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The Situation.

The position of affairs in the Balkans at the present overcast shadows all the other incidents in connection with the big war. The influence of the Kaiser with King Constantine of Greece has proved sufficient to lead that monarch to refuse to support his Ministry in their decision on behalf of the Allies.

The entire situation is one which involves serious possibilities. So far only two of the five Balkan powers are engaged in the war, the Serbians on the side of the Allies and the Turks on the side of the German alliance.

Matters just now are comparatively quiet on the Western front, and there is also nothing much to report from the Eastern area of operations.

Treatment of Russian Prisoners.

Countess Benckendorff, president of the Russian Prisoners of War Help Committee, in issuing an appeal to Canadians for aid, says:

"I attach a brief statement from a medical man to be trusted, of the conditions under which the Russian prisoners of war are kept at the camp of during the winter of 1914-1915, with special reference to their sufferings from want of proper food. I have been medically attending these men for six months, so have had some opportunity of seeing their physical condition. I hope even so moderate a statement may have a useful effect in sending them food to supplement that issued by the German Government, which is totally inadequate and of bad quality. If there is anything further I can do, will you please let me know?"

"During the winter of 1914-1915 there were 10,000 Russian prisoners of war in this camp. Of their sufferings semi-starvation can certainly be said to be the greatest, and the supply of food, insufficient in quantity and of bad quality, was directly responsible for much of their suffering. The food supplied by the German Government was as follows: 300 grams (10 3/4 ounces) of bread daily. This was to last all day. The bread was always hard, sour and of little nutritive value. One litre of milk and three quarters of a pound of butter were issued daily. The coffee was made from anything but coffee beans, its principal basis appearing to be a husk, and had a very bitter taste. I have never seen potatoes, eggs or beans, its nutritive value being completely destroyed by prolonged boiling. The issue of meat was practically nil. I have never seen more than the bits of meat in the soup. I have constantly seen lumps of meat in the cook house which had been dipped in a solution of potassium permanganate to disguise the smell. On many occasions the men were immediately sick after parades of this soup, and there were never less than 2000 cases of enteric fever as a result of their meagre diet. One litre of the same soup as in the morning, except that it contained more water. Once a week raw potatoes were issued instead of the evening soup. These potatoes were raw and often unfit for human consumption. There were no means of cooking them. In the ashbins outside my quarters I have often seen the men searching for and devouring any food refuse they could find. Having medically attended these men for six months, I am in a position to state that in many cases their condition of emaciation was extreme. There have been 500 cases of a disease resembling beri-beri, which I attribute directly to want of proper food. 98 per cent of these cases are amongst the Russian prisoners who receive no parcels of fresh food from home. To carry out any heavy work on this insufficient diet is exceedingly hard, but these men are compelled to do it. I have only referred to the question of food, which, if it could be supplemented, would much alleviate their hard lot and perhaps make their other sufferings a little easier to bear. This statement

is as moderate as I can make it." The appeal is issued from the Russian Embassy, Chesham Place, London, England.

Atrocities Are Real.

A committee of distinguished Americans has publicly announced that it has full confirmation in every particular of the "statement recently made by Viscount Bryce regarding the imprisonment, torture, murder, massacre and exile into the deserts of Northern Arabia of defenceless and innocent Armenians, including decrepit men, women and children, and their forcible conversion to Islam." It has the testimony of eye-witnesses, Armenians, Greeks, Bulgarians, Italians, Germans, Turks, Englishmen, Americans, to support its charges, and it stands sponsor for the assertion that Turkey's "plan of procedure, which is identical in all parts of the country, seems to aim at the complete elimination of all non-Moslem races from Asiatic Turkey, and already that aim is in a fair way of accomplishment as far as the Armenians are concerned."

Reports of consular agents to the State Department at Washington affirm that in the persecution of the Armenians the Turks have committed indescribable atrocities. From many sources, official and unofficial, appalling stories of Turkish outrages in Asia Minor continue to flow into Washington. Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople has made representations to the Turkish Government, with little or no effect.

The State Department has made an informal protest to German Ambassador von Bernstorff on account of the atrocities, thus setting, as far as American public opinion goes, any questions as to the reality of the barbarities. From saying that the stories of the atrocities were "pure inventions," Count von Bernstorff advanced to the point of calling them "greatly exaggerated" and claiming that they were provoked by treasonable activity on the part of the Armenians.

The New York World, discussing the narration of the awful atrocities, points out that it was at Germany's bidding that Turkey entered the war. German influence dominates the Government at Constantinople. The silence or indifference of Germany to the barbarous treatment of the Armenians by Turkey can only result in fastening on the master power responsibility for the outrages perpetrated by its ally. For Germany to excuse or defend the Turks in the "complete elimination" of the Armenians will only be to share the Turks' guilt.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The fat is in the fire for Greece. King Constantine will in the end meet with the same fate as King Ferdinand and the Kaiser.

The years record of the Brantford Social Service League shows how a big task has been most successfully handled.

Now that John Bull has drawn the claws of the submarines, the Kaiserites have made an apology to Uncle Sam. It is a safe wager that they wouldn't have done so had the under water game proved a success.

