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THE WAR SITUATION

Early cables today tell of a further slight withdrawal by the Germans from the Lys salient in Flanders. They have retired nearly two miles on a nine-mile front. South of Albert the British have also gained ground. West of Roye the French have made an important advance on a front of two and a half miles. While progress has been slower during the last day or two the enemy is gradually being forced back, and is given no rest. One military observer anticipates a much wider withdrawal by the enemy in order to find better fighting ground and an opportunity to rally his sorely battered forces.

The Paris newspapers today estimate German losses since the war began at the colossal figure of six millions. Even if sixty per cent. of these were able to return to the ranks the number killed or totally disabled would be nearly two and a half millions, and of the balance many would be unfit for heavy fighting. Indeed the Paris estimate sets down 1,400,000 as actually killed, and if this be true far less than sixty per cent. of the total casualties would ever get into the ranks again. One of today's cables from British army headquarters in France says that Ludendorff, worried by his dwindling man-power, has ordered a coming-out of the whole German army to gather men fit for the trenches, as he must have more infantry reserves.

The fine work of the Allied air service continues. Its ascendancy over the enemy is now unquestioned. Air raids on Frankfurt have done considerable damage and greatly increased the panic that reigns in Rhine cities, while the work done by airplanes on the battlefield is of the greatest importance.

American troops have landed at Vladivostok, and the Japs are said to be about to launch an attack toward Lake Baikal on the Siberian railway.

London believes the Germans have decided to abandon the offensive on the western front and doubts if they will be able to resume it, because of the shortage of reserves. The British food minister says:

"The military machine of Germany, the aggressor in the war, now is badly battered and the automatic designs of Prussian militarism are held in the grip of the Allied armies representing the democratic nations of the world."

A PATRIOTIC LEADER.

Hon. Dr. Beland is not talking politics in his addresses to the people of Quebec province. On his arrival in New York he was asked as to his prospective place in politics and answered:

"The only politics for all civilization till this war is won is the winning of it. . . . I don't want to talk politics. I want to talk war."

In a recent speech in Quebec province he explained why he talks war, when he said:

"Until Germany has acknowledged her own injustices, until she has proclaimed to the world the falsity of the doctrine that force is above the law, we cannot, we must not, put down our arms. If we did, the safety of all individual liberty in the civilized world would not be safe. It may be said that we are safe in virtue of distance against this doctrine of the Germans. Nothing could be further from the truth, for let me tell you that America is the gate of Europe, and this country would not be safe if Germany were to dominate. I tell you that the day Germany dominates Europe, she will dominate America, and we shall suffer under her economic as well as her military rule."

Dr. Beland said further:

"I am glad that Canada entered the war. I am proud that she has made, and is willing to make, sacrifices not only from the point of view of economy, but is also willing to sacrifice men in the great and just cause of humanity."

Commenting on the patriotic attitude of Dr. Beland the Toronto Globe welcomes him as one who has a message not only for Quebec but for all Canadians, and says:

"This is the kind of leadership for which not alone Quebec but all Canada is waiting. Much of the dissatisfaction and the bitterness which has arisen over the extended scope of the Military Service Act will be allayed when public men who should be leaders devote themselves to the business of leadership. They should come before the people as Dr. Beland is coming before them, and sound the call to service, tell of the vital need, and appeal directly and personally to the patriotic heart of their fellow-citizens."

Bangor Commercial.—It makes little difference if the Germans do or do not admit that they are now placed upon the defensive. They may yet attempt another offensive this year, although the chances are slight. Their armies are disrupted and beaten and it takes time to arrange an offensive. General Foch will hardly allow them a breathing spell for recuperation. And if their chances of starting another offensive are slight their chances of success would be much slighter.

THE BRITISH AT BAKU

The announcement that a British force has arrived at Baku, on the Caspian Sea, comes as a surprise, and as another evidence of the far-flung operations of the British armies. To reach Baku from Bagdad, on the Euphrates, it was necessary to cross Persia, which is fortunately a friendly nation. From Bagdad the British crossed to Hamadan in Persia, and thence to Enseli, a port on the Caspian, whence it proceeded by vessel to Baku, the centre of the great oil region, the Russians and Armenians have which the British are advancing on Baku, but will now meet a much more vigorous resistance. The British operations in Mesopotamia are now bearing fruit in an unexpected quarter. It is pointed out in Washington that the British exploit has opened a way for Allied aid to the Cascho-Slovaks and loyal Russians in that region, as it would not be difficult to move troops from Baku to the country of the Don Cossacks. Aside from any such hoped-for development the exploit of the British force adds another brilliant page to the story of Britain's part in the world war.

