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THE WAR.

The encouraging tenor of the war news last week again dominates the cable despatches this morning. The new stand taken by Russia, and the steadily increasing pressure of the Allies on the western front make the task set for themselves by the Germans, and for the Austrians by the Kaiser, the more difficult of accomplishment. The enemy apparently planned, when the Galician drive was started, to deliver such a crushing blow at Russia that it would be necessary for him to keep only comparatively few troops in the eastern theatre of the war and rush his forces to the west to force a way through the French and British lines. Russia has received the blow, but is not by any means crushed. Rather has the Grand Duke placed the enemy in such a position that the vaunted German offensive in the west seems due for a further postponement; more than that, London believes today that when the great offensive now begins it will be the Allies that will be the aggressors.

Germany, to win this war, must first defeat her antagonists on one front or other so decisively as to permit concentration of her mighty forces against the enemy in the remaining theatre of operations. So far she has failed to do so. Time is with the Allies and every week must make the enemy's task harder. There is much fighting yet to be done, but there will be but one ending—the overthrow of German militarism. Is there not something in that thought to inspire our men of fighting years to rally to the call for recruits? Will it not be a proud record to have had an active part in adding the men of the German war machine and all the horrors of which it has been proved capable?

DELICATE BUT STINGING

Not even in the days of his candidacy for the Presidency of the United States was William J. Bryan the target for such broadsides from the press in his home country as he has been since his resignation from President Wilson's cabinet over the matter of German submarine warfare as affecting American interests on the high seas. And he is still receiving attention from the editors. The New York Sun of last Thursday has this gem over which it uses the head line "Injustice to Mr. Bryan."

Our neighbor, the Press, we believe to be fair in its expressions of opinion on men and events, and it unquestionably was through carelessness, and not malice, that it did a gross injustice to William J. Bryan this week in discussing "that eminent orator's million sunset volunteers. The Press said: "Mr. Bryan knows what utter unpardonable cost the country in the civil war."

To accuse Mr. Bryan of knowing anything is to do gross wrong to the monumental vacuum which tops his frame. Mr. Bryan has spent a life time in the earnest pursuit of ignorance. He has specialized in the art of forming opinions unhampered by the restraining influence of facts. He has devoted an energy admirable in quality and unlimited in quantity to the neglect of evidence. Undoubtedly he has pursued his course toward the complete development of vocally dissociated from mental effort, and he has achieved during success in the difficult science of speaking without knowledge as one having authority.

As to the civil war, it is fair to assume that if Mr. Bryan ever knew we had one he long ago eliminated it from his memory with all its significant, instructive and admonitory implication. Mr. Bryan after reading the cable report of the latest German note rejoices in "that Germany has indicated a desire to reach a satisfactory understanding in this situation."

GERMANY'S NATIONAL INDUSTRY

"War," said Mirabeau, "is Prussia's national industry." It is now the national industry of Germany, under Prussian domination. Note this extract from an article published in the organ of the "Young Germany" party in 1913:—"War is the noblest and holiest expression of human activity. For us, too, the glad great hour of battle will strike. Still and deep in the German heart must live the joy of battle and the longing for it. Let us ridicule to the utmost the old women in breeches who fear war and deplore it as cruel and revolting. No war is beautiful, its august sublimity elevates the human heart beyond the earthly and the common. In the cloud palace above sit the heroes, Frederick the Great, and Blucher, and all the men of action—the Great Emperor, Moltke, Roon and Bismarck—are there as well, but not the old women who would take away our joy in war. Where on earth a battle is won by German arms and the faithful dead ascend to Heaven, a Potsdam lance corporal will tell the guard to the door, and old Fritz, springing from his golden throne, will give the command to present arms. That is the Heaven of Young Germany."

world must organize to save itself from becoming the raw material.

It looks this morning as though the United States and Germany would soon break off diplomatic relations. The press summary of the new German note indicates a deadlock. If President Wilson is going to stand by the position he so clearly defined in his Lusitania message, it is difficult to see how he can do anything now short of giving the Germans a short bulletin which to afford complete satisfaction or go to war. Woodrow Wilson and the American people stand today at the cross-roads. And the world is watching.

Effective action probably has saved the North Shore lumbermen from a heavy loss which seemed probable because of the giving way of the south-west Miramichi boom. The greater part of the logs have been saved.

Evidence of the immense resources of the Czar in fighting men is found in today's report that, despite the numbers engaged against the Germans and Austrians, Russian troops are being sent to the Dardanelles to join the allies there against the Turks.

The school children's parade tomorrow to stimulate recruiting, will be a striking appeal to the grown-ups to do their share in staying the hand of the slayer of women and babes. Is it to prove effective? That rests solely with the men of military age who have not yet joined the colors. There are many such in St. John.

If the Orangemen had to depend on St. John weather for their celebration of July 12 they would have been disappointed. For once, the weather was unkindly, but Frederick, where the parade and speech making are taking place, is not troubled by Fanny's fog and the day no doubt will be successfully observed.

To Kitchener's cable congratulations to General Botha over his conquest of German Southwest Africa there will be hearty assent throughout the Empire. The former Boer leader has proven a master of the science of war and a sturdy fighter and loyal British subject. His work has been well done and now he is to do more—send his gallant fighting men to the scene of the main operations.

CELEBRATION OF PEACE CENTENARY

Association Tells of Events Marking Anniversary of One Hundred Years of Peace With United States—St. John's Messages

The Canadian Peace Centenary Association has issued a pamphlet containing a report of their work so far. A feature of local interest is found in copies of telegrams exchanged between the mayors of St. John and prominent cities of the United States on the anniversary of peace between the two countries.

