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THE WAR NEWS.

The German armies have been held in check for still another day, or at least they have not during the last twenty-four hours, gained any important advantage. The splendid resistance offered by the Belgians continues to be the great feature of the campaign in their country. Last night's cables show that the correspondents are still in some doubt as to the immediate objective of the German campaign, but there appears to be a general agreement that the first great battle will be fought on the Belgian territory. There is no reason to doubt the report that in the engagement at Haelen yesterday the German attack failed completely and the German troops were compelled to retreat in disorder. It is also reported, however, that a German army has been massed for attack upon the Belgian defences between Liege and Louvain. It is feared that the Germans will violate the neutrality of Holland by attempting to force their way into Belgium by that route. A Dutch army has been massed on the frontier as a precautionary measure, and it is also said that a considerable area has been flooded by opening the dykes to prevent the passage of German troops. The German guns continue to pound the forts at Liege, and the fear is expressed that the latter may run short of ammunition and fall into the hands of the enemy. Thus far, however, they are safe, and are being defended with the remarkable bravery and determination which have marked the Belgian soldiers throughout the campaign.

of Austria has been one of struggle between contending races, and there have always been elements of disintegration, which still exist, and which may be expected after the close of the present war to change once more the map of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Last night's cables reported serious disaffection among the Austrian troops of different races in Bosnia. This is a condition which is likely to become more aggravated as the war progresses.

THE COST OF WAR.

Professor Charles Richet of the University of Paris has given the following estimate of the armed forces of Europe in case of a general war.

Table with 2 columns: Country, Men. Austria 2,600,000, England 1,600,000, France 4,400,000, Germany 4,800,000, Italy 2,800,000, Rumania 900,000, Russia 7,000,000.

Professor Richet also estimates that the cost of a war in which these nations would be engaged would be in the neighborhood of \$50,000,000 a day. This would include the food of men and horses, the pay of the soldiers and the workmen in arsenals and forts, transportation of men and provisions, expenditure for ammunition and equipment, loss of trade, destruction of towns and help for the poor. Whether this estimate be anything near correct or not, it is perfectly obvious that to keep millions of men in the field with a daily great destruction of life and property must call for an immense expenditure of treasure. When to this is added the cost of naval warfare, the general effect of a prolonged struggle upon the world's finances must be of a world-blighting character. Lieut-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, the great American soldier says:—

"I entirely agree with those who predict that this will be one of the bloodiest wars of all history, and that it may very probably be the last great war."

He adds that the war debts simply cannot be borne by the people, and that this gives reason for the hope that the day will come when a congress of nations will be established for arbitration, to which all nations will be obliged to submit their differences.

THE ROADS TO FRANCE.

To understand the plan of the German campaign against France it is necessary to know that there are three great routes leading from the Rhine, which is the base of German operations, into France. The first of these starts at Cologne, crosses the Belgian frontier and ascends the River Meuse from Liege, to enter France by a natural gap between the head waters of the Rivers Oise and Sambre. The distance from Liege to Paris by this route is about one hundred and ninety miles. If the Belgian forces should be driven back from Liege they would concentrate at Namur, where it is said they have already been reinforced by French troops, so that the capture of Liege would not by any means clear the way for the German army to enter France. It must fight every inch of the way.

The second natural route to France starts at Coblenz on the Rhine, and proceeds along the valley of the Moselle River to the border of Luxembourg. Crossing Luxembourg it enters France by a gap at Longwy; but is then confronted by a line of French fortresses along the River Meuse of which Verdun is the most important in that vicinity.

The third route starts at Mayence, and runs to Strasbourg, whence it turns west toward the French frontier, crossing near Lunelville and Nancy; but behind these towns are the French fortresses of Epinal and Toul. This route passes through Alsace.

It is by these three routes the German armies are now endeavoring to invade France, and here will take place the first great battles of the war.

Montreal Mail—After this war,

the ranks of the Canadian militia ought to be gone over and cleared of those who join merely to parade the streets or to win prizes for shooting. Better a small militia, well trained, than a large number of poseurs.

