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Saturday, April 22, 1916.

The Situation.

The arrival of Russian troops in France has been one of the most notable recent incidents. Their number is not large as this war goes, but the moral effect will be great, as an evidence of the fact, that while fighting on two fronts, they are thus willing to aid the gallant French. The splendid and the united spirit of the Allies could not have been better illustrated and the incident will be a heartening one all round.

In the Verdun struggle the French are now assuming the offensive, in addition to holding their own in repelling violent Hun attacks. They are, in fact, commencing to attain what looks very much like the mastery on both banks of the Meuse. It is stated that the British offered help in the Verdun struggle, but that Joffre refused on the ground that he would prefer their assistance later on. In this respect the rumor persists that there is likely to be soon, a big Allied push in France.

Germany, it is announced, is now enrolling boys seventeen years of age and the Hungarian papers are commencing to call for peace. The gap between that country and Austria is evidently growing.

Over three thousand Turks were killed during the recent operations on the Tigris and the all round outlook for Germany and her associates is commencing to assume a very gloomy tinge indeed.

As predicted in this column, Asquith has weathered the latest threatened disruption of his Coalition Ministry. It is stated that harmony has been restored on the following basis:—

"Compulsory enlistment of young men of eighteen."

"Retention with the colors of time-expired men."

"Removal of restrictions of territorial enabling territorial soldiers to be drafted into non-territorial units."

"Combining out of single men from munition works and other employments."

"Embodiment of attested married men."

"Unattested married men to be given the opportunity of joining the army as free recruits, and failing adequate response, compulsion to be resorted to."

"State provision for civil liabilities of married men called up."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

In a moving picture suit, Judge Tuthill of the Circuit Court, Chicago, has declared that Bacon wrote Shakespeare's works. The only cause for wonder is, that with a mind like that, he didn't declare that he wrote them himself.

The Russian bear, which the Huns had scotched, is now going to help dance on their toes in Europe, in addition to walloping the Turks and holding Von Hindenburg's forces. The Kaiser's program of getting a ring in the "animal's" nose has resulted in more and more trouble brewing for him in connection with this particular bruin.

One of the most beautiful poems on "Good Friday" was written by the late E. Pauline Johnson of this city, as follows:

Because, dear Christ, Your tender, wounded arm
Bends back the brier that edges
Life's long way,
That no hurt comes to heart, to soul
no harm,
I do not feel the thorns so much
to-day.

Because I never knew Your care to tire,
Your hand to weary guiding me
aright,
Because You walk before and crush
the brier,
It does not pierce my feet so much
to-night.

Because so often You have harkened
to
My selfish prayers, I ask but one
thing now,
That these harsh hands of mine add
not unto
The crown of thorns upon Your bleed-
ing brow.

The Tercentenary of Shakespeare's Death.

On April 23rd, 1616, William Shakespeare, the chief literary glory of England, and probably the finest genius among men of letters of all time, passed away. His father, John Shakespeare, was of the yeoman class, and his mother, Mary Arden, was of more distinguished forebears, tracing her descent to a good old Warwickshire family. The Bard was the third in a family of eight, and there can be little doubt that all the education he ever received was at the free grammar school at Stratford-on-Avon, the place of his nativity. He was married at the early age of eighteen years, to Anne Hathaway, a woman eight years older than himself, and it is believed that there was very little in common between them. In fact, it is generally supposed that his sonnets were written to Mary Fitton, one of the ladies of Queen Elizabeth's court, with whom, in later life, he became infatuated. The humble nature of his origin and lack of educational facilities in early life have constituted the principal basis of attack on the part of the critics who have challenged the possibility of his authorship of the works which bear his name, but all history shows that transcendent qualities often emerge from the most unlikely environment. When twenty-two years old, as the result of a poaching escapade, he went to London, and there are no details as to when he first became identified with the theatrical world. One tradition is that he first of all held horses at theatre doors, and later became a prompter's attendant. Such trivialities, authentic or otherwise, are without importance. The indisputable fact is that he soon became of some note as a dramatist, actor and shareholder in a theatre at Blackfriars, and that in the year 1592 (when he was 24) there is the record of another dramatist, Henry Chettle, having written to him an apology for some offence, in which he speaks of Shakespeare in terms of respectful appreciation as a man and an author. There is ample evidence of the unrivalled acceptance his works obtained from all classes. Further, that they brought him special marks of favor from Elizabeth and her successor, James, and that he enjoyed the friendship of some of the most accomplished men of rank of the period—the Earl of Southampton, the Earl of Pembroke, and so on.

