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COMPENSATED FOR LOSS.

Belgium is devastated and destroyed, and is said to have "paid a high price for the respect of the world." Is this the way to describe an invasion that meant the end of Belgium's independence? Belgium appealed to Britain to save her under the circumstances, and Britain responded, after vainly appealing to Germany to respect her neutrality. Britain was interested in Belgium's future, and in her own defense. A writer in the New Witness has precisely stated the case when he says that Britain had to act, and for two reasons: (1) Had Germany won she would have had to accept vassalage and treatment such as Belgium has received, or (2) had France and Russia won France would have been increased at her betrayal, and hostile, and, on the other shore of a narrow sea, been able to do more damage than Germany. The Belgian refugees are pouring into England. The mother country can befriend them meanwhile, and, eventually, will see that they are compensated for all their loss.

THEIR POPULAR IDOL.

Rev. Hiram Hull, of Toronto, just back from Germany, says the Kaiser expresses in all he does a general spirit of his people. They have had war on the brain. If Mr. Hull gauges public opinion in Germany correctly Canadians have been in error when they have called the emperor "monster," a "murderer," "a man without heart," one to whose "unseemly lust for power" the millions owe nothing but curses. The writers of books, who have had an opportunity to study the Kaiser, represent him as a man with his ear to the ground and very quick to detect any discordant note on the part of the people. It has been said of him that he has an inner circle to whom he appeals on special occasions. It is composed of the men who represent the commands of his army and navy, five in all. The diplomats and financiers are missing. Thus, just before the war, this council had its secret session. When asked, as he left the meeting what the decision was the chief of state replied, "It is covered by a word of seven letters." The seven letters spelled the name of the Kaiser upon the declaration of war. The people approved. On every public appearance since then he has been cheered by the people. Would they do this if he was not their popular idol?

CANADIAN GUN CLUB.

In discussing with military experts, who are interested in the organizations of fresh contingents, Lord Kitchener offered this laconic advice: "Teach them to shoot." With the details of drill he does not see the use. In the field there is little manoeuvring that involves precision. There is no fancy marching. The men go as they please, so long as they push forward under certain defined conditions. There is one thing they must excel in, while on forced marches, while fighting from day to day, namely, hardness, real hardness, which comes from heavy and sustained service. The German soldiers have been fitted for active service by endurance tests in time of peace. There is reason to believe that they are treated with great harshness in preparations for those tests. Complaint has been made that the officers beat and abuse the recruits, and the recruits accept all this as a necessary part of army discipline. One of the German battalions, grounded and abandoned the British, found the cat-o-nine-tails, which, in the hands of officers, appears to have been used to urge the man-of-war's men in the performance of their duty. The two requisites for German service, then, are obedience and hardness. The infantrymen can-

not shoot. Hence the importance of Kitchener's advice. See that they are fit, that they are capable of the physical effort that the battlefield involves, and that they can shoot.

The Canadian contingents, in these respects, should acquit themselves well when, eventually, they reach the front. The lesson, too, for the future is that Canada wants a gun club at every cross roads, with generous financial aid and encouragement from the government. Expensive camps, and camp paraphernalia, are not necessary when, in time of war, only a tenth of the trained men volunteer for active service.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Every young man should do his duty to his country by joining the militia forces and get the training that will fit him for good service in times of peril.

Splendid! The white way is up-to-date. Manager Folger's statement that the lights would be "as brilliant as the sun and its soft as the moon" has been verified.

Complaint is constantly made of the reckless way motorists, drivers and bicyclists disregard the rules of the road. The police should enforce the law, or, better, the chief should detail men for a week on prominent squares to show drivers how to proceed and how to properly go around corners.

The Montreal Witness puts it about right when it says it is time that we ceased to hold nations to be respected and considered according to their bigness and strength, and began to say: A nation is a nation for all that. We want no more "great powers"; we have had enough of such; no military oligarchy of powers but a league of many equal states to respect each other and to suppress strife. Why should not each and every one be regarded by the rest, as the allies have regarded Belgium and Luxemburg, as sacred neutral territory that must not be trespassed upon.

During the Durbar at Delhi, one of the native princes, the Gaekwar of Baroda, came into unpleasant notoriety by reason of the disrespect shown to King George and Queen Mary, on the occasion of his presentation to their majesties. For this, he was compelled to make an apology or explanation, but this latter fact did not free him from the suspicion of disloyalty, or his rank, or queen, from the charge of being the most active seditionist in India. Now, however, the war has afforded the Gaekwar an opportunity to make good, and he has carried offering all his troops and all the resources of the state to the King-emperor. This is very gratifying, as it indicates that one of the compensations of the war is likely to be the removal of the last suspicion of "unrest" in India.

