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WESTERN FRONT

Developments on the western front are becoming steadily more interesting, with the French assuming the aggressive in no uncertain fashion in front of Verdun and the Germans planning a big new counter-offensive on the Somme portion of this front. The continual nibbling of the French and British both north and south of the Somme has been a source of worry and great loss to the enemy, and the Kaiser has evidently made up his mind to revert to his old tactics of attacking, on the assumption that offense is the best means of defence. The Germans recently tried an offensive on the southern portion of the Somme front, and it ended in disaster. They are now to turn their attention to the northern section around Bapaume, to which place they are rushing reinforcements of artillery and infantry.

Right on top of the announcement of this new move comes the welcome news that the French have broken through at several places on the Verdun front, and the probability is that the new French move has given Wilhelm cause to think furiously, though he is likely to proceed with his plans on the Somme in the hope that the Allies will have to concentrate their forces there and by doing so may weaken the attack around Verdun.

Just as the Somme offensive was inaugurated to relieve the French drive on Verdun, so has the new French attack been developed along with a big general offensive at all other points with a view to relieving the situation on the Dobrudja and Transylvanian fronts.

There is no denying the fact

that things have gone badly with the Rumanians since they crossed the Danube but they are not losing many men, preferring to withdraw rather than to face disaster. Nothing further has been said of the presence of the Grand Duke on that front, but, if he is in command, the Allies have nothing to fear in the way of a permanent setback. Nicholas is a past-master in strategy and the leader who got the Russians out of their early difficulties will have no serious troubles in the Rumanian situation.

It becomes more apparent every day that the western front is the point of greatest importance and it is there that the final struggle will be fought out. The Allies on all fronts are working together magnificently, their team-work, if we may use the term, being splendid.

With disaster facing them at Verdun and a vindictive and determined foe to meet on the Somme, the Germans will have no men to spare for reinforcements elsewhere and the situation is gradually resolving itself into a wearing down campaign. The Allies do not seem to care whether they ever take Bapaume or Peronne, so long as their methods take continual toll of the enemy at the rate of a thousand or two at a time. Time is with the Allies and against the Teutons and every day sees another nail in the coffin of Prussian militarism.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Australia takes a referendum on Compulsory Service on Saturday and there is little doubt as to how it will go. There will be a big majority in favor of compulsion. Australia is differently

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situated than Canada in that she does not have a large alien population.

The Danes and Norwegians still suffer at the hands of the German submarines. The patience of Copenhagen and Christiania is great but there is a limit which surely has been reached.

Bowser and Company do not seem to care if the soldiers' vote is never counted. It is a case of hanging on to office on the slightest pretext whatever and typically Bowserian.

The following is from the quarterly bulletin of the Commission of Conservation in dealing with civic improvements:—"Prince Rupert:—there is perhaps no city in Canada that is so much in need of a Civic Improvement League as the new city of Prince Rupert, but no definite steps have yet been taken to form one. The need in Prince Rupert is due to the fact that the city has some specially difficult problems to solve owing to the undulating and rocky nature of its site and the isolated position of the city from other centres of population. This makes it peculiarly desirable that the citizens should train themselves to understand their local problems and to take a watchful interest in the development of the city."

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GEORGE W. NICKERSON RETURNS ON A VISIT

George W. Nickerson, one of the most prominent business men of Prince Rupert, who has been making Winnipeg his headquarters for some months as the western representative of the Aylmer Packing Company and the Dominion Cannery, Limited, is being welcomed back to this city by a host of friends.

Speaking of conditions on the prairies, Mr. Nickerson says business is fairly good all round, though some of the farmers lost their crops. Wheat prices are ruling high and there is a general belief that two dollar wheat is coming shortly.

Mr. Nickerson, who has always taken a very keen interest in the growth of the fishing industry here, is pleased that Prince Rupert has retained its hold on a large share of the halibut business, though he deprecates the fact that the American houses located here are still unable to ship their fish in bond to Seattle by steamer. He finds a general improvement in the business tone of Prince Rupert and is intensely gratified to find that the drydock shows signs of activity. He still has a warm spot in his heart for the coast city, though business forces him to return to the prairies at the beginning of the month.

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