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THE SITUATION REVIEWED

"All the heroism which has been shown, all the blood that has been shed, will have been in vain unless we get the result that never again, for generations to come, will it be within the power of any man or any group of men to turn the world into the channel which it has become."

In these words Mr. Bonar Law sets clearly before the people of the British Empire the task they must help to perform. That it will be performed he has no doubt, but he adds—

"I look for no specially good news for many months to come. And we may have had news long before we have good."

Mr. Bonar Law bases his confidence in final victory on the fact that the Allies have greater financial and other resources, and that economic pressure as well as the constant strain of warfare will wear out the enemy long before the allies are so hard pressed as to think of giving up the struggle. Reviewing the whole situation Mr. Bonar Law says he is more hopeful than for months past.

Similar confidence is expressed by Gen. Gallieni, the French minister of war. In an interview this week he declared his unshakable confidence in victory and said—

"Our enemies have been powerless to attain the essential object of every war—the destruction of the adversary's forces. In September, 1914, when we arrested and repulsed the German offensive, the game was lost by the enemy. That victory gave the allies the essential factor of time, which has enabled us to organize the offensive operations of our resources—resources that are very superior in men and money to those of the enemy and nearly unlimited in material, thanks to our mastery of the sea. Caught in a vise, the central powers are struggling desperately to free themselves from its grip. The attack upon our front along the Yser, the offensive against the Russians and the campaign in the Balkans have been the convulsions of a beast at bay. I recognize all their energy and vigor, but their importance is secondary. Even their recent successes made possible by the treason of Bulgaria, cannot modify the strategic situation which has been unalterable for many months. The French, British, Russian and Italian armies are intact. They are growing stronger each day and better equipped to vanquish."

As to that tenacity, Gen. Gallieni entertains no doubts. All France is as one man, determined to fight until complete victory is won.

It is well, however, to look at the other side of the picture. In the German Reichstag yesterday the president boasted that the British and French had failed to break the German lines in the west; that in the east the Germans and Austrians also held the ground they had won; that Italy had not yet won as much territory as she was offered as an inducement to stay out of the war; and that in the Balkans Germany had won both diplomatic and military victories, while the Turks had prevented the success of the attack on the Dardanelles. He asserted that "proud England is troubled about the key to her supremacy," and that the enemies of Germany were deceived in their estimate of her economic strength; and that "the Germans both financially and economically have every reason to contemplate the future with firm determination and unshaken confidence."

We know, despite that assertion, however, that German confidence has been shaken, and that while the president of the Reichstag boasts that the people have corn for bread, and have plenty of potatoes, and that they will overcome difficulties by the organization of the provision market, yet there have been food riots in Berlin; and the deadly pressure of the British navy, cutting off outside sources of supply, will make the conditions steadily worse. Hence, though we may have more bad news, as Mr. Bonar Law admits, we may also have the assurance that if we but persevere, and send forward more and more men and munitions, and maintain the tenacity of purpose of which the French war minister speaks, the victory, however long deferred, will be certain and decisive.

THE PEACE TALKERS

The greater the horrors of this war the less patience people with well-balanced minds can have with those who talk of peace. Prussian ambition is responsible for the war and all its horrors, and until Prussian militarism is utterly crushed there can be no lasting peace in the world. Every additional crime committed by German, Turk or Bulgarian is another reason why there must be no peace except on terms dictated

by the Allies when Germany has been beaten to her knees.

This war was inevitable. Sooner or later, for the good of humanity, Germany had to be crushed. Her whole conduct throughout the war has proved her to be a tiger-nation, with no human feelings and no regard whatever for the rules of war accepted by other nations. Whatever stood in her way was to be annihilated. It was only her inability to carry out her plans that saved the people of other countries from suffering as Belgium and a part of France suffered, and as the Serbs are suffering, and the Armenians. The blood-just is upon the German, and only by reducing his country to helplessness can the world be saved from further devastating wars.

They who prate of peace are doing humanity a great disservice. However great the sacrifice yet to be made, the war must be waged relentlessly, that later generations may walk the ways of peace. The neutrals and the peace advocates are pharisees or fools. To stand aside from this war and yet profess to have a regard for "human rights" is mockery or worse. Human rights can only be vindicated by the utter defeat of Germany, and they who refuse to fight for the triumph of civilization over barbarism can but hang their heads in shame when history records that they selfishly profited by the sacrifice of others. If any nation is either too proud or too selfish or too cowardly to fight in the cause of humanity, it should at least have the grace to be silent and let the fighting nations discuss terms of peace when it pleases them. Germany boasted at the outset that she would dictate the terms of peace. So confident was she that all treaties were disregarded—for was she not to make a new law for Europe? She had secretly planned and prepared for the war which was to give her world-dominion. Her plans failed, however, and the world which despises her knows that she is never more to be trusted by any nation. The Montreal Mail sets forth the situation admirably when it says—

