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THE SITUATION

The war news today has a distinctly better appearance. In the Verdun sector the French have delivered another smashing blow. They have made a gain of two-thirds of a mile on a two and a half mile front on the right bank of the Meuse and are now on the outskirts of the village of Beaumont.

The British have also chronicled an advance north of St. Quentin, storming and capturing strong German positions to a depth of half a mile along a mile front. The Old Country forces have also made gains in Flanders.

To the Italians, however, belong the chief honors. They have pierced the Austrian lines at many points and are sweeping ahead with irresistible dash, successfully brushing aside counter-attacks as they proceeded on their victorious way. At last accounts they had taken nearly twenty-four thousand prisoners, seventy-six large guns, and large quantities of machine guns and ammunition. The Teutons are now said to be rushing reinforcements from all quarters in an effort to stem the tide.

Petrograd reports some success on the Caucasian front, but the position of affairs as far as they are concerned does not seem to be much improved, if at all. Great interest centres in the Council at Moscow, where Kerensky made an impassioned speech. Over the Courier's Leased Wire today, however, there comes the statement that he did not satisfy even one of the warring parties and that unless a coalition government can be evolved the outlook will become even darker than ever.

BEFORE NEITZSCHKE

Nietzsche's philosophy of force and frightfulness is blamed for German ruthlessness of warfare. It would appear, however, says a writer in The New York Times, that this influence is overestimated, as German pitiless campaigns were notorious long before Neitzsche was born. After the battle of Waterloo Robert Southey thus describes a visit to Belgium:

> You will be rejoiced to hear that the English are well spoken of for their deportment in peace and war. It is far otherwise with the Prussians. Concerning them there is but one opinion; of their brutality and intolerable insolence I have had but two many proofs.

The Duke of Wellington, writing to his mother, thus describes the operations of the German legion:

> I can assure you that from the general of the Germans down to the smallest drummer boy in their legion the earth never groaned with such a lot of murdering, infamous villains. They murdered, robbed, and ill-treated the peasantry wherever they went.

Bleucher was with difficulty restrained by Wellington from plundering the Bank of France.

WHY WE MUST CONSERVE

In the presence of a harvest as bountiful as Western Ontario has experienced, it is not easy to appreciate the fact that we are, notwithstanding, called up to exercise frugality in the consumption of food. One would think to look out on the ripening wheat, oat and barley fields and the hay meadows, that there was food in store. Add to this the cattle on a thousand hills, the sheep swine and poultry, and the marvel grows that we should hear talk of possible want.

Food Controller Hanna furnishes the explanation. Millions of men are fighting overseas for our liberty and their own. Our first duty is to see that those who fight are fed. The Canadian Government, appreciating this, has appointed a food controller for Canada, who is charged with the responsibility of producing from this country such a quantity of food as will place beyond peradventure the food sufficiency of Tommy Atkins, Jack Canuck and their pals. Not that Canada must feed all, but that she must not herself enjoy fatness while the armies of the allies are short rationed.

This being so, it is well to close our eyes to the bounty of the crops and to the numbers of our herds and flocks, and to realize that except we conserve food we are in grave danger of experiencing an insufficiency in the coming winter months.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD ENCOURAGE PUBLIC STORAGE

The cold storage companies of Canada, including abattoir houses, control about half the meat which is killed in Canada and about one-fifth of the total quantity of eggs produced in Canada, more than one-third of the cheese and about one-fifth of the butter; that is, approximately these proportions of the total products of Canada in each of these commodities pass through cold storage in their transit from producer to consumer. This statement is made in Commissioner O'Connor's cold storage report, which continues:

"It is not all the property at any given time of cold storage companies but is either owned by them or stored on their premises. It will be shown in the course of this report, however, that public warehousing, properly so-called that is, the storing of goods in refrigerated space supplied by a company not owning the goods stored, bears a small proportion to the total quantity of produce passing through cold storage. In this Canada is unique and in spite of the effort of successive governments to encourage the public storage business by subsidies the trend towards concentration in the handling of food to a limited number of private companies has not been checked and with the progress of the war is becoming more marked. This is part of the price Canada has paid for her position as a trader in a world market.

