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THE SITUATION.

During four years Great Britain and her overseas Dominions, have had to build up armies and equipments while also assisting in the task of helping to hold a powerful foe who entered the fray at top notch in both respects. That is the main reason why the Hun, despite French and Belgian valor, has for so long a period been able to hold his original positions in Belgium and France and to maintain the initiative—attacking when he chose to do so and resting up until such time as he was ready for another assault. It is not too much to say that this day has now definitely passed. John Bull and his lusty sons have grown stronger each week and the United States is commencing also to become a factor with almost limitless possibilities in men and resources. There have been very anxious moments and periods when the disaster margin was very closely approached, but all that is over now. If the Hohenzollern-Hapsburg outfit could not bring their war machines in full working order they most decidedly cannot do so now, and through and above everything let the fact not be forgotten that the British navy has proved the corner stone of all that has and will be accomplished.

The German resistance is commencing to be "suffer than it was during the first onslaught, but still the Allies continue to make marked progress. The important enemy base, Montdidier, Chaulnes Junction and other notable strategic points have been added to the list of Allied captures, the total number of prisoners taken is now over 40,000 and guns over 700, while it is reported that Hun officers are finding it increasingly difficult to keep their retreating troops in hand. Men who were taught that they were invincible and then find themselves harried from point to point naturally become restive and difficult to hold effectively together. In fact, some military observers go so far as to say that the present tide may sweep the foe to his own frontier, but this, of course, is mere conjecture.

The Canadians, as usual, have covered themselves with glory. On the first day in which they entered the offensive they took 6,000 prisoners, captured every gun confronting them and advanced 14,000 yards. This is a record for any front. It is now announced that four thousand of the boys of the Maple Leaf will be mobilized as a special force to join other Allied forces in Siberia in aid of the Czech-Slovaks and it is eminently fitting that Canada should thus be represented. Without intervention the state of affairs in Russia might easily develop into a condition of menace with regard to the East, and this Dominion can most appropriately take part in any movement calculated to minimize and then remove that danger.

THE GAME OF BOWLS. Lawn bowling has become one of the established institutions of Canada and it is safe to affirm that no other diversion affords more healthy or beneficial amusement for members of all classes and all ages. A healthy octogenarian can play it with as much zest as the youth of seventeen and both derive equal pleasure from the sport. It is a great leveller and has none of the exclusive elements associated with golf because that great game requires time, and means which ordinary individuals cannot afford. And, blessed thought, there is no hunting round for a lost ball or other strains on the bad language department. In addition bowling is the one open air pastime which can be followed at night, and with regard to which shortening days constitute no interference whatever. As to its ancient origin there cannot be any doubt for the Bible records that Balaam addressed himself to a Jack and Drake finished a game while the Spanish Armada was in the offing. There is scarcely in Ontario so small a place that a green cannot be found and for the Dominion tournament opening in Toronto this week no fewer than seven hundred players have entered. A good bowler is a good fellow, he learns to give and

take and there is no body checking to stir up otherwise amicable feelings, albeit he must possess a keen eye and good judgment if he is to give a successful account of himself with regard to the ever varying ends.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mercury has always been known as the messenger of the Gods, but during these August days he tells of nothing but wilted collars and coatless males.

The German long range gun has been silent for two days. So have these other long range fighters, the Kaiser and his six sons.

The Toronto Globe still continues to harp upon Premier Borden's absence in the Old Land as if he was solely there on a pleasure jaunt. Just about as much so as the editor of the self-same Globe when he was away for some months in connection with war work.

It is estimated in the United States that the wheat yield this year will be 900,000,000 bushels, or 225,000,000 more than last year's. This will far more than offset the Canadian shrinkage, which is inevitable.

Dufferin avenue and some other paved streets might be up-sided and used for fences were it not for the fact that the holes are so big that even elephants could get through.

German prisoners are stated to be very bitter in their comments with regard to the Crown Prince, whom they state to be incompetent and superseding the orders of qualified generals. Well isn't he a Hohenzollern and therefore one of the elect who can do no wrong?

Berlin papers are commencing to make the demand with regard to recent reverses that the people be told the truth. That would be a strange diet for their already weakened tummies.

Lenine is commencing to hunt for a safe spot. He has been the boss betrayer of his countrymen and should be finally rewarded with something slow and lingering.

Your Problems Solved. BY REV. T. S. LINSOTT, D. D. (All rights reserved).

Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, marital, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you.

Bible Student—A Bible Student wants to know why God permits war. Doubtless for the same reason. He permits any other so-called evil. The problem of war is no more difficult than the problem of child-suffering, sickness, bereavement, sorrow and trouble generally. The ill of life originates from ignorance, disobedience to law and human selfishness, and make him nearly all life's sufferings and sorrows on themselves and learn life's lessons in this way.

Protestant—You write in a bitter spirit about Roman Catholics; even if what you say were true, would rather belong to that church than to yours if you are a sample of it. I have had considerable dealings with Roman Catholics and find them as reliable as any other class in the community. There have been abuses in the Roman church, but when the Protestant church has been in existence as long, and had the same political power, I fear it will not be free from similar faults. The Roman Catholic Church believe in our God, trust in our Christ, and are expecting the same Heaven. No person can hate as you do and enter Heaven.