That so little should be known of him is, of course, remarkable, but that he was wrongly accredited with his imperishable dramas and poems no one can at all believe who has in any sense looked into the facts. It was in the year 1856 that an Englishman, William Henry Smith, first put forward the theory that Lord Bacon was in reality their author. Others took up the cry, the most important critic, Mr. Appleton Morgan, in 1880, taking the ground that the plays were written by several of Shakespeare's notable contemporaries—Sir Walter Raleigh, Ben Jonson, Bacon, Beaumont and Fletcher, and that they were produced under Shakespeare's theatrical management, which was all that he had to do with them. In more recent years, Ignatius Donnelly, an American writer, in a work called "The Great Cryptogram," harried back to Bacon, and by a lot of ingenious piffle he claims to have discovered in certain plays a cipher narrative by which Bacon revealed himself as the writer. His object in taking this method is ascribed to the fact that for political and state reasons he feared for his head if the productions were directly acknowledged by him.

Now Bacon was a very busy man, an author of note, Attorney-General, and later Lord Chancellor, and in general so actively prominent in affairs of state that men marvelled that he could find time to accomplish all that he did openly achieve. To say that on top of all this he could have found time to secretly produce "Shakespeare's Works," with the laborious, added task of a cipher interwoven in them, is, on the very face of things, sheer buncombe. Ben Jonson, a noted poet and dramatist, who, among other things, penned the immortal lyric commencing—

"Drink to me only with thine eyes,
And I will pledge with mine;
Leave but a kiss within the cup,
And I'll not ask for wine."

—wrote of Shakespeare as the sweetest singer of us all, and Francis Meres, in his "Wits Treasury," spoke of him as the "most excellent among the English for both kinds of tragedy and comedy."

Spenser, one of the chief literary ornaments of the Elizabethan period, alludes to him in "Colin Clout" as one "Whose muse, full of high thoughts, invention,
Doth like himself heroically sound."
Francis Meres, in his "Palladis Tamia" (1598) said:
"The sweetest wittie soul of Ovid
lives in mellifluous and honey-tongued Shakespeare."

And how superabundantly he enriched the English language, and with what wizard-like touch he interpreted every phase of human thought and endeavor! His aphorisms, his images, his phraseology and his garlands of thought, have become interwoven into a verbal tapestry of which the like has never been, or ever shall be.

He has the term and the phrase which fits all time and all circumstance.

What better reference could there be, for instance, to the Kaiser and the diabolical kultur for which his name stands than this:

"I grant him bloody,
Sudden, malicious, smacking of every sin
That has a name."

Or more timely than this:
"Naught shall make us rue
If England to herself remain but true."

And so the illustrations might be amplified far beyond the limits of a slight newspaper sketch.

There have been many fine tributes to his glorious memory, but perhaps none better than that of Ben Jonson before mentioned, who, upon Shakespeare's death, wrote a notable poem "To the memory of my beloved Master, William Shakespeare." Following are some of the lines:

"To draw no envy, Shakespeare, on thy name
Am I thus ample to thy book and fame;
While I confess thy writings to be such
As neither man nor Muse can praise too much."

