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THE SITUATION.

That a great battle is on between the Vistula and Warthe rivers, between Russian and German forces is indicated to-day in the meagre 'despatches' from the front. On the result of this battle depends the fate of East Prussia, where the Kaiser gets his crown. It is the Kaiser's kingdom, and no greater blow could be struck at Germany than Russian seizure of the capital city, Königsberg. Moreover, the country is rich in resources, and the Russians could winter their army in East Prussia without difficulty. Military experts report that the plans of the Kaiser are entirely set against any Prussian invasion by the enemy and from news coming through, it can be easily seen that every effort is being made to carry out this objective. In another week the situation in the eastern zone of operations may be entirely changed.

In Belgium, the field of battle is still further narrowed, because of flooded land. Despite reported German attacks, it is almost certain that the allies will be able to prevent any occupation of the channel ports. Since Antwerp was taken, the great effort of the invaders has been spent to reach Calais, which might be used as a nistol pointed towards England. In connection with submarine activities, on the part of the enemy, the following from the Liverpool Post is rather interesting: "The loss of another cruiser, victim of a German submarine, will create a feeling of irritation rather than alarm, and the public will begin to ask fretfully what are our eighty-five submarines about that the remainder of Germany's thirty-seven can accomplish such feats. To which the answer is: We know what the German submarines have done; we do not know what the British have accomplished. It is necessary to wait with patience. Meanwhile, the presence of a submarine in the English Channel will neither surprise nor frighten the Admiralty, who probably would be more disquieted if they heard that that boat was safely back at Heligoland. There have been several long-distance cruises by German submarines, which have not been, and never will be, reported back at home."

HITS THE UNITED STATES

A week from to-morrow is the day set aside by President Wilson for Thanksgiving in the United States. It is very true that our big neighbors to the south has peace to be thankful for, but, nevertheless, the effects of the war are being felt economically just as severely as they are in Canada. In the United States, many cities have the bread line, and municipal authorities are faced with problems similar to those in Canada as regards unemployment. In Erie, for instance, a manufacturing centre about the size of Hamilton, the Erie Dispatch urges the council to take action to provide work for those thrown out of employment. The Dispatch says: "The council of this city, instead of shutting down work, will have to be looking about for the purpose of doing perhaps more work than was intended and that is immediately necessary. There is no intention in these remarks to find fault with the ending of work which the inclement or cold weather will necessarily end. But the thought is that Erie will have to get in line with many another city of the land and through its city government do something to provide opportunities to earn a living and shelter for those who otherwise will be utterly unable to help themselves. The charitable inclined people of this city will have to do a little more than usual this winter. They will have to subscribe more than usual to our Associated Charities and other relief associations. They will, no doubt, be willing to do so, or if they are not, some who have not given in the past will have to contribute. But with the best efforts of our organizations their work will fall short of the requirements. That is why other industrial centres of the country are taking steps to minimize this winter's evil. State and city governments are co-operating everywhere, and even the federal government's assistance will be had. Erie cannot afford to neglect this problem. It must awaken to its gravity at once. Something in the way of public work that would have been undertaken anyway, even if not at once, should be considered for the immediate future. The men who will thus find employment, and there are hundreds who ought thus to be aided, will be able to maintain themselves and their families and also save their self-respect."

Truly the war is far reaching in its consequences, even to those who have had no hand in its making.

ARE WE TRUE TO THE STOCK?

It has been said that the sixty men of the Brantford Battery who left this week for active training for the front, were very largely 'Old Countrymen'. That is, they have not been in Canada very long. The pointing out of this fact is not intended to be a reflection on Canadians, but at the same time it is quite in order to say that the native-born can do more than has been hitherto shown. In this connection, one thing should be borne in mind. Those Canadians within the age who do not desire to go to the front themselves, and who by their demeanor actually discourage others who are eligible, should be reminded that were they residents of Germany, Austria, France or Belgium, they would be obliged to go, willingly or unwillingly. It has been asked, what are we fighting for? We are fighting for a maintenance of our present conditions, the liberty to speak and to act with freedom.

