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## EDITORIALS

The war has now been in progress for almost a third of a year and it is interesting to sum up the results. The Germans within that time—and they have been the aggressors—have launched three distinct campaigns. Their first cry was "Paris or bust," but they didn't take Paris. They next tried to break the heart of the Russians by taking Warsaw. A great signal defeat in that quarter sent them helter skelter in a precipitate retreat. Their third distinct move was to secure a foothold on the Straits of Dover and although they lost a hundred thousand men in the attempt, they do not seem to be any nearer to it than they were a month ago.

The whole training and plans of the Germans show that they hoped to win before the other nations could get their men in the field. This too was their policy in their past wars and it won. In this fight, however, thanks to the Belgians and French's "contemptible little army" their plans failed to carry. They must now fight on equal terms with the odds of numbers against them. Looking at the war in this light there is a strong possibility that if the Germans fail in their attack on Dunkirk their whole scheme will suddenly collapse.

It looks as if the Khedive of

Egypt has lost his job. By the Turkey declared war the Khedive went on a visit to Constantinople and suspicious of his loyalty caused the British authorities to forbid his return. He was believed to be in sympathy with the Turkish trouble makers and now his actions confirm this. He talks glibly of the day when the Germans will set Egypt free.

It would appear that the entrance of the "despicable Turk" into the war will at least give a temporary advantage to Germany. The Russians are reported to have decided to put off their invasion of Germany until they have defeated the Turk. This may enable the Germans to transfer a portion of their eastern army to the west to the disadvantage of the allies in France.

### A TRADE ANOMALY.

Big Increase in British Exports to the United States.

London, Nov. 17.—Consul General Skinner states that the exports from London to the United States for October were more than a million dollars in excess of the average for July, August and September. In spite of many things which the British government will not allow to be exported. No particular material preponderates in these exports, the increased amount of which is largely due to the closed German markets.

### FORCED TO WAR BY A SECRET TREATY

Reason Is Advanced for Turkey's Entrance Into Hostilities.

London, Nov. 18.—The Morning Post's Athens correspondent says:

"According to statements made by a diplomat here, Turkey was compelled to enter the war by a secret treaty made some years ago with Germany, whereby Turkey would assist Germany if war was declared on Germany by Russia.

"In return, Germany likewise agreed to assist Turkey if Russia declared war on Turkey.

"On the opening of war Germany demanded Turkey's assistance but the Turkish cabinet, which regarded such an act as suicidal, replied that Turkey would be unable to assist because she had no money, because the army was going through a period of reorganization, and because the fleet was powerless to defend the capital.

"Germany answered these objections by sending money, men and ships, whereupon Turkey was compelled to enter the arena because of her solemn treaty obligations."

### EQUIPMENT IS READY FOR LIGHT INFANTRY BATTALIONS FOR WAR

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—That full equipment is ready for the eight infantry battalions now mobilizing for the second contingent at divisional and district area headquarters, is the statement made by General Macdonald, quartermaster general. This includes rifles, ammunition and clothing of every description. The uniforms are now being distributed and at some points rifles have already been issued to the men.

### VALUE U. S. FARM CROP.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—The important farm crops of the United States this year are worth \$5,068,742,000, or \$104,000,000 more than the value of the same crops last year, notwithstanding a loss of \$418,000,000 sustained by cotton planters on lint alone as a result of the European war.

### CANADA LOOKS UP TO AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Dominion Government Hopeful That Battleship Australia May Soon Engage Germans on Pacific.

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—"Bravo, Australia. All Canada congratulates you."

The foregoing brief message sent to Premier Fisher, of Australia, was dispatched by Sir George Foster, acting Premier of the Dominion. It is hardly necessary to explain that the sending of the cable was due to the success of the second-class Australian cruiser Sydney, of the Australian navy, in bringing to a close the career, in the Indian Ocean, of the German commerce destroyer Emden.

The hope is being expressed here that the big dreadnought of the Commonwealth navy, the battleship Australia, will in the near future run across the German squadron still at large in the Pacific. In naval circles it is stated that owing to superior speed and guns, the Australian dreadnought could single handedly dispose of all the German vessels on the Pacific. She has a speed of 26 knots and eight 12-inch guns. The biggest German boat, the Gneisenau, has only 8.2-inch guns and 23.8 knots speed.

It is considered more likely, however, that the German squadron will ultimately meet its fate at the hands of Japanese cruisers now in the northern Pacific or British battleships recently ordered to the Pacific as the Australian dreadnought is believed to be in home waters.

### HOW GERMANS PUT IT.

The "Hagenback Conglomeration" still bars the way to Calais, and the Germans are hurling insults as well as projectiles at it. Hagenback is the greatest of all dealers in wild animals. From his menagerie in Hamburg can be secured anything with teeth and claws, from a royal Bengal tiger to an ordinary, everyday wildcat. The German insult is really a compliment. If it is only an ill-assorted menagerie that bars the way to Calais, German culture and science do not amount to much, else they would long ago have found a way through the jungle. When the patient and painstaking Canadian beaver joins the others animals of the conglomeration the Kaiser and his generals will no doubt express their detestation of the entire rodent tribe.

### NO DOUBT AS TO THE RESULT, SAYS SIFTON

Alberta's Premier Declared Canadians Would All Be Dead Before Empire Failed.

New York, Nov. 18.—"There is no doubt in the minds of Canadians of the result of the war, but should the British Empire fall it would not affect any of us in Canada, for in that event we should all be dead and should know nothing about it," said Arthur L. Sifton, Prime Minister of Alberta, who was the guest of honor at a dinner of the Canadian Club here.

"There is no sentiment of doubt that we must give every possible aid to carry it to a successful conclusion," he continued. "It may be a matter of months, it may be a matter of years, but when the war is over Canada will be the gainer."

Increased prosperity will come to Canada, the minister predicted, because many Europeans whose homes have been wiped out by the war will emigrate to the Dominion.

The annual international banquet of the Canadian Club has been abandoned because of the need of money for the families of the Canadian soldiers at the front, and in its stead the club has substituted monthly dinners.

### TO RAISE SUNK SHIPS.

Reported That Japanese Will Endeavor to Recover German Warships Sunk.

Vancouver, Nov. 17.—According to private advices received in Vancouver from Tokyo, the German officers who surrendered at Tsing Tau have been treated with every consideration and allowed to retain their swords.

It is understood the German ships sunk in the harbor will be raised and repaired if possible.

### REQUIEM.

Weep for the dead; weep for the swift slain dead,  
November skies;  
Too few the tears that day and night are shed  
From women's eyes.  
Blow o'er them lightly with a soft caress,  
Wind of the sea,  
If you are tender they may miss love less—  
Where e'er they be.  
Come, gentle moon, swing low your lantern light  
On reddened fields,  
And find the lonely harvest of the night  
That battle yields.  
Banish the darkness filled with quivering dread,  
Lest they should know  
Some last strange horror—even they—the dead—  
Sweet moon, swing low.  
Fold them at dawn, dear earth, with your arms  
So safe and strong;  
Hold them asleep till they forget alarms  
And woe and wrong.  
Master of Kings! If peace be bought with pain  
These paid the price;  
O show Thy tortured world that all in vain  
Is sacrifice!

—VIRNA SHEARD.

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