The report says:—"The war in Europe of necessity entailed a considerable modification in the plans of the Canadian Peace Centenary Association and the allied committees in Great Britain and the United States.

"After the outbreak of hostilities a meeting of the executive committee was held and it was agreed that the association should be kept alive, but that public festivities in Canada should be postponed until the conclusion of peace. It was also decided that the religious and educational work of the association should be quietly prosecuted. These plans were laid down after consultation with the executive committee of the American Peace Centenary Committee."

The association exchanged greetings with the governors of the various states and this message and the replies are given in the pamphlet.

Many other cities exchanged greetings also. The St. John messages are as follows: St. John, N. B., to Portland, Ore.; Portland, Me.; Burlington, Vt.; Wilmington, Del.; Savannah, Ga., and other cities.

"The citizens of St. John, New Brunswick, send greetings this day, making as it does a century of peace between Great Britain and the United States of North America, confident that in the days that be and in the centuries which may come the beacon light of reason, right and righteousness will guide and hold us in that haven of peace in which we cast anchor one hundred years ago. With a hand-and-heart-true grip Britannia and Columbia, and thence to sail on every sea, to every strand, harboring peace and liberty."

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Reply from the Mayor of Burlington, Vt.:—"Your telegram of kindly greeting received, and duly appreciated. The citizens of Burlington join in the sentiments contained in your message."

Reply from Mayor of Wilmington, Del.:—"The citizens of Wilmington, Delaware, pray that the One Hundred Years of Peace between the United States of North America and Great Britain, which has just been completed, will mark the beginning of an everlasting peace between these two great nations. Furthermore, it is our earnest and sincere prayer that the result of the Treaty of Ghent may bring wisdom to the people of the whole world, so that, in the very near future, every nation will participate in a conference which will ensure world-wide peace."

Reply from the Mayor of Savannah, Ga.:—"The people of Savannah appreciate the kind greetings from the citizens of St. John on the centennial of peace between Great Britain and the United States, and express the hope that the close of this first century of continued peace between the two great nations is but the opening of another century of similar conditions; and that, before it is ended, the entire world will have been brought to realize the value of permanent peace by the complete substitution of arbitration for the arbitrament of war."

LIGHTER VEIN.

"What's worrying you?" "Father says he's going to cut my allowance down to a point where people won't say that I have more money than brains."

"See you'll starve to death if he does that,"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Teacher—Katherine, what do you know about the orchid family? Katie—Please, miss, mother has forbidden us to indulge in any family gossip—Boston Herald.

Husband—"I really think you might have had that ball dress made a little bit higher in the neck—to say nothing of the back."

Wife—"I'll have it changed if you wish, but this stuff costs ten dollars a yard."

Husband—"H'm—well, never mind."

RUSSIA ORDERS 33 ENGINES.

Locomotive Works in Pittsburgh Put on 500 Extra Men.

Pittsburgh, July 12.—The H. K. Porter Company announces that it has received from Russia an order for twenty-two locomotives weighing seventy-two tons each and for eleven locomotives weighing sixty-seven tons each.

The company is now finishing an order for thirty-three light locomotives for Cuba. Orders for engines have also been received from the governments of Argentina, Brazil and China. Nearly 500 extra workmen have been put on.

FRENCH CASUALTIES 1,400,000.

400,000 Killed, 700,000 Wounded, 300,000 Prisoners, Says Report.

London, July 12.—French casualties totalled 1,400,000 from the beginning of the war to June 1, 1915, according to an appeal issued by the French Relief Society.

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EARL KITCHENER AT THE FRONT

War Minister Makes First Visit to Present Fighting Line—Short But Thorough Inspection

Frederick Palmer, who is at the front for the Associated Press, sends the following:

British Headquarters in France, July 9, via London, July 9.—For the first time since the army has occupied the present line, Field Marshal Earl Kitchener has been at the front. He was accompanied by Premier Asquith and Colonels Hankey and Fitzgerald. He arrived on Tuesday afternoon, the guest of Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary forces on the continent, and that afternoon visited the grounds of the flying corps, the cadet school, where officers are trained, and the machine gun school.

The next morning Lord Kitchener was up at 5.30 o'clock, and an hour later called at one of the department headquarters in the town, where he spent a half hour. The major in charge belonged to the night tour, the officer of the day tour not having yet come in. Later, with Lord Kitchener he visited the second army, saw the troops, gun positions and trenches, and went into shell-torn Ypres. Everywhere the party passed the troops were drawn up outside their billets as the automobiles went by. That afternoon the field marshal met King Albert of Belgium and was shown the inundated area in front of the Belgian lines.

On Thursday Lord Kitchener visited the first army, reviewed the Indian cavalry corps and saw the French troops in position in the region of Arras. He returned to London on Thursday evening.

No feature of the army organization at the front was omitted from the field marshal's inspection. He saw more in two and one-half days than anyone had ever been able to see in the same length of time at the front. His characteristic gift of reaching the vitals was shown by his probing questions, whether he was watching the aviators or looking at gun positions, and wherever he went officers were at hand to answer all his inquiries.

Both the premier and Lord Kitchener stopped and spoke to men who were engaged in digging fortifications. Wherever they went, the silver-haired premier, and the tall, determined appearing figure of the field marshal were recognized, and it was evident from the attitude with which Lord Kitchener was met what a hold he has on the imagination of the young. He showed less fatigue than some of the younger members of the party who conducted him.

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