The British Empire at present knows no conscription. The very word is hateful to a large majority. Conscription in the present crisis may be necessary, both in the British Isles and in Canada in order that, in the long run, we are to have no conscription. It will only be necessary in the latter event, because it will be an absolute necessity for the future liberty and freedom of the subject. The average Canadian little realizes what a loss it would be commercially in this country, if every able-bodied young man had to spend three years in the non-productive pursuit of a military training. This has been the German precept for years past. We don't want it in Canada, and if we, united with the Empire as we are, help to smash this Prussian militarism, the kind which slashes a lame cobbler with a sword, we, as Canadians, will be rendering a duty to the entire world. In the present war, fighting for the British Empire is no mere high sounding phrase to any colonial. We are fighting for ourselves. We are fighting for the day when a huge tax bill on armaments and Dreadnoughts will be no more when the taxes of the people will be applied to their economic improvement.

The British nation wants peace. As a colonizing nation, it has dispensed freedom and justice to all peoples under its sovereign power. It asks the same for the entire world. No great colonial power was ever built on a firm foundation as Britain's—four instances—South Africa, India, Canada, Australia and scores of other minor possessions. It is not the vastness of the Empire but the spirit of the Empire which the world admires. Then why should we, as Canadians, who have enjoyed immense prosperity, a prosperity largely helped by British interests, why should Canadians, even in Brantford, allow those who have only recently come over to our shores, to go forth and accept the burden of warfare for us? Canada, this splendid Dominion protected for a century by British arms and by the British navy, and yet returning nothing to the Mother Land! Now is the time, in men, in arms, and in money, in religion, and in personal liberty and all that makes life worth living.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It will soon be time to do your shopping early. The Crown Prince hasn't been killed this week, nor Von Kluck surrounded.

Even the Literary Digest admits that Germany hasn't mobilized public opinion in the United States.

The sinking of the Dreadnought Audacious must be a reminder to the Liberal Senators of Canada that there was no emergency.

"No Emergency." Chorus by Grit Senators at Ottawa, Toronto Globe and Brantford Expositor. Strange that you don't hear this refrain nowadays.

Poultry associations are now preparing for their annual shows but it would help some if hens were trained to lay eggs instead of looking pretty at this time of the year.

The British Government has declared the entire North Sea to be in the military area. This action might have been taken some time ago with good effect.

As long as his name is Tommy Atkins, there will be kicking about the ration, etc. If a British soldier did not know how to kick, well, he wouldn't be British, that's all. It's the stock.

There is a bye-election on in West Hamilton, but as there is a regular candidate out for the Hearst Government, the event lacks interest. The seat was formerly held by Hon. J. S. Hendrie, now Lieutenant-Governor.

Word comes from Berlin that the Krupp concern paid 14 per cent. dividends last year, but this year will reduce to 12 per cent. It would be interesting to know what this firm will pay next year or the year after.

Tenders for the construction of the Canadian battleships were pigeon holed by the Laurier Cabinet for six months, and then Borden stepped in with a real Dreadnought policy. Is it any wonder the Grits don't want an election at the present time?

The local Austrian who lost an action before Judge Hardy because he was an alien should not be allowed

to starve, even if he has no legal status in this country. We must remember we are a Christian community and have obligations as such.

The Canadian Parliament may meet and vote a huge war loan, but the only place that money can be secured is from Great Britain. Will the foreigner, the German, in particular ever realize what the British Empire is?

As the Toronto Telegram trenchantly puts it, Canada's Dreadnoughts were sunk fathoms deep in the Hangar speeches wherein for weeks upon weary weeks, apostles of Laurierism jeered in foolhardy scorn at the unequivocal advice of the British Admiralty.

In four weeks, one British paper sent as gifts from subscribers 440,000 cigarettes to the troops at the front. Most Canadians will agree that chocolate would serve the soldiers better, but the English view is to send the soldiers what they ask for.

