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THE SITUATION.

The plucky Belgians, who for nothing at all have had their men and youths killed, their women and girls dishonored, their houses and public buildings destroyed and their fertile lands devastated, are again in the thick of fierce fighting. Antwerp is suffering a bombardment from land guns and airships such as no other place in all history has ever experienced.

At the time of writing the position of the Allies would seem to be somewhat improved, but there is in reality nothing of a definite nature.

Off the China Sea Japan is bringing matters to a certain climax.

THE EMPIRE STANDS

The following editorial is taken from the New York Herald:—"In the face of the larger issues, those in which there is involved the fate of nations, it is quite natural that some of the minor developments of this war should be overlooked, even though these are of great consequence."

"Some German writers have endeavored to make an appeal to American sentiment through raising a 'color' issue. The spectacle of Indian troops being brought to Europe to fight against white men is harped upon. When attention is called to the fact that the United States used its colored troops to splendid advantage in the campaign against the Spaniards in Cuba, by way of rejoinder there comes the assertion, 'Oh, but they were Americans!'"

"In the scheme of things as this was seen before the outbreak of the war by the German strategists two factors were prominent. One was that the Irish would take advantage of any trouble to the British Empire to promote the independence of Ireland and the other was that at the first note of danger there would be a revolution in India. Perhaps the latter was counted upon more strongly than the former.

"There is every reason to assume that the Indian troops now in France are just as eager to fight for their flag as the colored troops of America were to fight for the Stars and Stripes in Cuba."

"In any event, what has happened has shown to the world that the predicted collapse of the British Empire at the supreme crisis has failed to materialize."

PROOF OF ATROCITIES.

"The Case of Belgium in the Present War" is a volume of 120 pages issued by the delegation representing Belgium which recently crossed the Atlantic and laid before President Wilson, at Washington, a mass of evidence in regard to the invasion of Belgian territory by German armies and the outrages committed in violation of the laws of war by the invaders.

The Belgian Minister of Justice, Mr. Carton de Wiart, was appointed by the King of the Belgians to head the delegation, with Messrs. de Sadeleer, Hymans and Vandervelde, Ministers of State, as the other three members, and Count de Lichtevelde as secretary. This book contains the evidence taken by the judicial commission of investigation appointed by the Belgian Minister of Justice, up to August 30, when the delegation left Belgium for Washington, and two supplementary catalogues summarizing the fur-

ther evidence taken up to September 15, the day preceding the reception of the delegation by President Wilson. The evidence set forth in this book is in each case the actual deposition made and signed by the witness, whose name, age and occupation are also given. The witnesses are of all classes—peasants, laborers, priests, merchants, school teachers, professional men and others, making a representative showing of the population in the regions of Belgium overrun by the modern Hun who, in their devastating destruction and pillage, have tortured and outraged fellow human beings with savage bestiality which it is hard to imagine can have ever been exceeded in deliberate cruelty and lust even in warfare before the dawn of civilization.

It is a sickening recital of facts, all duly attested, many of which are too horrible to be dealt with in a public journal. Here and there in the mass evidence there is mention of an occasional German officer who showed regard for humanity; but the facts set forth in this book constitute an indictment of a system which cannot continue in a universe governed by moral laws—an indictment to make civilization shudder in horror.

CHAMBERLAIN'S OBSERVATIONS.

The observations of E. J. Chamberlain, president of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific, make pleasant reading. He said, among other good things:

"I found conditions in the West very satisfactory."

"The increased prices will do much to help the shortage in yield."

"The people are very optimistic."

"They are preparing for a very large acreage next year."

"The 1915 crop will exceed anything they ever had in the northwest."

"The acreage will be increased twenty-five per cent."

"We are now running a through sleeping car train twice a week between Edmonton and Prince Rupert."

"The opening up of the G. T. P. will be a great boon to the Prairie provinces."

"They will get a supply of fresh fish from Prince Rupert."

"Mixed farming will be a great improvement for the Northwest."

"The Fraser River valley is a wide valley heavily timbered."

"The G. T. P. has handled 5,000 carloads of grain more this year than last year."