Our esteemed local contemporary publishes a picture of a London thoroughfare which it states "shows the street in which most of the damage was done by submarines in their recent raid." To see one of those staff participating down the Strand or Fleet Street, would be quite a sight. Save the Ottawa Free Press (Liberal) "The promotion of Hon. Arthur Meighen to cabinet rank as a Privy Councillor will be no surprise. Although without portfolio, the young Solicitor-General has been one of the hardest working members of the Borden regime. He has a faculty for concentration and research, and he applies that faculty with so much enthusiasm and energy that it is easy to predict for him an important career of public usefulness. In Mr. Meighen, the Prime Minister has had a valuable assistant, and it is to be hoped that his ability will now be still further availed of in matters pertaining to the interests of the whole country rather than in the strategic affairs of the political party to which, by accident, he belongs."

With the City Police

Peter Luciana, who was summoned for breach of the traffic by-law, was warned and allowed to go. The cases against Jas. Matthews charged with vagrancy, and Patrick Foley, for not working, were adjourned. There were twelve breaches of the bicycle by-law, which cost the owners \$2 apiece.

THE WHOLE BODY NEEDS PURE BLOOD

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ENGLAND NOT AFRAID

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NOT AFRAID OF ZEPPELS

"London is not afraid of Zeppelins; neither is England itself. In London, people go out to look at them. Of course, damage is done here and there but in the main the raids are useless."

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Mr. Wilkes told of one narrow street in London which had on one side a store and the other a tavern. A bomb dropped in the middle of the street, wrecking both places. The tavern was hurriedly boarded up and a sign put out "business as usual."

SON WAS SERIOUSLY HURT

Lieut. Ransom Wilkes was very seriously hurt in a motor cycle accident in England and his life despaired of. Lieut. Burton Wilkes, his brother, arrived in England just in time to help in the operation, which was a triumph of surgery, lasting two hours. His sister, too, who had just arrived in England he day before to take up Red Cross work, nursed him through his illness which lasted three months.

FAMILY REUNION

The other sons, Lieut. Hilton and Lieut. Burton, returned from France and visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes at Brighton. There was thus a pleasant family reunion, the first in three years.

CONFIDENCE IN KITCHENER

The British people have confidence in Kitchener, said Mr. Wilkes. They are not a bit pessimistic. They believe they will win and will do it at all the time.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Oct. 6, 2:33 p.m.—In the Artois district the artillery exchange has continued with particular violence in the vicinity of the forest of Givency, according to the French official statement given out at the War Office this afternoon. The text of the communication follows: "The bombardment in which both sides have been taking part has continued in the Artois district. It was particularly severe to the south of the forest of Givency. We have made some progress with hand grenades in the connecting trenches to the southwest of the Chateau de La Volle. There has been reported from the remainder of the front nothing more than artillery fighting in which, both sides took part, particularly in the Champagne district, between the Meuse and the Moselle; to the north of Flirey along the front in Lorraine, in the vicinity of Laintrey, Gondrexon and Domezey."

The Ontario Cabinet and the Hydro-electric Commissioners discussed plans for the development of an additional 100,000 horsepower at Niagara Falls.

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LORD DERBY IS ASKED TO LOOK AFTER RECRUITING

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LOCAL

MEET TO-NIGHT The regular meeting of the Labor Council will take place at 8 p.m. All delegates requested to attend.

B. C. I. RUGBY An invitation was received from the College team from Dunnville for a game in the near future.

INDOOR BASEBALL Harry Fleming of the Y received word this morning that the Dominion word on Thursday with their strong up. Elmer Pierce, an old boy, will be playing shortly visitors.

ADDRESSED INSTITUTE Mrs. J. Y. Brown and J. Hurley attended the Women's Institute yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Brown gave a talk on historical work for County. Mrs. J. J. Hurley Red Cross work. A large ladies were in attendance.

A PLEDGE The regular meeting of Temperance Legion was Tuesday, Oct. 5th, 1915. Mrs. J. Y. Brown gave a story which was appreciated. There was a fine sign as follows: "God helping me, I promise not to buy, drink or give Alcoholic liquors while I live. From all tobacco I'll abstain. And never take God's name in vain."

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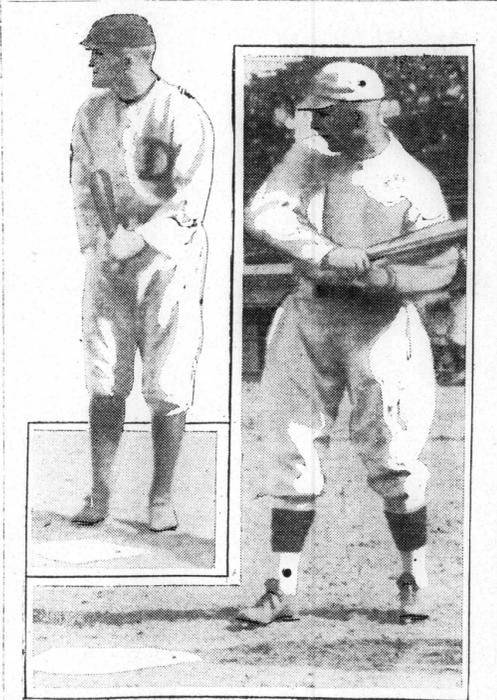
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