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THE WAR NEWS

Caution still marks the official communications from the seat of war in France. While the correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph declares that there will be no siege of Paris, and quotes, with approval, the remark of an English officer of an aviation corps, that the only anxiety of the Germans now is to increase the distance between themselves and their pursuers, the official reports content themselves with saying that the enemy continues to give way on the left and in the centre, but that on the right of the allied armies they have not fallen back and that there is no change in Lorraine and the Vosges.

The fact, however, that the German centre, as well as their right wing, is retreating, shows that they have been overmatched. The real significance of the gradual retirement of the allied armies on their centre and left, permitting the Germans to come up almost to the gates of Paris, is now apparent. The rapid advance of the Germans, in which, however, they were compelled to fight the way, exhausted them and their ammunition, drew them farther and farther away from their base, and at the same time enabled the allies to bring up fresh troops and meet them in a stronger position near Paris, to strike such effective blows that the German advance has been turned into a retreat, with fresh and vigorous pursuers pressing hard upon their wearied ranks.

The determined attempt of the Germans with three armies converged at that point to break through the French centre has also failed, and it is true that they are now retreating the people of Paris may breathe freely once more, with the assurance that the German menace is a thing of the past. Today's cables confirm those of last night telling of the continued success of the allied armies. The spirit of the German troops must have been broken by the forced retreat, and all the reports agree in describing them as hungry and exhausted and short of supplies. The strategy of the allies has thus far triumphed, and after all these weeks of war not a single French or British army has been overcome, while the Belgians have not only recovered their strength, but have again taken the offensive.

While the Russian operations against Austria continue to be successful in Galicia and Southern Poland, the gallant Serbians in the south have achieved a notable victory in the capture of Semlin, which has so long threatened Belgrade; and the victory will stimulate them to still greater efforts in a campaign that has been marked by conspicuous bravery and success. While Russia is strongly opposed in East Prussia, the Austro-German army which invaded Russian Poland has been repulsed. Reviewing the situation the London press regards the position of Austria as now practically hopeless.

A MILLION MEN

"It is our life against Germany's." In this tense and striking phrase the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill sets out the real significance from the British standpoint of the present war. It is also, as Premier Asquith stated the issue in a broader sense, relating to all the nations, "civilization or barbarism." Mr. Churchill's reference was, however, to the British people alone, and it was his justification for the declaration that Britain must prepare to place a million men in the field.

Mr. Churchill was able to show that the mother country is not in need of more battle ships. Not only is her present fleet entirely effective against the Germans, but she has many more vessels under construction and nearing completion than has Germany. She will continue to keep the German fleet bottled up, or if it takes the offensive she will destroy it, and she will keep the sea routes open. So far as the navy is concerned she requires no assistance whatever. She does, however, need men and money and supplies, and these Canada can give. The first contingent of men from this country must be followed by a second and doubtless a third. If a million men are to be thrown across the British channel into the war zone, provision must also be made for home defence and to fill up the gaps as fast as they are made on the battlefield. Every member of the British government who speaks concerning this war directs attention very forcibly to the fact that it will not be a short war, and that the British Empire must continue without ceasing the work of preparation for a prolonged struggle and for victory at any cost. That is the true British spirit, and it finds a response in the hearts of the people throughout the Empire. No one doubts the result, but the more rapidly the armies are mobilized and sent to the front the sooner that victory will be achieved. Winter campaigning is a very serious business, and the soldiers must be properly equipped in order that they may be strong to do their work. The duty of Canada is clear. That million men should contain at least a proportionate share of Canadians, fighting with their brothers from other parts of the Empire for the preservation of its honor and its life, and for the triumph

of human liberty over the military despotism which Germany and Austria represent.

KEEP BUSY.

"While there are many export markets closed, or partially closed, to us now, there are also many import sources that are in the same condition. If we turn our attention to supplying to ourselves what we cannot just now supply to others, we can at least partially make up for what loss we suffer industrially. If we can keep busy, we can keep prosperous, and it seems to us that, as we view the situation in its entirety, there is no reason to lose heart."

These observations, made by the Maritime Merchant should commend themselves to manufacturers and business men throughout the provinces. We must keep busy. This is not a time for "cold feet." The men who are fighting our battles in Europe are setting an example that ought to be followed by those who stay at home. Courage and confidence are the requisites in time of war. Business men and the banks should exert themselves to the utmost to prevent unemployment and to keep business as near the normal as possible. The Maritime Merchant in this week's issue devotes a good deal of attention to this subject, and its review of the situation should do much to stimulate confidence among the merchants of the maritime provinces. The merchant who drops all his advertising and retreats into his cyclone cellar will come out after the war to discover that the man who went on doing business at the old stand, advertising his wares and going after business more vigorously than he ever did before, has reaped a lasting benefit. As another Journal remarks, discussing the same subject: "Veterans and heroes are the men who fight and keep on fighting."

VON MOLTKE.

At a famous conference between Bismarck, Von Roon and Von Moltke, just before the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, after Bismarck had read a despatch which he declared would lead to war with France, Von Moltke, smiting his chest, exclaimed: "If I but live to lead our army in such a war then the devil may come afterward and take my old carcass."

Von Moltke led the army and their success was complete. Today another Von Moltke, nephew of the conqueror of France, is chief of the German general staff. He has held that position for more than eight years. As a striping he fought in the Franco-Prussian war and gradually rose to the highest rank. We are told it was the Kaiser's desire to have the magic name of Von Moltke to carry fear into the hearts of his enemies. General Von Moltke is sixty-six years old, and we find in an exchange the following description of the man upon whom Germany has vainly relied to repeat the successes of the war of 1870-71.

