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THE WAR TODAY.

The process of clearing the Germans out of Belgium and France goes steadily on. The weather conditions in Flanders are bad, but neither mist nor rain nor mud dampens the ardor of the Allied forces. It is clear from the tenor of the despatches that the German morale has been lowered by expectations of peace, but their best soldiers still fight with determination, though unable to stem the Allied advance. The news from Belgium is so gratifying that it encourages hope that the enemy retreat may yet be turned into a rout. Strategic points are being taken, communications cut, and the situation of some of his armies rendered more and more precarious.

Mr. Frank H. Simonds says what has been in the minds of many observers when he suggests that the invasion of Germany itself may soon be attempted by an American army in Alsace-Lorraine. He would not be surprised if the strike came within ten days. Whether it does or not, the steady forcing of the enemy backward in Belgium and France, giving him no time to recuperate or rally his shattered divisions, is steadily bringing nearer the hour when the Hun will stand at bay behind his own frontier.

The next few days should bring political news of special interest and importance from Austria and Turkey, if not from Germany itself. There is no present talk of an armistice, nor will there be any cessation of Allied effort while negotiations by Germany are being offered. The Allies will not yield up one iota of the military advantages they have gained, or suspend operations until ample guarantees have been given by the enemy that his offers are equivalent to a complete surrender.

Today's cables tell of a great strike in Bohemia and Moravia, and of a probable early collapse of Austria.

THE SUBMARINES.

In the hope, no doubt, that somebody will believe it, a German newspaper draws an awesome picture of what the submarine war will be next winter. It is of course possible that another campaign will be started, but there may be a good deal more difficulty hereafter in getting crews. The poison of disaffection is working in Germany. Sir Eric Geddes does well to warn the American people that the only security against the submarine lies in the agencies for its destruction, and there should be no cessation of effort to meet and overcome the menace as long as it exists. It would be infinitely better to spend a few more millions on chasers and destroyers than to take chances with such a foe as Germany. There is, however, one gratifying feature of the situation. The Belgian ports no longer offer a haven of safety to the undersea pirates. That coast will soon cease to offer even a possibility of danger from this source. Indeed it has long been of little real use to the enemy, thanks to the courage and resource of the men of the British navy.

Mathias Erzberger, a member of the German government, is quoted as expressing regret that the Leinster was torpedoed, but adding that it was the hand of fate, and Germany could not be held responsible. The same process of reasoning would relieve everybody from all responsibility of any sort. It would only be necessary to say: "It was in the hands of fate." That sort of fatalism needs to be taught a lesson.

THE GERMAN PEOPLE.

One great merit of President Wilson's last note is that he puts the issue squarely up to the German people. They are given clearly to understand that the Allies do not propose to do business with the leaders who instigated the war and the savagery with which it has been conducted. The people of Germany have their choice. They may repudiate their leaders and provide guarantees that their change of heart is real, or they may fight on until utter defeat forces them to accept the terms imposed by the Allies. So far as the Kaiser and his crew are concerned, their sun has set. Some of the more daring of the Socialist papers are now suggesting to the Kaiser that he should abdicate. A few months ago such a suggestion to the All Highest would have meant jail or a firing squad. The change is a hopeful indication. German Socialism has always been a tool of the militarist party, and needed precisely the lesson it must now learn. An alleged Socialism that could embark upon a policy of murder and pillage has no more to commend it than has the Bolshevism represented by Lenin and Trotsky. The medicine administered by President Wilson and the Allies will cure it of its worst features, or at least render it incapable of further mischief outside of Germany.

The Hohenzollern family will not be able to point out to posterity a very long list of its sons who died fighting for the Fatherland in this war. Their motto is Safety First.

To do all possible to keep in good health is now a public as well as a personal obligation.

AN IRRESISTIBLE APPEAL.

"Somewhere in France today, at this very minute, there is a soldier looking straight into the face of death. He is doing this for you. By night and day, in storm, in rain, in cold and gloom, facing a hundred deaths he never hesitates a minute, but does his duty without a thought of hesitation and without a thought of reward. What are you doing for him today? When you think of that man don't you want to do something to prove that you appreciate what he is doing for you? Of course you do. Then act on your desire and buy Liberty Bonds which will help to safeguard him and to bring him back home. After you have bought all you can tell your friends to do the same."