RED CROSS MATCHES. "From all parts of Canada," writes Ralph Rayville, Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" comes word of the holding of Red Cross matches in Golf Links. One intensely interesting match has been arranged for Saturday, August 17th, over the beautiful seaside course at St. Andrews-by-the-sea, N. B. This will be participated in by the well known Montreal professionals, C. R. Murray and the Royal Montreal, twice open champion of Canada; his brother, Albert Murray, of Kanawak, Montreal, who also has two open championships to his credit. A Woodward of the County Club, Montreal, and the local pro, John Peacock, of St. Andrews.

There are a large number of prominent golfers from all parts of Canada and the United States, sojourning at St. Andrews and this match is provoking very great interest indeed. Montaguers who wish to go down to St. Andrews to see the Exhibition Course played by these crack professionals will find excellent train service on the Canadian Pacific and opening in Toronto this week no fewer than seven hundred players have entered. A good bowler is a good fellow, he learns to give and

Take Agents, or W. B. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TO GO TO SIBERIA

Force of Four Thousand to be Raised by the Dominion to Accompany Allied Army of Intervention to Russia.

The following official statement was handed out to-night: Ottawa, Aug. 12.—"For some time past the situation in Russia has been under close consideration by the Allied governments, and decisions have been reached which will lead to the rendering of assistance to the Czech-Slovaks and Russians who are resisting the aggression of the Central powers. Canada will take part in this movement, and following important communications from the Prime Minister, the Government has authorized the mobilization of a special force of about 4,000 for active service in Siberia, with a base at Vladivostok.

A further announcement will be made shortly. In connection with the decision to send a Canadian expeditionary force to Siberia it is related that the familiar with the situation in the portion of the Russian Empire where resistance to the aims of the Central powers is being continued, and with Canada's vital interest in what is going on in that part of the world, that should the designs of the Central powers be realized in Siberia, with its coast and important railway system, would fall under German control.

Canada's extensive Coast Line. Canada has an extensive Pacific coast line and a vital interest in the development of the Far East. It follows that she is deeply concerned in a movement which will settle the future government and economic conditions on so important a portion of the sea coast of the "ocean of the future."

"Siberia, in soil, climate and agricultural capabilities, is remarkably like the Prairie Provinces of Canada. It is densely populated at present, but is being rapidly colonized, and is destined before many years to become exceedingly productive. As it has a great railway system, which connects Western Europe with the Pacific Ocean, there is sure to develop an enormous trade, which will profoundly affect the commercial development of the Pacific. If Germany gets control of this region and organizes its trade this future development, it is believed, will proceed on lines exceedingly hostile to this country. On the other hand, if Russia is helped to become a free country Canada can have a legitimate share in this future trade.

There also would be military danger to be apprehended from the establishment of a country under German control and organization upon the Pacific.

FRENCH CONTINUE ADVANCE

London Aug. 12.—The French are continuing their advance between the Aisne and the Oise, according to news received in London to-day and have captured the town of L'Esclapart, St. Aulien, three miles directly west of Roye.

The line on this front now runs from L'Esclapart, St. Aulien, south-west to Arras and Flixioy, three miles south-easterly direction through Gney eleven miles southeast of Montdidier. It then curves more to the east and passes through the Montigny quarry to the Mill north of Amont, just north-west of Ribecourt, on the Oise. The British have captured the western edge of the town of Bray on the Somme, the advance state.

Apparently the attack on the southern part of front was being resumed, by the French this morning. The line is centered in the sector around the Passigny mass. It is difficult to say where the French are on the crest, but they must be close to it. The whole position of the southern depends upon possession of it in the region between the Roye road and the Somme. The position has been stabilized. The Germans have massed heavy artillery on this front and are heavily counter-attacking.

The towns of Albert and Chaulnes (today) to be held by the enemy, and Roye has not fallen.

enjoyable summer outing at their cottage on Lake Belmore.

Mr. G. H. Williamson of the Y. M. C. A. has returned to his duties after a week's vacation.

Mr. E. F. Reed and family, Sherbrooke street, returned to Kitchener over Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Thomson and family, 65 Palace street, have returned from Port Bruce on Lake Erie after a six weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Thelma Luck, late of Calgary, left on Thursday to reside in Denver, Colorado, after a few weeks' visit at the parental home, Superior street.

Mr. Ed. R. Armstrong, Supt. of the power of the Dupont Powder Co., Princes George, Florida, was a visitor at the parental home, also his brother, E. D. Armstrong, Smithville.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK. By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Aug. 12.—The Associated Press carries the following despatch: Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 12.—Sinking of the British steamer Penitence by German submarine off Georges Bank was reported here to-day.

The Penitence, a vessel of about 4,000 tons gross, apparently was sunk by a German U-boat that destroyed also fishing schooners Saturday. First reports made no reference to the crew's safety and gave no details of the attack.

Should Germany establish her control over Siberia, as she is planning to do, the war would be appreciably prolonged by the supplies she would find there. Russia's stock of wheat has been greatly depleted; of what she has left a large proportion is in Siberia, and other articles which Germany would get would be hides and furs. Siberia being an enormous producer of butter, cotton and copper.

