

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The old proverb about Germany ruling the clouds seems to be inapplicable to-day in more ways than one.

The "extreme mobility" of the German forces will be even more important later on when the round-up begins.

Always when the Germans get a specially bad licking Berlin announces that the fighting has been "without result."

Does the cutting off of the supply of vodka account for the eagerness with which the Russian soldiers are approaching Er-Ze rum?

The estimate of 58 per cent. of the world at war does not include the United States torn by a war between rival baseball combines.

Cold increases the needs of the Red Cross Fund. The sacrifices of those at the front are greater than the sacrifices of those at home.

New York's Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving is now the Society for the Promotion of Useful Giving, and is working in behalf of suffering Belgians.

If the football season is brought to an abrupt end in Britain the disappointed spectators will no doubt enlist and take out their grudge against the Prussian war lords.

Those Toronto people who objected to having their street named Jellicoe may be sorry after the German fleet emerges from Kiel. By the way, is Keele street quite loyal?

"Has the Opposition again resolved to dissolve Parliament?" asks The Toronto News. Fortunately the promoters of a general election are now ashamed of themselves.

By all good rules of strategy the Germans consider they should have won the big battle in Poland. What makes their disappointment more bitter is that there is no umpire to kill.

The housing problem has been rendered easy by a decrease in demand, but it is bothering Aldermen with regard to civic automobiles, which seem to be overflowing the accommodation.

Swedish sailors demand higher salaries to cover the higher insurance rates of the war. Sailing on a bomb-infested sea is a hazardous occupation, and that may make it difficult to fill strikers' places.

The outside world should have kept closer watch over the philosophic writers who were moulding German opinion. But nations not familiar with their own leaders of thought cannot be expected to closely scrutinize original thinkers abroad.

Some **Austrians** in Toronto are expecting to be treated as **prisoners** of war, one feature of that treatment being immunity from work. As there are more people working now and willing to work than there are opportunities, the detained Austrians feel that they have a strong case.

Statistics of the United States Department of Labor just issued show a decreasing number of people employed seven days a week in various industries, but they recall the disagreeable truth that increasing labor is still the lot of too many American citizens. In the blast furnaces the proportion of seven-day workers declined from 97.2 per cent. in 1907 to 82 per cent. in 1912, and during the same period the proportion of such workers fell from 24.1 to 14.9 at Bessemer converters, and from 1.1 to 0.4 per cent. in bar mills.