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## THE SITUATION.

From almost every point in the world-wide sphere of warring activity, reports to-day indicate that the chain is being drawn tighter on Germany, and that the inevitable, while perhaps, not yet in sight, is more certain than ever. A naval victory, the capture of a wide province of rich Turkish territory, and the relentless advance of the Allies in France, all make a good summary of good day's work. The German resistance in France, is reported as having been considerably weakened and the Paris critics are calling for the master stroke which it is known so well that Joffre, Kitchener and French have in view. Against Russia, the Germans have considerable to think about, and in this regard it has been shown again that official Berlin reports claiming victories, are not to be relied upon. The Germans claimed to have inflicted heavy losses on the Russians in the latter's evacuation of Lodz, when, as Petrograd, which has been reliable in official news, states that the Russians were out of Lodz hours before the Germans knew it.

Whether the time has come for the allied advance towards Berlin is difficult to say, although British troops to the number of 400,000 are reported to have arrived in France. When Britain's real army takes the field, it will be known that the time has come when the war will reach its decisive stages. The armies now facing each other still possess initiative and resource to a marked degree, with the exception, perhaps, of the Austrians. These qualities, so essential must be broken. Meanwhile Joffre's Christmas present as promised may be delivered according to schedule.

## GREAT WORK.

Britannia rules the waves. Britons need not details last night of victory. It was sufficient to know of the achievement of the Falkland Islands. Three powerful German ships were destroyed and two others cornered. There never has been any doubt as to British sea supremacy, and there never will be as long as this war lasts. Just a month and a week were required to avenge the loss of the Good Hope and the Monmouth, which were sunk off the Chilean coast. It was great work by British sailors, and it was great work by the British Admiralty. The strategy revealed in the victory, as well as the strength which lay behind it, proves the hand writing on the wall for Germany. There will be no invasion of Great Britain when the coasts are girt with walls of iron and the blood of the British breed. There can be but one end to this war. The fleet is Britain's bulwark, and Canada's too. It was stern business off the Falklands, and there will be more of it which will end exactly the same way.

## THE FOOD PROBLEM IN GERMANY.

Since the embargo on all imports into Germany has become effective, many estimates of her resources, both by her own authorities and others, have been published, in which considerable differences of opinion have been expressed. A careful and comprehensive survey of the subject is made by a writer in the fourth war issue of the Scientific American of December 5th, and his conclusion is that Germany has sufficient food to last for at least a year. A portion of his remarks, which are of exceeding interest, are as follows:

Germany's extraordinary isolation in both the military and commercial relations of the empire has been fully noted in the daily press; and much has been made of the fact that she usually imports about a third of the wheat she uses, and all of certain textile materials, such as raw cotton and silk. It has been confidently predicted that the war will result in the ruin of her foreign trade and the utter prostration of her industries; while it seems to be assumed, without much evidence of any careful study of the situation, that in the matter of food supplies particularly, the war will quickly lead to scanty fare, if not to widespread hardships, from actual lack of food.

But this notion, while it has something to support it, fails to grasp the fact that Germany can support herself on her home resources for fully a year, and that this capacity for self-support in the face of universal embargo has a very high military value.

It is probably true that long before next August, if the war were to last as long as that, the people of Germany would be put to many shifts from their usual mode of living. They might, for instance, have to learn to eat a greater part of their annual production of some two million bushels of potatoes which are now mostly used in the production of industrial alcohol. In the absence of imports of raw cotton, they would undoubtedly have to economize on stockings, underwear and shirts. But they could very well do these things, and many others that necessity might require, without any real bodily suffering. The South, in our Civil War, cheerfully endured privations much greater than any of a material sort likely to afflict the German people in the course of a year's war.

## NOTES AND COMMENT.

Good boy, Jackie Fisher. The Admiralty had something to do with the clean up.

Brantford is to have another recruiting campaign. Let this city keep up its good record.

Many lunatics were burned in the bombardment of Lodz. Watch for another report of the Crown Prince's demise.

The great American public is never happy except when engaged in saving a number of innocent murderers from the death penalty.

Pittsburgh aldermen have voted to cut down their own salaries. Pinch yourself, dear reader, to make sure you are awake. And then appreciate this.

If the American press reflects public opinion faithfully, Mr. Bourassa shouldn't get much applause during his anti-British lecture tour of the New England States.

Servia's new cabinet is composed of M. Pachitch, M. Pasic, M. Jovanovitch, M. Davidovitch, Krachkovitch, Colonel Bokovitch, M. Marinovitch and M. Djourvchnitch. Servia is understood to be "itching" to get into Austria.

King George bestowed the highest order of Knighthood upon King Albert of Belgium. With all its red tape, the British system usually accomplishes the right thing at the right time.