Today's cables tell us that the Don Cossacks are marching successfully against the enemy on the Dan River.

THE TROUBLE ENDED.

The New Brunswick Power Company has not emerged from the controversy with its employees with any marked degree of credit to itself. There are few citizens guileless enough to believe a company whose financial exploits have been in the millions was unable to raise a paltry ten thousand dollars. Its acceptance of the city's offer of a loan or advance simply means that discretion was in the end regarded as the better part of valour.

The short-lived tie-up and the threatened loss of electric light and power brought sharply home to the citizens a sense of the extent to which their interests are involved in any action that interrupts the various services provided by the power company. They see more clearly now the need of some measure of public control of these utilities. No doubt the number of advocates of complete public ownership has been increased by this experience, which was a very rude awakening to a realization of what a general tie-up of the whole plant would mean for everybody.

The mayor and council deserve much credit for their action. The company made a very improper move when it proposed to make its acceptance of the agreement contingent on what the royal commission may do in the matter of increased rates. That is probably now apparent to the company itself. Meanwhile the citizens may congratulate themselves on their escape from a very serious situation. But was it a strike or a lockout we had yesterday?

Bangor Commercial.—The light tanks, the whippers, speedily enough keep up with the cavalry and sufficiently heavily armored to be immune to machine gun and rifle fire, are taking a prominent part in the present offensive of the Allies. Gradually we are going back to the days when the knights in their coats of mail, charged the foe, but the modern knights in their short proof tanks, are much more speedy in their movements. Warfare has been revolutionized in the present conflict, and every day is bringing its changes. If the present conflict lasts long enough the fighting may be given over largely to light tanks and aeroplanes.

With its customary fairness the Standard this morning makes up his finding for Commissioner Friel and of course finds Hon. Mr. Currie guilty of action that robbed the province of \$4,666.59. If Mr. Friel does not accept this view of the evidence the Standard will of course attend to his case. By the way, the Standard has never yet invited Mr. J. K. Flemming to come across.

The news from the front gives point to the following bright comment by Bradstreet's:—"Some months ago General Ludendorff announced that he intended to introduce a war of movement on the western front. His forces have recently presented a spectacle of considerable movement, but the Allied troops have been furnishing the motive power."

NEW RECTOR.

The parishioners of Trinity Anglican church, St. Stephen, have called Rev. Percy Cotton of New Glasgow, to the pastorate. He has accepted.

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TODAY.

The following poem has appeared in newspapers in every part of the world where English is spoken and has been credited to various authors. The Literary Digest now gives "the credit to the poet to whom the credit belongs"—Douglas Malloch, a native of Charlotte county, N. B., and the poet of the American Lumberman, Chicago.

Sure, this world is full of trouble—
I ain't said it ain't.
Lord! I've had enough an' double
Reason for complaint.

Rain an' storm have come to fret me,
Skies were often gray;
Thorns an' brambles have beset me,
Water with his wine,
Ain't it fine today?

What's the use of always weepin',
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinkin' of the past?
Each must have his tribulation,
Water with his wine,
Life, it ain't no celebration,
Trouble! I've had mine—
But today is fine.

It's today that I am livin',
Not a month ago,
Havin' been 'takin' givin',
As time wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across my way,
It may rain again tomorrow,
It may rain—but say,
Ain't it fine today?

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For men of the navy

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Montreal Fire.

Montreal, Aug. 16.—Fire last night did damage of more than \$75,000, and one fireman was seriously injured, at the premises of the Metal Shingle and Siding Company Limited, St. Catherine street east.

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In making sugarless gooseberry pie, it is advisable to leave out the gooseberries, too.—Kansas City Star.

Or a Nurse.

Uncle Chess Nutt says it's getting to the point where when a fellow's sick he has to join the army to get a doctor.—St. Louis Republic.

Conservation.

"I wish I had a baby brother to wheel in my go-cart, mama," said small Elsie. "My dolls are always getting broke when it tips over."

Effacious Remedy.

"When I sing the tears come into my eyes. What can I do for this?"
"Stuff cotton in your ears."

Days of Usefulness.

In these work-or-fight days some men are already useful, some achieve usefulness, and others are usefulness thrust upon them.—Bonner Springs Chieftain.

Why He Needed a Lawyer.

Lawyer—"Are you aware, sir, that what you contemplate is illegal?"
Client—"Certainly. What do you suppose I came to consult you for?"