"Von Moltke's qualities are not of the dazzling order. Bulky and stocky of exterior, with the ungainly outlines of a Bismarck, blue-eyed and blondish-gray haired, taciturn to a degree, a famed characteristic of the Mecklenburgers and Schleswig-Holsteiners from which the Moltkes have sprung, the chief of the general staff is a man of indomitable force, unflinching candour, and mental capacity more distinguished for sanity than scintillating brilliancy. He cares far less for show than a guard lieutenant. The Kaiser offered him the imperial chancellery when Prince Buelow fell, and Von Moltke, believing that a soldier should stick to his trade, declined the invitation. Though he contrived to keep himself thoroughly in the background, his powerful initiative and relentless perseverance are known to have been the influence chiefly responsible for the vast increase in the peace establishment of the German army at a cost of \$250,000,000."

The exhibition in St. John this week has demonstrated that there is plenty of money in circulation, and that business conditions in the province are generally healthy.

The reports from Berlin give the impression that the Russian advance into Germany and Austria has not been successful. Petrograd is, however, a much more reliable source of information.

Fear is expressed in some quarters that after Germany and Austria have been crushed Russia will become a menace to Western Europe. On the contrary it will be a much more liberal Russia that will emerge from this war.

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BRITANNIA. (H. De Vere Stockpole, in London Express.)

Men deemed her changed, and lo! At word of war, unweild, She stands as long ago, The great Armada fell, The sea wind in her hair, The salt upon her lips, Upon the Forelands fair She guards the English ships.

Men deemed her changed, and lo! She stands unto the end, With sword to strike the foe And shield to guard a friend. Across the wave she rules— The lesson shall be read, By foemen—and the fools Who dream that Drake is dead.

LIGHTER VEIN. A suburban minister, during his discourse one Sunday morning said: "In each blade of grass there is a sermon." The following day one of his flock discovered the good man pushing a lawn mower about and passed to say, "Well, parson, I'm glad to see you engaged in cutting your sermons short."

"After a few years' absence from home I was playing in a city near by and I invited my father to come and see the show," related Laurence Wheat, an actor.

"When the last curtain had rung down he came back on the stage to see me, and while we were chatting the treasurer appeared at the door of my dressing room and handed me my pay envelope. Dad saw the figures on the outside and his eyes sparkled.

"My boy," he said, "you don't tell me you get that much every week, do you?" "That's right, dad," I replied.

"Well, well," said the old gentleman thoughtfully, "is that so. What other chores do you have to do besides acting?" "Everybody's Magazine."

"What's the matter there? Can't you please that lady in a dog blanket?" asked the program.

"I can please her all right," answered the clerk; "but she wants the dog to indicate his preference, and he's one of those blue pups that doesn't seem to care for anything—Judge."

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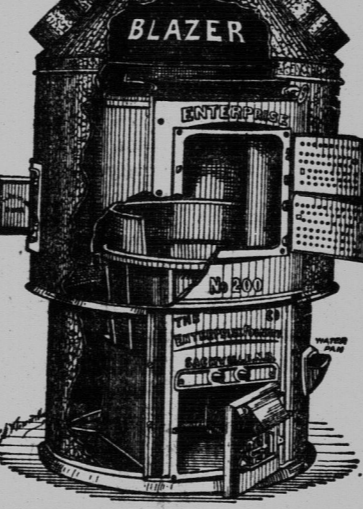
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DESCRIBES ROLLING BACK OF THE GERMANS Kaiser's Troops Retreated In Thunderstorm - Correspondent Praises the Shooting of British Artillery

New York, Sept. 11.—The Sun this morning prints the following from its special correspondent, Harold Ashton, at Crecy-en-Brie, under date of Sept. 8: "We have good tidings today. The German right is on the run for a spell, anyway, and Paris may breathe again. The siege of Metz there is to be, is a long way off yet. "The other afternoon Uhlan raiders were scampering through Chantilly, and a cavalry dash (name deleted) nearer still, was turned by a fine splash of daring by a mere handful of English with two or three Maxims. "I must say these German Uhlans with their fine mounts are splendid riders. All are utterly fearless and are demons for daring. They ride and they ride, noting here, there, everywhere. They have been making moonlight raids for a few nights back very near to the city gates and from what I know of their tactics and their carelessness of the consequences, I should not have been surprised to hear the clatter of them along the diminished boulevards. "But yesterday we changed all that. They vanished, and the roads around Paris for many miles are now clear. "A journey through the silver dawn this morning brought me unchallenged and quite comfortably to the restful valley of the Grand Morin. Further and further eastward I rode until at the last full blaze of noon I saw ahead white dust whirling at the end of the ribbon of road and a string of London general buses ripping along stacked inside and out with yards of good French bread, bales of cheeses, quantities of cabbages and various other masses of comforting stuff. "Next a detachment of French cavalry was riding with loose rein. The long tails of their splendid horses were flying 'Goodbye for the present' to the city far behind. All were speeding to the northwest, where, under a black, sullen cloud trembling with Heaven's artillery tumult of another kind raged. "We were not retreating this time. Somewhere beyond the cloud, pierced now and again by livid streaks of flame the German right was rolling back. "A French officer of the cuirassiers rode up. He spied my civilian garb and wanted to know my business. I pulled from my grimy shirt a small library of passports and other sized documents. The officer laughed merrily and shook my hands. "The English," said he, "have come along. It's all right. We have turned them. We at last are chasing them. This is our first stage to Berlin. Off he rode like a whirlwind. "He was glad and jolly and so were the French Tommies as they swung along, burnt black as cinders. "I learned from these soldiers that since yesterday the German right had been driven 25 miles up the Valley of

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