No Sign of Incendiarism

A board of inquiry, consisting of F. P. Gutelius, general manager; J. T. Halsey, superintendent and L. R. Ross, terminal agent, all of the Intercolonial Railway, together with Chief of Police Clark, started an investigation into the L. C. H. elevator fire yesterday. It will be continued this morning. Mr. Gutelius said last night that, from the evidence submitted, he did not think that incendiarism was the cause. He said the total loss would be in the vicinity of \$400,000. No plans could be announced as to the reconstruction of the elevator but Mr. Gutelius said that temporary repairs would be made to the station immediately.

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A young artist once persuaded Whistler to come and view his latest effort. The two stood before the canvas for some moments in silence. Finally the young man asked, timidly: "Don't you think, sir, that this painting of mine is—well—tolerable?" Whistler's eyes twinkled dangerously. "What is your opinion of a tolerable egg?" he asked.

A young practitioner appeared before a pompous old judge, who took offense at a remark the lawyer made criticising his decision. "If you do not instantly apologise for that remark," said the judge, "I shall commit you for contempt of court." "Upon reflection, your honor," instantly replied the young attorney, "I find that your honor was right and I was wrong, as your honor always is."

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GERMANY VERY HARD HIT AT SEA

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Since the war began the German merchant marine has suffered seriously in the loss of vessels captured by the British and allied forces. The following is a list of most of those reported by cable so far:—

Falmouth, Aug. 4, the Prinz Adalbert (6,800 tons, of the Hamburg-American Line, from Philadelphia).

Falmouth (Aug. 4, the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, 8,984 tons, of the Hamburg-American Line, from New York to Hamburg, held at Falmouth.

London, Aug. 5, the German steamship Porto, 1,800 tons, plying between Hamburg and Portuguese ports, captured off the island of Guernsey, Channel Islands, by a French warship.

London, Aug. 5, the German bark Perko, 876 tons, bound from New York to Hamburg; seized by an English warship.

London, Aug. 5, the mine layer Pluton captured a 5,000-ton merchant ship off the French coast.

London, Aug. 5, the Belgis, 8,182 tons, put into Newport, Eng., for coal and there remains.

Novorossiisk, Russia, the German steamship Atlas, 216 tons, was seized by the Russians at this port in the Black Sea, Aug. 9.

Malta, Aug. 6, British torpedo boats captured and brought to this port a German Levant steamship.

Falmouth, Aug. 7, the German schooner Elise, 818 tons, from the Rio Grande, was towed into Falmouth by the British cruiser Diana.

Quebec, Aug. 7, a German steamship was seized at Rimouski, Quebec.

Shanghai, Aug. 8, the German merchantman Seline Rickmers, 4,108 tons, was captured by a Russian warship.

Antwerp, Aug. 8, the Belgian government seized thirty-four German steamships and two sailing vessels.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8, the Austrian steamship Stella, 2,918 tons, was captured by a Russian warship.

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PARRICIDE OVER \$12

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Clinton, Ill., Aug. 14—In a quarrel over \$12 in accounts, Porter Spencer, aged forty-eight, a farmer, shot and killed his father, John Spencer, aged seventy-eight, near here.

The quarrel started between Porter and his brother, Thomas. When the father interfered, Porter shot him. After chasing his brother into a cornfield, Porter killed himself.

GARDEN PARTY.

A garden party was given on the grounds of Mr. Grant, Wall street, yesterday afternoon and evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Zion Methodist church. The arrangements were in charge of a committee composed of the following members of the society: Mesdames McFarlan, Pendleton, McLean, Kiehlten, Cameron, Carr, Champion and Colpitts. These ladies also acted as waitresses. The candy table was in charge of the Misses Doris Chapman, Helen Keithlen, and Hazel Pendleton, and the ice cream booth was looked after by Mrs. Keithlen and Mrs. Bailey. About three hundred attended the pleasant function and it proved a financial success. Tea was served by the ladies from 6 to 8, on the many tables that were strewn around the spacious grounds, which were very daintily decorated for the occasion with bunting and flags. Several of the tables were hidden in little arbors, that are situated at different parts of the lot, and presented a very pretty scene to the eye. After supper was served by the ladies the usual games were enjoyed by the merry-makers. The ladies of the aid wish to thank Mr. Grant for his generosity in loaning to them for their party his spacious and well-laid-out grounds. The party returned to their homes about 9 o'clock.

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