

Editorial Notes and Comment

WHY GREAT BRITAIN MUST

What is Great Britain's part in the war, and why is it necessary for the Island Kingdom to figure so largely in the already foregone result? With the Germans driven out of France, and the French, Belgians and Russians pressing the German hordes back toward Berlin, why should not Great Britain withdraw, or, at any rate leave in the fight only the remnant of the force she has now in the field?

The logical answer to this question is that Great Britain does not leave any task she undertakes until she has finished it. But there are some special reasons back of her determination to be a factor, and a determining one, at the finish of this conflict.

In the first place, when the account of Europe against the Kaiser is brought up for final adjustment, it is necessary for the future peace of the world that Germany should realize that while her warfare was against France, Belgium, Russia and Great Britain, her complete overthrow was determined by the work of British troops and the British fleet.

Another most important consideration is Russia. The land of the Little Father produces fighters as prolifically as it produces grain and as a factor in the determination of this war Russia might easily figure as the dominating influence with Great Britain out of it or playing any part other than her best. Such a result would not be good from a world viewpoint.

Russia gives evidence of national improvement, but has not yet reached that point where the world would be willing to trust her with the power that would naturally fall to her were she to play the dominating part in the war. British world prestige here demands that the soldiers and navy of the British King shall be so prominent as to guarantee for Great Britain, when final settlement day comes, at least an equal voice with Russia and France in the arrangement of terms and such division of spoils as may be made.—Sydney Post.

SIR JOHN FRENCH, REPORTER

A great reporter is accompanying the English troops in France. He has been present at practically every engagement and he has transmitted reports unequalled for clearness and interest. He received his credentials from no less an authority than the English war office. What is more remarkable, he is doing this work of reporting in connection with the most exacting labor that can be imposed on mortal man. His main business is commanding an army. When the situation permits, he sits down and outlines what has happened with a master hand. The reporter is Sir John French. No one can read the reports to the British war office without being struck with his weighty lucidity, his calm mastery of all important facts, the total absence of any attempt at "effect" and the remarkably suggestive bits of pertinent description.—Chicago Herald.

ENGLAND'S SPIRIT IN WAR

An Englishwoman writing to a friend in New York with regard to England's spirit in war time says:

I don't want to write of things that you can read for yourself in all the despatches, but just of the little things that no self-respecting correspondent would dream of writing about. For instance, has any one read of the sort of men who are coming out in their thousands to join the colors? One might get the notion that, not being the first batch to enlist in the new army, they were a scrubby lot. Far from it. If anything, they are a finer set of men than the first who joined. Across the square, in the grounds of historic Holland House, every morning thousands of splendidly set up young men drill and to judge by their walk—I should say stride—as they pour out of the gates, they had got their training in the football field. And this scene is repeated the whole length of Kensington Gardens, and Hyde Park down to Knightsbridge, and that's as far as one can see from the top of a "bus."

It is the spirit of the women which has made it possible for men to leave their posts and go to their King's and their country's help, as every woman I know has said she would starve rather than hold her men back.

Many of them are taking a man's place and turning over their entire earnings to this man's dependents. I mean, of course, girls and women who can afford to do this.

Another comforting thing to know is that our wounded who have been back to London are, in the majority of cases, only slightly wounded and out of a hundred perhaps in a hospital seventeen or eighteen only are serious cases. They are mostly wounds in the feet and the legs, and soon these men will be fit and able to go to the front again. That they are as keen as mustard to go speaks for itself.

Perhaps the most amusing "rumor" which one hears on all sides, is the Russian one. Two hundred thousand Russians have gone through Scotland and England and are now in France, they say, and their authority is always some one "very high up in the War Office." Then you hear it contradicted by some one who also gets his information from some one "very high up in the War Office." Then the number varies and from 200,000 it comes down to 20,000. But if you ask me, my dear I will tell you positively that the right number is 67,000 and that I know.

