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The Situation.

The new phase of the Verdun fighting is proceeding with characteristic intensity. The Hun, by a flanking movement, are seeking to take Dead Man's Hill, an important point, and they have secured a slight foothold in this regard.

The Russians continue to hammer away on the German front along the Dvina. The latter is an important river of Russia and is in part of the territory occupied by the Russians during their great drive.

The Canadian Miracle.

Under the above heading the Toronto News, of which Sir John Willison is the editor, has the following editorial, which is well worthy of reproduction:

"The war has had the unexpected effect of demonstrating Canada's financial resourcefulness and of establishing Canadian credit upon a firm basis. For years before the outbreak of hostilities we had financed a great national development largely with the aid of annual borrowings of about \$200,000,000 in the British market.

The outlook was far from reassuring and grave apprehension was felt in responsible quarters. Nearly 18 months of the conflict have proved, to our surprise and satisfaction, and equally to the surprise and satisfaction of friendly countries, that we were and are far stronger than we or they knew. A great crop, sold at war prices, has helped us. An expanding export trade in food and munitions has proved unexpectedly profitable.

The foreign trade reversal embodied in these striking figures is so remarkable as to be almost incredible. At the end of 1913 no sane person would have believed such a transformation possible under any conceivable circumstances. With the aid of a providentially large crop Canada has achieved the impossible. A country which thought it could not manage without \$200,000,000 a year from the Mother Country is actually loaning the Imperial Treasury money to finance war orders on this side of the Atlantic.

In the face of the war-time strain, we have developed a new sense of manhood and self-reliance amongst the nations which compose the Empire, and in the presence of foreign nations. For the present we have passed from a condition of dependence to one in which we can lend assistance.

So far as American and British financiers are able to pause in the midst of unprecedented world complications, they are astonished at the recuperative powers evinced by this young country, which heretofore had been developed only by means of outside capital. In less than two years Canada has become a lender of millions where it borrowed millions.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. Instead of getting a ring in the nose of the Russian bear, the Huns are now finding that he is commencing to put rings around them.

THE REPORT THAT Carranza men in Mexico are joining with Villa forces is the most serious news that Uncle Sam has received in a long while.

According to the calendar, Miss Spring has arrived, but if she starts to go around just now arrayed in the sweet smile and the pale blossoms in which she is usually depicted, there will be some dimpled toes badly frost-bitten.

With regard to the fact that many women are offering their services during this war time in order to take the places of men needed at the front, the fact is worth noting that many of the softer sex right now are working in U. S. factories as a matter of ordinary business.

PROHIBITION WILL COME

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opposed him as well—in that great speech he declared that he would continue to do in the future as he had done in the past, that he would go as fast and far as the sentiment of the people of the province would warrant in doing everything that in his lay to minimize and reduce the evils of the traffic.

LIBERAL FEARS NOT JUSTIFIED. "The great fear of the leader of the Opposition in criticizing that bill was that it did not go far enough," contented the Minister.

"We passed that law and appointed the commission, and I think I can fairly say that everything hoped for has been fully realized. It was soon realized that not only were the powers of the commission wide enough, but that the commission was going to administer that law with full regard for those powers, and so far as partisanship in administration is concerned, the commission has contributed its part to the administration of the law without being charged with a solitary instance of partisanship.

"The Provincial Secretary referred to its clauses permitting sale for specified mechanical, scientific and medicinal purposes stating that the Government was not satisfied that the method adopted was the best, and that if another and better one could be found it would be adopted.

"The Liberal Leader showed that he was in hearty sympathy with the Government's proposals, although he reserved the right to criticize details when the bill was distributed.

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"The bill is as nearly as we could get having regard to the provisions of the Act in force in the province in which we have improved on some similar provisions in the Man-

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