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THE SITUATION

The renewed German offensive on the Western front still remains in abeyance. Meanwhile, the Allies are busy bringing up reinforcements and strengthening positions.

Both the German and Turkish official reports depict the British in Palestine as having sustained serious setbacks, but there is no reason to doubt the accuracy of the official statements of General Allenby, who reports the continuance of satisfactory operations.

Major General Maurice has certainly set the political pot boiling in the Old Land in marked style. It is inconceivable that either Lloyd George or Bonar Law would knowingly give out misleading statements, and investigation is almost sure to prove that any announcements made by them were received from the war office staff.

ON BEHALF OF THE INDIANS Mr. Henry T. Denison, of Kamloops, B.C., writes the Toronto Mail-Empire as follows:

Sir,—Has not the time arrived when Canada should revise its treatment of our Indians? While in many ways the Indians as a conquered race have been humanely treated in the past, probably in the best way that might have been devised.

The Indians themselves speak of their reserves as corrals, and feel the bondage far more keenly than the average white man is aware of. Let them out of these corrals, or burn them and let them live as free men, no longer as children.

What an inestimable boon this would be to the Indians, and what a benefit to the country? Hence as they are now in their reserves, their individuality crushed, without incentive to work or to better their condition, the situation is hopeless unless changed.

Beyond question the Indians would gladly be released from what they regard as galling bondage, and be ready to accept some such exchange as suggested. At no period in our history could this question be taken up to greater advantage and with better prospects of success, for we have a strong Unionist Government with broad, generous views, and in the person of the Minister of the Interior and Indian Affairs, one capable of carrying out the work to a successful issue.

We are engaged in a terrible struggle to retain our freedom. Would it not be just and wise to free our Indians, who have proved their loyalty to the British Crown so often in the past, and now on the battlefields of Flanders?

The U.S. government has ordered 1,035 new locomotives, costing sixty million dollars. Eugene Gagnon, a returned soldier, is dead at Ottawa through drinking a mixture containing methylated spirits, as a substitute for intoxicating liquor.

Y. M. C. A. WAR ACTIVITIES

In connection with the Triangle campaign which is now on in this city, the following birds-eye view of the splendid war efforts of the Y. M. C. A. should help loosen pockets:

There are 79 branches of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in England. Last year there were 9 branches. 96 branches of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in France. Last year there were 53.

Y.M.C.A. established branches in 20 Canadian Forestry Camps last season. Three hundred thousand letters a day are written in Y.M.C.A. overseas buildings.

Troops are furnished with athletic requirements. One single order for baseball equipment totalled \$25,000. Estimates this year for athletic equipment, \$133,000.

Y. M. C. A. saved hundreds of lives at Vimy Ridge by caring for "walking wounded."

Circulating libraries in many branches. Y. M. C. A. spends its money in actual service for soldiers.

Sixty to seventy thousand cups of hot tea and coffee distributed, free daily in France. Estimated cost of material only for this service for eight months \$48,000.

One hundred and forty thousand magazines purchased and distributed free overseas every month. Cost to Y.M.C.A. for eight months \$15,000.

Entertainments, Bible classes, sing-songs, good-night services and personal interviews energetically conducted. At one meeting 100 men definitely announced their decision to go into ministry or Y. M. C. A. work after the war.

Estimated expenditure for concerts, lectures, etc., per month \$5,000. Y.M.C.A. conducts a Red Triangle club in Toronto, St. John, Montreal and other cities for returned soldiers and enlisted men.

A large Y.M.C.A. branch has been opened in Paris, France, for Canadians on leave, and a large building known as the Beaver Hut, on the Strand, London, England.

Y.M.C.A. service for soldiers extends from Vancouver to the firing line and then back to the patients in hospitals until the men are discharged. After this point the local Y.M.C.A. interests itself in the soldier.

Y.M.C.A. secretaries accompany troop trains. Between 400 and 500 millions of letters and cards have been written and posted in Y.M.C.A. tents, huts, and dugouts since the beginning of the war.

Special attention is given hospital ships and trains. \$125,000 were absorbed in the building of huts in the Corps Area in France in 1917.

