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THE SITUATION

It was only about ten days ago that all Petrograd was astir because of reported Russian victories over the Germans. These victories did not receive official confirmation, although it was known at the time that large forces of Germans were surrounded.

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THE EFFECT OF WEATHER ON STRATEGY

That the coming of winter will have its effects on the strategy of the contending armies of Europe is but natural, but contrary to the general opinion, the results of cold weather will not be altogether unfavorable.

From the strategical point of view wintry weather is not an unmixed evil. In western Europe the worst weather for military operation prevails in autumn, when the rainfall is at its maximum.

Cold weather sets the roads, makes the sodden fields practicable for marching, and bridges over small bodies of water. Only in the mountain passes are these advantages offset by the objection due to snow.

Again, it is difficult or impossible to dig trenches in frozen soil, such as may be found in the dead of winter in the interior of the continent.

NOTES AND COMMENT

The world got started early in playing Santa Claus to Belgium.

Canadians have given over \$900,000 to the Belgian relief fund. Make it a million.

DeWet tells South African loyalists he "did his duty as a patriot." Bourassa has the same argument.

Emperor William has renamed Crenstochowa, Kaiserburg. Well, nobody's going to kick about that.

If Italy doesn't break into the war soon and on the right side, she will disappoint a lot of our best guessers.

One Frenchman had 95 wounds and still lives. This fellow is almost tough enough to get a place on a football team.

The misfits who came back from the Canadian contingent are raising a howl. To do so is the prerogative of the misfits.

Theodore Roosevelt says that Sir Edward Grey won the war before it was ever started. The compliment is well deserved.

The name of the new Bulgarian Minister to London is. M. Uhpia Mischeff. If he's looking for it he'll be up to it alright.

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OFFICERS RETURNING HOME RESUME RANK

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—That all Canadian militia officers who go to the front and are thus "seconded" as regards commands in the units to which they formerly belonged, will retain their rank and assume it over the heads of any junior officers who may have been promoted in their absence, was made clear by a statement made by General Sam Hughes to-day.

The matter was drawn to the attention of the Minister of Militia at a meeting of the Cavalry Association which he attended yesterday. As a result, General Hughes is making it clear that officers who go to the front will be given brevet rank, so as to retain their seniority over any officers junior to them who may be promoted at home during their absence.

The Militia Department has received applications from two lady doctors to go to the front. One of the applicants is from Winnipeg, and claims that she is qualified in every way to go.

KITCHENER IN FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Times this morning says that Lord Kitchener is at present in France, consulting with King George, King Albert of Belgium and the French officials.

Other despatches record the visit of the King to the trenches in the firing line, while The Chronicle says:—The King's visit to the expeditionary force is proving a most interesting one, and the date of his Majesty's return appears not to be definitely fixed. The visit may possibly be extended to considerably beyond the limits originally contemplated.

WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

ON THE ROAD TO PEACE

New York Sun.—It is a sign of the dawn of better feeling toward the British as fighting men when the Berliner Tageblatt prints a hand-written tribute to the efficiency and valor of Sir John French's men. Enemies who respect one another are on the road to peace, although the way to it may be long.

LORD FISHER

London Telegraph.—Lord Fisher is a sailor statesman. He was mainly instrumental in creating the Fleet which is "the sure shield of Britain and the Empire." He realized years ago that our supremacy was about to be challenged by Germany, and he worked for "the Day"—knowing that our treacherous friend was toasting "the Day."

TORY BEER AND WHIG COCOA

London Times.—Our only comment on the suggestion that there is any sectional or party feeling in the selection of beer for a war tax is that it entirely justifies the rejoinder that cocoa, which is a well known Liberal preserve, is left untouched. We depreciate, however, at this juncture the introduction of suspicions either of favoritism on the one side or interested motives on the other.

A DANGEROUS MAXIM

London Chronicle.—If the Germans are willing to break their heads against stone walls, it is decidedly in our interest at this stage that they should do so. It has always been the maxim that you can capture any position if you are prepared to pass enough men. We teach the dangerous side of the maxim as regards field campaigning, in the Boer War; let us only hope that they will not learn it till after losses are irreparable.

RATHER INCONSISTENT

London Express.—Mr. Asquith tells us that for three years the Government has been aware of the existence of a German espionage system in Great Britain, and it is remarkable that over and over again during that time Ministers have gone out of their way to assure the public of Germany's pacific intentions. It would be interesting to know for what purpose they supposed the spies were being paid by the authorities in Potsdam.

CONSEQUENCES OF DEFEAT

London Daily Mail.—The consequences of defeat are so terrible and disastrous, especially for a nation which has provoked war and treated its neighbors with the savagery displayed by the German troops, that the world must be prepared for a desperate and protracted resistance to the Allies. The Germans will fight till their last penny has been spent and their last man placed in line. We in this country have then to see to it that our efforts are equal to the emergency.

GERMAN HATRED OF ENGLAND

The Broad Arrow: We have been hated by other nations whose efforts to dominate the world we have frustrated, but never with the concentrated fury, the petty spite, the naked malignity of Germany. Her hatred has no gloss of chivalry, no joy in fighting for fighting's sake, no redeeming feature whatever. It is not the passion of pride, but of envy. That England is its object is a tribute to our power. In the violent outbursts against us is an unconscious acknowledgment that the ultimate struggle between right and right will be decided by the British Army and Navy.

