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THE WESTERN FRONT.

There is much speculation and very little light regarding coming events on the French and Italian fronts. It is confidently predicted by some that Ludendorff is about ready to resume the offensive against the French or British lines, and by others that the series of successful attacks on various points by the Allied forces during the last ten days are preliminary to a major offensive by Gen. Foch. The latter view does not seem credible. It is more probable that Foch's policy is to continually harass the enemy at all points, strike at points where the air patrol discovers weakness, and prevent if possible the concentration of forces for a new German drive. In the meantime more and more Americans are arriving, and it is only a question of time when an Allied offensive can be undertaken with assurance of a sufficient superiority in manpower to make it effective. It may be true, however, that if the Germans strike heavily on one section of the front the Allied commander will have enough forces not only to hold them there but to counter-attack with great force at some other point. At all events the Allies have decidedly the best of the minor operations all along the line, and American troops are pouring into France in great and growing numbers.

There is the same degree of uncertainty as to events of the immediate future on the Italian front. Some military observers believe the Austrians are preparing another drive, and others are of opinion that the Italians will continue to press forward by degrees, and that they may even attack upon a formidable scale. There does not seem any more reason that they should pursue the latter course if present than that they should strike on the French front; for it is doubtful if they have the necessary numerical superiority. However, they have decidedly the best of the present fighting and their position grows daily stronger to meet any attack the enemy may launch. With a more favorable outlook in the east, the whole war situation is brighter for the Allies.

IS RUSSIA COMING?

Is Russia coming into the war again? The Russian ambassador has been assassinated at Moscow. The people of the Russian Empire have joined the Bolshevik government and joined the Allies. Kerevsky, however, the Germans will march on Moscow. The new developments will at least compel the Germans to maintain large armies in the east, and to that extent Russia is again in the war to the benefit of the Allies. But still more important developments in the far east of Russia are now shadowed. British, French, American and Japanese marines have been landed in Vladivostok, and the supreme war council is said to have decided upon military intervention in Siberia. The remarkable work of the Czech-Slovaks who were prisoners in Siberia but armed themselves and turned against the Bolsheviks, securing practical control of the Trans-Siberian railroad in the interests of Russia and the Allies, has paved the way for sending them assistance and arms to the landing of the marines at Vladivostok was hailed with joy by the people of Eastern Siberia. A powerful Allied movement in Siberia would undoubtedly give new courage to the enemies of Germany in Europe, Russia, and lead to the overthrow of Trotsky and Lenin and the pro-German regime in Petrograd and Moscow. There is much to be hoped for in this direction if the Allied war council has really decided upon military as well as economic intervention in Russia.

The Winnipeg Free Press says:—Theodore Roosevelt has commended himself anew to the regard of the world and the respect of posterity by his shining record, all through the peace, about the war. He was against the Hun from the opening gun, and was outspoken and persistently in favor of the United States intervention which this was unpopular doctrine south of the line. Now his sons are adding lustre to the name. Although the United States is new to the war two of the Colonel's sons have already distinguished themselves in France. Archie Roosevelt was severely wounded by shrapnel last March and has been decorated with the French War Cross. Now the news comes that Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has been cited in the French orders for bravery in the fighting at Cantigny; though badly gassed, he served through the whole engagement with his regiment, Col. Roosevelt has four sons and a son-in-law in the war and they are all overseas.

Questioned on his return to Paris after two days at the front, where he held conferences with Gen. Foch and French and American generals, Premier Clemenceau said:—"I have seen things of immense interest." This is somewhat mysterious, but encouraging.

If Germany is compelled to send a large army of occupation to Russia, while Americans continue to pour into France, the balance on the western front will soon be heavily in favor of the Allies.

A WESTERN EXPERIMENT.

Those who remember the attempt a few years ago to interest all the citizens in the Board of Trade as a vehicle of expression and an agency for the more rapid development of this city will be interested in a similar movement on a very large scale which has just been launched in the city of Winnipeg. The campaign began last week, and the goal to be attained was a membership of 3,000 at \$25 per year for three years, which would give the organization \$75,000 per year to carry on its work. The plan was to unite the Board of Trade and Industrial Bureau, and two hundred men were formed into seventy committees to scour the city for new members. The Rotary Club and other organizations were actively engaged. It is interesting to note some of the features of the new organization. They are set out as follows in the Free Press:—"The Bureau Plan of Operation.—The membership of the new organization will be given opportunity to express preference as to the divisions of work in which they are interested. There will be five divisions of activity, civic, agricultural, industrial, commercial, and traffic and transportation. Members may belong to more than one division.