Political and Social Chaos. Considerations of humanity, it is stated, press strongly for the sending of help to the Russians to enable them to re-establish stable conditions. The political and social chaos which has been fomented with the aid of the Germans has resulted in appalling distress and suffering. The peasants, owing to the political convulsions, have done little work on their lands, and wherever the Central powers have been able to penetrate they have seized all the grain upon which they could lay their hands, regardless of the needs of the inhabitants. There is also certain to be acute famine in the coming winter, and the number of probable deaths from starvation has been put by some observers at the awful figure of twenty millions.

To Relieve Suffering. Relief of suffering is foremost in the aims of his allies in despatching an expedition to Siberia. The United States in particular propose to send a commission of agricultural experts, labor advisers, and representatives, agents of the Y. M. C. A., etc., for the purpose of helping the Russians to re-establish industry. The first essential of re-establishment is to continue the re-organization, and it will be the primary purpose of the Expeditionary Force to bring order out of the existing chaos.

The commercial interests of Canada in the Pacific, which are considerable, will be protected by the proposed Expeditionary Force. During 1917 our trade with Australia exceeded seven million dollars, with New Zealand five million, with Japan nine million, with Hong Kong two million, and with China we traded in goods to the value of over one and one-half million dollars. The total trade of the Pacific in a comparatively few years, it is believed here, will amount to many hundreds of millions yearly. A German power entrenched on the Pacific would undoubtedly hinder Canada getting her due share of this.

IMPROVEMENTS REFUSED

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, Aug. 12.—The Railway Board, in a judgment issued to-day, refuses the application of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for an order directing the railways to equip all push and transfer engines with wedge tanks, low enough for engineers to see over and with headlights on the rear. The Board finds that the present time when the resources of railway companies are being taxed to the utmost by war necessities and material and labor are so difficult to obtain, it is unwise to place "any such burden upon the railway companies" apart from the question of expense, the Board declares that a case for the order asked for has not been made out.

DOMINION TOURNEY

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Aug. 12.—Over 700 bowlers, including 300 from out of town points, are here for the Dominion tournament, which opens this afternoon. The stakes entered number 124 all, and the tourney will last practically all week. The British trophy competition for champion sinks will also be played.

TO THE PUBLIC

In order to assist the Canada Food Board in the conservation of Food for the Allies, and to save money for our customers, The Royal Cafe has introduced a Combination Menu, with all summer delicacies, at Special Prices—see our new menu cards and prices. Our idea is to furnish meals for hot weather when cooking is not pleasant" cheaper than you could prepare them in your own home, fresh and of the best quality, at rock-bottom prices. Come and give us a trial. Our Motto—Service and Cleanliness Always. Special Combination-Meat Tickets for Sale. Good for meals at any time.

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CHAPTER CXXIX.

Meeting Daddy. How I fussed over my darling before I sent them to meet Bob. Donald was so excited he could scarcely stand still long enough to be dressed.

"I'm going to see my daddy, mummy. I'm going to make him tell me a story, and—"

"Perhaps daddy won't have time to tell you a story, little son, and you must not annoy him by teasing him. Just be mother's little man."

"All right, mummy, but I guess daddy will do what I want him to," he replied with all the faith of childhood.

"After I had sent them off, I walked the floor and cried my wishfulness to the four walls. Would the pain never cease, the hurt never grow less? I visualized Bob when he met his boys, both bigger than when he last saw them. Children of their ages grow so fast. I thought of them as lurching together in Bob's room, and of him perhaps telling George about it. It was a day of agony for me."

About five o'clock Elsie and Annie brought them home. "I'm going to have dinner with you to-night," Elsie said. "The boys are tired; let's get them to bed, and then we will have a nice long talk. You have suffered to-day, Margaret, your poor child. Your eyes show it."

"Now tell me," I said when an hour later Elsie and I were sitting quietly together in my room. "Bob looked well. He seems older some way. He had some gray hair at his temples. I don't remember that he was gray."

"He wasn't," I interrupted.

"He asked after you. Seemed pleased when I told him you were well and keeping up your studies and your reading. You may be sure you suffered nothing in my hands. He was so happy to see the boys. I thought he never would stop fondling them. And Donald—you should have seen him. He surely loves Bob."

"Yes, Elsie, and it sometimes seems to me that we, neither Bob nor I, had the right to deprive the boys of a father. It frightens me when I think of them as great big boys with only a woman to direct and manage them. Donald is a handful already, bless his little heart. He is so loving; yet he is so stubborn and willful. I hope I shall be able to do what is right and best for them."

"You will, dear."

"Did Bob say anything about—her?" I asked.

"No, not a word."

"Did he say how long he was to be in New York?"

"Yes, he said he was going to leave to-night."

"Back to her, I suppose. How he must love her to hurry back like that."

"I wish you would try taking him south for the cold weather," the doctor said. "It would do him good, and it wouldn't harm you. You are not looking well yourself."

I would do anything to save my boy pain. So the very next day Della, the children and I started for Florida.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

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