A LADY'S ANKLE BROKEN

Knocked Down By Horse Through Driver's Carelessness. Two members of the one family in one week injured in accidents caused by drivers using the wrong side, is the misfortune of a certain Kingston household. On Thursday last one of the family was hit by an automobile and the mother was hurt on Tuesday. The latter was about to cross the road at the corner of Brock and Clergy streets when the accident occurred. Two men were driving down Brock street, and thinking, as they were going at a fast rate of speed, that they would continue on down Brock street, the lady attempted to cross the road. The driver, suddenly near the corner, reined in his horse and cut short on the corner. The lady was knocked down by the front wheel, and thrown back against the curb. Upon examination by a doctor it was learned that her left ankle had been broken and she was rushed to her home.

Drivers of automobiles and bicycles should learn to keep to the right side of the road and many accidents would be avoided. Action will likely be taken in both of these cases, not for the mercenary benefit but to teach the drivers a lesson.

AN INGENIOUS SWINDLE.

German Gang Prey on Relatives of Missing Russians. Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—The Swedish police have discovered and exposed a gang of German swindlers who have been preying on relatives of Russian tourists in Germany who are missing. They watch lists of missing Russians advertised by the Russian embassy here, and cable to their relatives in Russia, forging the signatures of the missing persons. In these messages they stated that it was impossible to send money direct to Germany, and asked that it be forwarded to an address in Copenhagen to be sent on. Nearly all the families appealed to sent money.

GERMANS EXECUTE PRIEST.

Other Priests Compelled to Witness Death of Colleague. London, Sept. 9.—Advice received from Belgium official sources say that when the Germans marched the Jesuits from Louvain to Brussels they executed one young priest upon whom they found a diary of recent events in Louvain, in which were several unpleasant references to the German action. This account says that the other priests, who endeavored to turn their heads, were compelled to witness his execution.

Paris is said to possess more sun-dials than any other city in the world.

PUBLIC OPINION

Properly Named. Toronto Globe. Appropriately enough the Kaiser's news distributing agency is known as the Wolf Bureau.

Irony Surely. Montreal Herald. Could there be irony more ghastly than the contribution of 1,000,000 marks to the Red Cross fund by the Krupp firm?

Buy At Home. Toronto News. Buy goods made in Canada or in Great Britain, and thus employ Canadian and British workmen.

Making For Peace. Syracuse Post-Standard. Those who talk peace, write about peace, strive to cause peace to prevail, believe in peace, hope for peace, and pray for peace, do their part to make war less and less likely in the future.

Good Deal In "H." New York Herald. Emperor William in our time will succeed in promoting the bayonet of the soldier over the vote of the citizen—if he can sweep that British navy off the water.

Cause For Complaint. Montreal Gazette. The complaints against the British war office for undue reticence have good ground. British people learn more from the Russian and French official statements about the progress of the war than from their own authorities. An extreme of secrecy is as undesirable as too much publicity.

Horrors Of The World.

New York Globe. While these horrors which have shocked the world are being perpetrated the German wireless press has daily been issuing bulletins in which the Kaiser and the minor German kings and princes of the military autocracy have praised God for the victories of the war which are a direct result of these barbarities and the utter disregard of the rules of civilized warfare.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

F. Vannalstine and John Theobald spent two days hunting and fishing at Battersea. They caught twenty-eight bass and shot two totes.

There are fifteen barber shops in Kingston. Some of them must have a close shave for business. No calling of prices however. Organist Reynor found some pipes in the organ of St. James' church badly out of tune. An investigation found that mice had built nests in one of the big pipes and had eaten on the tape holding it in place so that it fell, injuring several smaller pipes.

