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THE EMPIRE CRISIS.

The weighty words of Lord Roberts in this time of great trial and strenuous proving will call for a solemn "Amen" the Empire round.

There must not be, and there will not be, any half-heartedness or shirking wherever the grand old Union Jack floats.

The need is manifest, the duty is clear, and every necessary self-sacrifice must be made in money and men—yes, and women, too.

The latter must take up the burden of silent waiting while loved ones are at the front, and seek to conserve by every possible means the national resources and the purchase of Canadian goods.

This is a testing time for every one of us; this is a period when every interest must go into the melting pot on behalf of the common weal.

Not in any spirit of "I told you so" does that venerable hero and general, "Bobs," speak of the lack of trained men in Great Britain.

For years he has pointed out the danger which has now arrived. For years he has pleaded for all young men to have a course of military training instead of devoting all their surplus time and energies to such sports as cricket and football.

His advice unfortunately fell on deaf ears, as did that of Lord Charles Beresford in a like regard, and of Rudyard Kipling also.

The outcome is that "The Day," a toast at German military messes for years, is here, and tens of thousands of loyal sons who would like to rush to the front are unprepared, for to successfully handle large bodies of troops the equipments of drill and discipline are two of the most essential factors.

According to the last official report, the estimated war strength of Great Britain, including Canada and other overseas countries, was 805,500. This includes India, which, with all its 315,000,000 inhabitants, has only 200,000 native soldiers, as it has been deemed inadvisable to arm more of them.

Those of them who are trained are stated to be splendid and even fanatical fighters.

This lack of immediately available men is unfortunate, but it is not going to halt John Bull in the task to which he has decided to help lend a hand. The sons of Old Albion, thousands of them, will speedily get themselves in trim for the field, and their services will be of value in a comparatively short space of time.

The quarrel has not been of their inciting or seeking, but was ruthlessly and tyrannously thrust upon them, and for the maintenance of liberty and freedom they will fight to the very last drop.

Mediaevalism, as represented in Europe by the Kaiser and his advisers, has got to be, and must be, wiped out, root and branch.

THE SITUATION.

That terrible fighting, with heavy carnage, has taken place along two very long fronts, is abundantly evidenced by despatches, meagre though they are with regard to actual losses.

The French, although fighting heroically, have been forced back slightly at more than one point, and the British also have had a check or so, but with characteristic doggedness they have fought every inch, and have now had their losses more than reinforced for the next tussle, which will again without doubt prove most strenuous over a term of days.

It may be taken for granted that the Kaiser's hope of a speedy investment of Paris has been retarded much beyond his expectations. Every day that is prevented is a day in aid of the Russian operations. What the Germans are now apparently attempting to do is to divide the allies so as to deal with them separately. In this regard they have concentrated a tremendous wedge, and in jamming it forward do not seem to be paying attention to much else. The move looks to be a desperate design, and much will rest upon its success or otherwise.

Paris is magnificently fortified. There are three distinct circles of solid masonry, with many forts, all splendidly manned. No better or more

up-to-date line of defences exists in the world. An order has been given by the military governor of the city that all the houses within the sections covered by the forts must be demolished within four days. This means that their removal is necessary so that a sweeping fire can be turned on the approaching enemy, and also that they will not afford any close cover for him.

It seems now to be almost certain that Turkey will jump into the fray on the side of Germany. In her broken condition she would not amount to much, and such action might not probably lead Italy to take the other side, which would be a much more than offsetting incident.

As far as the British land forces are concerned, the calmness, cool-headedness and ability of both Lord Kitchener and Sir John French are outstanding assets. Kitchener has marvellous executive ability and the faculty of taking forestalling action without fuss, such, for instance, as his not announcing troops on the way from India until close at hand.

French is not only a splendid general, but the men under him know that any order he gives is deemed to be vital, and that the thing accomplished, he takes further steps to avoid unnecessary loss of life.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Now, then, steadily altogether on behalf of the Empire and the welfare of our own beloved land.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, now in his 91st year, is one of those who have joined the Home Guard in Belleville.

