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**THE SITUATION**

That the Huns should be following a plan of such wholesale abandonment on the Western front manifestly means two things. (1) That British pressure is becoming more and more intense and (2) that the enemy has decided to shorten his lines in connection with the big offensive which improved weather conditions will soon permit. "The greatest retreat since the Marne," is the manner in which one correspondent describes the falling back of the Huns, and such it is undoubtedly proving. Villages and important points have been taken and it does not seem likely that Bapaume can hold out much longer. The successful result of these operations is stated to have put the men of Haig's forces in fine fettle and they will also have a most heartening effect wherever the British flag flies.

The fall of Kut-el-Amara, as announced over the Courier's leased wire last evening, will serve to offset the undoubted damage which the British disaster there earlier in the war undoubtedly created. The Turkish forces are still in full flight, and there can be no doubt that the advance to Bagdad will be pressed. It is north of there that the Russian troops, under the Grand Duke, are operating to effect a junction with the British.

Six vessels were submarined yesterday, three British, one Norwegian one French and one Dutch. Total tonnage, including the Laconia, 24,162. The record since Feb. 1st is 181 vessels. Tonnage 410,000. The destruction of the Cunard is evidence of the fact that the pirates do not intend to respect any craft, whether or no Americans may be on board.

The shelling of Broadstairs and Margate, resulted only in the killing of a woman and child, as far as loss of life was concerned. The invading destroyers were glad enough to skedaddle before British ships could come up. The incident still further demonstrates that no serious bombardment of the shores of Old Albion is possible.

**"ARMED NEUTRALITY"**

The latest pronouncement of President Wilson is a disgrace to the man and to his country. He seems to be totally oblivious to the demands of national honor, and to be still willing to temporize with the ruthless Hun. The Boston Advertiser very well summarizes the matter when it says: "Wilson at his worst. He has no policy." Almost as the occupant of the White House was unceremoniously being poured shots into the Cunard liner Laconia with Americans on board, both among passengers and crew. Surely this last murderous act will serve to force Wilson into a straight declaration of war, unwilling though he may be personally to take such a step.

It is very hard to believe that the bulk of our neighbors are in accord with the "hang back" tactics of their chief executive. The Courier would rather credit their true sentiments as those recently voiced in an address at Washington by Col. Harvey, a well-known editor and publicist of New York. Lamenting the spineless and dilatory course hitherto followed he said: "Let us hold back nothing from our allies who so long have borne the frightful burden of war for all. No special consideration! No mental reservations! No separate peace! None—upon this sole condition, that the infamous atrocity and the dastardly rulers, who perpetrated this most hideous and awful of crimes, shall be deprived forever of power over their own or any other people. If we are to fight successfully the battle of democracy we must know that democracy, not sham, but real, is going to win a complete triumph for all time and for all those whom, fighting, we love and fight to free. Then with whole hearts and whole souls and all our might let us put the great shoulder of America to the wheel of war and crush out of existence with irresistible force any and all who would deprive God's children of their rightful heritage of inherent right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

Col. Harvey it will be noticed is somewhat flamboyant as to the results of U. S. help, but apart from that his sentiments must more nearly represent the feelings of decent Americans than the cowardly "overt Act" method.

**STARS AND STRIPES NOT TO BE BLUFFED**

(Continued from page one)  
 The world is watching to see whether manhood's spark is still alive in America.  
 Cleveland Leader: It is a logical, reasonable, perfectly correct step toward war.  
 Spokane Chronicle: The Stars and Stripes are not to be bluffed of the high seas.  
 Pro-German Views.  
 The views of German-American newspapers follows:  
 The New York Staats-Zeitung: The possibilities of preserving peace in the situation that confronts us are by no means hopeless. During the first month of the intended German submarine warfare, no overt acts have brought us within the shadow of war. There is no reason for assuming that overt acts will occur in the future, despite the pessimistic view which the president takes from the reports published in the German press. Fortunately neither the press of Germany nor America are the controlling forces in the present situation.  
 Referendum.  
 Louisville Anzeiger: The authority for "armed neutrality" for which the president asks will be granted by the congress; there is no doubt about it. Wilson's avowed purpose is to relieve the congestion of American overseas commerce. The next step he probably will take is to give permission for arming merchantmen.  
 If there is a complication the congress alone has the power to decide about the imminently fateful question, peace or war. From all sides we hear the clamor for referendum to the people if there shall be war or not. That, and that alone, would be the best way to find out whether the majority of the American nation wants war or not.  
 Should Ponder.  
 Illinois Staats-Zeitung (Chicago): Clothed with the power demanded by the president, conditions might be created which would have to be considered as a case of war, and congress would be forced against its better judgment to declare war. Here lies the greatest danger of a war, and congress should ponder a long while before acting.  
 Dictator Wilson.  
 St. Louis Westliche Post: In judging yesterday's speech it depends whether one shares the view of the president that congress has the right to leave to him the decision on the future attitude of the United States toward the submarine warfare. President Wilson is demanding dictatorial powers which can become all the more dangerous since under the new espionage laws the people will not be given opportunity to express their opposition.