Beware of the BEAN MAGGOT This troublesome insect did much damage in Brant County last year, especially in the Burford district. The tiny worm or larva that does the damage is the larva of a small fly about one-fifth of an inch long.

Unfortunately its life history has not yet been carefully studied, but present information indicates that of the eggs being laid in the ground on or near the beans just about planting time. The tiny worm hatches out and immediately enters the bean and commences feeding upon the young leaflets, destroying the would be plant.

Under the above conditions a remedy is impossible. Preventative measures only can be followed. Apparently from last year's experience beans planted previous to June 1st or after June 15th escaped. The soil should be in good condition, so that the beans come quickly. Fall manuring rather than in the spring is wise, as fresh manure attracts the fly. Plant from one to one and a half inch deep.



ELAINE DE SELLEM, CONTRALTO. Boston English Opera Co., Grand Opera House, Saturday Matinee and Night, May 11.

THE MASONIC CHORAL SOCIETY

Score a Big Success With Their First Concert A Delightful Program and Notable Assisting Artists

The "Brantford Masonic Choral Society" gave their first concert in the Grand Opera House last night before a crowded house and the event proved a brilliant success.

It is quite understood that members of the craft comprise to a marked degree the virtues and the abilities of any community but it is safe to affirm that no one for a moment anticipated that the local brethren could turn out such a bunch of singers. Under the skillful conductorship of Mr. J. T. Schorfer the members had been steadily practicing for the event and the outcome was certainly a revelation.

Some of the participants would not have been there had Oster's forty year old remark been in force but look forward to any future programs under the auspices of the society.

The proceeds which go to the Brant Sanatorium, will amount to over \$200. Officers of the Society. President—Mr. Joseph Broadbent. Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Dixon.

Librarian—Mr. W. J. Sweatman. The Singers. First tenors—E. G. Axworthy, J. E. Bould, W. R. Catton, George Drewry, W. P. Hollinrake, R. H. Jago, R. W. Motzall, A. G. McWhirter, Dr. D. E. Russell, A. F. Wicks, W. J. Wood.

Baritone—W. G. Darwin, J. L. Dixon, Clarence Drury, J. A. Edwards, Kaufman, L. E. Mason, Samuel May, Nell McLeod, W. J. Sweatman, Sidney Weir, J. T. Whitaker.

Second tenors—J. D. Ansell, Cecil Dishar, Geo. Feely, C. F. House, W. M. Lewis, A. E. Martin, E. McKinley, S. F. Passmore, Sharp, Riley, J. S. Rowe, J. R. Vary, Thos. Warden.

Basses—W. E. Byers, Jos. Broadbent, Jas. Brown, A. E. Buck, Walter Carpenter, Chas. C. Johnston, W. T. Millard, Ernest Moule, J. A. Oglive, J. A. Seace, C. R. Siles, J. M. Walker.

BASEBALL LEAGUE IN READINESS Season Will Open May 18, When Double-Header Will be Played

The organization of the Telephone City Manufacturers' Baseball Association was completed last night, when due ceremonies will mark the opening date fixed for May 18, when the evening season will inaugurate the season.

League is to be run under O.A.B.A. rules, with an official scorer and every requisite to a regular league. May 18—Pratt and Letchworth vs. Cordage, Veritys vs. Motor Trucks. May 24, a.m.—Veritys vs. Pratt and Letchworth. May 24, p.m.—Cordage vs. Motor Trucks.

Margaret Garrett's Husband

By JANE PHELPS AN INTRODUCTION Chapter XLIX A few days afterward I had a little necessary shopping to do, I had not finished by one o'clock, and, as I felt a little faint, I dropped into the Halpin for a bite. I had nearly finished when a slight stir near me attracted my attention and to my surprise I saw Bob coming toward me closely followed by a petite young girl of about twenty one or twenty two years. She was very lovely and beautifully dressed.

"Where in the world did you come from Margaret?" Bob asked, as he stopped at the table where I was just finishing my simple luncheon, "Miss Riggs, my wife, Mrs. Garrett," then as we acknowledged the introduction he added, "bring me another chair waiter, we will sit here, my table was a small one for two."