The Kaiser's expected triumphal march to Berlin has turned out to be the most terrible tragedy in all modern history to himself and his troops.

The closer the Germans get to Paris the further they are from Berlin. And what's more, getting back will be a still harder job than going forward.

John Bull has secured another German colony, this time in the Samoan Islands. The dashes of red on the map of the world still continue to grow quite steadily.

Turkey is now said to be spoiling to get into the struggle. That gobbler got gobbled quite a bit in its recent conferring, and will be likely to get some more of the same.

A writer who is well versed on the subject states that the Russian soldiers are good and plucky fighters, but as a rule are badly officered. The latter are largely luxurious and sensuous, and in the war with Japan went to the front with cases of champagne, special bath equipments, and all the rest of it. He, however, ventures the hope that their Japanese experience may have taught them something better.

SIR GILBERT PARKER ON THE WAR.

Extracts from the letter from Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., British House of Commons, London, to Lieut.-Col. W. N. Ponton, Belleville:

"But how small seem these personal matters beside the awful events into which we are now plunged! The mad Emperor has 'bluffed the Eternal Sea' as Kipling says, and, please God, we shall remove him from power and place and set up a sane ruler to rule in his stead, if, mayhap, his Empire remain. He has played his deep laid treacherous game according to his fiendishly constructed plans, up to the point where Liege stands! There the Nemesis overtook him (and his guns). He learned that small peoples fighting for their homes have God's help to strengthen their own determined hands and indomitable hearts. Blessed be Belgium, brave and bold, young and old. Through her, it may be, we shall remove this course from among civilized men. In any event may God be with us! And Canada, Canada, come over and help us! Come now! In her we trust and in the sister Dominion to sustain the Empire's honor in this great struggle. My comrade and fraternal greeting to the Boys of the Old Brigade."

Yours Sincerely, GILBERT PARKER.

"THE TEA SITUATION."

The "Canadian Grocer" says: "Tea—The reported lifting of the Old Country embargo on tea is the chief feature in this market. While this has created an easier feeling here, yet it should be remembered that this tea in London, England, will not arrive for four or five weeks at least. From a week ago the situation in package teas remains same generally as week ago except that the Salada Tea Company have dropped prices five cents per pound. Tea men state that no auctions are being held in Colombo or Calcutta, and no tea is going forward to London. It is stated that there are only seventy million pounds of tea in England, which is only enough to last six weeks. If no new tea comes forward in the meantime the embargo might be replaced at any time, it is thought."

HAVE FRESH TROOPS

LONDON, Aug. 31.—12.53 p.m.—An official telegram received in London declares that fresh forces of Germans have made their appearance on the Prussian front, and that at some points they are taking the offensive against the Russians.

Mr. James A. Halsted, formerly of Mount Forest, is dead.

WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

A Prayer.

London Telegraph—"The scoffer forgets something which simpler people know. It is that in this world of unplumbed mysteries, where frail, short-lived, short-sighted humanity gropes amid unmeasured forces, conflicts arise that are past our solving or averting or reconciling. Human wisdom is sorely limited at its best, but we believe that there is a Wisdom beyond it; and to that in the human prudence have all been tried and tried in vain, we humbly commit our destiny, our lives, and the lives of our nearest and dearest. We can only make this prayer, as we can only make any that deserves the name, in the spirit of sincere and self-forgetting resignation to duty—the spirit that alone can be found-lasting greatness and that can enable even the darkest defeat."

U. S. Must Stand Clear.

Philadelphia Public Ledger—"One point not to be forgotten is that eventually the United States must be the mediator. Through this nation the terms of peace will be made. Civilization for the time being is in our keeping. This, even more than our material interests, should impel us to keep a true neutrality and under no conditions become involved in the great conflict."

Enough to Excite Contempt.

London Express—"We are not inclined to decry an enemy whose prowess in the past we have learned to respect, but since victory or defeat is largely influenced by the manner in which a fight is approached, it is impossible not to compare the calm thoroughness and exalted determination of our country with the curious and unexpected childishness of the Germans. The latest wordy manifesto of theaiser would be funny if it were not pitiful. To assail your opponent, and to strap the garment of the Pharisee on your back immediately after tempting him to play the traitor is sufficient to excite the amused contempt of the world."