"There are about one hundred and ten cold storage warehouses in Canada, operated by seventy-six different companies, two being American owned. Seven operate one establishment only. Five are large export houses. These include nine establishments, exporting chiefly dairy products, each with at least one branch in Montreal. There are twelve companies dealing chiefly in fish, two of which have two establishments each, the others only one each. There are thirty-nine storage warehouses dealing in general cold storage commodities, including meats, dairy products, eggs and fish, the proportion of each commodity handled depending upon the location of the warehouse. One of the latter companies is affiliated with one of the abattoir companies. Thus thirty-eight independent establishments handle general produce."

The necessity would certainly seem to exist for the public to take hold in this matter.

A HEARTY WELCOME

Brantfordites generally and unreservedly will extend a very hearty welcome to the A. O. F. delegates.

The Order, one of the oldest under the British flag, has a record for splendid and beneficent work, second to none, and the hope is heartily expressed that the deliberations in this city will be to the still further benefit of an institution of such all-round excellence.

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PRESENTATION OF CARNEGIE MEDAL TO MRS. A. FRASER

Paris Woman Receives Souvenir Which Cost Her Husband His Life

IS PRESENTED TODAY

Serious Accident at Penman Plant; Employe Has Arm Torn

(From our own correspondent)

Paris, Aug. 27.—One year ago yesterday, August 26th, the town was suddenly plunged into deep mourning by the sad fatality of a double drowning, when Miss Doris Seton-Adamson and Mr. J. Allan Fraser lost their lives by drowning, near the east abutment of the G.T.R. bridge, in the Grand River. It will be remembered by many that three young ladies, Miss Adamson, Miss Thomson and Miss Inksater were bathing near the abutment, and by some means the former slipped into a deep hole. Her companions also had a narrow escape from death at the same time. The cries for help brought Mr. Fraser, who was bathing some distance off, towards the centre of the River, hurriedly to the rescue. In the meantime Miss Thompson had managed to reach shallow water, while two lads, Stanley Lilley and Baden Barker were successful in getting Miss Inksater, who was exhausted, into their boat. Meanwhile, Fraser, who could swim but very little, had bravely plunged into the rescue of Miss Adamson, and both must have gone to the bottom at once, as neither were seen on the surface again, alive.

The deceased James Allan Fraser left a widow and three young children behind, in his brave but futile attempt to save life. He was born in Paris and brought up here, and it was generally felt that something should be done, to fittingly mark his heroic deed. Citizens were interested and Mr. John A. Thompson, with the aid of other citizens, brought the action of the Mr. Fraser before the Carnegie Hero Commission, and after full investigation of the affair, they decided that his deed had earned a hero's reward. His widow was accordingly notified towards the close of January last, that a pension of $50.00 a month, as also a suitable grant for each child for a certain number of years, had been awarded them, together with a Carnegie silver medal for bravery, which was later forwarded her.

Last week Mrs. Fraser was notified that a Victoria Cross was to be publicly presented at the Toronto Exhibition to Mr. J. J. Tipton, of Wallacetown, his son having died from wounds at the front, since earning it. It was thought it would be a fitting recognition of the heroic action of the late Mr. Allan Fraser to have a public presentation made to his widow at the same time as the above, by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, at the Toronto Exhibition grounds. This was assented to by Mrs. Fraser, who left this morning for Toronto, accompanied by several friends, as also some of those who were instrumental in obtaining the medal for her—Senator J. H. Fisher, Mayor C. B. Robinson, T. Scott Davidson, M.P.P., John Thompson

A man named "Scotty" Stewart, employed in the wool department of the Penman, Limited, met with a shocking accident on Saturday morning. It seems that he was working around an extractor, when by some means one of his arms got caught in the machine, and was terribly mangled from wrist to the elbow. The man was taken to the Brantford Hospital, and it is reported that it was found necessary to amputate the arm at the elbow.

Complaints have been made to the police, of children, especially boys, stealing fruit. Last week one of two apple trees were pretty well stripped by some boys, and their ill-gotten gain sold or peddled around town. The culprits were discovered by the police and restitution made by way of money to the owner of the fruit. The boys got a severe lecture and will be watched by the police. Housewives are asked not to buy fruit from chidren peddling, unless they know them, as it might encourage stealing.