THE CONTROL OF THE SEAS

The fleets of a great nation are constantly changing, old vessels being discarded and more modern designs being built and even now that great nations of Europe are in desperate conflict on land, the building of new war vessels continues. Of course, no entirely new ship can be built out of hand, for this requires several years time, but the finishing up of vessels on which work was begun a long time ago will, in the near future, add considerably to the strength of both the English and the German fleets. Most valuable lists of the fighting fleets of the contending nations of Europe are given in the Scientific American of October 3rd, and the following facts in regard to the new ships that will be added in the near future have not been heretofore published.

We find then, that in the dreadnought class, by December 1st, the British fleet will be increased by the addition of the "Queen Elizabeth" and the "Warspite" and by the first of March by the addition of the "Majestic," the "Barham," and the "Valiant." All five of these ships are simultaneously being built and are notable as being the first dreadnoughts to mount the 15-inch gun, of which they will carry eight in four turrets on the center line. The 15-inch gun fires a shell weighing 1,925 pounds, which is discharged with a muzzle velocity of 2,500 feet per second and a muzzle energy of 83,500 tons. The gun weighs 98.6 tons, and it is enormously superior to 10,000 yards to anything afloat to-day. Another remarkable feature of these ships is that they will have a speed of over 25 knots. Their belt armor will be from 13 to 14 inches in thickness, and this combination of qualities will enable them to overtake a fleeing dreadnought fleet, and by engaging the vessels at the rear of the line, force the enemy to accept a fleet action. In the scout class, Great Britain will add by December 1st, seven vessels of the type of the "Arcturion," which was engaged in the recent fight at the mouth of the Elbe. These ships mount two 6-inch and six 4-inch guns and carry four torpedo tubes for the 21-inch torpedoes. The speed is 30 knots. By March 1st Great Britain will have added two more of this class.

Germany, before the close of the present year, should she preserve her seaboard intact, should be able to add three powerful dreadnoughts to her fleet; the "Markgraf," the "Grosser Kurfurst," and the "Koenig," vessels of 25,500 tons displacement and 21.5 knots speed, protected by 14-inch side armor and mounting ten 12-inch guns and fourteen 6-inch guns. These vessels are being built at Bremen, Hamburg, and Wilhelmshaven, respectively. Before the close of the year Germany should add to her fine fleet of fast scout cruisers the "Regensburg" and "Graudenz," of 27 1/2 knots speed

and 5000 tons displacement, which are protected by a 4-inch belt and have twelve 4-inch guns, and two 20-inch torpedo tubes. By the first of March they should have two additional ships of this class, the "Geignon" and "Hela," ready for service.

All of the navies engaged in the war have a greater or less number of destroyers and submarines under construction, and all of them will doubtless make every effort that the exigencies of the war will permit to complete these craft and put them afloat. Great Britain and Germany, because of their large facilities, will make undoubtedly a considerable increase, but it is impossible to predict how many of these craft, and when, will be completed in the earlier months of the year.

In addition to these, France, by March 1st, will be able to add to her fleet the "Provence" and "Bretagne," vessels of 25,500 tons and 21 knots speed, mounting ten 13.4-inch guns, and protected by a 10.5-inch belt.

Russia, by March 1st, will have completed her first two dreadnoughts, "Gangut" and the "Poltava," 23,000 tons, and 23 knots speed, each mounting twelve 12-inch guns, in four three gun turrets, the ships being protected by 9 inches of side armor.

HOW THE WAR WAS STARTED

Said Austria, "You murderous Serb. You the peace of all Europe disturb. Get down on your knees, And apologize, please. Or I'll kick you right off my front curb."

Said Serbia, "Don't venture too far. Or I'll call in my uncle the Czar. He won't see me licked. Nor insulted nor kicked. So you'd better leave things as they are."

Said the Kaiser, push in that Serb's face. It will teach him to stay in his place. If Russia says 'boot' I'm in the game too. And right quickly will settle the case.

The Czar said, my cousin, the Kaiser. Was always a good adviser. He's determined to fight, And insists, he is right. But soon he'll be older and wiser.

"For forty-four summers," said France. I have waited and watched for a chance To wrest Alsace-Lorraine From Germany again. And now is the time to advance.

Said Belgium, "When armies immense Pour over my boundary fence I'll wake from my nap And put up a scrap. They'll remember a hundred years hence."