"Perhaps Mrs. Garrett would prefer not to be disturbed," Miss Riggs remarked. "I have nearly finished," I replied, coldly. I wondered what Bob was doing in that part of the town at noon, and why Miss Riggs should be with him.

The waiter quickly placed another chair and Miss Riggs and Bob sat down. "I don't suppose you will join us Margaret?" Bob remarked casually as he studied the menu. "No thank you, as soon as I finish my coffee I will be excused and finish my shopping. Mother is taking care of Donald," I added.

"Mr. Garrett told me you had a little son," Miss Riggs said to me. "Then to Bob who had just consulted her as to her appetite. "You please order for me Mr. Garrett, I really prefer you should."

Bob ordered quite a substantial luncheon, while Miss Riggs made an attempt to be pleasant to me. It was so evidently an attempt, she was so plainly surprised and embarrassed at meeting me, that her conversation was, or at least appeared to be, forced; and I imagined both she and Bob wished to be alone. But Bob soon dissipated that idea for when he had finished ordering and the waiter had left us he turned to me and said:

"I'm so glad we ran into you Margaret! Miss Riggs has written a novel which promises to make her famous. We must have her and Kendall up to the house some evening soon, and perhaps a few others."

"Your husband is sort of a hero worshipper, isn't he Mrs. Garrett? you notice he says nothing about me personally, it is all my book," but I could see that she was pleased to be, forced; and I imagined both she and Bob wished to be alone. But Bob soon dissipated that idea for when he had finished ordering and the waiter had left us he turned to me and said:

"I had been simply furious ever since they sat down with me. Not that I was jealous of Miss Riggs, or that I thought anything wrong; but why in the world couldn't Bob have come in alone? Then I could have consulted him about some purchases I was to make that afternoon, and we might have had a nice time together. As it was I could say nothing of a private nature to him; I had no desire that my private affairs should be known, and discussed by Miss Riggs, and her friend Mrs. Root. I was thinking of this when Bob spoke, and he startled me so that I dropped my tea cup and spilled the hot tea on my lap; and on the cloth. I was horribly embarrassed, especially as Miss Riggs made so much fuss that she attracted the attention of all sitting near us."

"I'm so sorry!" I exclaimed, "I do hope you haven't ruined your dress." "You should be more careful, Margaret," Bob broke in, "you might have scalded yourself severely."

"It is nothing!" I exclaimed, annoyed, "but will you call a cab at once and take me home, Bob? My shopping will have to be postponed another day." "I will call a cab for you at once,"

to be, forced; and I imagined both she and Bob wished to be alone. But Bob soon dissipated that idea for when he had finished ordering and the waiter had left us he turned to me and said: "Miss Riggs is looking for a country home where she can be undisturbed at her work. We take a train for Jersey as soon as we finish luncheon. I have several on my list I think will suit her."

"Very well, put me in a cab, and I'll go home by myself," I said with an injured air; yet satisfied now that I knew it was business instead of a silly manuscript that interested Bob.

When he put me into the cab he said: "I may be late to-night, don't wait for me!" "You know I will, that I never eat anything until you come home."

"Well, good bye," and he returned to his luncheon, and I drove home, disconsolate because I could not do my shopping as I had planned; and just a trifle uneasy because Bob had added another authoress to his list of friends, another one of that set of whom I already felt he knew too many for my happiness. Of course I wanted him to sell property, how else would we live? But I did wish that I could think of some way to wean him from men and women he knew, and with whom he spent his time, before I married him.

Mother left directly I reached home, and after I changed my clothes I sat down to sew and wait for Bob. All the time making plans to do something to keep him at home; and away from his Bohemian friends. He came in about seven o'clock, all excitement over the sale he had made to Miss Riggs. His commission had been large, and he said we would take a trip to Atlantic City to celebrate.

To-morrow—Bob Explains.

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PROTECT YOUR FURS AND WOOLENS WITH Moth Balls Flake Camphor OR Lavender and Cedar Flakes

Thomas O. Akoff, manager of the St. Thomas branch of the Monarch Knitting Company, has resigned to become the manager of a new manufacturing corporation in Toronto. When he departed for three girls was denied Villa killed 30 non-combatants at Santa Cruz de Rosales, according to a border report.

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