured man because, so far, he has been prevented from splashing the report through the Telegraph columns, and receiving as reward for his journalistic enterprise the purchasable editorial laudation of that newspaper.

In causing the publication of his correspondence with the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Carvell is guilty of a breach of etiquette which, however, is not

surprising, for the public already must have learned that considerations of etiquette, or ordinary decency, are relegated to the discard when the Carleton County blocker asserts political advantage. In his first letter to the Governor, Mr. Carvell asks that he be furnished with copies of the reports of the Royal Commission. He pretends to make this request in the interests of Mr. L. A. Dugal, M. L. A., the figurehead in making the charges, but it is open to question if the real impelling motive behind the application is not to be found nearer to the corner of Church and Canterbury streets. Governor Wood's reply is courteous and to the point. He acknowledges the receipt of Mr. Carvell's letter, and expresses regret that he is unable to accede to the request therein.

Then the Carvell brand of spleen shows itself, for, in a second letter, the Carleton County lawyer attempts to threaten New Brunswick's chief executive, and intimates that he will be "compelled to ask for this information in a more public manner" if the request is not immediately complied with. Evidently he had the Telegraph's thunders in his ears as he wrote. Governor Wood, however, refuses to be bluffed, and in reply informs Mr. Carvell that "threats of that kind will not influence me to depart from the course which I feel it my duty to pursue in connection with this matter."

Mr. Carvell's design is so crude as to be at once apparent. His desire it is to make it appear that the Governor of New Brunswick has an ulterior motive in holding the reports back, that in some way he is in collusion with the members of the Government of this Province to keep from the public the information which, it is safe to say, will be fully given at the Governor's pleasure and without dictation from the New Brunswick Government. Mr. Carvell or the Telegraph coterie. The people of New Brunswick have confidence in the Governor, and as for any question between that gentleman and Mr. Carvell, it is only necessary to state that there is a question, for the people to decide in their own minds which party to it will pursue the proper course. Hon. Josiah Wood, Governor of New Brunswick, has a proud record of public service; Mr. Carvell also has a record, and if he would contemplate it, in even a cursory manner, he should come to the opinion that, in any question between him and Governor Wood, he is likely to appear at distinct disadvantage.

It is gratifying to learn that while stories of retrenchment and salary cutting are heard from Canadian centres, an American firm with large interests in this city has served notice that "we will not cut salaries. The men who helped us to earn profits in good times and will do so again when good times return, will be protected by us during any depression." The example set by this firm is well worthy of emulation.

That the offer of the 3rd Regiment Canadian Artillery to supply a complete battery of heavy artillery for the Empire's battle line will be accepted, is the hope of all citizens. With a St. John battery and a New Brunswick regiment of infantry in the second contingent, as well as the splendid representation this city and province have already sent forward we will live up to the best traditions of our loyalist forefathers.

Once more St. John has shown its class. In the work yesterday of loading horses on the steamer Anglo-Columbian a local contracting firm made a record which Montreal or Halifax could not approach. And the first opportunity to have this work done here was brought to us by Hon. J. D. Hazen.

The local manufacturers who have received lucrative contracts for "war goods" through the efforts of Hon. J. D. Hazen, are in a position to appreciate the benefit St. John derives through having a "live wire" representative at the council board of the nation.

An American "expert" is said to have declared that the sending of aid to Belgium will tend to prolong the war in Europe. Knowledge productive of such a profound opinion can only spring from an intellect sharpened by a course in German "kultur."

With British and Japanese warships relieved from fighting at Tsing Tau it is a safe wager that the German vessels which figured in the fighting off the coast of Chile will have a warm time coming to them in the very near future.

The Telegraph and Mr. Carvell appear to have become considerably "fused up."

MAGNA CARTA.

BY PERCY MacKAYE,
In the Boston Transcript.

Magna Carta! Magna Carta!
English brothers, we have borne it
On our banners down the ages—
Who shall scorn it?
Bitter fought-for, blood-embazoned
With the fadest hues of freedom,
Interbourned with precious pages—
English brothers, we who shrine it
In our common heart of hearts,
Think you can see a monarch,
Tyrant-accepted, sanguine-shod,
Seek to rend it and malign it:
We whose sires made him sign it—
Him who deemed him next to God!
We who dreamed our world forever
Purged and rid
Of his spectre—think you, brothers,
We can watch his ghost, resurgent,
Sweep his servile hordes toward England,
And stand silent?—God forbid!

Magna Carta! Magna Carta!
Brother freemen, who bear it
Starward—shall we see his tear it?
Fool or frantic,
Let him dare it!
If he reach a cross the Channel
He shall touch as 'twas the Atlantic—
Scrolled with new and olden anal,
Bitter fought for, blood-embazoned
With the fadest hues of freedom,
We will hark him—Magna Carta!
Yea, once more shall make him sign it,
Where the centuries refine it,
Till his sires, who now malign it,
Are made sick of him, and free
Even as we
So, if ghostly through the sea-mist,
You behold his mediæval
Falcon face peer violating—
Lo, with quills and Magna Carta
(Sharpened quills and Magna Carta)
In a little mead near London,
English brothers, we are waiting!

