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## THE SITUATION

Whatever is transpiring between the Russian and Austro-German forces in Poland and Galicia, there can be no doubt but that the situation in France and Flanders is much improved for the Allies. Russian official reports are to the effect that German recently transferred several army corps from Belgium and France, and it was these reinforcements which won the day in Poland. In the meantime the Allies have advanced materially at several points in Belgium and France. The fertility of the German attempt to take Calais or Dunkirk must now be known to the Germans. While certain offensive movements have been initiated by the enemy, it is believed that these actions have been designed to cover up other movements on a greater scale behind the lines. It does not appear by any means, however, that the Germans are ready for a general retreat. As a matter of fact, winter has set in, and the war has set in with it.

Reports are frequently to hand that the Germans are running short of supplies. These reports, it is believed by competent authorities, can be discounted to a considerable extent. One German storehouse at Potsdam is said to be 18 miles in length, and is brim full of war munitions and supplies. The gigantic proportions of the Krupp plant are unequalled in the world. Germany prepared for war, there can be no question about that, and from what is known of the German capacity to organize, to say that for four months of real war that country is facing exhaustion seems ridiculous. The struggle is a stern one, and will continue as such. Ups and downs there will be with each day. Just now the hearts of all Britishers throb expectantly for the day. We are not drinking toasts to the day, but are waiting for it with calm reserve. That day is the one on which the Allies will advance towards Berlin. It will come as sure as the sun shines. It is simply a case of preparedness. What the Germans did in forty years of peace must be done now in part by the Allies. When this is accomplished then will the test come. It will be severe, but the Empire is ready and willing to bear it.

## FOLLOWING UP THE IMPETUS

That was a straight-from-the-shoulder jab made by the President of the Eastern Townships Associated Board of Trade not long ago. Robert C. Wilkins of Granby, P.Q., was the man who delivered it. He crammed more practical philosophy into about five hundred words on that occasion than the celebrated pork-packer did in the letters to his son.

After noting that the only industry now working on full time in Germany is the Establishment for the manufacture of Widows and Orphans, of which the Kaiser is President and Managing Director, he pointed out what a great impetus had already been given to many lines of Canadian industry by the demands arising out of the war. In this category he mentioned boots, saddlery, pulp and paper, clothing, medical preparations, woollens and explosives. Since that time the list has been extended. But there is enough in these alone to give the Made-in-Canada movement a start. And that is only the beginning.

With so much of a start, caused by the ill wind that blows somebody some good, it is simple and easy for Canadians to keep the ball rolling. We are now well over the first dislocation caused by the war. We have taken hold of the problem as never we did any problem in this country before. In tackling the war itself we unconsciously put ourselves in a position to work out our own salvation. We have discovered that while Canada is a part of the world's financial nerve system, she is at the same time so plentifully endowed by nature that in a crisis like the present, by buying Made-in-Canada goods, she is able to put her factories busy and her prosperity keyed up, while the only factories busy full time in Germany are Krupp works at Essen and others.

## WELLAND SOLDIERS

in Uniform Placed on Prohibited List. WELLAND, Dec. 8.—By order of Col. Rose, all men in uniform have been placed on the prohibited list throughout the County of Welland. Notice to this effect has been served on all hotels and liquor stores.

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Lodz was loaded. Help the kiddies enjoy their Christmas.

There are some who say that turning over brewery stock is a paying proposition.

Lloyd-George estimates that the cost of the war for one year will total \$2,250,000,000, or twice the amount the four years' Boer war cost.

A busy spot just now is off Oxford street, where 100 men are working now to eliminate one of the sore spots of Brantford's horticultural grandeur.

Ontario has subsidized three German professors while other members of the University staff are serving at the front without their salaries going on. It hardly looks right.

Great crowing about cutting down the majority of the late Sir James Whitney in Dundas. But it must be remembered there was only one Sir James, and there only has been one in Ontario's history.

Beyers the Boer met a deserved fate. Those maulin people who will cry out for a pardon to DeWet will not take into consideration the loss of life these rebels occasioned by their action.