FEW SURVIVE NAVAL FIGHTS

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THE PRINCE OF WALES

The Westminster Gazette: We have the official announcement of the appointment of the Prince of Wales to the staff of Sir John French, side by side with the account given by the President of Magdalen through the Times of the two years which the Prince has spent at Oxford University.

It is the opening of a fresh page in the life of the heir apparent and the closing of the old. The picture drawn of the life of the Prince as an undergraduate is pleasant. He has shared in all the life of his fellows at the University, and has not been too diligent a student. He has shown the possession of good natural abilities and a liking for study.

His career at the University has not been shortened, as has that of his fellows. Yesterday he passed to the most serious business of life as an officer in a historic regiment, in which he would be able to realize the promise he has given in college days by his diligence in pursuit of the hard work of military training.

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PROFESSORS ARE GIVEN SLASHING

Toronto University Needs Professors of British Blood

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—"If we can't get university professors of British blood to train our youth then let us close the universities," said Mr. Thos. Hook, M.P.P., last night, addressing a meeting of the North Toronto Conservative Club, speaking of the recent action by the University Governors regarding the German-born professors on the staff. The speaker was quite heated in his remarks, which were enthusiastically applauded by the assembly.

"INSULT TO INJURY"

Mr. Hook said that the maintaining of four German professors on the staff should not be tolerated. "We cannot stand these men putting their ideas of justice and learning into the heads of our young men. It is adding insult to injury when the President said: 'Go, have a holiday until the war is ended, and you will get your pay all the time.'"

It was the teaching of Canadian young men, said Mr. Hook, not to believe the tradition of our forefathers.

Asked if the Ontario Government had any power to assist, Mr. Hook explained that it had not.

TURN THE CLOCK BACK

"A few years after the Whitney Government came into power," he

continued, "it put the university on an independent plane, so that it would be beyond a political basis. However, it is nearly time that the government took hold. The people who support the University should have something to say in its management."

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Boudoir Caps and Aprons

We are showing a large and beautiful range of Boudoir Caps and Aprons for Christmas gifts, all neatly boxed. To describe this assortment would be too big a task and too tedious reading. Ask to be shown these when next you are in the Store. You will find them with the silk underwear, left aisle, main floor.

Christmas Neckwear

This is a very strong feature round Christmas time. Dainty Neckwear makes a very acceptable present. We have just received a large shipment of Canadian and imported neckwear that has opened up beyond our expectations. A very dainty collar in organdie and lace is shown in this neckwear, boxed separately, and the price is 50c

Furs

Furs, of course, are very acceptable. Owing to the unseasonable weather during the last month furs have not been selling as brisk as might be. NOW prices have been made that WILL sell them. You want to see these.

Gloves

Ladies' fine French Kid Gloves, with plain and fancy stitched backs, in Black, Brown, Navy, Grey, Tan and White. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 All Boxed Separately

Coats

This week we are making a special effort to reduce the size of our stock. Prices are cut, and you can save a few dollars if you will. We have a large stock to choose from.

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LOCAL

FOR BELGIAN FUND. The Courier has received Mr. William Edwards for the Relief Fund.

OFFICERS TO MEET. The quarterly meeting of officers of the 1st Brant Drago will be held in the Burford armoury week.

LAST ENGLISH MAIL. The last reliable English leaves Brantford tomorrow noon for Hamilton en route to fax, and it closes here at 10.

ARRIVED THIS MORNING. A small batch of British mail letters and papers, but was smaller than the usual delivery country correspondence.

TO BUILD STORE. Seven thousand dollars is to be expended upon the erection of a store which Read & Brown have out a permit to build. It is to be on the north side of the street, Ingleby & Taylor, and will, completed, be a handsome store.

BAD FALL. While descending the stairs, way to the furnace room at his 240 Darling street, Mr. Sloan misfortune to miss his footing plunging heavily to the bottom tained a broken arm. He was immediately attended to, and reported this morning to be as well as might be expected.

FROM THE PLAINS. Two Armenians were among who were sent back from the camp on Salisbury Plain. The reason was that they had not to take naturalization papers. One Armenian, a captain, sides in Edmonton, and the other St. Catharines.

MISSIONARY'S WORK. An Armenian rifle club has to a good start in St. Catharines, where 36 members of the colony might put in their first drill. The organization is the result of the ford missionary's effort to raise in centres outside of Brantford the view of preparing them for bilization as a regiment in the when Armenia decides to strike decisive blow for the overthrow Turkish rule.

FOR THE FRONT. Still another Brantford boy goes to the front. This time it is Mr. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Miller, Dundas St., Terrace. Mr. Miller has been accepted as hospital corps, with stripes, leaves on Wednesday morning the 9-20 train. Mr. Miller was employ of the M. H. Roberts for some time and lately has assisting his brother, Mr. Lio Miller, druggist Eagle Place. Friends will wish Ellis the best good luck.

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