Said John Bull, "This 'ere Kaiser's a scab. And his work isn't worth 'arf a bob' If I lets Belgium suffer. I'm a blank blooming duffer. So 'ere goes for a crack at his nob."

Said Italy, I think I'll stay out. Till I know what the row is about. It's a fair better plan. Just to sell my banan. Till the issue is plain without doubt.

Said our good uncle Samuel, I swaorn. I had better keep out of this row. For with Mormons and niggers And greasers, I figgers. I have all I kin handle just now.

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THE BRITISH ADVANCE AT CHIEF SPOT

In the Centre of Battle Line Victory Was Most Complete.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Oct. 9.—The Times correspondent south of the Aisne says:

"At one centre—and that the most important—the British victory on the River Aisne is now complete. The Germans have evacuated their trenches, leaving in some of them many soldiers who died from a severe visit of typhoid. They left two of their heaviest guns in the quarries, heavily cemented in place."

"Two salient events marked the part of the fighting, of which Soissons was the center. First, the capture by the allies of Fort Conde after a siege of 15 days, and second the remarkable slaughter by the British in the last of a series of German attacks."

"It is agreed that wherever the Germans have dealt severe havoc to the allies around this position their success was due wholly to a spy system. The allies soon found out that the Germans were able to diagnose their movements readily, and instituted a systematic search for offenders. They captured several spies, one of them a woman, who used electric flashlight signals from a window."

"It is not altogether true to say that the battle of the Aisne is over even now, but in the past few days, considerable areas have been deserted by the Germans and great wedges of the allies forces thrown forward."

RUGS AND CARPETS Brighten your home for little money with Crompton rugs and carpets. Frank Sakoski, a Galician, Toronto, killed his wife, and then inflicted injuries on himself from which he died a few hours later.

CORRESPONDENT TELLS

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had plenty of occupation tending the wounded, who were being brought in continuously, so that the hospital soon were full.

"The losses on both sides, I am told, have been very heavy. In one action alone to-day five German regiments were cut up and the horses of their convoys stampeded. They were advancing on Arras by the road along the River Scarpe and at the village of Plouvin, they came under the devastating fire from our artillery and the whole five regiments broke and fled."

"The day, however, has not been altogether favorable for the allies as the French line was obliged to fall back considerably and this evening the enemy's shells are falling within a few kilometers of the Arras station."

"Again to-night a squadron after squadron of war stained and tired dragons rode into Arras, while long lines of limbers are rattling out the Douai road laden with shells for to-morrow. It is a serene moonlight night, but they are racing still, not having ceased since dawn."

"On October 3, I am awakened at daybreak by the thunder of heavy guns, now from north and east, where the third day's battle is raging in a triangle formed by Arras, Lens and Douai. During

the day I watch a daring aeroplane fight in the air and am invited to watch the battle at closer quarters.

"I am conducted to some rising ground outside the town where a wonderful battle scene bursts upon my view. In front, on the horizon, a farmstead is blazing fiercely and the black smoke trails across the evening sky. Within 500 yards of us, the French batteries are in action, shelling the woods to drive out the enemy. Flashes of flame burst over the woods like lightning dancing in the tree tops. Presently the German artillery begins shelling the battery near us. We watch spellbound, and, as the shrapnel fire becomes heavier and nearer, our guides suggest it is time to go."

"October 4, the action is now general in all directions. We go out in the afternoon with the Red Cross to aid in bringing in the wounded. Going in the direction of Cambrai, the shells hurtle overhead as we run the gauntlet. Away to the south villages are in flames and northward a huge cloud of black smoke hangs over Lens where the coal mines are on fire."

"It is a real battle picture, awe-inspiring and fascinating. We reach a little hamlet where every building is full of wounded and the nurses and doctors are working heroically at the terrible shrapnel-mangled limbs. We take all we are able to in the cars,

back to Arras station are entrained. "Entering Arras, we find that all the men here and forty-eight have streaming out on foot for St. Pol, and we join them also afoot."

THANKSGIVING SHOES

Foot comfort is remembered after the price is forgotten. Dorothy Dodd shoes leave pleasant recollections in your memory—and the style is always right, and we fit your feet correctly. Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne Street.

British aeroplanes have made another visit to the Zeppelin hangers at Düsseldorf, where some damage by bombs was done. The airships attacked also the Hangers at Cologne, but without success.