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**BERLIN CLAIMS MANY BRITISH SHIPS SUNK**

Berlin, Sunday, Feb. 25.—(By wireless to Sayville, Feb. 27.—The sinking of the British transport steamer A-19 was announced by the Admiralty today.  
 The announcement says that retreating German submarines report the sinking of eleven steamships, two sailing vessels and eight trawlers.  
 Henry Buren, for thirty-three years editor of the Norwich Mercury and editor of the first Hackney Standard, died at his home in Norwich. The camel saddle on which Gordon rode into Khartoum has been given by Surg-Gen. Sir T. Gallwey for the coming Red Cross sale at Christie's.

**Why the West is For Union**  
 By Dr. J. K. UNSWORTH, D.D., of Nanaimo, B. C.

REGARDING Union sentiment in the West you can count us in as solid. The average Western man ascribes the hesitation of the Easterner to his ignorance of Western conditions. He himself cannot think in any other terms, ecclesiastically, than Union. In church matters, as in all others, he co-operates readily toward a social objective. This is manifest in the advanced social legislation of the prairies.  
 But the hesitation of the obstructionist Easterner is not, as some Westerners think, due to ignorance of conditions, but to his conservative individualism in religion—in church as in other matters. Fine, noble, cultured as is Montreal Protestantism, Protestantism has never had elbow room, never the swing and expansion it has found in the West. The overshadowing Roman Catholic Church has prevented the full development of Protestantism towards social unification. It has emphasized traditional methods. It has prevented a full response to the spirit in experimentation. The difference between West and East is not in theology, it is in the social temper, in the co-operative spirit.  
 For these Westerners, as I said, are entirely social. The wide prairie, the new experiences which unify, the detachment from the past through emigration from home and childhood's associations, the predominance of Protestantism, has given them a temper and spirit which cannot fail to be union. If not born in them it is bred. As to this present situation he has been patient with the delay, but he has never looked backward. And of this "Presbyterian Association" movement he expresses regret and hopes it will not grow; but it will not affect him one iota. He cannot undo his own personality. Why is there no Winnipeg minister on the list? Even if any of the ministers hesitated, the spirit of their congregations and of the whole community would matter them. The average man has settled the matter. Union is taken for granted. There will be no going back.



FATHER In "Bringing Up Father in Politics," at the Grand Opera House, Matinee and Night, Saturday, March 3rd.

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**BRYAN FROWNS UPON WILSON**

By Courier Leased Wire.  
 Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 27.—W. J. Bryan, in a statement issued here today, announced he was opposed to granting powers to the president, such as President Wilson requested of Congress yesterday. He announced that he would go immediately to Washington and use his influence to have the request declined.

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**How Canada Cares For Disabled Soldiers**

Intimate Account Given; By Rest, Plenty of Food, Graduated Exercises and Interesting Work, Men Beat the Bacilli