"The Members Council.—The members will also be organized in occupational groups, and each group will select annually three delegates to a body to be known as the members council. This body will meet weekly at a luncheon, and its recommendations are passed on to the proper bureau for consideration and action.

"A General Manager.—The new organization will have a general manager who will supervise the work of the entire organization and its sub-divisions. Assistant secretaries or co-managers will be in charge of the more important divisions.

"West Canada divisions.—One of the most important bureaus will be that given to the development of west Canada. Of the letters of endorsement received during the campaign by the committees in charge, hundreds have laid special stress on the necessity of a division that would deal exclusively with the problems and the development of the west.

Apart from its favorable location as the gateway of the great west, it is undoubtedly true that the wonderful progress made by Winnipeg has been in large measure due to the progressive spirit of its citizens. They know what is meant by the community spirit, and it has been invoked many times to the great benefit of the city. It is a safe bet that the newest department will meet with far greater success than would be possible in the older cities of eastern Canada. The latter might well put aside their suspicions and jealousies and follow the example of the west.

The Great War Veterans Association of New Brunswick is on record as a stout defender of the overseas Y. M. C. A. against attacks made upon it in Ontario. This association, which has been organized by men who know, and men who have been overseas and are therefore qualified to judge, cannot but strengthen public confidence in the Y. M. C. A. and the character of its service to the men in camp and field.

Toronto Star:—The German chancellor complains that his last peace speech has not been responded to by the allies. As he was engaged in carving up the purchasing department of the war, the allies did not know he was making a peace speech. They thought he was merely indulging in a buttershop soliloquy.

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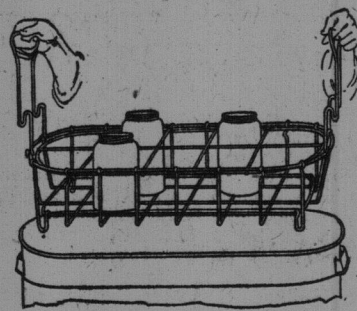
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fact demanding Japanese attention is that Russia has ceased to be a barrier between Japan and Germany; but, on the contrary, is being converted into a high road along which German influence can make eastward progress. "What policy can Japan adopt to meet so serious a situation? No other course is open to her except to establish the Anglo-Japanese alliance on a firmer basis and to further solidify the Japanese diplomatic organization of which that alliance is the foundation. "The Anglo-Japanese alliance was originally formed against Russia as the objective but a remarkable improvement in the relations between Japan and Russia after the Russo-Japanese war caused the treaty to lose its original raison d'être. The war, he now says, is a struggle of two world views wrestling with one another, and argues that "German principles of right, freedom, honor, and morality must be upheld. "German principles of right, freedom, honor, and morality—what are they? Kultur speaks for itself. It speaks through the "Scrap of paper" brought about by the French Boy Scout, the heroism of one of them was described in a letter from Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, addressing a central meeting of Boy Scouts at Gullshall, told of work done by French Boy Scouts in the neighborhood of the firing line. The heroism of one of them was described in a letter from Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, addressing a central meeting of Boy Scouts at Gullshall, told of work done by French Boy Scouts in the neighborhood of the firing line. The heroism of one of them was described in a letter from Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, addressing a central meeting of Boy Scouts at Gullshall, told of work done by French Boy Scouts in the neighborhood of the firing line.

"Although the situation has undergone considerable fluctuation, consistent upon the change in Russo-German relations, Japan's diplomacy ought to continue steadily to follow the path it has so far trodden. If future changes in international conditions should cause Russia to constitute herself once more a barrier against the eastward progress of Germany, nothing would be more welcome to Japan. My sincere desire is, therefore, that the Russo-Japanese agreement again become a guarantee of the peace of the east, and that the day specially come when Japan can safely confide in Russia's sincerity and 'material strength.' "How Japan Can Best Help Russia. Baron Korekiji Takahashi has written an article for the Tokyo Keizai, in which he urges Japan to help Russia help herself. In this task, Japan must co-operate with the Allies; the United States, especially, should be convinced of the honest intentions of Japan. Those jealous of America's economic enterprises in Russia merely reveal the narrowness of their outlook. Russia awaits all manner of industrial improvements, and Japan cannot help her greatly in that respect without assistance from the United States. The Baron concludes: "We have a reserve in specie of 1,000,000,000, but that is too small a sum to enable us to invest in so gigantic an undertaking as the industrial development of Russia. If we sincerely desire to save Russia and to destroy the economic influence of the enemy, the strong resources of the United States must be drawn upon."

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