War has seriously affected immigration from Europe. In the period from August 1 to November 7 only 97,458 people crossed the Atlantic for Canada and the United States. In the same period last year there were 421,584 immigrants.

N. W. Rowell, K.C., has thrown out a challenge to Premier Hearst. The same gentleman threw one out to the people of Ontario not long ago—a challenge which has now been relegated to the grave of shattered ideals. Premier Hearst should worry.

The Brantford Home Guard is a cracking good organization, but it is no formation which should appeal to young able-bodied men who can enlist, had they the desire to do so. The place for Brantford young men is in the local regiments.

The British, French and Belgian Governments are distributing \$6,000,000 a month among the starving Belgians. This money is being given to the Belgians through American and Spanish channels. It is estimated that the Belgians will require a shipload of food a day to keep them from starving.

Great Britain has not only been able to finance her own obligations, to loan money to Canada, Australia and South Africa, give large sums to Belgium, but has just rounded off the score card by guaranteeing an issue of \$12,000,000 of Russian treasury notes. In very truth she is the world's banker.

It was just about a year ago that Constable John Cobden got some buckshot in the head on Brock Lane. Now Corporal Cobden is suffering from wounds received from a German Jack Johnson. Both duties were conscientiously carried out, and friends of the Brantford policeman will wish him home safe and well.

Brantford's new street cars are to be properly initiated on December 17, and Paris and Galt authorities are to be invited to watch the transformation. There was a time when a new City Hall looked more likely to materialize than a new street railway system, but perhaps the latter is really more useful.

According to the report of the Penny Bank, established in connection with the public schools of Toronto, there has been no appreciable falling off in the deposits. In some parts of the province there have been substantial gains in the deposits, indicating a growing spirit of thrift, and also that times are not as bad as is generally supposed.

A good story is going the rounds with reference to the habit of undue familiarity. One of these ill-mannered people called at the British War Office the other day, and in the course of an interview with the War Minister inquired, "What do you think, Kitchener?" Lord Kitchener assumed a sardonic smile and blandly remarked: "Don't be so beastly formal. Call me Herbert."

Mr. Charles M. Schwab, who sailed for England on Saturday, in the course of an interview a few days ago, said: "This is the first time in three years I have felt optimistic over the business outlook for the United States. I look for ten years of unequalled prosperity for this country." Mr. Schwab is president of the Bethlehem Steel Company and as steel is the best trade barometer in the world, his views are of more than ordinary interest.

Ald. Ryerson is objecting to the Brantford Water Commission or any

other body spending money before the ratepayers approved of the expenditure, was right in principle. The probability, however, that the ratepayers will approve in the long run will show that the judgment of the Water Commissioners was right. There is this criticism, however, that when the improvements were first mooted, a capital sum was mentioned as being adequate. This was cut down by the board against expert advice. It should not have been. Otherwise a by-law now would not have been necessary.

The London Advertiser, while frankly admitting that recent bye-elections for the Ontario Legislature were no test of political opinion, says, however, that West Hamilton and Dundas show a decided Liberal trend. As a matter of fact, a remarkable state of affairs would be shown if the Hearst Government maintained its overwhelming majority in season and out of season. There is no big issue before the people, and doubtless in recent bye-elections there was a don't-care attitude on the part of many voters, who were influenced by local conditions as well.

The Kaiser's latest stunt is to hand out a sermon, which is being preached in all the churches. It runs in part like this:

"This is a holy war, wherein no little act of devotion is lost. Nothing is too much for our iron Kaiser. There must be no pardon, no pity for Germany's enemies. The supreme recompense which a German soldier places above everything else is when, stricken by the enemy's blows, he sees the Kaiser pass before him and hears him say, 'I am pleased with thee; thou art my worthy son.'"

And yet it is said the German people are not blameworthy for this war—a people that can stand for a lot of junk like that.

## Notes On the War

By An Unmilitary Critic

Perhaps the Crown Prince has got into his head that he is the White Hope.

Gibraltar will have nothing on Montreal when the Home Guard gets whipped into shape.