ALWAYS BRITISH
BUT MORE CANADIAN
THAN THEY EVER WERE

Quebec Editor, Now in England,
Writes Impressions of Visit

London, Aug. 16.—(Contributed to the Canadian Press, Limited, by J. A. Savard, editor of Le Soleil, Quebec)—A most enjoyable representative dinner was given last night at the Ritz Hotel by Lord Burnham, president of the Empire Press Union. Sitting at the little round table I had around me a man from South Africa, an Australian, an Englishman and another French-Canadian. Then, indeed, I understood at a glance what the British Empire meant. But speaking to these men, leaders of opinion in their respective countries, one would soon find out how sensitive they are about their own autonomy.

"And yet," said the Australian, "I find we are more British than many an Englishman."

One of the most unexpected results of the war in fact will be the creation of a deeper national sentiment among men of the dominions. It is the case anyway with Canadians at the front, as it was given us to find out. Strange to say, all our soldiers, even those who were not very long in Canada, have become real and true Canadians in France. It may be due to many reasons but mostly to their proud feeling that they rank second to none as to valor and bravery as well as to their intellectual aptitude and ability for organization. Our lasting impression is that we should be proud of our country, Canada, and hopeful for her future, because the glorious men of this breed, without ceasing to be British will come back to us more Canadian than they ever were.

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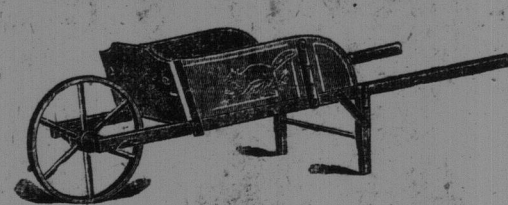
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EACH DOMINION TO HAVE MINISTER PERMANENTLY IN THE EMPIRE CAPITAL

London, Aug. 16.—In order to provide for the continuity of the deliberations between the representatives of Great Britain and the dominions, the imperial war cabinet, says the Times, has decided that each dominion shall be represented by a minister stationed permanently in London. The imperial war cabinet will meet from time to time with these ministers as members.

BELAND AND LAURIER EACH RECEIVE OVATION

Three Rivers, Que., Aug. 16.—At a rousing welcome to Hon. Dr. Beland last night on the platform were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. Jacques Bureau and others prominently associated with the sum of Dr. Beland's character and attainments and the general esteem in which he was held, said that he regretted to know that some people still argued that the various nations now fighting in Europe were equally guilty of bringing on the world the present conflict.

Dr. Beland discussed the 1911 election and the question of the Laurier navy. He criticized the method of recruiting in Quebec prior to conscription and said that if he had been premier of Canada at that time he would have attained results that would have brought the name of French Canada high in the admiration of the world. He refused to criticize conscription, which, he said, was being sufficiently criticized by those who voted for it.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Martin Flanagan, formerly of Moncton, died in Montreal this week. She is survived by two sons, John and Wilfred, and three daughters, Miss Agnes of Montreal and Sisters Mildred and Adrienne of St. Paul, Minn., and Frederick of H. F. Hamilton of the C. G. R. and John Hamilton of Watertown, Mass. are brothers and Mrs. Meagher, Mrs. James Maloney, Moncton, and Miss Kate Hamilton, Ottawa, are sisters. The body will be brought to Richibucto for burial.

Mrs. Mary Ann Baxter, widow of Samuel Baxter of Fredericton, died on Thursday at the residence of her son, Samuel Baxter, aged seventy-eight years. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Charles Bolster of Devon, and three sons, Samuel, Ald. Robert J. Baxter of Fredericton with whom she had made her home and Arthur Baxter of South Africa. John Maxwell of Fredericton is a brother.

LOCAL NEWS

The Atlantic Sugar Refineries raised the wages of their employees by ten per cent. on Wednesday. The increase was purely voluntary on the part of the company and is at least the third which has been granted during the past year.

Another meeting of the teamsters and chauffeurs was held last evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, with the president, John Watson, in the chair. Several members were initiated at this meeting and up to date there are about 150 now in the union. The president again appointed a committee to interview the members of the city council, with regard to boys under age driving teams in the city. The same committee interviewed the council before, but no action was taken in the matter. It was complained of that drivers, especially young boys, have violated the traffic law by running their teams from the Dominion Coal Company's wharf to the gas sheds by way of Prince William street. The committee are awaiting further developments in the matter.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE STORE

The Sackville branch of the United Farmers of New Brunswick decided at a meeting this week to start a co-operative store.

W. B. Fawcett and other speakers urged the necessity of every farmer taking an active interest by subscribing a certain amount of stock. The directors reported having been to River Hebert to find out how the farmers' co-operative store was getting along there. The reports were very favorable.

A resolution was carried unanimously to the effect that the local branch start in business, and that the directors go ahead and secure subscriptions from the various members of the association, and if they are satisfied with the amount subscribed, they are to proceed with the organization of the business and select a manager, etc. The idea is to run a general store.

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