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THE SITUATION

The declaration of war by Italy upon Germany, has been immediately followed by Roumania declaring war upon Austro-Hungary. The first announcement was more or less a formality, but ends an anomalous situation. It will, among other things, open the way for Italy to send troops to any front where Germans are engaged. It was expected that Roumania, with whom Italy has been on close terms would follow suit, and so it has proved. One more nation possessed of good fighting material thus joins the Allies and the effect in the Balkans cannot fail to be far reaching. Meanwhile the Greeks are standing much more from Bulgarian aggression than anyone would have believed possible. It is an amazing thing that they should have so quietly permitted the occupation of the port of Kavala. Quite aside from any possible military advantage to be derived from the capture of Kavala, the place is very desirable in the eyes of the Bulgarians. Even after the second Balkan war Bulgaria confidently expected to be permitted to retain this port as part of the spoils won by Bulgarian arms against Turkey. The treaty of Bucharest ignored Bulgarian representations and awarded Kavala, which is eighty miles east of Saloniki, to the twice victorious Greeks. Bulgaria was given a small strip of Aegean coast, with the insignificant and harborless village of Dedeagatch. Greece's acquisition of Kavala was Bulgaria's bitterest disappointment. Now, with Greece tied hand and foot by her policy of "benevolent neutrality," Bulgaria has taken the prize she most covets. The fact is not of much significance except insofar as it raises the question of how much longer Greece can refrain, despite King Constantine, from joining the Allies if the country expects to retain her sovereignty, or a shred of self respect.

On the Somme front the French and the British continue to hold what they have gained and to make slight further advances. They have attained as the total outcome only a few thousand yards, it is true, but the ground seized is of very great importance with regard to future operations. The Russian forces continue to drive back the Austrian troops along the Hungarian frontier and the Grand Duke in the Caucasus once more has the Turks on the run. In the Balkans both sides claim successes. The one thing clear is that no action of supreme importance has yet taken place.

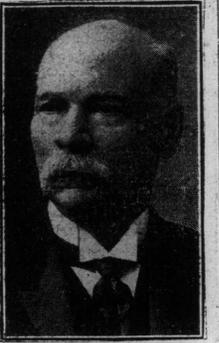
A DISGRACEFUL ATTACK.
 The pursuit of Sir Sam Hughes by The Toronto Globe has proved as grossly vindictive as it has been wantonly mendacious. Nothing has been too contemptible or too low-minded for the organ to allege against this man who has admittedly, in a most trying period discharged his duties as Minister of Militia with unexampled energy and success. Recently the Globe, with Sir Sam away in the Old Land, on military duties, made the most scandalous of all its attacks upon him as follows:
 "The Ultimate Hughes Crime.
 "It would be a crime, the ghastliest and most murderous crime of the war, no matter what the excuse or what the cause, were Gen. Sir Sam Hughes given a real command of living soldiers in a genuine engagement anywhere on the war's battle front.
 "And if Sir Robert Borden is a party to any such scheme, or if he fails to block it if it is being promoted in England, and if, as a result, an army of Canadians under command of Gen. Hughes is sent to face German forces at any time, the indignation of all Canada, and of all classes and parties of Canadians, will not be restrained by any political formalities or side-tracked by any explanations whatsoever.
 "The thing—even the thought of such a thing—suggested in yesterday's despatches from Ottawa, is so monstrous that the man in the street would scout offhand the suggestion were it not for the fear that, judging from the experiences of the past two years, the thing might be true. And if true—then God have mercy on the officers and men doomed to service in that command.
 "It has long been known, not only among military men, but by the general public, that it is the Hughes am-

bition to win glory on some battlefield in Europe, as commander of an army of Canadians. That he was, in his bonnet in the first months of the war. It was laughed at, because the war had not then become serious to Canadians, nor had the seriousness of the Hughes malady been appreciated or understood. Fortunately he cared more for his portfolio as Minister of Militia than for the first limelight of the battle front.
 But now the situation is changed. The Prime Minister has lost grip on the government, even as the Government has lost grip on the Canadian situation. The Allison dishonor and the Camp Borden horror are only the most conspicuous of the Government's burdens. Even without them the government would be destroyed by the hot indignation of the very men who gave it office in 1911.
 But the fortunes of any Government or of any political leader in Canada are as nothing, and less than nothing, compared with the fate of a Canadian army on the French or Belgian front dependent on the strategy and judgment of Sam Hughes. To acquiesce in such a crime, as a condition of his resignation from the Canadian government, would be to try to wash out the reminders of political blundering in the life-blood of Canadian regiments. It is bad enough to have to suffer the aping of Napoleon as the world's other military genius; but to allow him a chance to put his apings into practice with the flesh and blood of Canada's sons and men—No! His blundering posturings in Canada, in England and in France, are Canada's humiliation; but, facing a German charge, limelight for Gen. Hughes would be the blackness of his name condemned "to do and die."
 If the Prime Minister has no other way by which the country can be rid of Sir Sam Hughes, let Canadians at once endure the affliction to its worst and its last rather than imperil the lives of Canadians at the front by an army command as the price of his resignation. But for the Prime Minister—that, however, is another question."

What does any decent man, Liberal though he may be, think of such an article finding first place on the editorial page of any sheet?
 It is a disgrace to the writer, the publisher and to Canadian journalism. Small wonder that Sir Allen Aylesworth, himself a staunch Liberal and former member of the Laurier cabinet, recently took occasion to openly repudiate the organ.