Laurier has never been able to get away from the imputation that he once openly advocated separation from the British Empire. At present, party politics prevent him from adhering to his first sworn vows. It is a good sign, too, because Canada henceforth is indissolubly linked with the future of the British Empire.

After all is said and done, even from the standpoint of uncompleted work, the Lake Erie and Northern is making a respectable looking job of the changes at Jubilee Terrace, and Lorne Bridge seems to be a stronger structure than some engineers were wont to predict.

If Canada is to send two hundred thousand men, the difficulty is the recruits to be secured will need a lengthy period of training. Many regiments at present have their ranks depleted and it is through regimental channels that the difficulty can more easily be overcome. Young men, join now!

The thrilling tale told by Colonel Swinton, who is with the staff of General French at the front, must inspire all Brits with the gigantic task to be performed in the future. The Germans, Colonel Swinton says, are brave to a fault, cunning and equipped and organized to a degree which no other army in the world has ever attained.

Having announced that beer would be taxed about one cent per glass, Lloyd George, in his speech yesterday said: "The only chance of getting at the elusive teetotaler is by taxing beer." Because one abstained from beer, the Chancellor surely didn't mean that he was a deliberate tax dodger.

A United States paper gives a warning to its readers who are engaged in making things for the distressed Belgians, pointing out that certain articles of clothing are likely to be on the firing line within ten days after arrival and used by the Germans. The paper suggests that winter hoods or mufflers should have broad white stripes, so that any soldier using the same would become an easy target. It is not very comforting news to local ladies who have been working energetically for the Belgians, to reflect that the results of their labor will be for the vandals of the enemy.

WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

Chastened. Boston Herald: The spirit of the Kaiser reveals the chastening effect of the war. In a recent utterance he remarks "If God wills."

Champion Mercenaries. Philadelphia Evening Ledger: If Germany really gave Turkey \$40,000,000 for coming into the war, the Turks have the Swiss backed into a corner as mercenaries.

Bombs of German Culture. St. Paul Dispatch:—Germany now proposes to loose a fleet of German professors on America during the Christmas holidays to drop bombs of German culture on our unopinionated heads.

Austria Needed This Victory. Springfield Republican—When Austria wants a victory to report, it can always send a force to invade Serbia. Yesterday the capture of a town four miles beyond the frontier was announced.

T. R. Still a Force. Rochester Union and Advertiser:—The public career of Col. Roosevelt stands without a parallel in all history. It is not yet ended, and it may become more strange, more spectacular, more many-sided and more as-

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servive of the indomitable personality of the Colonel that he now appears. Such a man as Theodore Roosevelt cannot cease to be a force of some kind in the concerns of his fellow men so long as the vital spark remains in him.

A Sober Man's Job. London Express:—To-day is the time for abstinence and supreme effort. Russia has shown its realization of this fact by the Carr's ukase on the Governmental sale of vodka. France has prohibited the sale of absinthe. Great Britain has limited the hours during which licenses 'houses may be open. If the German militarism which is threatening the life and soul of Europe is to be destroyed, Europe must arm itself with sternness and sobriety.

Germany's Submarine Transports. London Times:—Time alone can show the new devices to be adopted by a nation which grows desperate as it sees itself baffled at every point. Meanwhile, we are inclined to wonder when Germany will discover that the English are not so credulous as her own people. Her latest story of submarine transports for the troops designated for the invasion of England suggests that her customary in-ventivity is failing her. It is the poorest fable she has yet put into circulation.

Lot of the Prisoners of War. London Daily Chronicle:—Very pathetic is the lot of the prisoner of war. All that is possible to mitigate its almost intolerable tedium should be done. Brave men, whether they are English prisoners in Germany or German prisoners in England, deserve to be treated with chivalrous consideration. Machiavelli knew it was good policy to treat war prisoners well. He counselled it as one of his precepts for princes. We, however, base our appeal for the prisoners of war not on the dictates of expediency but on those of our common humanity.