FIRING IN CHANNEL

LONDON, Aug. 31.—11.58 a.m. Heavy firing was heard at Dover this morning which appeared to come from vessels along the French coast. The official bureau, it is announced, has no information on the subject.

OF MINOR IMPORTANCE

PARIS, Aug. 31.—6.25 p.m.—The decision of the military authorities to clear the zone of forts around Paris does not affect the zone immediately surrounding the old fortifications of the city. It only applies to detached forts such as those at Mont Valerien, Izzy and others. Under this decision all the buildings and small structures of no great value surrounding the forts will be pulled down. Steps have been taken to provide shelter for all homeless persons.

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Three Irishmen

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A Patriotic Duty.

St. John, N.B., Globe. Merchants and manufacturers should keep constantly in mind the fact that war imposes on them a duty not less patriotic, not less important than that devolving on the younger men with the fighting line. A cheerful optimism is one of the most sacred obligations of the moment. The present is not the time to shut down factories, to close up enterprises and cut off the incomes of the bread-winners. A sane realization of the seriousness of the situation should convince those who control industrial and commercial enterprises that it is a duty to keep going as long as it is possible to do so. Money earned in times of commercial prosperity cannot be put to any better use than giving employment in times of distress to those who helped create it. No time can better teach the lesson than war time.

Something Made Plain

Saturday Night. It is safe to say that every man in Canada, be he Liberal, Conservative, Nationalist, Socialist or Radical; be he Senator, Member of Parliament, soldier or civilian, admits now that Canada has a duty of Imperial defence, and that there must be no more party politics over the matter of fulfilling it. The horrible feeling of nakedness this country experienced when the war broke out is that our place in the British Empire means our place in a free world, and that until we stand undivided we have every chance of falling. Men and money are the winners for Canada in the fight against the forces of reaction; not a smug sheltering behind the Monroe Doctrine. Our hearts have leaped to an absolutely clear understanding of this point.

Something to Be Proud Of.

Vancouver News-Advertiser. Of all the armies engaged in the present war only the British is a volunteer army. Not a soldier from Great Britain will be engaged with the army or navy who is not in the service of his own choice. Not one from the British self-governing Dominions will be at the front who has not offered himself for this particular service.

Brothers in Arms.

London Times—"By common consent the Dominion peoples have risen with splendid unanimity to the needs of a moment when Great Britain requires all the help that they can give her. But there is some risk that, after our first impulse of gratitude has passed away, we may too easily forget what these offers mean to those who make them and to us who receive them. For years men have doubted whether our loosely-knit system might not shake apart when put to any sudden test. And now the test has come. It has been a test as sudden and as severe as the most gloomy prophet of Imperial dissolution could ever have conceived. But we have emerged from it, so far at least as immediate consequences go, but not only with supreme ease, but with a spontaneous advance towards Imperial consolidation. For this we have to thank the Dominions. Let us not

COUNT IS PEEVED

Bernstorff Doesn't Want Linger Adriatic to Linger at New York Port.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Count Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, called attention today to the presence in this port of the White Star liner Adriatic, which arrived from Liverpool on Saturday with four guns mounted on her decks longer than that length of time. The Adriatic is not preparing to sail within 24 hours under the law which requires an armoured vessel of a belligerent nation to remain in port no longer than that length of time.

The Adriatic is not preparing to sail before Thursday and officials of the International Mercantile Marine Company, said they had received no word from the authorities objecting to the liner remaining in port until that day. They explained that the guns were only to be used in emergency and that as the Adriatic is not a merchant vessel they anticipated no action under the law which they had refused to armoured vessels only engaged in war.

SIR HIRAM MAXIM

Says Britain Can Put Army of Million Men in Field in 40 Days.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—A London cable to The Tribune says: Citing the system used in the American civil war, when men drafted had to serve as soldiers or pay \$300 each, Sir Hiram Maxim, writing in The Standard, suggests something similar for England. He says that Great Britain and Ireland have a population of 40,000,000. A majority of the men have dependents, and it is not an easy matter for them to leave their families without support.