The above paragraph appears in large type, filling a large space in an American newspaper. What is there said to the American people applies with equal force to the Canadian people and the Victory Loan. The Canadian people include the people of New Brunswick and of the city of St. John.

If peace came soon, and the man at the front was not called on to face death any longer, the Loan must still be made a success to ensure continued prosperity at home. And the investment is gift-giving.

THE EPIDEMIC.

While there is no occasion for panic, the spread of Spanish influenza over the continent warns everybody to exercise care and do what is necessary to keep in good physical condition. Regular habits are essential. Careful eating, abundance of fresh air and healthy exercise will all contribute to a state of health and the possession of a vigor that will reduce the danger from an attack of the disease. It is evident from the daily reports that the malady is more virulent in some localities than in others, with a correspondingly higher death rate. It has probably not yet reached its maximum in this city and many parts of the province, and therefore the greatest precautions are necessary. London, Ontario, has had eleven thousand cases. In Ottawa there were fifty deaths in twenty-four hours, and in Toronto one hundred and thirty-three deaths yesterday. That city has over thirteen thousand cases. We will all indulge the hope that St. John may have a milder visitation, but the danger to each individual is real, and calls for regular and careful habits of life, as much avoidance as possible of what might prove to be sources of contagion, and with these the tranquility of mind which is a bulwark of the first importance in any time of stress.

WILL THEY RESIGN?

People are already beginning to speculate as to the appearance of the House of Assembly at the next session without the presence of these gentlemen: Hon. James A. Murray, Hon. B. Frank Smith, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Mr. George B. Jones, Hon. William Currie. That all of them will resign appears to be a natural conclusion, as a result of recent revelations. The enquiries set on foot by the Foster government have made it necessary to have a considerable house-cleaning at Fredericton. It is not a question of this party or that, but of making clear the fact that the people of New Brunswick want representatives who will not attempt to deceive them or to sacrifice their interests in any way.

No doubt the members named will see the propriety of retiring from public life. That is the best service they can render the province at this time. If they have been in any sense the victims rather than the authors of a "system" which produced such results as have been spread on the records of royal commissions, they have a fine opportunity to give expression to their abhorrence of the system and make it so unpopular that no other representatives of the people will care to make any attempt to keep it alive. Business principles cannot be applied to the administration of affairs so long as there are such transactions as those of the Valley Railway, the patriotic potatoes, the timber leases, the stampage collection and others of that stripe. The members named will no doubt see in due time their duty and responsibility.

SUNDY REFLECTIONS.

(Fredericton Mail.) When our old friend, A. R. Gould of Valley Railway fame, reads the evidence of graft and crooked work taken in the patriotic potato enquiry, he will probably conclude that his escape from the clutches of such an outfit was a lucky and timely one. He certainly got out before the getting out was fairly good.

W. B. Temant was not the first man in the province to gather in \$100,000 in "advance profits" on a railway deal. The idea had its origin in the mind of a gentleman named Flemming, who gathered in a similar amount in a like manner from one A. R. Gould in the spring of 1912.

The name of William Thompson, the mysterious personage who telegraphed \$38,000 to F. W. Sumner of Moncton from this city, does not appear on the city assessment roll.

DEAR LITTLE LAD.

(Lydia M. Hutchinson, in Christian Herald.)

O little lad, with your sunburned face

And your eyes of dancing blue,

Just yesterday I held you tight

And heard your prayer at candlelight,

Dear little laughing heart of you.

Dear little lad, with your book and slate,

On your way to village school,

Just yesterday I saw you go

Across the field where daisies grow,

Dear little happy heart of you.

Brave little lad, in your uniform

With your kit-bag on your back,

Just yesterday you smiled good-bye.

And marched away without a sigh.

Dear little loyal heart of you.

Dear little lad you will not return,

So your captain writes to me;

Just yesterday he said you fell

Asleep at twilight's vesper bell,

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