Discounted. Philadelphia Public Ledger:—As for the larger diplomatic aspects, with the war now reaching into the eastern Mediterranean, it must be plain that whether Turkey's action is a question of a quick suicide or a slow suicide, all depends upon what the realignment of the Balkan States and Italy may be in the near future, when events will compel them to act according to the bent of their national inclination and their destined developments. In the general field the Turkish action can only be viewed as a drag that will change neither the general plan of campaign nor the utili-

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A Significant Departure. Westminster Gazette: On Saturday M. Poincaré was chosen Rector of Glasgow University. Lord Kitchener acknowledged on the same day the unanimous election of himself to the Lord Rectorship of Edinburgh University. There are precedents ample enough for the selection of a distinguished soldier for such a position, but M. Poincaré is the first foreigner to be the titular head of a British University, and the departure is significant in many ways at this moment. One of the functions of Lord Rector is to deliver an address during his three years of office, and we shall all hope that events will so work out that the French President will be able to fulfil that part of his duties under happy circumstances.

True Object of Advance on Calais. London Times:—The Germans cannot now hope to beat the Russians. Warsaw and the constant failure of the Austrians have shown us that. Unless something extremely unexpected happens in France, it is not at all likely that they can now reach Paris. Their hopes were based upon swift successes, but they did not obtain them, and they are confronted by enemies who steadily grow stronger. They cannot achieve their original purpose, but they can still strive for a draw, and aim at constituting a perhaps not wholly unprofitable peace!

To accomplish that end, it is above all things necessary for them to weaken the moral resolution of Great Britain. This is the true object of their advance toward Calais, a secondary object being to revive the drooping spirits of their own people. They

know very well why they want Calais. They hope, in vulgar parlance, to "establish a funk" in this country.

EMPEROR'S CASH. LONDON, Nov. 18, 1.45 p. m. Despatch from Vienna, transmitted to London by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Co., announces that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, has subscribed 5,000,000 crowns (\$1,000,000) to the Austrian war loan. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger authoritatively denies reports that the Duke of Brunswick has been wounded, is a prisoner on his missing.

HOME FURNISHINGS. You'll secure comfort—and spare your pocket—by getting your home furnishings now at Crompton's. Toronto may be subjected to a special war tax.

LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE. The regular meeting of the Library. A large attendance noted.

AT HOUSE OF REFUGE. James Thompson died to-day at the House of Refuge. He was of age.

COLLEGIATE BOARD. The adjourned meeting of the Legate Institute Board will be on Friday evening, November 19, at 8 o'clock.

IN DEMAND. The Voters' Lists are in demand and already a number of firms have asked for copies.

RE-ELECTED OFFICERS. The Brantford directors of a board of Commercial Travel association are re-elected are J. H. Iton and D. J. Waterous.

REMOVED BUSINESS. George B. Bremner has his confectionery business on King street to 277 Colborne St. He will be pleased to meet all customers and many new ones.

RECORD BROWN. The every popular Story now better attended than period of the movement for the benefit of school children. The 108 present yesterday to an excellent tale by Miss Mier.

PLACE OF MEETING. The Board of Trade B. Hamilton, will be the scene conference between Brantford representatives and those of Hamilton Toronto upon the matter of an agreement paved road from Toronto to Brantford.

PARK DRIVE. A new portion of the Park work will be commenced to-morrow when a bunch of men operations upon the ground Ontario Institute for the Blind ground has been surveyed at and Foreman Unger will superintend the work which is to be done from the grounds to West M.

ARMENIAN DRILL. The Armenian Rifle Club to grow, and the attendance drill last night eclipsed all turn outs. There was a must! They were formed into two and drilled by Caet officer Woods. Vaughan and Ryerson. prising feature is the manner they have learnt the orders English. They are never contented and comprehend all commands for Ostyab to have put menians through their paces was unavoidably absent.

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