England, Sir Hiram Maxim points out, has a vast number of millionaires and it is their duty to serve the country in their capacity quite as much as it is the workingman's duty to serve in the ranks. Let the millionaires, he suggests, raise money, and then England would quickly have enormous number of men, meeting all requirements.

Sir Hiram says that men who enlist should have at least five shillings a day and should be entitled to pensions. He predicts that if England makes the right use of wealth she can have an army of 1,000,000 in the field in forty days.

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TO THE EDITOR

IMMEDIATE HELP

To the Editor of the Courier: Sir—It is three weeks, since the first detachment of men left the city of Brantford for the front. There have been several other detachments go from here in the meantime. On each occasion we have listened to speeches from Mayor Spence and others, stating that the ones who had left families behind need not worry, as the city would look after their families and see that they want for nothing. Now why is it that these men's families have not even received their allowance from the Government? There is one party who has two children who was left with \$2.00 when her husband went three weeks ago; since then no one has been to see her, nor has she been helped except by a few friends. Is it not time this city woke up? Take Hamilton, for instance, the men's families are getting \$1400 a week and getting it now. It is up to Mayor Spence and others to be up and doing something. Show other places what Brantford can do, instead of other cities pointing to Brantford and saying that, while they looked after their boys' families, Brantford let her starve. It is all very well to make speeches and wave flags, but that will not fill empty stomachs. Trusting it will not be necessary for any letter like this to appear in print again. Yours respectfully, EX-VETERAN

OLD-TIME REMEDY

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Purify your blood by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has been and still is the people's medicine because of its reliable character and its wonderful success in the treatment of the common diseases and ailments—scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, general debility. Hood's Sarsaparilla has been tested forty years. Get it today.

The Latest War Map

By the Best Map Builders in the World, Rand, McNally & Co. of Chicago, is Now on Sale at the COURIER OFFICE, 20c for 20c

It is in colors, gives every place in detail in all Europe—railroads, rivers, and all the rest of it. At the back there are complete details of the fighting strength and resources of each nation, area, population, public debt, and so on. It folds into a neat cover, and can readily be carried in the pocket.

To understand the progress of the war intelligently it is absolutely necessary to have one of these maps. Written orders given to newsboys will be promptly filled.

CARDINALS MEET

Rome, Aug. 31, via Paris.—The conclave of the cardinals, who met to elect a successor to Pope Pius X, who died August 20, was inaugurated today with imposing ceremony. Mass was celebrated in the Pauline Chapel in the presence of 37 cardinals and their conclavists. There were present also members of the diplomatic corps, the Knights of Malta and the aristocracy of the papal court, who met for the first time since August 20, and appeared without their mourning dresses. The Sistine choir sang the middle mass, and Monsignor Massella delivered in Latin an oration concerning the election of a pontiff.

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LOCAL

Got Sixteen Recruits. The Second Dragoons enrol recruits at the armories on night.

Veterans to Meet. All members of the Brantford crans' association have been called to meet at the armories to-morrow evening.

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Advertisement for Wrigley's Spearmint Gum. Features the slogan "Ah—a beauty!" and "With the aid of WRIGLEYS' SPEARMINT it's a good follow-through". Includes an illustration of a man and a woman walking, and a large image of the gum pack. Text describes the benefits of the gum: "Many people—at work as well as play—find this refreshing, mint-flavored morsel helps them to concentrate—to 'follow-through.' It steadies nerves—sweetens breath soothes the throat—relieves thirst—quickness appetite—helps digestion. It's big value for little cost—it's the most helpful pocket companion you can carry with you on a hot day." The pack is labeled "WRIGLEYS' SPEARMINT THE PERFECT GUM THE FLAVOR LASTS".

Advertisement for Neill's China Hall. Features the slogan "Now--" and "Big Disco Sale". Text includes: "You can have your orders filled, with English, French and German china but no guarantee for the future while the war lasts. Order at once." "VANSTONE'S CHINA HALL". "We are stock of and SU REDUCED". "Neill".