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The Situation.

The French forces still continue to throw back the masses of German troops hurled at them in the Verdun salient with such a total disregard of life. Their lines still hold, and the enormous sacrifices of the Huns continue to be in vain. The Germans are commencing to send out false reports as to the condition of affairs there, evidently fearing the effect of the truth upon the already alarmed and disgruntled populace.

It is stated that the Kaiserites have refused aid to Turkey in the dilemma in which she finds herself in Mesopotamia and Armenia. Some thought that Berlin would rush troops to the assistance of the Sultan's armies in the same way as she did to Austria when the Russians were crumpling them up in the earlier stages of the war. The plain truth would seem to be that the leading partner of the central powers is far too busy just now on its own account to be able to bother about the others.

Announcement is made that Tretizonid is under attack by the Russian army from three sides. It is a most important centre on the Black Sea.

St. Patrick.

Ireland's patron saint was a very real gentleman, born in Italy in the fifth century. In his sixteenth year, while working on his father's farm, he was seized by a band of pirates, and, with a number of others, carried to the Emerald Isle and sold to a petty chief, in whose service he remained for six years. At the end of that period he succeeded in making his escape to France, where he became a monk. Finally he reached Rome and was sent from there to preach in Ireland. His mission was eminently successful. He adopted the expedient of addressing himself to the chiefs and other existing usages of the Irish for the furtherance of his preaching. He had much success in Christianizing the ancient Irish system of belief and practice. By degrees he visited a large portion of the kingdom and baptized large numbers. In addition he established 365 churches and held more than one Synod.

Pugsley's Bluff Charges.

Says the Hamilton Herald (Independent) "Sir Robert Borden having promised that if any member of the opposition should bring direct charges against the old shell committee or any member of the government in connection with such charges would be investigated, Hon. Wm. Pugsley has accepted the challenge. Yesterday he made formal charges against the committee and also against the minister of militia, whom he accused of conniving with the committee in its misdoings. He assumed personal responsibility for his charges, which means that if upon investigation they prove not to be well founded he will retire from parliament.

At first glance it looks as though Mr. Pugsley had pushed the government into a corner and that it would be compelled either to yield and order an investigation or go back on the premier's promise. But a careful reading of the charges shows that Mr. Pugsley is taking no chances. He is a very ingenious tactician, and in this case he has cleverly schemed to produce a dramatic political effect by committing himself to any definite charge. In his accusations against the shell committee he does not venture to impute any corrupt or criminal action or intent; he alleges nothing worse than extravagance and incompetence—vague, general charges which have been repeated in and out of parliament until the public has grown rather weary of them. That there was extravagance at the outset is probably true; the dominant idea was to get work done, regardless of cost. Perhaps there was incompetence, too; but you can't punish members of a defunct committee for incompetence. Of course Mr. Pugsley's charge against Sir Sam Hughes of "conniving" in the extravagance and incompetency of the committee can be no more serious than the charges against the committee itself.

Under the circumstances we do not think that it is incumbent upon the government to act in accordance with the premier's promise and appoint a commission specially to investigate the Pugsley charges. When Sir Robert Borden made that promise he could not have had in mind the vague and general allegations against the shell committee, but specific charges of wrongdoing.

As the shell committee was appointed at the instance of the imperial government and was acting under its authority, the Dominion government would show a lack of respect for the imperial authorities in ordering an official investigation without having first obtained the consent of the imperial authorities. But Sir Robert Borden says it is not the desire of Lloyd George and contrary to the policy of the imperial government that such an investigation be held during the war. However, he promises that copies of the Hansard reports of Sir Wilfred Laurier's and Mr. Carvell's accusatory speeches and Mr. Pugsley's charges shall be sent to the British minister of munitions, and that if he concludes that an official enquiry is desirable such an enquiry will be ordered.

Surely this is fair and reasonable.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

This is the day of the shamrocks, Kaiser Bill and the real rocks will be staged a little later.

It recently transpired, in answer to a question in the British House of Commons, that Kitchener has a salary of \$30,000 per annum, and he earns every cent of it.

D'Israeli, in his "Curiosities of Literature," relates that the origin of the moustache for soldiers was that men thus equipped would always face the foe and never carry such an adornment to retreat. What, then, shall be said of the feelings of Von Tirpitz, who has been ordered to carry such a crop of flowing whiskers to the rear?

The objection which some of the married recruits in the Old Land have to a general calling out until the single men lists have been more fully tapped recalls Kipling's verse: The bachelor 'e fights for one, As joyful as can be; But the married man don't call it fun, Because 'e fights for Three. For 'Im, an' 'Er, an' 'It. (An' 'Two an' 'One make Three). 'E wants to finish 'is little bit, An' 'e wants to go 'ome to 'is tea.

BRAZIL SEIZES GERMAN SHIPS

Reported That 44 Vessels Seized by South American Country.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, March 17.—A news agency despatch from London to-day says forty-four German ships have been seized by the Brazilian government, according to despatches from Liverpool. The German vessels were merchantmen which had been interned in Brazilian ports at the outbreak of the war.