I mustn't tell how I know, but it is not from some one "very high up in the War Office." The Russian infantrymen seated in a railway carriage looks to the observer on the platform like our own Tommy, but if you looked far enough down, you would see he wore the high top leather boots of all Russian soldiers and if you could take those off, you would see that instead of stockings or socks, he wore strips of cotton wound round his feet. He is the finest on the march of any soldier in the world, and rarely ever see him play the dominating part in the war. British world prestige here demands that the soldiers and navy of the British King shall be so prominent as to guarantee for Great Britain, when final settlement day comes, at least an equal voice with Russia and France in the arrangement of terms and such division of spoils as may be made.—Sydney Post.

The lessons learned in humility by the Russians in their last war are gone very deep, and the world is going to discover a wonderful change in Russia and in the Russian army. Every departure from the Prussian military standard has been that such gain to them, and one would have to look far for a higher order of efficiency than theirs.

MAY MEAN THE END OF MILITARISM

To Americans it looks as if militarism must bear the responsibility for this war which already is estimated to have cost 500,000 lives. It is the old story that the man who has a gun is much more liable to use it than the one who must go and get one before he will have any such weapon available. Just as there is no use of having a piano in the house unless there is some one to play it, so there is no use of having a big army if there is nothing serious for it to do. The possession is of itself an irresistible temptation. The United States gets along pretty well with a standing army, so small as to seem laughable and absolutely ridiculous to European countries of minor importance. There is no reason under the sun why the several nations of Europe should not reduce their standing armies to the American size.—Utica Press.

THAT ZEPPELIN RAID

The possibility of a Zeppelin attack on Great Britain, her navy, her shipping and her shores has long been conceded and full publicity has been given the proposal to wage this sort of warfare when the psychological moment arrives. The announcement, therefore, that comes via the flag contains nothing that has not long been apprehended or at least anticipated. The subject of a general assault by the air route upon Great Britain has been pretty thoroughly "aired" by Glenn Curtiss and other expert aviators, and the dangers of such a raid pretty thoroughly illustrated by imaginative writers of war romances and contributors to the Sunday papers. That Great Britain is prepared for the predicted attack is well known, and the Kaiser's aeronautic adventures shall discover when their first objective that their excursion is not in the nature of a round trip, for none will likely return to Wilhelmshaven to tell how they failed. The expedition has received too much advance advertising to make it effective.—Ex.

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GEN. JOFFRE

Gen. Joffre, Chief of the French General Staff, was born at Rivesaltes in the Pyrenees, on January 12, 1852. He entered the Ecole Polytechnique in 1868, and in September, 1870 was made a sub-lieutenant and appointed to the new batteries of artillery then being formed. He was present at the siege of Paris, and after the war returned to the Ecole Polytechnique, and was promoted lieutenant of the Second Engineer Regiment. Thenceforward his whole career practically was in the engineering corps. In 1885, when he had the rank of captain, he took part in the Formosa and Tonkin campaigns and was decorated with the Legion of Honor, and in 1888 he was head of the engineering section at Hanoi. In 1892 he was in the Sudan directing the works of the Senegal and Niger Railway.



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and commanded the relief column that went to the assistance of the Bannier expedition which was massacred by the Taurags. He obtained possession of Timbuctoo, and this campaign caused him to be promoted lieutenant-colonel in 1894. In 1897 he again distinguished himself, organizing the naval base at Diego Suarez, in the Madagascar campaign. He was promoted brigadier-general of division in 1905. After that he was Military Governor of Lille, commanded an infantry division in Paris, and was finally appointed to the command of the Second Army Corps at Amiens. He is known as a determined and an aggressive soldier. His popularity with the French people and the soldiers is great. He was made Chief of the Staff three years ago, in July, 1911. The General is noted for his excellent horsemanship.

THE EMBATTLED EMPIRE

The meaning of the British Empire stands clear before the world today—clearer than the most gifted pens have ever written or the most informed minds have ever known. Whatever the burdens of the war may be to ourselves, its reward will be strip in magnitude and durability, the utmost sacrifice that we could lay upon duty's altar. In such an hour may we not rejoice to know that they

are the rewards of courage, or honor and of every impulse that spurred the meander and the weaker way? As the crown of Empire shines brighter in its jewels of strength, justice and devotion, let us be thankful that the will to do right regardless of the cost or consequences has given us the title to wear it proudly before the world.—Pall Mall Gazette.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Who ever thought or knew that there were so many rivers in France and each one so difficult to cross?—Utica Observer.

