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THE SITUATION.
There has been very desperate fighting on the part of the Germans in their attempts to wrest from the British the ground gained in the Cambrai region. Berlin claims big successes, which are denied by the British, who admit, however, that they have evacuated the village of Masnières. The truth of the matter would appear to be that the enemy attempted an encircling movement, but that this has been successfully blocked with ground given in the initial stages.

In Palestine, reinforced Turkish troops have been attacking the British lines near Jerusalem. They have been repulsed, and it is believed that Gen. Allenby is now only awaiting supplies in order to make the final dash. The Italian lines are still holding. The news from Russia is somewhat better. General Kaledines of the Don Cossacks is stated to have strong forces at his command, who are opposed to separate peace or dropping out of the war.

A VIGOROUS PROTEST.
The Fergus News-Record is a staunch Liberal sheet, and has been ever since its establishment in 1857. The following editorial from that paper therefore gains all the greater significance: "Former followers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in this riding, received a shock this week when it was announced that the Liberal leader had endorsed Mr. Lorne Cunningham as his candidate at the coming election. The platform of Mr. Cunningham is practically the same as that of the Bolsheviks in Russia, and the results would be just as disastrous in this country. He says that King and Kaiser are all the same to him. He does not care who wins the war so long as he does not have to do it. Many of those who listened to his speech at the nomination meeting were of the opinion that it would have been reasonable, if it had not been utterly foolish.

Most of the Liberals who are now supporting Union Government, still retained their respect for their former leader. They realized that there might be difference of opinion as to the desirability of submitting a referendum on conscription, but there can be no two opinions among patriotic Canadians as to whether or not we must win the war. For this reason they cannot understand why Sir Wilfrid Laurier should back the socialist candidate in this constituency. Mr. Cunningham does not care whether the war is won or lost. In endorsing him, Sir Wilfrid must also endorse his views. This action may gain Mr. Cunningham a few votes. There are some Liberals in South Wellington who would rather follow the Liberal leader than help to win the war. These men will vote for the socialist. Those who support Union Government will only have to be informed of the real issues in this riding. Hon. Hugh Guthrie will be returned by an enormous majority."

THE VICTORY LOAN.
The loyal people of Canada have responded in grand fashion to the Victory Loan appeal. The answer has been \$350,000,000 with \$400,000,000 likely to be about reached in the final accounting. This is well but it is only part of the job. The next thing to do is to back up the brave boys at the front and this can only be done by upholding with both hands the Union Government and that for which it stands. Those who have subscribed so magnificently to the loan must now see to it that the purpose of their dollars is not jeopardized. If Laurier wins, Quebec wins, and everyone knows how that money would be handed under French-Canadian auspices. No subscriber can afford to take that chance. No subscriber can afford to do less for the Canadian soldier than he has done with money to help him. No subscriber can afford to let the pledged word of Canada fail to let the jeopardizing of the credit of the Dominion and the money which has now so patriotically been given in that behalf.

IS ONE PROVINCE TO RULE EIGHT?
Quebec to rule Canada?
Is the one French-Canadian Province to lord it over the eight English-speaking Provinces? Are the people of Quebec, in alliance with the anti-British and pro-German elements of the population in the other Provinces, to take the Dominion out of the war? Are the French-Canadians, who have refused to fight for Canada's liberties, to prevent the reinforcement of the gallant troops which for over three years have upheld the national honor in countless bloody encounters? Are the comfortable Defaulters beyond the Ottawa River to make this glorified Dominion look like a nation of deserters before the Allies and the whole world? Are the Eight loyal Provinces to be conquered and dominated by the One disloyal Province? Is the One Province, which has ever exercised a disproportionate influence in Canada's affairs, and which has shirked its obligations throughout the war—is this One Province to hold back the whole Dominion from the plain course of duty? This is the paramount issue of the war. What do English-speaking Canadians think about it? What are they going to do about it? How are they going to vote about it on December 17th?