The wedding is announced of Miss Arwell Micks eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Micks, to Mr. Frank Sewell, youngest son of the late Mrs. Sewell of Paris. Rev. Mr. Dyker of Toronto, performed the ceremony Their many Paris friends will extend congratulations. They will reside in Hamilton.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized last week at the home of Mrs. H. G. Taylor, Wyoming when her only daughter, Isabel was united in marriage to Sheldon Smoke, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Smoke of Paris. The bride was handsomely attired in a white charmeuse satin with trimmings of lace and pearls, and carried a beautiful bridal bouquet. The happy young couple are spending their wedding trip up the lakes, and upon their return will reside on Jane street, where the groom has purchased the home, lately occupied by Mr. Downie of the Bank of Commerce.

Paris Bowlers have certainly made a record this season having captured no less than four different tropheys. The last was won at Dunnville last week, during a three day contest, there were 56 rinks on the green and Paris played well all through finally winning the Lawlor Trophy being a silver cup worth $500.00 this is the first time it was up for contest. The Paris rink was composed of the following bowlers—Fred P. Blackhurst, Alfred Gariner, W. T. Laskey and Rabt. T. Inksater, skip. The trophey's won this season will be on view in the store window of Blackhurst and Gill this week.

Yesterday afternoon a large number of Sons of England went to Galt and took part in a very impressive service. It was in memory of the members of the S. O. E. order who have died in battle. There were some 500 hundred Englishmen present from Paris, Brantford, Preston and Guelph. The graves of deceased brethren were also decorated returned veterans carrying the floral tributes.

The death took place suddenly of Sarah Elizabeth Charnley, beloved wife of Alexander Knowles of Elm street, in her 57th year.

A large representation of members of Court Harmony, A. O. F., took part in the annual church parade in Brantford last evening.

On Saturday afternoon the Tennis Club of the Congregational Church, held a very successful Tea in their school room. The room was prettily decorated with flowers bunting and flags of the allies and a bevy of young girls were kept busy throughout the afternoon supplying the wants of all. A good programme was given, and Mrs. Louis D. Thompson organist of the church favored with several piano selections which was much enjoyed by those present. A neat sum was raised by the club, and half of the proceeds will be devoted in buying comforts for the soldiers.

Rev. L. H. Vail, B.A., of Scotland, very successfully conducted the services in the Baptist church yesterday.

Rev. R. J. Seton Adamson has returned home after spending a few days at Owen Sound.

Mrs. James Sinclair and little daughter are holidaying at Port Dover.

Mrs. P. Reith and Miss B. Reith of Galt, have been spending a few days with Mrs. G. W. Featherstone.

Misses Mabel Drummond and Bessie Heliker, have returned home, after a very pleasant holiday spent at Port Dover.

Mrs. B. Gibbs and little one of Walkerville are visiting with relatives in town.

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Regular 90c value, for, a pair *75c*
Regular $1.00 value, for a pair *85c*

Bath Towels, with wide fancy border, regular 75c value, for, each **60c**

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GERMANY

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ies. "The result of these resignations, says the document, has been to subject their country to new rigors contrary to human law. The German Government has denied them the right to refuse their service and has arrested and deported them to Germany, though when they originally agreed to carry on their normal functions it was under the express stipulations that The Hague tribunal conventions should be respected. The protest concludes as follows:

"In the presence of systematic flagrant violation of international law by the acts denounced above, the Belgian Government protests solemnly against the administrative separation which the occupying power is forcedly establishing in Belgium and against acts of violence to which functionaries are subjected who exercise their incontestable right to refuse to lend their hand to what they consider in justice as abusive and unjustifiable measures. The Belgian Government denounces this new violation of human rights to the allied and neutral governments who subscribed their signatures to the convention concerning the laws and customs of war on earth."

DUFFS' BAND.

The 38th Dufferin Rifles Band elected at their last meeting, the following members: T. O. Johnson, president; Al. Pate, treasurer; T. Huffman, librarian; Geo. H. Cartwright, secretary; W. Lang, T. Huffman, A. McWhirter, T. Purcell, C. Durnford, T. Lee. Committee.

SAPPER BENNING

Sergt. Benning, who was for a considerable time in charge of the recruiting depot here for the 216th, "Bantam" battalion, in a letter to a friend in this city, states that he has been transferred to the Engineers, and is now a sapper in England.

BANTAMS TO FRONT

Members of the 216th "Bantam" battalion, in which unit there are a number of Brantford men, are being drafted from England for France. T. McCormick, one of the Brantford boys with the unit, is the writer of a letter to a former member of the 216th, who was discharged before the battalion left for overseas, and he is the authority for the statement that a draft of 100 was recently taken over the Channel.

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