"But stay; I see thee in the hemisphere
Advanced and made a constellation there;
Shine forth, thou star of poets, and
With rage, chide, or cheer the
drooping stage;

Which, since thy flight from hence
hath mourned like night,
And despairs day, but for thy volumes' light."



PTE. BLOXHAM, D.C.M.
Whose story of his experiences at Ypres is told on page six.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON

Paris Will Remember the Heroes Who Fell at St. Julien.

SPLENDID TREAT BY CHURCH CHOIR

"Crucifixion" Rendered in Most Capable Manner on Wednesday.

Paris, April 22.—Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock a wedding of interest to many Paris people was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage, the contracting parties being Miss Myrtle, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cousins of Stratford, to Mr. Fred Jackson, formerly of Mr. H. Lehder's store here. The bride and groom were unattended, and were married by the Rev. Mr. Brandon. They left on a short trip, the bride travelling in a "nigger" brown suit with hat to match.

Miss Maggie Chapman's many friends in town will be glad to know that she is progressing nicely after undergoing a very critical operation at the Brantford hospital. The Falkland's Women's Institute have more than excelled themselves. Wednesday night the central fire hall was crowded to see their famous play, "Southern Cinderella." This was given under the auspices of the Methodist ladies, and proceeds were donated for Red Cross purposes. Miss J. Burnsall also favored with a recitation, while Messrs Marshall and Edward Aver gave a solo. The ushers were young ladies, in the garb of Red Cross nurses, and the chair was ably occupied by Dr. Dunton.

A very enjoyable time was spent by the members of the Young Peoples' Society of the Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, when they entertained about 50 members of St. Andrew's Young Peoples' Society of Brantford. A hearty welcome was extended to the visitors by the president, who hoped that they would all spend an enjoyable and profitable evening together. The program was given by the following from Brantford: Miss D. Arnold, Miss A. Howard, Miss Hamilton, Miss McGeary, while Mr. K. Tennant presided at the piano. Before leaving a very dainty repast was served.

On Tuesday evening, at the close of work, Miss Myrtle Cousin was presented by her room-mates of the sweater department, with a handsome mantle clock, prior to her approaching marriage. Miss Cousin's thanked her friends, and said that the ticking of the clock would always remind

her of the happy hours they had spent together.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
Memorial services will be held in St. James Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in memory of the Canadian heroes who fell at Ypres and St. Julien on April 22nd.

On Sunday morning the members of the 21st Battalion, will parade to the Baptist Church, when Rev. Dr. Sowerby will preach to the men. This will be Dr. Sowerby's last time to address them, as he leaves Paris the first of May for Toronto, where he has accepted a call to Dovercourt Road Baptist Church.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, which was held Wednesday afternoon the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. William Mitchell; vice-president, Mrs. Henry Rehder; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Harrison; Treasurer, Miss Mary Kay; Secretary, Mrs. S. Way Gent; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. Lee.

"CRUCIFIXION" RENDERED

Paris people were given a real treat in music Wednesday night, when the members of the Presbyterian choir rendered Stainer's "Crucifixion" This beautiful Easter cantata was under the leadership of Captain Pearce, Mus. Doc, who is deserving of great credit for the way in which his choir took their parts. A special feature of the evening was the singing of Mr. W. Hamilton, tenor soloist of St. Andrew's Church Toronto.

Miss Minnie Graham of Vandevelde is on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Frank Huson, "Riverview Terrace." Mrs. Graham has just left the Wellesley Hospital, after a serious illness, and her many friends here trust the change will prove beneficial. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Travers, Sr., have returned to town after spending the last three months in California. Mrs. Wrecks ad family of Hamilton are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Crawford, Paris Station.

Miss Lizzie Leach has returned to her home in St. Catharines after a very pleasant two weeks' spent in town.

Mrs. J. Howard and family of Toronto, are visiting in town.

EASTER SUNDAY.

