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THE SITUATION.

In tremendous numbers the Kaiser's troops hurled themselves repeatedly at the far-flung lines of the Allies, but without any result. French, British and Belgians alike repelled the blows with notable pluck, and even at points took the offensive. They are well entrenched, and the German losses must have been enormous.

THE PRECEDENT OF 1870

Mr. Lloyd-George, in his speech at the Queen's Hall, London, recently, brought out one point in the case against Germany. He said: This was not the only country to defend Belgium and her integrity.

Our answer is the action we took in 1870. What was that? Mr. Gladstone was then Prime Minister, Lord Granville, I think, was then Foreign Secretary. I have never heard it alleged that their charge that they were ever Jingo.

What was the answer given by Bismarck? He said it was superfineous to ask Prussia such a question in view of the treaties in force. France gave a similar answer.

We received the thanks at that time of the Belgian people for our intervention in a very remarkable document. This is in a document addressed by the municipality of Brussels to Queen Victoria after that intervention.

The great and noble people over whose destinies you preside have just given a further proof of its benevolent sentiments towards this country. The voice of the English nation has been heard above the din of arms.

That was in 1870. Mark what follows. Three or four days after that document of thanks the French army was wedged up against the Belgian frontier. Every means of escape shut up by a ring of flame from the German cannon.

What was that? By violating the neutrality of Belgium. What did they do? The French on that occasion preferred ruin, humiliation, to the breaking of their bond.

That is the interest of Prussia to break the treaty, and she has done it. Well, why? She avowed it with cynical contempt for every principle of justice.

they will purchase everything possible from Canada," said Hon. Mr. Rogers. "Already we have received orders from France for 15,000 saddles and from Russia for 20,000. Great Britain has already ordered 10,000, while Canada will also purchase another 10,000.

besides this order, have also been placed for about 6,000 sets of harness. The total monetary value of these orders will be almost \$4,000,000.

Hon. Mr. Rogers stated that he believed the coming year would be an exceptionally busy one for the Canadian manufacturers, and that the various industries would be running at top speed before many weeks had passed.

"There will also be many large orders to be expected in the immediate future from France and Russia beside Great Britain," said Hon. Mr. Rogers. "Those that we have received are only the vanguard. I think that you will see there will be many millions of dollars spent by the allies in purchasing Canadian goods before the war is over.

Hon. Mr. Rogers was very optimistic in regard to the commercial future of Canada. The war, he said, would have practically no effect upon the industrial output of the Dominion within the next few weeks, as the immense orders which will be received from the allies will keep many industries running at full speed to fill them.

Press Comment

No Relations at All. (Calgary Herald.) W. H. Hearn, Ontario's new Premier, is not related to that other Hearn who pretends "yellow" newspapers across the border, and who hates everything British.

Our Best Service. (The St. John Globe.) The best service the Canadian can render Canada at the present time is to buy made-in-Canada goods. By so doing the wheels of industry will be kept turning and the Canadian workman continued in his employment.

The Unemployed Problem. (Canadian Municipal Journal.) A concerted and determined effort on the part of the civic authorities to grapple with the unemployed problem, calling in the assistance of the business men, would only end in good results.

Here's Good News. (Kingston Whig.) A financial man in Kingston said he gathered from the people in the towns he had visited that money matters were becoming easier.

A Good Suggestion. (The Kingston Standard.) Sweden has decided to incorporate Sir Edward Grey's speech on the causes of the war as a part of ordinary school curriculum, holding it to be an authentic page in the history of the world.

Hauled Flag Down. (Continued from Page 1) "The crew went in two lifeboats which the submarine quickly towed five hundred yards from the Glitera. Three Germans remained aboard for a few minutes, searched the ship thoroughly and rapidly, and one of them evidently opened the bottom valves, because the rest of the ship began to sink.

"We in the lifeboats were ordered to row to the shore. When we reached the Norwegian Sea territory we met a small pilot boat which towed us until a Norwegian torpedo boat took us on board. We were landed at Skudenes. The Glitera was not insured."

"To AVOID COMPLICATIONS." To the Editor of The New York Times: Amid the sad and heartrending tales that come from the warring countries, occasionally runs a gleam of humor.

The following prayer was offered at a Methodist prayer meeting in a certain city in Wales: Dear Lord, we understand that the Kaiser is praying for Thine help, with like earnestness that we impart to our supplications, but to avoid complications, will it please Thee to remain neutral while we finish up the Germans.

E. W. S. Port Chester, N.Y., Oct. 8, 1914.

TO REGAIN HEALTH CLEANSE THE BLOOD

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GERMAN OFFENSE

(Continued from Page 1) "Armentieres, and the other southerly to Fournes, through a country which enclosed and thickly populated.

The French reports contents itself with the assertion that these roads are held by strong forces of Germans, while the British communications claim the contrary on them. The operations along these roads may also merely be a reconnaissance movement, checked by the Germans, but all reports agree that the German resistance at Lille continues to be of the most stubborn nature.