An official report now says that there are 433,000 prisoners in Germany. Two weeks ago 680,000 were reported. Germany's official liar must be breaking down from overwork.

The Kaiser gives an iron cross for killing a man, gets the Red Cross to save the wounded, puts a wooden cross over the dead, gives Belgium the Double Cross, and feels cross when the Germans get licked.

If it gets into his head, the Kaiser will never look a dish of maccaroni in the face again.

## OUR BETTING DEPARTMENT

6 to 3 the German navy likes the Kiel Canal better than the North Sea. 8 to 4, the Kaiser won't send a Christmas present to Kitchener. 90 to 1 Italy is getting tired of looking at the scrap from the grand stand.

37 to 2 Irving Cobb interviewed Kitchener, and 37 to 2 he didn't.

It may interest the Kaiser to know that Calais is not losing any sleep.

Apparently it is so stout at all these days for a German soldier in Poland to take a walk around the block before breakfast and come home with 75,000 or 80,000 Russian prisoners.

Count Von Bernstorff has been very quiet lately. One of the Count's last announcements was that the Germans did not lay any mines in the North Sea. He hasn't been the same man since.

One of Russia's greatest statesmen is Michael Demitrovitch Tcheli-sheff. Prezemysl has nothing on Mike.

I have been in the trenches for three weeks now under cannon and rifle fire at 500 yards, and went out of trenches under cover of fog yesterday, five of us and a sergeant.

We went a bit too far, and had a very close call, but I managed to escape and regain the trenches. You can believe me, within fifteen yards of our trench the German dead are piled up three or four feet high. They are torn to pieces by our machine guns, and have been there for days; I can tell you it isn't nice.

We live in the trench just like rabbits, with only enough water to drink. I haven't had my boots off or had a wash or a shave for six weeks. No time for trifles like that. Have you ever heard of the little gun "seventy-five," a French gun? Well, it's a terror.

My pipe is my only comfort when I get a light, but there are no matches to be had. The second of this winter we went to a village about half a mile to the right of our trench, and had to stay there for two days, as we could not return. They bombarded us so until not a house stood; we took refuge in a cellar while our artillery protected us. We had to dig our way out!

## CASTORIA

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London Daily Mail: In spite of the cutting off of most of the Continental trade and of the severe but not irreparable depression in the cotton industry and the luxury furnishing trades, the business outlook is not merely good, but phenomenally so. The orders placed in this country by the Allied governments, the demands that are beginning to pour in upon

## WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

## THE ZEPPELIN SCARE

Providence (R. I.) Journal: Was so much emphasis laid upon the formidable character of the German Zepplins in the earlier weeks of the war? It may be too soon to declare that they are failures, but up to the present time, at least, they have failed to realize the expectations and fears of which they were the subject.

## STRIKE GERMANY INDUSTRIALLY

London Times: The principal business of the Allies, Mr. Belloc rightly says, is to defeat the German armies in the field, but if they can strike at the manufacturing provinces they will be dealing a vital blow at Germany's capacity for continued resistance. We think this view is so sound and important that it must take a prominent place in any speculations about the future course of the war.

## WHAT WE ARE MENACED WITH

London Telegraph: There is no mistaking the mood into which modern Germany has been worked by a generation of such infernal teaching as has produced this war. We are menaced with something as near as nihilism as a people can suffer, something far worse than has been attempted against any modern state in modern warfare.

## NOT TERRORISM, BUT FREEDOM

Springfield Republican: That the majority of the Boers have stood by the government is a sufficient demonstration that what is needed there is not terrorism, but the freedom which has increasingly been granted. It is not surprising that so world-wide an upheaval as this should stir up some of the old embers, and this in itself is enough to justify lenience.

## THE SILENT SACRIFICE

London Daily Mail: In this war our soldiers pass silently from our midst, and too often no more is heard of them till the sad notice when their names appear in the casualty lists. We are not suggesting that informants valuable to the enemy should be vouchsafed, but only that, where it is possible to reveal how and for what purpose the last great sacrifice was offered, immense consolation would be afforded to the bereaved by such knowledge.

