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The Spanish Situation

The possibility of a break of relations between Spain and Germany with a resultant entry of Spain into the war on the side of the Entente Allies recalls the suspicion which has been frequently more or less openly expressed as to the attitude of Spain hitherto.

An order-in-council passed in Ottawa on the 7th extends the functions of the war purchasing committee to purchases for all departments of the government, whether connected with the prosecution of the war or otherwise.

The Canadian government has decided to create a war trade board. The members are: Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce; Chairman, Frank P. Jones, Montreal; John W. McConnell, Montreal; James H. Gundy, Toronto; Charles B. McNaught, Toronto; Jos. Gibbons, Toronto. C. A. McGrath, as fuel controller, and the Hon. H. LaPorte, as chairman of the war purchasing commission, are to be members of the board ex officio.

The annual statement of St. Dunstan's Cathedral building fund read in the Cathedral on Sunday last shows the following: The receipts totalled \$14,955.75, consisting of \$6,188.80 private subscriptions, \$4,119.95 Sunday collections, \$4,500 country parish subscriptions and \$150 donations.

For the second time since the war began remarks the Toronto News, Hon. Gideon Robertson has prevented a great railway

strike. For the second time he has averted the paralysis of traffic upon all the lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He has done so by going to the disputants armed with authority from Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues.

A Federal Grand Jury at Sacramento Calif. on the 9th, indicted fifty-five persons with conspiring with William D. Haywood, Secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World and others to hinder the execution of the laws of United States in the prosecution of war with Germany.

The London Times' political writer says: "The Prime Minister has been faced with an unusual accumulation of critical domestic problems since his return from France, and spent a great part of Monday in conference with Lord Rhonda over the latest development in the urgent problem of food."

The last step of the journey is hard but it may not be so long as some suppose. German nerves will not stand another great disappointment, unless I am much mistaken.

There is reason to believe that the writer quoted has the right idea of the situation. The Allies are determined to see this thing through to a successful finish.

A Special Decoration.

A distinctive decoration to be known as the "1914 Star" is to be granted by His Majesty the King in recognition of the services of those Canadians who saw service in France or Belgium in the earlier stages of the war, up to midnight of November 22nd, 1914.

The star is to be of bronze, with red, white and blue ribbon, all claims for the distinction to be approved by the Army Council. Any officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, and man of the Canadian army, including civilian medical practitioners, nursing sisters, nurses and others employed with military hospitals, who actually served in France or Belgium, on the establishment of a unit of the British or Canadian expeditionary force, up to the date mentioned, have qualified for the distinction.

Men entitled to the decoration who are now serving in any unit in Canada should make application through their present commanding officer. If discharged from the service application should be made through the commanding officer of the district in which they reside.

Applicants are asked to give their regimental number, name, unit, rank at the time of disembarkation in France or Flanders, date of disembarkation, date of discharge, if discharged, and in the case of deceased soldiers, date of death.

Seeing It Through

A review of the general war situation, by a writer in the Nineteenth Century concludes with these words: "The two objects before us should be kept carefully distinct and taken in their order. The first is to convince the Germans that they have underestimated our capacity, the second, that they have over-estimated our capacity."

I will conclude with the exhortation Moses gave to Joshua when bidding him lead the people into the Promised Land after forty years of sojourning in the wilderness—"only be strong and very courageous."

Recent events in Germany give good ground for the opinion that the Central Powers are feeling the strain to a far greater extent than is generally supposed. If we continue to apply, against the enemy, all possible pressure from all possible sides the victorious peace may not be so far away as some pessimists imagine.

Progress of the War

London, Feb. 5.—An official statement tonight on British operations says: "Over three tons of bombs were dropped Monday on various targets. Five German machines were brought down in air fighting and three were disabled. One of ours is missing. The British official communication issued this evening says: "Last night the enemy raided one of our posts in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. One of our men is missing."

From the North Sea to the Swiss frontier, the military activity daily seems to be growing in intensity and it may be fair to assume that in the not distant future some of the big battles that have been forecasted will break. The American, British and French armies have been taking hacks at the German lines, either by fairly strong patrol attacks or by bombardments, while in turn the Teutons have been giving consider-

able attention on various sections to their enemies. From the American viewpoint, another successful manoeuvre by the Americans on their sector of the front is of greatest interest. As on last Saturday the Americans again have nipped in the bud an impending surprise attack on their trenches and taught the Germans a salutary lesson with their artillery.

London, Feb. 7.—The Germans on the western front are not yet numerically equal to the French and British forces opposing them, according to Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office, notwithstanding the continued movement of German troops to the war theatre during the last month.