Only the most meagre reports arrive from the eastern war area, but it is clear that the Russians are at least holding their own. Both sides are evidently entrenching, and the Vistula River region promises to become another battle of the Aisne.

The allies console themselves for the Russian withdrawal from Western Galicia and the advanced positions near the Russian Polish border by the belief that the Germans having committed themselves to an invasion of Russian Poland, will not be as likely to send reinforcements to the west as would have been the case if the Russians had suffered a great reverse nearer the German frontier.

Outsides of the purely military operations, interest centers in the Russian Emperor's ukase against vodka, and the efforts being made to care for the Belgians still in their own country, and to repatriate those who have taken refuge in other countries. Berlin states that no consulates will be placed abroad by this necessary work, but at the same time claims that Germany has done all possible, in view of military operations, to relieve the distress in Belgium.

The Emperor's ukase is said to have been issued in response to a widespread demand of his people that he should prohibit the effect on the country of the prohibition of the use of vodka, which followed mobilization.

British troops to-day are making a record of Lord Nelson's monument, decorated in honor of the anniversary of the victory of Trafalgar. From an early hour, crowds surge about Trafalgar Square and nearby streets. A strange reversal of history is the number of floral tributes and medals pinned to the French navy.

MEASURES FOR

(Continued from Page 1) in certain eventualities to provide food for rural population between the Mass and the French frontier.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of California Syrup of Figs, and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative." They love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50 cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. To be sure you get the genuine ask to see that it is made by California Fig Syrup Company. Refuse any other kind with contempt.

LANGFORD

[From Our Own Correspondent] Rev. Mr. Plylie preached on Sunday morning and gave a splendid sermon. Miss Ellen Laing, Toronto, returned to her home last week after spending some time with Mrs. Arthur Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Vanderlip of Brantford, were Sunday guests of H. M. Vanderlip on Sunday.

Mrs. Watson, her mother, Mrs. A. Cornwall, and Master Harry Watson spent Sunday at Alberton.

Mr. Elmore Neep spent Sunday out of town. Mr. Harlart Hamilton was calling at Mr. John Hunter's on Monday.

Mrs. Gordon Duncan, city, spent Sunday evening at Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vanderlip. Several are pressing hay to ship. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cornwall spent over Sunday at Secord.

Mrs. Ed Langs is on the sick list at present. Langford Women's Institute are arranging to give a patriotic concert at the Brant church on Oct. 28th in aid of the Red Cross nurses' fund.

Charles Berthiaume, aged 68, member of a very old family in the counties of Northumberland and Durham, was found dead in bed.

EFFECTIVE AD

Continued from Page One. The latest advice indicate that this army not only has withstood vigorous assaults by the Germans, but it has inflicted severe losses upon the invaders.

Meanwhile, coincident with this operation, and with it, forming an integral part of the whole manœuvre, to pierce the thimblepoint junction between General Von Kluck's force and that of the German army, which marched south from Antwerp, determined thrusts are being delivered by the Franco-British troops in the general direction of Lille, held by a strong German force, and the strategic key to an important German line of communication in West-Flanders.

SURPRISE WAS

(Continued from Page 1) six miles southwest of Ostend. He says that cannon has now been placed near Ostend and adds that most of the German wounded had been removed from Bruges.

The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent, under date of Tuesday night, says that according to a German message a fierce battle is still raging between Fumes and Dunkirk.

On the march on Dunkirk the Germans met a large and unexpected body of troops which attacked them horse, foot and artillery, while the British warships co-operated with the land forces.

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Look at Child's Tongue if Sick Cross, Feverish

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HELIGOLAND

The island of Heligoland lies some forty miles out from the mouth of the Kiel Canal. It was ceded in 1890 to Germany by the late Lord Salisbury in exchange for a strip of land in East Africa.

It was an unwise move on the part of the British, as Heligoland became one of the strongest fortresses in the world, guarding the entrance to the Kiel Canal. The land ceded in exchange for Heligoland was scarcely worth anything, certainly not worth anything in comparison to the strategic importance of Heligoland.

It is, of course, true that twenty-five years ago Germany was not regarded as a menace to the world's peace, nor did she at that time possess the powerful army and navy which are hers to-day. It is unfortunate, however, that she was given Heligoland as she has endeavored throughout the twenty-four years since it came into her possession, to strengthen and improve its defenses.

France's largest Dreadnought, was successively launched at Bordeaux.

CANADIAN SENATOR RECALLS PROPHECY

He Has Personal Knowledge That This One Was Not Manufactured Since War Started

Senator David, city clerk of Montreal, recalled in conversation with a reporter, a remarkable prophecy made in 1874 by a French monk named Hermann, which German as well as French papers have repeatedly published since the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71.

When he was interested in a French newspaper in Montreal during the time of the war as a result of which France and Germany would meet in a tremendous struggle early in the seventies (the prophecy was made in 1849).