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LOCAL AT ST. PAUL'S The Rev. A. V. Lester, of St. Paul will preach on Sunday morning at the Holy Communion service at St. Paul's church.

GOES TO GRIMSBY. Mr. John Rudolph who has been at the Carlton-Rose hotel, Toronto will again take up the managers of the Village Inn, Grimsby.

TO BUILD A BUNGALOW Charles N. Churchill of 283 Nel street has taken out a building permit for the building of a bungalow dwelling house to cost \$1,400.

ANOTHER DISTRIBUTION. Just over one thousand dollars distributed to the dependants of volunteers now at the front, by Mrs. Hargrove and Mr. J. L. Astford the city hall this morning. This is the fourth city payment.

FOR FAIR READERS The old reference room at the library will be renovated and restored to its former office, as soon as possible. It is intended to make it into a cosy ladies reading room in place of the room now being utilized for a purpose.

COMPLAIN. The inhabitants of West Brantford are complaining of the effluvia which stream from the western end of a Lorne Bridge. The odor of foul decaying matter is nauseating, and is felt that some action should be taken as a sanitary precaution, as the city is filling in gas waste ground.

A GOOD SALE. Mr. S. G. Read had a most successful furniture sale yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. D. Crovinger, 14 Chatham street. The crowd was so great that the greater portion of the goods had to be sold on a lawn. Mrs. Doeringer, who is one of the oldest residents of Brantford is leaving for New York where she will reside with her son. The belongings of many friends will follow her to her new home.

BALLOON DISAPPEARED. Excitement was intense at the M. C. A. yesterday afternoon when hundreds of school children assembled to watch the release and ascent of a "Red" balloon. Numbers of them bicycled and were intent upon following the balloon as it ascended. The membership which attaches to the return of a pennant attached. Their hopes were dashed to the ground, or rather disappeared into space as the balloon soared away and steadily until it sailed out of sight to the northeast probably two or three miles from the M. C. A. and still going.

BOARD OF TRADE The Board of Trade has received the following communication:—"The Manchester Association of Importers and Exporters have placed on record the following resolution: 'The Association representing the mercantile, manufacturing and manufacturing community of this district hereby give expression to their feelings of gratitude for and admiration of the spirit, loyalty and devotion to the British Empire shown at this crisis by the King's Overseas Dominions and possessions in offering the services of their troops and by giving valuable assistance in other ways. The united services of the soldiers of His Majesty the King assembled from all parts of the Empire to take part in this great war will further strengthen the ties and interests which already bind together the various sections of the Empire in one united whole.'

L. E. & N. PLANS. A Galt dispatch says: "On Sept. 29 the Dominion Railway Board held a sitting here in regard to plans of the line of the Lake Erie & Northern railway through Galt, and on the same day the plan for the extension through Jackson Park was approved, but judgment on the other plan, a revised location from Bruce to Main streets, was withheld. A memorandum of the Assistant Chief Commissioner, D'Arcy Scott, just received, conveys the information that this application has been also granted. The R. McLaughlin Co. strenuously objected to the revised plan, as the original provided for its factory being on the right of way, and this so because it owns the pond of which the railway purposes taking part as a location for the station. The town of Galt also fought hard to have the railway made to stay with the original plan, as the town wanted Mill creek diverted."

Agents for McCALL'S PATTERNS OGILVIE, LOCHHEAD & CO. Bell or Mach. Phones Nos. 190 This Week We Are Making a Big Feature of Coats and Suits A word to the wise should be sufficient. Our stock of smart, nobby and attractive looking ready-to-wear is second to none. Prices you will find on the bottom rung of the ladder. PERSIANNE CLOTH COAT—A very smart and attractive-looking coat, shown in Black only, lined throughout. The price is with- \$15.00 in the range of everybody. Special at... A very smart new Basque Suit, with tunic coat, is shown in fine Navy Blue Suiting Serge or Broadcloth. Coat is satin lined and neatly trimmed with braid and buttons, finished with black silk velvet collar. \$25.00 Special at... A large range of Fancy Boucle, Zibelines, Velours and plain cloth Coats shown in a variety of the season's newest styles. Your choice of the new shadings. Special at... \$8.95

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