God Save Our Empire

May be sung to the tune of God Save the King.

God save our Empire now
And never let her bow
At tyrant's knee—
Preserve her; strong for right
And ever brave to fight,
Defending truth with might
While Empires be.

God guard our Empire long
Keep her both great and strong
Dauntless and free—
Send her a gracious dower
Help her in danger's hour,
Protect her mighty power
On land and sea.
—J. St. C.

IN THE COURTS

County Court

Fred. Riley was tried before Judge Forbes yesterday morning under the Speedy Trials Act, and pleaded guilty to stealing deals from George McKean. He was allowed out on suspended sentence.
The case of A. Anur Nise, arrested in the same connection, was disposed of some time ago, and the complainant being satisfied, His Honor decided to give Riley the same opportunity as he had given Nise. E. S. Ritchie appeared for the prisoner.
John McCarthy pleaded guilty to assaulting John Carlin on Long Wharf and was fined \$50, which was allowed to stand pending his future good conduct. U. J. Sweeney appeared for the defendant. C. H. Ferguson prosecuted in both cases.
Frank O'Dell, committed for trial on the charge of stealing a watch, will come before Judge Forbes on Monday morning under Speedy Trials Act.
The civil non-jury docket in the County Court will also be taken up on Monday.

King's Bench Division

The case of John A. Y. Smith against James E. Belyea was argued on appeal before Mr. Justice McKean in chambers Friday morning. The defendant was fined \$1 by Magistrate Adams at Brookville on Sept. 23rd, for having eight cattle running at large. The magistrate did not return the copy of the by-law, and His Honor remitted the case to the Justice for further trial, giving instructions that the by-law should be provided. J. King Kelley, K. C. appeared for the complainant, and E. F. Raymond for the defendant.

OBITUARY.

Andrew Aiton.

Sussex, Nov. 6.—Andrew Aiton passed away at his home here, this morning, after a lingering illness. The deceased, who was 69 years of age, was one of the best known and most prosperous farmers in Kings County, and his death will be heard with deep regret by a host of friends all over the province. Mr. Aiton was a staunch adherent of the Presbyterian church, and always took an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. He is survived by his wife, who previous to her marriage forty years ago, was Miss Matilda Crockett of Carleton, P. E. Island. Four sons, Andrew, of Newman, Cal.; Melbourne, Ainsley and Harry at home, and two daughters, Mrs. Hugh Aiton, of Oakland, California, and Miss Grace at home. Mrs. Charles McMann, of New Haven, is a sister. The funeral will take place on Sunday from his late residence at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be at Kirk Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Isabella Corbett.

Mrs. Isabella Corbett, wife of George M. Corbett, an aged resident of North Cloness, Queens County, passed away suddenly at her home on Tuesday last. Mrs. Corbett was seventy-two years of age and had been enjoying good health up to the time of her death. Mrs. Corbett had a wide circle of friends and was highly respected by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, George M. Corbett, two sons, George at home and William in Connecticut, and four daughters, Mrs. James McKee, Cape Spencer; Mrs. J. H. A. Hingham, Gagetown; Mrs. John Reid, Summer Hill, and Miss Marie at home. The funeral which took place on Thursday was attended by many from the neighborhood. Interment was made at North Cloness.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Royal.
B. H. Morrison, Halifax; A. Lambert, A. M. Joyce, Montreal; M. McLeod, J. Jackson, M. Lodge, Moncton; Geo. A. Lowe, Jr., Boston; T. T. Morlins, Toronto; George J. Clarke, St. Stephen; Mrs. Munro, Boston; A. T. Edwards, Toronto; G. A. Lear, Hamilton; H. A. Carr, Campbellton; H. A. Jones, Salisbury; J. M. Somerville, Ottawa; W. W. Cole, Peterboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrison, Fredericton; W. E. Skillem, Boston; Edgar J. Bourke, N. Y.; F. A. Haffner, T. Lepp, Montreal; D. E. Lawlor, A. H. Dixon, Montreal; D. T. Deak, Portland; W. H. Wilkinson, C. D. Wreyford, Toronto; G. W. Stansby, Manchester; W. M. Saunders, London; J. A. Bain, Montreal; J. Troser, Westville, N. S.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Charles Miller was held yesterday afternoon and was attended by many friends. Service at his late residence in Douglas avenue was conducted by Rev. J. J. McCaskill. Interment was in Panhill. Many friends gathered for the obsequies.

Hartt Shoes

Men's Thick Soled, Kid Lined Blucher Laced Boots, in Tan and Black, \$7, \$7.50 per pair.

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