## G. B. A. TRIFLE PANICKY

New York Sun: Bernard Shaw's new tack of advising Irishmen to enlist in the French rather than the English army for the purpose of putting down the "prussian militarism" seems to indicate a sharp realization that he has made a mistake in attacking his own country in presence of the enemy. Indeed, the appearance of humor, not to speak of the results of his literary escapade. Mr. Shaw is not accustomed to be taken quite so seriously, and apparently left out of his calculation the effect of a charge of public attitude in that regard.

## DUM-DUM BULLETS

London News and Leader: All the British wounded treated in the British hospitals during the operations in Togoland were wounded by soft-nosed bullets of large calibre, causing injuries of extreme severity. Again, at Gündel, in France, soft-nosed bullets were found on German dead and German prisoners. Of the British service rifle bullet, Sir Victor Horsley, after a long series of researches, says that it is probably the most humane projectile yet devised, and of the British flat-nosed revolver bullet that it is in full accord with the provisions of the Hague convention. These judgments ought to dispose, for every impartial mind, of the canny circulated by the German Government.

## THE HAGUE RULES OF WARFARE

New York Tribune: In discussing the informal protest which President Wilson is said to have made to the European belligerents against the sort of bomb-throwing from airships which serves no military purpose, the point has been raised that there are no international rules of war outlawing such barbarous activities. It is the contention of the Hague convention of 1907 amending and enlarging the rules of war, no code of any sort exists which binds commanders and armies. The code of 1907 plainly does not offer a basis for a protest such as Wilson is said to have made.

## THE PIRATE'S WAY

London Express: The Allies should surely make a strong protest against the iniquitous proclamation of Field Marshal von der Goltz, in which he has ordered the members of the Brussels Civic Guard to hold themselves at the disposal of the German Government and to pledge themselves never to take up arms against Germany. This is a gross affront against international usage. It is the pirate's way, and it is unthinkable that any other nation on earth, except Germany could be capable of such an abominable outrage. What, however, can we expect from a nation which has taken the step of declaring that its Zepplins would soon set fire to London with incendiary bombs.

## BUSINESS PHENOMENALLY GOOD

London Daily Mail: In spite of the cutting off of most of the Continental trade and of the severe but not irreparable depression in the cotton industry and the luxury furnishing trades, the business outlook is not merely good, but phenomenally so. The orders placed in this country by the Allied governments, the demands that are beginning to pour in upon

our manufacturers for goods hitherto made in Germany, the requirements of the Army and Navy that absorb from £900,000 to £1,000,000 every day, the government's disbursements in wages for its employees and in pay for the soldiers and sailors and in allowances for their dependents—all these items are steadily counteracting the dislocation of commerce caused by the war, and are converting a period of anticipated depression into one of actual and increasing prosperity.

## EARL ANNESLEY SHOT ON AEROPLANE FLIGHT

He and Companion Killed by Germans While Over Ostend. LONDON, Dec. 9.—Earl Annesley, and his companion, Lieut. Beaver, who disappeared early last month, after starting on an aeroplane flight to the continent, have both been killed by Germans. Countess Annesley was notified yesterday that the men were shot on Nov. 5, while flying over Ostend.

Francis Annesley, sixth earl of Annesley, was born in 1884. The ancestor-General of the Annesleys, are at Castle Weland and Donald Lodge, in the County Down, Ireland. The earl had no children. Walter Beresford Annesley, a cousin, will succeed to the earldom.

## BEYERS IS SHOT; BELIEVED DEAD

Leader of the Rebellion in the Transvaal Put Out of Action. JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 9.—Brigadier-General Christian Frederick Beyers, one of the leaders of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa, has been shot, it is officially announced, and is believed to be dead.

General Beyers formerly was commander-in-chief of the Union forces. When Premier Botha announced that these troops were to be sent as an expeditionary force to invade German Southwest Africa, Beyers resigned after a heated correspondence with General Smuts, the South African Minister of Defence. Premier Botha then assumed personal command of the Union army.