The monk further prophesied that France would be devastated by the war, which would be the signal for the birth of a united Germany, and this as events showed, proved to be exactly the case.

In the subsequent course of his prophecy, the monk Hermann, after having reviewed political and economic conditions in Europe, declared that France and Germany would again meet in a terrific struggle, in which many of the other nations of Europe would participate.

It was prophesied that hundreds of thousands of lives would be lost, and that France would be devastated by the war.

Paris would not again be bombarded, but would be set on fire, the monk would rise up and annihilate their foes. The end of the war would see the disintegration of the Germanic Empire, the banishment of the Emperor Wilhelm, who would be the last of the Hohenzollerns to sit upon the throne of Germany, and the establishment of a peace, to which practically all the nations of Europe would be signatories.

The Senator declared that recently he read in a French newspaper published in Paris that the German people were exceedingly superstitious regarding the Hermann prophecy, and that even the Emperor, though ready for war at that time, feared to court a realization of the monk's prophetic vision.

The monk said that the second struggle between France and Germany would occur forty-three years after the first war.

HUGE MODERN ARMIES

Wellington's and Napoleon's Forces Dwarfed Into Insignificance

The colossal armies being used in the European struggle constitute easily a world's record. In no previous battle have more than 1,000,000 men met in the field.

In the Russo-Japanese War, hitherto the greatest battle of modern times, seeming small in comparison with the fighters in the "Kaiser's War."

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At the beginning of the engagement each side extended along a front of nearly fifty miles. The battle lasted for nearly three weeks, after which the Russians finally withdrew with an estimated loss of no fewer than 97,000 men, while the Japanese casualties amounted to something between 40,000 and 50,000 in all ranks.

In the battle of Liao-Yang, fought in September, 1904, the estimated strength of the Russians amounted to 150,000, while that of the Japanese was about 200,000. Here the Russian army, estimated at 100,000 men and 1,700 men respectively.

The two greatest struggles of the Franco-Prussian War were Grave, lotte and Sedan. In the former between 300,000 and 400,000 French and Germans were engaged, the German losses amounting to 25,000 and the French 19,000. At Sedan, about 150,000 French troops under Marshal MacMahon were engaged, and about 250,000 Germans, under the command of the King of Prussia.

As a result of this battle, in which the carnage was awful, some 14,000 French were wounded and about 25,000 French prisoners were taken, besides 83,000 who had to surrender afterwards.

It is estimated that at the battle of Adrianople in 1913, 200,000 Turks and 250,000 Bulgarians, and 50,000 Servians were engaged, a striking contrast to the historic Battle of Waterloo, when the Duke of Wellington had at his disposal less than 65,000 men, while the French army was made up of 71,000 of all ranks.

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LOCAL

WILEY LECTURE Dr. C. A. Wiley, optometrist before the Optometric Institute of Ontario in Toronto, Wednesday.

HYDRO LIGHTS BROKE During the week ending 17th the following street Hydro wires were broken—On east end on lowering streets, Nelles St., from Clarence St.; Alonzo St., east of Bond St.; Princess' pole east of Sydenham.

WAR RELIEF FUND. There are a considerable number of first payments of amounts still unpaid. The general meetings of the War Relief Fund will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 21st, at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. It is necessary that these payments be made up to date before that meeting.

SPLENDID ADDRESS. The Triangle Club recaptured the scene of the European war's night at the Y. M. C. A. when Miss Reading, an intensely interesting travel-trustee, gave a discourse illustrating her discourse with national costumes of the countries visited.

THE LADIES' EFFORT. The Y. W. C. A. will on Thursday and Friday be the scene of the Luncheon Sale of the Women's Hospital Aid of this city. They all kinds of saleable articles, such as clothing, hats, shoes, etc., almost everything. The book-keeping section is in charge. Digby and she will be pleased to receive any bills in the city, which will, with slight exception, be returned over to the Civic Relief Committee.

RELIGIOUS WORK IN THE Y. Religious work in the Y. will be stimulated by Mr. T. who begins on Friday a week to the religious interest of Y. work in the city. He will classes and further progress, assisting while the complete program for the winter will be arranged by his supervision. The first meeting will take place Friday, when the members of the Y. will be addressed by Mr. T.

APPOINTED DELEGATE. A very enthusiastic meeting of the executive of the Brantford School Association was held in the ministerial room of the Y. M. C. A. last evening. The president, Mr. J. H. H. H. H., presided. The Provincial Sunday School week, which meets in London, week. Plans for fall and next year were discussed. The committee on the Y. M. C. A. has intended holding another meeting immediately after the London meeting to complete their plans.

Y. M. ANNUAL. The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will take place on Tuesday, October 27th, when the election of officers for the program for the coming season will be the principal business. It will be remembered that the annual meeting was held in this city in 1912, when it was decided that the officers should only be elected until the fall, which would in future be the annual meeting. This was done in order to have the same year the current membership year, to celebrate the anniversary of the building.

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