It is understood that Brazil has acted to meet a shortage of transport requirements. It is also pointed out here that Berlin has persistently disregarded Brazil's efforts to obtain release of coffee seized by the Germans, and valued at \$7,000,000 the property of San Paulo Government.

CONVERTING WOOD INTO METAL.

To convert wood to the resemblance of metal, it is first placed in a bath of caustic alkali at a temperature of about one hundred and ninety degrees Fahrenheit, where it remains two or three hours, the time depending on the porosity of the wood. It is next treated to a bath of hydro-sulphate of calcium, where it remains for twenty-four hours, when a concentrated solution of sulphur is added. After remaining in this mixture for twenty-eight hours, the wood is removed to a bath of acetate of lead, which is kept at a temperature of one hundred degrees Fahrenheit. Here it rests for fifty hours at a temperature of one hundred and seventy degrees Fahrenheit, when the process is completed.

GASOLINE AT THE POLES.

It is well known that the Amundsen and Scott Antarctic expeditions were greatly hindered through losing much of their gasoline—a loss that, in fact, had much to do with the disaster that befell Captain Scott. An eminent scientist thinks he knows what caused the loss. At low temperatures ordinary tin tends to pulverize. At fifty-four degrees below zero it pulverizes quickly, and may pulverize, although more slowly, at a higher temperature. Now, hard solder usually contains a large percentage of tin, and so disintegrates in the same way. Consequently, the gasoline cans are likely to leak at the soldered seams. It is suggested that polar explorers should carry their supplies of gasoline in containers made of glass or of some metal unaffacted by extreme cold.

Boys who play hooky in Bayonne, N.J., will cost parents 10 cents a day in fines, and when caught three times will be put in lockup on bread and water.

St. Patrick's Day In the Morning

'Twas the 8th day of March so some people say, That St. Patrick at midnight first saw the light of day, Whilst others declare 'twas the 9th he was born, Sure 'twas all a mistake 'twixt midnight and morn. For Mistakes will occur in the hurry and shock, And some blame the baby and others the clock. And 'twixt all cross questions sure no one did know, If the child was too fast or the clock was too slow. Now, the first factious fight in Old Ireland, they say, Was all on account of St. Patrick's birthday. Some fought for the 8th, for the 9th more would die, Who would say Right, would black his right eye. 'Till Father McCarley first showed them their sins, Says he: "Boys, no child can have two birthdays unless they're twins!" Says he: "Be always dividing, but sometimes combine: Combine 8 with 9, and 17 is the mark, Let this be his birthday!" "Amen!" said the clerk. —Anon.

LOSS OF DUTCH SHIP

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ment caused by the disaster. The Vanderland calls attention to the fact that the vessel was sunk at almost the same time that announcement was made of the resignation of Admiral Von Tirpitz, as German minister of marine, and of the statement that his successor would continue submarine warfare without abatement. This newspaper refers to the cases of the Dutch Steamships Katwyk, Artemis and Bandoeng, sunk or damaged as a result of German "mistakes," and says that if the Tubantia was sunk by a German submarine, there will be increasing danger that Germany against her wishes may find herself in conflict with neutral states on account of the conduct of her submarine commanders.

PRESS COMMENT.

The Vanderland voices the hope that the change in leadership of the German marine ministry will be utilized as an opportunity for issuing more binding rules to submarine commanders. "Is this Von Tirpitz's farewell greeting to friendly Holland?" Germany ought to be ashamed at this fresh proof that her admiralty has not got her submarine commanders properly in hand. They sink neutral merchantmen and are reprimanded and punished, yet on the next occasion flout their government's measures and promises and fire away blindly." A stronger note is sounded by the Nieuw Rotterdamse Courant, which says that no matter whether the Tubantia was sunk by a torpedo or a mine, the country demands that such occurrences cease. It declares the government must make the strongest representations to Berlin, and continues:

PRIDE OF MERCANTILE MARINE.

"The Tubantia was not a mere

tramp. She was the pride of our mercantile marine. Every responsible naval commander would know what she was and whither she was bound. No account of the disaster mentions a warning of any kind. There is no excuse. No words can qualify this misdeed, which nullifies all German assurances and promises. "We have nothing to do with officers' mistakes. The German admiralty is responsible, and the demand must be made that definite instructions be given to the German navy to render it certain that such mistakes will not arise in future."

WHICH IS THE WORST?

This newspaper says Holland is unfortunately placed between one belligerent "who professedly fights for the interests of small nations, but holds up our shirts, seizes what she likes and paralyzes our imports and industries." And another belligerent, who "while contending for the so-called freedom of the seas, sinks our ships on sight without notice."

15 LOST.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
NEW YORK, March 17.—According to a news agency despatch from London to-day, one of the Tubantia's boats carrying 15 persons is missing and it is feared has been lost, the Evening Standard declared this afternoon.

TO REMOVE DANDRUFF

Get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub well into the scalp with the finger tips. By morning, most, if not all, of this awful scurf will have disappeared. Two or three applications will destroy every bit of dandruff; stop scalp itching and falling hair.

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