Before the big ditch was opened at Panama it cost 65 cents to ship a 100-pound nail keg from Pittsburgh to San Francisco. Now the cost is 48 cents—18 cents to New York by rail and 30 cents the rest of the long journey by boat.

New York business men, forming a league to urge efficient military and naval preparation, call Carnegie a menace to his country. If he were only a menace to his own country, the loudest ultra-pacifist would not be such a nuisance.

Andrew Carnegie says if an invading force landed in America to attack the United States, he would lead the invaders to the centre of the country and make them a speech, inviting each "peasant soldier" to be a "citizen king." He says they would all at once ask for papers to become citizens. Particularly, no doubt, if they were Japanese.

Poor, little, out-of-the-world Labrador is facing an ominous winter. She was ice-bound for the entire year except during August, her potato crop never ripened, her fish were too chilled and torpid to bite, the mines closed, the world is making no scramble to buy her furs, and her inhabitants, who have fairly known what starvation means, are prayerfully scanning the horizon for their staunch friend, Dr. Wilfred F. Grenfell, who is now sailing north with a shipload of food and medicines. Canada cannot look about her in any direction without seeing people who are much worse off than she is.

Just how sick the Kaiser is we cannot tell, but pneumonia is a trouble what we are familiar with as a distinctly dangerous malady, and apropos of the illness his Imperial Majesty has, speculators are taking advantage. The following is from the Chicago Stock Exchange bulletin: "Possibilities that the Kaiser's death might lead to a sudden peace had much to do to-day with bringing about a decided down turn on the price of wheat. The market closed heavy, 7/8c to 1 1/8c under last night. Corn finished 1-16c to 3/8c off, oats down 3/8c to 1/2c, and provisions varying from 5c down to 10c advance. It was not until the last hour of trading that the Kaiser's illness had any effect on the market, as up to that time the ailment was supposed to be merely an ordinary cold. On the other hand, traders were inclined to believe that the development of pneumonia might prove serious. The selling that followed was shared in by some of the largest houses on the exchange."

Britain has more than evened up the score.

The lid will be placed on the Kiel Canal tighter than ever now.

## Notes On the War

By An Unmilitary Critic

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One illustrated paper shows a picture of the Crown Prince playing tennis. In speaking of army strategy we have always given the Crown Prince credit for one thing—he is a dandy little tennis player.

Navigation in the St. Lawrence is over for the season. If the German navy intends coming up now it will have to skate home.

Japan has loaned Russia 200 Krupp guns to fight the Germans. It is said that the Kaiser does not indulge in strong language, but we do not believe that his remarks when he heard this would pass the censor of a Sunday school weekly.

## CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY

See the Crown Prince and his army. See the banners floating high. See the howitzers and horses.

See the Zeppelin in the sky. See the generals, majors, captains.

See the soldiers, cooks, and say, See the Iron Crosses glitter.

Which they garner every day. See the—what's that on the banners?

O'er which shells have never burst. Read it, gentle reader, read it.

"VORSICHT," i.e., Safety First.

Gen. DeWet will have trouble collecting his salary from the Kaiser.

That revolution he pulled off was not up to specifications.

As the sight of water reminds them of a bath it is not expected in diplomatic circles, that the Turks will approach the Suez Canal close enough to do it any damage.

## 42 BRITISH DREADNOUGHTS GO DOWN

Among the various hunches we entertain is one to the effect that Germany is not going to work any of its 42 centimetre kultur off on Calais.

If General Von Hindenberg looks like his pictures, the photographer didn't get any response to his "smile a little more, please."

A Swiss banker has found out that the Germans, with their customary brag and bluster, have been padding the returns of the Reichsbank. Further investigation may reveal the fact that the wonderful gold reserve consists of pretzels and a ton of iron crosses left over from the war of 1870.

We are not strong on statistics, but we calculate that at the rate they are progressing it will take the Germans only 37,612 years to capture Calais and 478,267 years to capture Paris.

Over 10,000,000 barrels of beer were brewed in New York last year. The Germans should forget about Calais, New York's the place to capture.

England didn't begin the war, but the Germans can paste the news in their hats that England will have something to say about ending it.

The man who writes that Berlin's conducting business as usual is evidently in training for the job of writing the Berlin War Office reports.

Some of the German papers reported a month ago that Verdun had been captured. If these reports make the Germans happy, why disturb their peaceful dreams?

## WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

## PERHAPS THEY WILL

The German government must be mad as well as merciless to impose an additional tax of seven million dollars more per month on poor Belgium. Surely the neutrals should have something to say about this.

## DESPAIR

Kington Whig. Herrmann Ridder, of the Staats-Zeitung, is now worrying over what will happen to the world when Russia wins. So that even he feels that the ambition of the Germans is about to be blighted.