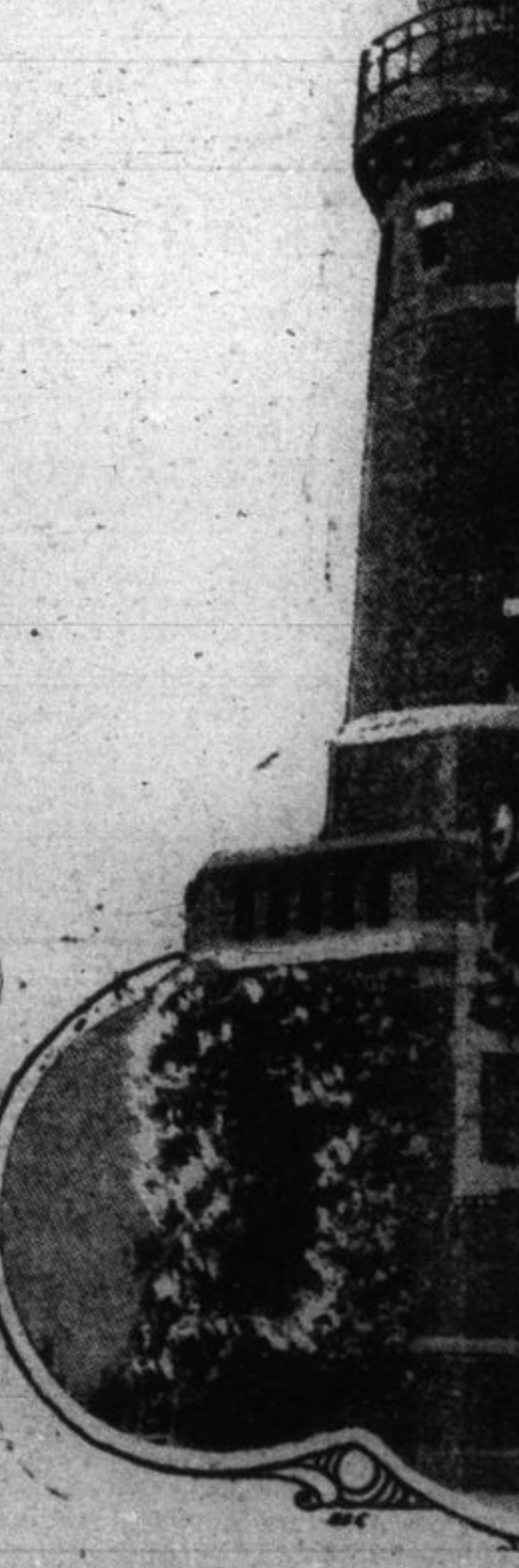
PARIS POPULATION CUT.

Only 2,000,000 Left Out of 3,400,000 Inhabitants. Paris, Sept. 9.—The population of Paris and suburbs before the war was 3,400,000. According to semi-official figures it is 2,000,000, owing to the mobilization of the army and the departure of the fugitives.

The minister of public works is aiding the people to leave and is providing free transportation in many cases.

Honor For The Flag.

Bordeaux, via Paris, Sept. 9.—An official announcement says that in a recent combat two soldiers of the 137th Infantry Broussard and Turcot, captured the flag of the 28th Regiment of German Infantry, whose colonel was also made prisoner. As a recompense President Poincare has signed a decree conferring on the flag of the 137th Regiment.



THE LIGHTHOUSE IN KEIL HARBOR. This beacon would make a fine mark for the gunners on the British North Sea fleet were it not for the fact that the Germans have sunk mines so thickly that Sir John Jellicoe's ships have to stay at a safe distance. The light illuminates Kiel harbor, the chief rallying place of the German fleet.

CALLS JOFFRE FRENCH FABUS.

Justave Herve Says His Retreat is a Splendid Military Exploit. Paris, Sunday, Sept. 6.—Gustave Herve, writing in La Guerre Sociale, has given clear appreciation of what is generally accepted as the plan of Gen. Joffre, who has been spoken of as "the temporizer."

"The retreat," he says, "is one of the finest exploits in our military history. The ground has been fought out by foot nearly every day for the last three weeks. The French army has been making vigorous counter attacks, turning in its right wing in the direction of Verdun. It is continuing to retreat slowly, its right wing covered by the entrenched camps of Verdun, Toul, Epinal, and Jelfast. All the evidence shows that all our army corps are intact; that the gaps in our ranks have been steadily filled by reserves; that the morale of our troops is that of a conquering army, confident of ultimate victory, and that the 75-millimeter guns are the finest artillery ever possessed by any army."

"Knowing the numerical superiority of the enemy, Gen. Joffre is retreating to engage him decisively. He keeps retreating when the enemy's right wing threatens to envelop him, and he is bringing the enemy south from his base. He is called Kuropatkin of the pessimists, who are afraid of seeing the French generalissimo imitate the prudence of the Russian general in Manchuria and defer his chance of winning. He is called Fabius by those who have confidence in him. They think of the old Roman general who wore down Hannibal without engaging in a decisive battle, and saved Rome by his indomitable tenacity. Though it is contrary to the national temperament, Gen. Joffre's plan, in view of the numerical superiority of Germany, is the right one."

TO PROMOTE TRADE.

English Syndicate's Envoy Suggests Export Bounties. Ottawa, Sept. 8.—P. G. Donald, representing a syndicate of English manufacturers, whose object is to promote the trade of the empire through taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by the present war situation, had an interview today with Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce. Mr. Donald's view is that Canada should encourage the establishment of a great export trade by a system of export bounties, to be diminished as manufacturers were able to establish themselves. Nails, barbed wire, tubing and such hardware products were mentioned by him as those by whose manufacture Canada could fill the place formerly occupied by Germany.

BOYCOTT LITERATURE.

German Authors Form an Association For This Purpose. Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—The German authors have formed a national association to prevent literary works from hostile countries being translated into German. The authors of plays belonging to hostile countries are not to be mentioned in the German press. This movement, it is said is due to the attitude of Belgian and British authors.

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