Since the outbreak of hostilities Germany has lost 124,000 square miles of territory, and will eventually lose all her colonial possessions.—Journal of Commerce.

Those German cruisers at large in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans have a nice sense of discrimination as between a merchantman and a warship. This is where German "culture" comes in as it affects the naval policy. It takes no chances.—Montreal Mail.

The "business as usual" motto has been taken to heart in a south-coast town where the sound of heavy guns (at practice) was heard recently. Up a side street a panic-stricken small boy rushed to his mother, screaming that the Germans had come. His parent eyed him severely before replying. Then she spoke: "Never you mind who's come or who hasn't. Go and wash your face and take your father his dinner."—London Chronicle.

SOLDIER ON GUARD SHOOT'S COMPANION

St. Catharines, Ont., Oct. 7.—Theodore Burgerie, nineteen years of age, clerk in the St. Catharines branch of the Bank of Toronto, and a private in the Nineteenth Regiment, was shot dead this evening shortly after 7 o'clock by Private Frank Hartley, a member of the same regiment, outside the lock shanty to lock 9 if the Welland Canal, where both men were on guard duty. The murder was the result of a trivial altercation.

Little is known of Hartley. He claims to be English by birth, and to have spent some years in New York State. He joined the regiment a few weeks ago.

MURDERED AT HAMILTON WHERE HE WENT TO ENLIST FOR 2ND CONTINGENT

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 7.—Andrew Richardson, thirty-one years of age, who came to the city to enlist for the second contingent, died in the central police station tonight as the result of a razor rash on the left side of his throat, said to have been inflicted in the Bethel Mission, a cheap lodging house across the street from the station. Thomas Brown, fifty-eight years of age, is in the cells held in connection with the death of Richardson.

WAR COSTING COUNTRY \$55 PER SECOND

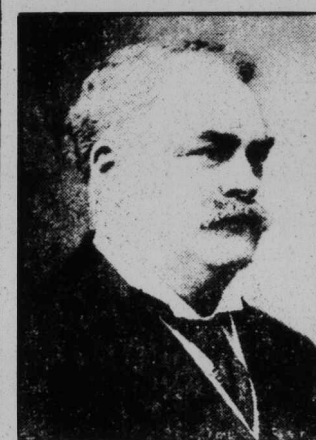
London, Oct. 8.—(10:25 p. m.)—"This war is costing the country \$55 per second day and night," said Sidney Webb, well known as a political economist, in a lecture today at the School of Economics and Political Science, of which he was the principal founder.

The war, said Mr. Webb, was equivalent to a species of economic earthquake which was upsetting everything in a new light. Nobody could predict to what degree of good or evil the world would be changed by the war, the speaker said, but the change undoubtedly would be colossal.

COLONEL HUGHES GOES TO FRONT

Hon. J. D. Hazen Will Act As Minister of Militia in His Absence

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 7.—Colonel Sam Hughes is going straight to the front line in Europe. He wants to see what the character of the fighting is, that he may fit the second Canadian contingent to meet it.



HON. J. D. HAZEN Who Will Act as Minister of Militia in the absence of Hon. Sam. Hughes

Hon. J. D. Hazen will act as minister of militia. He will therefore have the administration of the whole machinery of defense on land and sea.

Colonel Hughes expects to be back in time to form the second contingent. In fact, though the offer has been made, it has not yet been accepted. There is no doubt however, that it will be.

The character of the second expeditionary force will be discussed by Lord Kitchener and Colonel Sam Hughes. The Canadian minister of war will see exactly what the conditions are in England and at the front in France. He will be able to organize the second contingent with more certainty that it will be able to meet every need. There will be more cavalry and less artillery than in the first expeditionary force which took few mounted troops but all the guns. The second expeditionary force will probably sail for Europe about the end of December.

CANADIAN TROOPS AT SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton, via London, Oct. 8 9:10 p. m.—Three ships belonging to the Cunard line are anchored in port here with the first contingent of Canadian troops. Other vessels with Canadians are expected.

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