Writing from Ste. Agathe des Monts, Que., Sergt. W. L. Chinneck contributes to the Montreal Gazette, the following intimate account of how a wounded and tuberculous soldier is treated:  
 "Something of the gigantic organization that has grown up in our country for the care of disabled warriors may be judged by tracing the career of a Canadian soldier, from the day he is wounded in the trenches to the day he is discharged from the service, fit to resume his civilian occupation, or pensioned according to his disability.  
 Case of Corporal Jones  
 "For example, Corp. Jones, wounded at Ypres and suffering from shell shock, is sent down to the nearest dressing station. He is transferred to a base hospital and from thence, being seriously hurt, to a hospital in England. In three months he is convalescent. He will never be fit for the trenches again. Weak, shaken, and a little lame, he also has tuberculosis. But the time has come when Canada claims this son of hers, and he is very ready to cross the seas to her.  
 "And so he is examined by a medical board, a careful report of his case and condition is made, a copy of which is sent with the soldier, to Quebec. Having enlisted with a Montreal battalion, Corp. Jones is passed on to this city, and he appears before the military medical board there. He is recommended for six months' treatment at the Laurentide Inn, Ste. Agathe.  
 "From this moment, Canada, in the shape of the Military Hospitals Commission, has taken the soldier's cure in hand, and it will be interesting to show exactly how she fulfils this duty.  
 "The evening of a summer's day Corp. Jones sets his feet on that scupulously neat little station in the Laurentian Hills, and straightway is driven to the 'Inn.' He has hardly got his coat off ere his temperature is taken, and before he has had time to find himself in bed and supper served him there.  
 "Next morning he is examined by the medical officer, Dr. J. R. Byers, who, more anxious for his comfort than writing justly on this subject without paying a tribute to one whom every soldier, ever under his jurisdiction, must gratefully respect.  
 "Having the devil's tattoo with deft fingers all over the bare chest of Corp. Jones, Dr. Byers presently orders bed, and more bed, for the disabled soldier. That means to say he is a Class A patient.  
 "What Treatment Does  
 "After weeks of complete rest his temperature taken every four hours, eating three hearty meals and drinking pints of milk per day, the corporal is allowed to trade his bed for a comfortable canvas chair. So he lies all on a veranda, in a class B patient, and has ample leisure to admire the bold, wooded hills rising up against the horizon and the lovely lake beneath, in which the mountains are reflected as in a mirror. All day long he breathes in the health-giving Laurentian air, the best possible balm for sick lungs.  
 "Two months pass away and now this soldier is a different man. He has lost the languor that he brought to the mountains. He becomes restful and envies the boys at exercise. His weight recorded regularly, has increased by 16 pounds. A great part of the shank-ache has been blown out of his system by the bracing Laurentian winds.  
 "He comes up for examination and on this occasion Dr. Byers is able to give him two excellent things: First, fifteen minutes' exercise, morning and afternoon, and, secondly, the splendid news that in their battle against tuberculosis, the lungs of Corp. Jones have delivered a severe check on the hostile bacilli. In fact, he has actually commenced to drive the enemy out of the invaded territory, and threaten a complete collapse of the attacking forces at an early date.  
 "So now, every day, Corp. Jones puts on his puttees, grips his cane, and walks leisurely up and down and around the gloriously-garmented hills, and feels, after the prison of the chair, the heritage of life and liberty has been vouchsafed him.  
 "Every week, since his weight has not decreased, and all things testify to his making excellent progress; his exercise is prolonged by fifteen minutes, until at last he has four hours daily, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.  
 Education in Workshop.  
 "And now we must mention one very important feature of his stay at the Laurentide Inn. This sanatorium has the distinction of being the first military sanatorium in Canada to convert the usually idle period of convalescence into a healthy course of education and training.  
 "Whilst Corp. Jones lay in his chair a class B patient he was taught to read, to write, and many an hour he whittled away fashioning boxes and baskets galley colored. But now that he is so far on the road to health, a class C patient, considerably helped by exercise, he can undertake a more strenuous form of arts and craft work.  
 "He joins a workshop class, under the supervision of Sergt. J. R. McGibbon, immediately after his work, and for an hour each day he sits at one of the eight benches, fitted with ever requisite tool, and learns woodwork.  
 "First of all he makes a tie and collar rack. He is proud of this, but bah! that is too simple for Corporal Jones. He becomes ambitious.

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**LOCAL NEWS**  
**SCHUBERT CHOIR**  
 The Schubert Choir held a rehearsal at their rehearsal room last evening. Refreshments were served by the ladies and arrangements completed for their coming concert at the Presbyterian Church, Park Street, on Wednesday evening, March 1st.  
**IS HONORED**  
 At the annual meeting of the Bar Association, Mr. J. Brewster, K. C., of this city, one of the members elected to council.  
**A LONG RUN**  
 The wheels have made their annual once more after some weeks of continuous sleighing most a record.  
**COL. ASHTON HONORED**  
 The name of Col. E. C. Ashton this city appeared this morning in the list of Canadians brought to the notice of the Secretary of State, valuable service in connection with the war.  
**ST. ANDREW'S Y. P. C.**  
 One of the most interesting meetings of the year was held last evening at St. Andrew's Y. P. C. Vice-President, Mr. A. Jull held the chair. The topic "Canada and Women of Letters," was read by Miss J. Lee in a most interesting manner. Selections were read from the works of Robt. Burns, Arthur Stringer, Norah and, and "Kit."  
**FEW VACANT HOUSES.**  
 City assessor A. G. Ludlow, a serious shortage of vacant houses in the city, and this morning by a number of friends, meeting at the door as she was about to leave. The evening was spent in games and music, which refreshments were served to the guests departing in the wee hours of the morning.  
**SURPRISE PARTY**  
 On Thursday evening last, Margaret Birkett was pleasantly surprised at her home on West Street by a number of friends, meeting at the door as she was about to leave. The evening was spent in games and music, which refreshments were served to the guests departing in the wee hours of the morning.  
**THE BANTAMS**  
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