Beyers later organized a revolt among the Boers of the Transvaal State, in conjunction with that led by General Christian De Wet in the Orange Free State, and shortly after the unsuccessful insurrection led by Lieut.-Col. Maritz in the border country.

With the suppression of the three revolts led by Maritz, De Wet and Beyers, the capture of De Wet and the death of Beyers, the South African troubles may be regarded as definitely ended.

## SEARCHING FOR BODY

PRETORIA, via London, Dec. 9.—6.35 a.m.—The circumstances, which led the government to announce that General Christian Beyers, the rebel leader, had been killed, were made public here to-day. It appears that during a sharp engagement on the banks of the Vaal, Beyers with some others endeavored to cross the river. They were fired on and Beyers was seen to fall from his horse. His body drifted down the stream and then disappeared under water. A search is being made for the body.

General Beyers was the only important rebel leader still at large.

Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, Rev. L. Minicar of Toronto and Col. W. N. Ponton of Belleville spoke at Peterboro' in the interests of the Patriotic Fund campaign.

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## King Gives Cordial Message

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Before leaving the front in France, King George issued the following order of the day: "Officers, non-commissioned officers and men—I am very glad to have been able to see my army in the field. I much wished to do so in order to gain a slight experience of the life you are living. I wish I could have spoken to you all to express my admiration of the splendid manner in which you have fought and are still fighting against a powerful and relentless enemy. By your discipline,

pluck and endurance, and inspired by indomitable regimental spirit, you have not only upheld the traditions of the British army, but added fresh lustre to its history.

"I was much inspired by your soldierly, healthy, cheerful appearance. I cannot share your trials, dangers and successes, but I can assure you of the proud confidence and gratitude of myself and your fellow-countrymen. We follow you in our daily thoughts on your certain road to victory."

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## LOCAL

**SCHOOL BOARD**  
The Public school board met Thursday evening.

**STILL POPULAR**  
Ninety-five little children attended the story hour last night when Van Winkle was taken up and the subject of an interesting tale.

**COLLEGIATE BOARD**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Collegiate Institute board was held in the Board Room on Friday evening.

**BORDEN CLUB**  
The officers of the Borden Club have arranged for an open next Tuesday when Mr. W. Cockshutt will give an address of war.

**CITY INVITED**  
The city is invited to send two representatives to the Municipal Association convention, which opens in Toronto to-morrow. Matter is in the hands of Ald. Brown.

**SUPPLY SECURED**  
Park Baptist Church have arrangements with Rev. Dr. Hooper Bronte, as a permanent supply pastor has been secured. The pastor has been supplying for several weeks with much success.

**INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE**  
It would considerably facilitate despatch of presents to the soldiers now on active service in England friends having parcels to post so that they are properly stamped. The postal authorities being considerably troubled by persons not observing the rule and it is questioned that more care be exercised.

**NEW CARS SOON**  
The Brantford Street Railway has been whipped into good shape and the tracks around the city have been improved immensely. The cars, of the pay as you enter type, will first touch the local metals Thursday, Dec. 17th. This has been announced from the factory at Peterborough, and they are keeping to schedule.

**ARMENIANS DRILL**  
The Armenians of the city are mustered in full force at the Collegiate School last night to undergo further drill in the art of rifle shooting. They were taken in hand by number of cadet officers and are coming more proficient every day. It is noticeable that they have lost enough to come to foreigners.

**IN THE THICK**  
Lieutenant Arthur Bishop, of the city, have both been through the thick of the fight in the Western theatre of the war. Such is the word received by Mr. Frank Blinshaw from a son, who holds a commission in the Second Middlesex regiment. Lieut. Bishop is attached to a Bedfordshire regiment. Both were attending the Royal Military College, Kingston when war broke out, and they immediately secured commissions. No details are given in the letter, but it is thought that the boys are engaged in the North of France, and they are least in good spirits, for one letter reads, "We have had our first crack at the Germans. Everything is O.K. and we are going strong."

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