"This war, begun in militaristic insanity will not end in political insanity. It will not be ended by the force of American dollars, aided by the whining of the beaten bully of Europe. It will be ended when the criminal nation is punished for its crime, in the light of that political wisdom which, had it been invoked by the Kaiser, could have avoided war, and saved the priceless lives it has cost. It will not be ended in such a way as to exalt either the power of money or the righteousness of might, but so that the present generation shall leave to the coming centuries a message of inspiring accomplishment and a legacy of enduring peace."

would also be well rid of the Hapsburgs of Austria. There will be no real triumph of democracy while these reigning houses, backed by a military autocracy, have the power to force their will upon the people.

The story of the men of the 20th who went out under fire to bring in the body of a comrade is another proof of the splendid courage of the men of the New Brunswick battalion. It has suffered severely in the fighting, but it is making an imperishable record.

Lord Haldane predicts that "no peace negotiations would be considered by Great Britain or her Allies until Emperor William and the German war party had been thrown out of the saddle by the German democracy." The Hohenzollerns must go, and the world

Corporal Jeffrey, who was in a German hospital, tells of the brutal treatment of Canadian patients there. His story should be a clarion call to every young man to enlist and do his part to avenge the wrongs committed against his fellow countrymen.

As an example of the scientific flaying of an opponent in controversy, the reply of Mr. F. B. Carvell to Mr. B. F. Smith, published in the Times today, must commend itself even to experts in the art. Will the government order an investigation of last year's hay contract? Can it refuse?

With the passing of Mr. Clarence Ward, St. John has lost its most faithful local historian, and a man who was more familiar with the men and events of long past years in St. John than any of his contemporaries. City Hall will not be quite the same, now that he has gone from our midst. His was a singularly gentle and kindly nature, and few men possessed a brighter sense of humor. His contributions to the history of Old Times in St. John were always read with keen interest, especially by the older folk, and whenever a matter of local history was in dispute, or information wanted, the natural thing was to refer to Mr. Ward. A gentleman of the old school, looking always on the bright side and discerning the cheerful aspects of life in all about him, he had won the respect of all and the affection of many; and the news that he had passed into silence brings with it a sense of personal loss to the people of St. John.

JUST OUT



LIGHTER VEIN.

"That fellow Morgan Butties is terrible unpopular," said one mountaineer. "We'll have to get rid of him somehow," replied the old moonshiner.

"Yes. But we don't want to do nothing in a way that ain't legitimate and customary. You know he has political ambitions."

"I've heard so. But he ain't got no pull."

"Yes, he has. An' you an' your relations want to stand back o' me when I put the case up to our Congressman. We'll get Butties appointed a revenue inspector an' then let nature take its course."

"What are you doing there, Ellen?" "Excuse me, miss, but my apron caught in the door."

"But you left the room 10 minutes ago!" "Yes, miss, but I only just found it out."

Looking for Trouble. Some people are of so suspicious a turn of mind that they are always looking for trouble. A stout gentleman with sharp eyes entered a little restaurant, fixing an eagle gaze on the obsequious waiter. "I see you recommend your oysters at a shilling the dozen!" he snapped.

"Yes, sir, the best, sir—real natives, sir," bowed the waiter.

"Then I think I'll have one." "One dozen, sir?"

"No, I said one, and mean one—one oyster."

The waiter's smile vanished and he eyed the stout gentleman witheringly as he asked—"With or without what?"

"Pearls," snapped the waiter, with great sarcasm. "Would you like it with pearls or without?"

Friend—"So your husband has been deceiving you, eh?" Mrs. Henpeck—"Yes, the wretch! I used to give him fourpence for his bus fare every day, and I found out he's been walking to the office and spending the money."

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The late Mrs. Oulton was Miss Athalia Bower, daughter of the late Charles Bower, formerly of Joliet. She is a sister of Miss Bower, of Point de Bute, and of Mrs. Ritchie Trenholm and Miss Louise Bower of Fort Lawrence.

ENQUIRY FOR SUPPLIES.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—A communication has been received by the Trade and Commerce Department from Philippe Roy, general commissioner for Canada in Paris, stating that he has been asked by the Belgian Minister of War to put him in touch with Canadian firms in a position to supply salted meats, lard, etc., hard cheese, wheat and oats. It is thought that this may lead to important results for Canadian manufacturers of these articles.

The Belgian department of war have also communicated with Mr. Roy regarding the eventual purchase by them, should circumstances warrant, of a quantity of flour called "white wheat." This is a finely ground product, coming from choice wheat, out of which only bran

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