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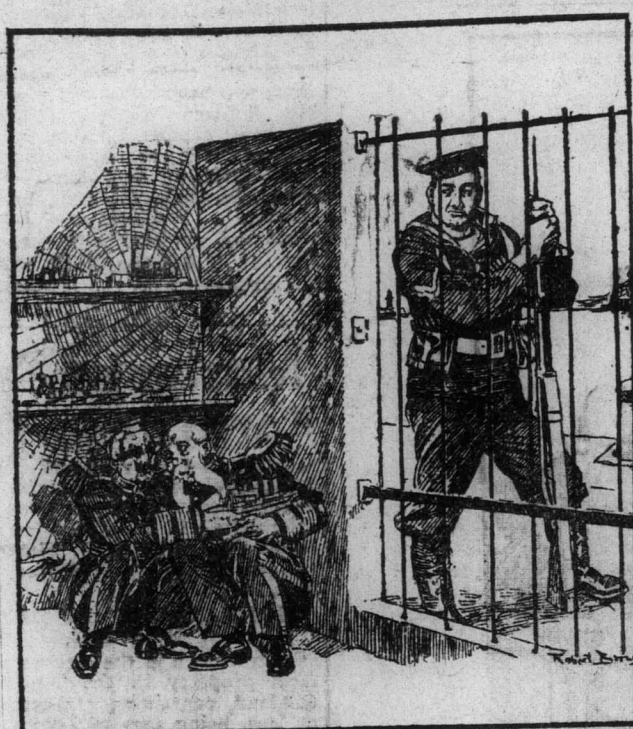
S. F. Hickley, city chamberlain of Glen Falls, N.Y., committed suicide in the vault of his office. He is understood to have been \$12,000 short in his accounts.

An order was issued at Laredo, Tex., for destruction of \$8,000 worth of bird of paradise feathers imported illegally, it is alleged, by A. Kallmann, of New York.

Edmond von Kant, a steeplejack of national reputation, was killed in Chicago when he fell ninety-five feet from a smokestack on top of a building at No. 650 Wells street.

A man who slept ten days on a stretch was given five days in jail at New Brunswick, N.J., and the other prisoners have arranged to keep him awake the entire time.

STRONGER THAN EVER.



Von Tirpitz: "We'll never get out, Bill. He grows bigger every day."
"Our ships, our guns and our ammunition have increased, are increasing and will increase."—Mr. Balfour in the House of Commons.
—News of the World, London.

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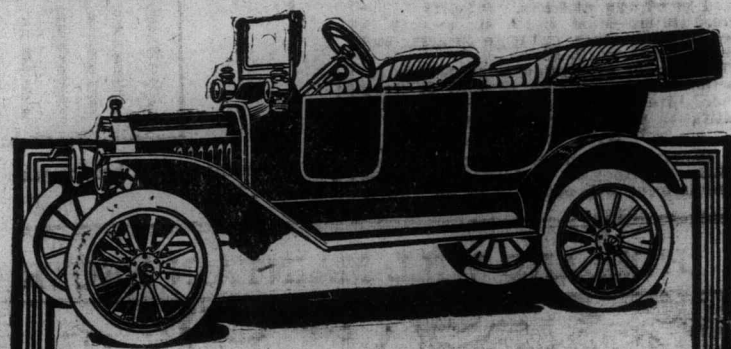
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ALL WELL

Mrs. Colquhoun gram this morning stating "All Well."

NO RECRUITING

On account of Easter Sunday, the recruiting rally held at the Brant. The night concert of the night will be called off.

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On Wednesday son joined the Mount Thursday his brother listed in the C.M.R. an, married, 29 years ter by trade and resident street.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting Circle of Marlboro held on Wednesday reports being read, gress of the organization past year. At the business meeting, the were elected: Hon. F. Peters; President, A. Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. Pres., Mrs. Jos. F. Mrs. Houser, Miss Stewart; program C. Weldon, Mrs. Free Stewart About \$50 sions during the year realized at the Easter

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