## SALUTARY.

Calgary Herald. Col. Cruickshank's announcement

## CASTORIA

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that every member of the Alberta expeditionary regiment who is convicted of drunkenness on the public streets when in uniform will be dismissed, coupled with the dismissal of one offender, should have a salutary effect.

## GUARD CANADA'S HONOR.

Toronto Star. It is not only at the front of the day of battle that our soldiers will be undergoing the test that will give Canadians that rating before the world for a long time to come, but on the sea as they travel, in England where they train, in Belgium and France where they march and camp, and in the hospitals where it is feared many of them will lie ill. Whatever they go they will carry the name of Canada on their shoulder straps, and the reputation of the country will be in their keeping.

## SHOULD THE NEED ARISE

Montreal News. Germany has adopted conscription and has provoked the issue of arms. In war the stronger nation defeats the weaker. If the British nation require the strength she can obtain only by adopting conscription in order to win out, the British nation must choose between conscription and German domination. We have advanced the opinion that the British nation has already gone on record as opposed to German domination and therefore is on record as favoring conscription should certain circumstances arise.

SURELY. Guelph Herald. The latest soldiers' song in England is entitled Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for the Soldiers. It is said to have a more attractive air than Tipperary. Maybe so, but the soldier that pronounces the title without a slip will need no further evidence that he is a patron of a dry canteen.

## DECORATIONS GALORE

Montreal Gazette. King George and the Czar of Russia have been visiting the soldiers and distributing medals amongst them. The Kaiser also has been free in awarding iron crosses to his men. This war promises to be a record-breaker in the matter of rewards for bravery at the front. The pte. soldier has a better chance than ever before to rise to commissioned rank. The man of arms is having his day.

## GO TO EGYPT.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—It became definitely known yesterday, says The Mail, that the cavalry force to be mobilized in Montreal will be sent to Egypt, Major-General Sam Hughes having made this announcement at Ottawa. The decision has been reached

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on account of the activity of the Turks, it being felt that the Canadians would be of considerable value in that country.

Dean Starr, of Kingston, arrived back from the fighting line in France, where he was chaplain to a brigade of Irish Guards.

## Furs! Furs! Furs!

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New Christmas Waists are just to hand, and some very beautiful and serviceable waists are shown in the range. There are silks, satins, nets and crepe-de-chines in a variety of colorings and designs that makes the selection easy. SPECIAL

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## Underskirts

The variety and extensive range of Underskirts is too large to deal on any particular skirt, but a very handsome satin skirt is shown at \$1.39, and then again you get a large range in the better quality. PRICES

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## Of Special Interest

In order that business may not be stunted in our millinery department we have decided to reduce our entire stock of BEAUTIFULLY TRIMMED MILLINERY to

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## LOCAL

## VISIT PAMIS.

On Tuesday night the Borden and a musical party will pay a visit to the Pamis club, where a night of music and concert numbers will be played at both concerts that a permanent symphony orchestra be for

## NEW ORCHESTRA.

A proposal is on foot, as the come of the volunteer orchestra played at both concerts that a permanent symphony orchestra be for

## BORDEN CLUB RALLY.

On Tuesday night of next a rally is being held in the Borden Club at which, Mr. W. F. C. shutt will be speaker. A programme is being arranged and be put on by some local talent.

## TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER.

The fall of snow registered night was about two inches deep, thermometer registered about 15 degrees of frost, and the canal and still waters are frozen over, winds are still easterly and snow is to be looked for.

## THIRD CONTINGENT

It is said that an early despatch the troops now in training at T. to is to be expected, whether for flax or England is not known, would seem to be considerable when it is reported that local are being asked to estimate for third contingent.

## GOES TO HAGERSVILLE.

The Rev. Mr. Whitelaw of B. Street Presbyterian Church, has accepted the call to Hagersville, the call has been approved by Presbytery of Paris, which consisted it. The Rev. Whitelaw will preach his farewell sermon here on Jan. 3rd, and the Rev. J. W. Gordon act as interim moderator.

## CARPET BALL

The I. O. F. carpet ball team the Liberal No. 1 team a ten score last evening. At half time, Liberals were leading by two points on the resumption of play soon became a lead of a few points for the visitors. At this stage the vious systems of the homesters gave way, but by good luck managed to squeeze out a victory 106 to 95 points. Ed. Anguish and Cockburn captained the respective teams, and H. Davis made a cap referee.

## New 1914 Fruits

Jordan Shelled Almonds  
Valencia Shelled Almonds  
Berdeux Shelled Walnuts  
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Loose Muscatelle Raisins  
Cluster Malaga Raisins  
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