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THE SITUATION

The allies have been winning at many points, but this does not mean that the tide of battle has definitely turned in their favor.

THE WAR'S BLIGHT ON ROYAL FAMILIES

During the last century the nations of Europe have exchanged many princes and princesses in matrimony to cement offensive and defensive alliances.

Prince Louis of Battenberg is a full admiral of the British navy and first sea lord of the Admiralty, one of the little group of men in whose hands repose the conduct and destiny of England's fleets in war.

And still more curiously entangling, Prince Louis of Battenberg, England's first sea lord, is a brother-in-law of Prince Henry of Prussia, the ranking officer of the German navy, and the man who naturally would lead it into battle against the English.

The Duchess of Comonagh and the Duchess of Albany, daughters-in-law of the late Queen Victoria and sisters-in-law of King Edward, are German princesses, German born and German bred.

And Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, son-in-law of Queen Victoria, and now a naturalized Englishman and an English general, who may lead an army corps into Belgium, was a German until he married an English actress.

In Germany the widowed Duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, who makes her headquarters at Coburg, is a Russian through and through. She is the only daughter of Czar Alexander II, while the similarly widowed Grand Duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, mother of the German Crown Princess, is a daughter of the late Grand Duke Michael Michaelovich of Russia.

The reigning Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, sovereign of one of the German independent states forming the German Empire, is a general in the German army. Yet he passed the first 16 years of his life as a prince of the reigning house of England, at the court of his grandmother, Queen Victoria, and was a schoolboy at Eton when summoned to a German throne.

The Emperor William himself and his brother, Prince Henry, are the sons of an English mother, the eldest sister of Edward VII, and are both in the line of succession to the English crown.

In Russia the situation in which royalty finds itself is no less curious. The Empress Alexandra of Russia and her sister, the widowed Grand Duchess Sergius, are sisters of the sovereign Grand Duke of Hesse, who holds command as general in the German

army, and who, as such, has taken up arms against his brother-in-law, the Czar.

Grand Duchess Victoria, wife of Grand Duke Cyril, who is second in line of succession to the throne of Peter the Great, is a daughter of the late sovereign of the German duchies of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, while Grand Duke Cyril's mother, the widowed Grand Duchess Vladimir, is by birth a princess of the German reigning family of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and was so thoroughly identified with the land of her birth that the late Emperor Alexander III. used to insist that she was the principal agent of Bismarck in Russia.

THE INSANITY RECORD

The annual report of the Inspector of Asylums for the Insane for this Province has just been issued. It shows that there was a net increase in the number of patients during the year of 186, the total population being 5,912, made up of 2,553 males and 3,359 females.

Inspector Rogers, in submitting the report, states that owing to the increased number of insane it was impossible to furnish accommodation for all the applicants.

INCREASED ACTIVITIES IN CANADIAN COTTON MILLS

The war in Europe is causing greatly increased activity in the cotton industry in Canada. Cotton factories that were running on short time for months previous to the breaking out of hostilities are now being operated at full capacity.

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For some time previous to the breaking out of the war the consumption of cotton in Canada had been very much under normal. Unsatisfactory business conditions had resulted in dealers allowing their stocks to run down.

The putting of cotton to new uses to replace other imported raw materials that cannot be secured is still another reason for the increased activities in the cotton industry in this country. It has been customary to use jute in the making of sugar bags

and of flour bags for export purposes. Jute, in its raw state, comes from India, and as a rule, is manufactured in the United Kingdom.

Thus the outlook for the cotton industry in Canada is brighter to-day than it has been for some time. It is true that some manufacturers are a little uneasy regarding the supply of dye-stuffs and chemicals, which have come in the past from Germany, but the general opinion is that with some readjustments and perhaps some changes in shades, sufficient dye-stuffs and chemicals to meet the Canadian demand will be secured.

GERMAN GENERALS

Are Among the Dead—Trains of Wounded Are Sent Home.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Two more major-generals have been added to the death list of field officers, General Von Gotha and Nieland. Premier Von Weizsacker of Wurttemberg and Finance Minister Von Bruning of Bavaria have both lost sons. Prince Frederick of Hesse, was wounded in the breast in the fighting in France.

Long train loads of wounded are now being brought from advance to base hospitals or forwarded to Lazarettos in the interior of Germany. Only the most severely wounded, who are unable to bear the transportation have been left in advance hospitals.

LOOKS SPLENDID

French Strategic Position is Promising to the Experts.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 9.—(3:20 p.m.—)delayed—This afternoon's war office statement indicates, according to the best military opinion, that the French strategic position is better now than at the beginning of operations. The German formation is now in convex form, which is absolutely contrary to the general conception of the German general staff.

Bordeaux is becoming more and more the centre of the life of the nation. Following the example of the Bank of France, the Rothschilds and several other great houses have opened temporary quarters here, while the court of cassation has established courts. Senators and deputies continue to meet unofficially daily in two theatres, which are being arranged by the government architects with a view of holding a session of parliament in them.

EMPEROR THERE

At a Discreet Distance He Watched the Attack on Nancy.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—(4:30 a.m.—)The Geneva correspondent of The Express hears from a German source that Emperor William watched the attack on Nancy from a hill outside the range of the French artillery.

Standing alone, with his glasses fixed to his eyes, he followed the progress of his first battle for several hours, while his staff, consisting of several high officials, remained discreetly in the background. He departed alone in a waiting motor car.

LONDON, Sept. 9, 10:08 a.m.—According to the Central News a trawler which arrived to-day reports that a British gunboat captured a trawler purporting to belong to Grimsby which had been laying sea mines. There were 200 mines on board.

CANTON EXPORT RICE AMSTERDAM, via London, Sept. 9.—(12:25 a.m.—)A royal decree has been issued forbidding the exportation of rice. The price of wheat is so high that rice flour will be substituted for wheat flour.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

WIRES SILENT

Continued from Page One the city and French passengers are employed in clearing the railway tunnels.

MONTREAL, Sept. 9.—"How I wish I was twenty years old again, so that I could join in this Empire war," said Judge Bruneau yesterday to Victor Tremblay, who applied for and secured a writ of habeas corpus because his son Eugene, a minor, had enlisted without the permission of his parents.

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SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid in the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain.

Duff's example, and turn out and play football for the love of the game I venture to say that our league would not have to suspend a single player.

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LOCAL

Public School Board. The public school board will meet to-morrow night.

Harvest Thanksgiving. Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday next.

Silk Factory Progress. The building of the silk factory which is now going on upon Avenue, proceeds without interruption.

Accepts Call. Rev. H. A. Wright, pastor of the Anglican Church, Grandview for the past few months, has accepted a call to Amherstburg, Ont., where there is a fine Anglican church.

Kept in Good Standing. The Moulders Union of the city have held a meeting and it was decided that all union moulders who had gone to the front would be kept in good standing during their absence.

Football Meet. The P.S.A. Football Club will meet in the basement of the Congregational Church on Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

National Call to Prayer. A union service of all the churches will be held on Wednesday noon, 6 o'clock, at the Park Baptist Church.

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SATURDAY BAZAAR. Girls' Dongola Strap Saturday Little lads' Tan Cap \$1.50. Saturday Ladies' Kid and Patent \$3.00 to \$4.00. Men's Box-Calf Boots \$2.75. Saturday

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