NOTES AND COMMENTS
 Greece ought to get some of that on her war machinery.
 It is a sad thought that the good old summer time will be soon be over and the fluffy wuffy dresses of the fair sex disappear.
 Roumania has at last taken the plunge. She has for months been hesitating until she felt certain which would prove the winning side and at last she has realized what all the world, outside of Germany, knows.
 Everything is recruited except the nation's mind: everything is organized except the nation's idea; everything is disciplined and directed except the nation's soul.—Toronto Globe.
 After reading the latest vile attack of the organ on Sam Hughes most people will agree that the Globe had better look after its own outfitting in the respects named, instead of having the consummate gall to lecture other people.

To the Grave
 Mrs. Burnley
 A very large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Burnley, which took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 65 Palace Street to Grace Church, thence to Mount Hope Cemetery, the services being conducted by Venerable Arch-deacon McKenzie. The many floral tributes received, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held by all included the following:
 Pillow, mother, daughter; Cross, Miss McIntyre and brothers; Wreathes: Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Allen; Mrs. Perks and daughters; Toronto; basket of roses; Friends; Crescent; Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Moss; Hamilton; Sprays: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomson, Hamilton Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dredge; Mrs. J. C. Bloxham and Alice; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Edwards; Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. Ed. Dunn; Mrs. Williams and Mrs. McIntyre; Mrs. Brown; Miss Effie Campbell; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newham; Mrs. Welsh and Family; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Falter; Paris; Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Thomson.
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Broatch, E. M. Butler and H. J. Beney, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cutmore, Mr. J. C. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson, Paris; Mrs. Padbury, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beney and Mrs. S. A. Beney, Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pilling, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hendrick, Mr. Thos. Varey, Sr., Mr. J. Giasso, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watson, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Wilson.
 Pallbearers—Mr. Thos. Varey, Mr. Warrick Pierce, Mr. Alf. Jackson, Mr. John Kitchin, Mr. Ed. Cutmore, Mr. Jas. Thomson.
 Mrs. Robert Moore, an old resident of St. Mary's, died at her home among military men, but by the general public, that it is the Hughes am-



SENATOR FROST. Who died at his home in Smith's Falls on Friday last.

OLD WORLD NOTES

London loves a show, and is having a distinct novelty in the shape of his aping of Napoleon as the world's other military genius; but to allow him a chance to put his apings into practice with the flesh and blood of Canada's sons and men—No! His blundering posturings in Canada, in England and in France, are Canada's humiliation; but, facing a German charge, limelight for Gen. Hughes would be the blackness of his name condemned "to do and die."
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Black and white cattlemen succeeded in getting into a rather awkward "mix-up" at Liverpool. Forty to fifty of them—all American citizens—were being shown to a boarding house shortly after their arrival in port, in color they were equally divided. A quarrel on some minor topic led to an exhibition of temper, and in a few minutes black and white came to blows. "Now, gentlemen," cried a policeman on coming up to the melee, "give over this bashing. . . Enjoy yourselves while in port—don't quarrel." This attempt at pacifism was not appreciated by a burly negro, and he stabbed the policeman. Other policemen were called, and the black element brought about a pandemonium. One said, "I'm not going to pay for any police. We fixed the Texas police and we'll fix these." Two officers had to be taken to hospital. Next day the company stood before a local magistrate. A number of the darkies will not see Texas for a few months to come.

German newspapers have recently been convicted of unusually silly falsehoods. The latest is amusing. It appeared in one of the leading papers in Berlin and was to the effect that the British Government had decided to curtail the religious liberty of all neutrals residing in their land. Then the report went on to state that the first to be ordered to quit the United Kingdom were members of the Salvation Army. President Wilson had written a note characterizing the action as a gross violation of international law and warning Great Britain that if any citizen of the United States became subject to such an arbitrary act

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serious consequences would at once follow! Of course, there is not a scintilla of truth in these statements. Another falsehood was to the effect that the King had ordered all servants bearing foreign names in various places to be dismissed. That was too ridiculous, however, to require contradiction.
 "Cat" Gin has occupied the attention of the British courts for some considerable time. A firm of wine sellers registered a gin with the trade mark, "Cat." Another firm, on hearing of it, objected on the plea that they held a similar trade mark. The court decided in favor of the first company. The second appealed, and got a reversal of the lord's judgment. Then it was carried to a higher court, when the first company re-secured the right. But No. 2 company had established a priority in the right to use the "cat." And there the matter ends. A critic was captious enough to suggest that "cat" gin furnishing would be known when other brands would be forgotten.

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LOCAL

LT. NELLES PROMOTED
 Lt. Percy W. Nelles, son of Nelles, of this city, has been appointed to the cruiser Antrim. He is a lad of fourteen, and is now twenty-four, having earned promotion.
BEAUTY CONTEST.
 The Canadian troops at Folsome recently had a field day sport and amusements including beauty contest. It was won by Trooper G. Holmes of this city. Winnipeg man came second.
MEMORIAL WINDOW
 On Sunday morning next a memorial window will be unveiled at Grace Church, the gift of Mr. A. Greer, of California, son of the Mrs. Greer. The tribute is in memory of the father, mother, and Mary, all active adherents of the congregation.
 The window is stated to be beautiful design and finish.

A WINNER
 Princess Mary, Mr. Geo. P. Buck's bay pacing mare, won 2.24 pace at Warsaw, N.Y., last week in three straight heats, best time 16 1-4. Lady Sherman, his trotter took second money in the 2.30. Both horses were trained and driven by Mr. Abe Johnson of this city, reflect credit on his condition and race driving. The horses start at Hornell, N.Y., this week.

PROF. HARCOURT WEDS
 The marriage was quietly solemnized yesterday by Prof. H. H. Forbes, professor of chemistry at the Ontario Agricultural College, and Carol Forbes, daughter of the late Rev. Chalmers Church performed the emony at "Summerhill," the home of the bride. Prof. and Mrs. Harcourt left on a motor trip. The court is well known in Brantford and delivered an address here to the Board of Trade at their last meeting.

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