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## CANADIANS IN GERMANY.

### Health of all Ranks Particularly Good.

According to Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie, the Corps Commander, the health of all ranks continues particularly good, while the weather on the whole has been satisfactory.

Headquarters of the Canadian Overseas Forces, London, announce that a portion of the Canadian Corps is now established in Germany, while a further portion has just received its orders to commence the march from Mons, where it has been in rest since the signing of the Armistice, forward to the Rhine.

Information from Corps Headquarters indicates that the inhabitants of Germany are taking our occupation very quietly. They are reserved in most cases, but in some instances show a disposition to fraternize. The heads of the communities are doing their best to see that the official instructions to them are carried out.

The Canadians in their march to the Rhine passed through the Ardennes country, which was not at all like that part of Belgium to which the Canadians had been accustomed. It reminded them more of many parts of Canada: sharp hills, rolling plains, swift flowing streams, and in some parts dense wooded country.

#### A STUPENDOUS ARMY.

Excluding the smaller Powers which declared war on the Central Empires, but which took part in the fighting, approximately 48,000,000 men have been engaged in the various theatres of war, or 7.5 per cent of a total belligerent population of about 650,000,000. The total casualties exceed 20,000,000, and the death-roll is not less than 8,000,000. It is difficult to visualise the meaning of these stupendous figures. If all the killed could march past in column of four, at the regulation British Army quick time marching pace, it would occupy over three weeks for the sad procession to pass, marching day and night without cessation. The British dead alone would need fifty hours to pass, and the total British casualties 200 hours. The wounded and killed of all the belligerents would be marching in mournful procession night and day for nine weeks.

#### WHAT THE WAR HAS COST.

A conservative estimate of the combined war expenditure of the belligerents gives a total of not less than 32,000,000,000, and in the individual items the British Empire stands at the top with a war bill of £8,500,000,000, approximately £129 per head of its population, and £1,060 for every one of the soldiers and sailors engaged in the fighting. Per head of the total population of all the belligerents the expenditure is £50, and £650 per head of the total of the various armies. The value of the gold reserves of the principal State banks of the world the year the war started was £820,000,000, or barely one-fortieth of the cost of the war. The world's total annual production of gold is not quite £100,000,000, so that to pay the war bill in gold it would need all the gold produced from the world's mines, at the present rate of production, for the next three centuries!