The French war office announced the destruction of fourteen enemy aeroplanes during February 3 and 4, and February 5, and Italian Headquarters reports the bringing down of five hostile machines. Berlin says that seven airplanes and one captive balloon were shot down Tuesday. Entente merchantmen sunk by mine or submarine during the last week totalled 19, of which 15 were British 3 French and one Italian.

London, Feb. 7.—As indicating the chaotic conditions in Russia under the Bolshevik rule, a Petrograd advice reaching London says that looting occurred Tuesday and Wednesday in the Russian capital when wine-cellar were sacked by mobs. The authorities used armed men to oppose pillagers, many of whom were killed or wounded.

Baron Cawley has resigned the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, according to an official announcement made tonight. Baron Beaverbrook (Sir Max Aitken of New Brunswick, has been appointed to succeed him.

Paris, Feb. 7.—The war office communication tonight says: "We repulsed at daybreak an enemy attempt against one of our small posts in the region north of Craonne. After the bombardment reported this morning on the right bank of the Meuse and in Alsace, the Germans carried out east of Sainoigneux as well as at the north corner of the Bois Des Fosses and our lines south of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf three attacks, which we repulsed, inflicting losses on the enemy and capturing material."

Berlin, via London, Feb. 7.—(British Admiralty per wireless press)—The official communication from general headquarters today says: "Western theatre: In the afternoon there was an artillery duel near the coast. Infantry detachments brought in prisoners as a result of an attack east of Zandvoorde and forefield engagements in Artois. In the evening the British artillery was again active on both sides of the Scarpe and west of Cambrai."

London, Feb. 8.—Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, former chief of the naval staff, speaking at Hull today, said he was afraid "we are in for a bad time for a few months, but by late summer—about August—I believe we will be able to say the submarine is killed."

"I would ask them not to make any more optimistic speeches until August when they can make as many as they like," Admiral Jellicoe said the reason for the recent losses in the Irish Sea was that there is shoal water on each side of that sea, on the bottom of which a submarine could sit and remain when hunted.

It is reported from Washington that to speed-up preparation American troops may train in England. Congestion at American embarkation ports in France lies back of the suggestion and by diverting certain units to British ports and through British railway systems and finally transferring several of Pershing's army, more men could be prepared and quicker put in the firing line, who otherwise would not be ready for months.

Local And Other Items

This being Ash Wednesday the solemn blessing and distribution of the ashes took place in St. Dunstan's Cathedral, Rev. Maurice McDonald officiating assisted by Rev. F. McQuaid as deacon, and Rev. W. V. McDonald as sub-deacon. After the distribution Solemn High Mass was celebrated, the same clergy officiating.

The New York Herald, in its comment on the sinking of the Tuscania, expresses the belief that the departure of the Tuscania and the route to be taken by her was made known to the Germans through spies in the United States, and adds: "The only way to throw the fear of God into the hearts of German agents is to begin the hangings."

Following a meeting of the Dominion cabinet council Friday night it was stated that the proposed order-in-council placing cattle on the free list would apply for twelve months. The order-in-council has not yet been signed by the Governor General and is therefore not officially passed. Details, it is announced, will not be available till later.

Mr. Justice Robert E. Harris has been appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, succeeding the late Sir Wallace Graham. The vacancy on the bench created by the promotion of Mr. Justice Harris has been filled by the appointment of Humphrey Mellish, K. C., of Halifax. Mr. Justice Harris is at present sitting in Toronto as a member of the Royal Commission named to fix the value of the common stock of the Canadian Northern Railway Company acquired by the Dominion government under the legislation of the last session of parliament.

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37. No Private Bill shall be brought into the House but upon a petition first presented, truly stating the case at the peril of the suitors for such Bill, and such petition must be signed by the said parties.

38. A committee shall be appointed at the commencement of every session consisting of five members, of whom three shall be a quorum, to be denominated "The Private Bills Committee," to whom shall be referred every Private Bill, and no proceedings after the first reading shall be had upon such Bill until such Committee has reported thereon to the House.

39. So soon as the Committee has reported any Bill, such Bill, together with any amendments that may be suggested by the Committee, shall be printed at the expense of the parties who are suitors for such Bill, and printed copies thereof delivered to the members before the second reading if deemed necessary by the Committee.

40. No Bill for the particular interests of any person or persons, Corporation or Corporations, or body or bodies of people, shall be read a second time until all fees be paid for the same into the hands of the Clerk of the House.

41. No Bill having for its object the vesting in or conferring upon any person or persons, Municipality or Body Corporate the title to any tract of land shall be received or read in the House unless at least four weeks' notice containing a full description of the land in question has been published in the Royal Gazette and one other newspaper in the Province of the intention of such person or persons, Municipality or Body Corporate to apply for such Bill.

H. E. DAWSON, Clerk Legislative Assembly November 28, 1917—4f

Notice to Debtors

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