MR. COCKSHUTT AND CONSCRIPTION.
The Courier has already disposed of the clumsy falsehood that Mr. W. F. Cockshutt was absent from the House during the progress of the Conscription Bill in that chamber. Reference has also been made to his splendid speech delivered in the Commons on behalf of that measure. He spoke for upwards of an hour, and some extracts from that deliverance are in order, as follows: "I say this is a real war measure. And I think that the Government mean business in it. If not, they certainly will not get my support for long. If they pass a Conscription Bill, declaring that they want to put it in force, and then leave it idle on the statute book and do not push it, I shall certainly be dissatisfied and shall criticize any turning back in this measure or with regard to the control of food and fuel, or the grain commission. All these are thorough war measures, the kind of measures we have been calling for for some time. My hon. friend knows that we have been calling for them, and knows that now that we have got them we expect the Government will carry them out without fear or favor. If they do not live up to my expectations, all I can say is that I do not expect to follow a Government that makes fine professions but does not carry them into effect. I believe they are honest and that they intend to carry out this law. "I am sorry that the right hon. gentleman who leads the Opposition (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) is not here, because I wanted to make a special appeal to him. I was going to propose one referendum that he should make. Although I disapprove of the spirit of the proposal I would give in to the extent of such a referendum as that which I propose. I would be willing and delighted to pay the expenses of this particular referendum if my right hon. friend would make it. What is it? It is that he immediately send a wireless message to Dr. Beland, the ex-Foreign Minister General in his own Government, telling him the situation in which we are placed in Canada to-day in regard to recruiting and conscription and asking him, on behalf of his own people here, to tell them truly what in his heart he thinks should be done. If such a message were sent to Dr. Beland, I can imagine that a reply would come back, written almost with his life blood, that must appeal to every Quebec citizen; Recall your resolution, recall your opinions, repent of your mistake and come; stay not upon the order of your coming, but come. Let me appeal to the pity of my hon. friends from Quebec. Dr. Beland, visiting in the neutral country of Belgium, seized upon almost immediately after war broke out; his new bride came to death by the ruthless Hun; he himself while we are here debating and discussing ways and means, eating the bread and drinking the water of affliction in Germany, a man who cannot move hand or foot without permission, or take a single step, is here in Canada, in this idle debate? Is this a time to say that you cannot do any more than you have done? No, Sir, let that referendum be taken, and if my friend does not answer somewhat in the line I have indicated, then I think I might almost venture to oppose the Bill myself."

NOTES AND COMMENT.
Falsehoods are not going to win in this campaign. Back your dollars in the Liberty Loan by backing the credit of Canada in supporting the Union Government. The vicious calumnies hurled at Mr. Cockshutt are proving boom-cranks to their perpetrators. Are you going to vote that Quebec shall have the say in the spending of that \$350,000,000? It never does to be over-confident. Stick to your guns until the last available ballot has been secured on December 17th. Hats off to Brantford and Brant County in connection with the Victory Loan, and especially Onondaga.

VALIANT VETERAN HOME.
By Courier Leased Wire. St. John, N.B., Dec. 3.—A recent arrival from England was Sergeant J. Higgins, of Montreal, of the first Canadian contingent. He won the Military Medal for shooting single-handed 29 Germans who attacked his trench in the fighting that led to the capture of Les Bouffes. He also secured the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry on many occasions.

BOWELL SERIOUSLY ILL.
By Courier Leased Wire. Vancouver, Dec. 3.—Word of the very serious illness of Sir Mackenzie Bowell at his home was received yesterday by his son, J. M. Bowell, collector of customs, who left immediately for the east to be at the bedside of his father.

DUTCH COMMISSION TO U.S.
By Courier Leased Wire. Helder, Holland, Dec. 2.—Joost van Vollenhoven, head of the Dutch Commission to America, arrived here to-day aboard a Dutch warship from the United States. He refused to make a statement on his mission before reporting to the Foreign Office at The Hague, whether he proceeded immediately.

TWO KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH.
By Courier Leased Wire. Corry, Pa., Dec. 3.—Two train men were killed when the Buffalo express from Buffalo to Pittsburgh was wrecked on the Pennsylvania Railroad near here to-day. A broken wheel on the locomotive was given by railroadmen as the cause.

Suggestions for Over Sale Boxes
Chocolate Bars 25c
Cheewing Gum 10c
Safety Razors, upwards from \$1
Fountain Pens upwards from \$1
Oxo Cubes, 10c and 25c
Tooth Paste, Tooth Brush, Toilet Soaps, Shaving Soaps, Air Pillows, Wash Cloths.
Overseas Boxes 10c and 12c
SEE WINDOWS
116-118 Colborne
PULLER'S PROS

OLD RESIDENCE OF PARIS DEAD
Mrs. Wm. Patterson, Mother of Ex-Mayor, Passed Last Night
V. V. V. CLUB GAVE TEA
Paris Outclassed 43-9, by Galt in Basketball Encounter

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The V.V.V. Club gave their annual picnic at St. John's on Saturday afternoon in the Municipal Building, which took the form of a "San Toy Tea".

WEDDING BELLS.
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua A. Lloyd announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, Hazel Irene, to Mr. Frank G. Reid, both of this city. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. C. L. McLevin at the First Methodist Church, Brantford, Hamilton, at 10 o'clock on Saturday, December 1st.

CALL TO COME SOON.
Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, stated Saturday that the new army would be called out as quickly as possible, as there was an urgent need of reinforcements. December 23 had been announced as the date for calling the men to the colors; but General Mewburn said every effort would be made to get the men into uniform as quickly as possible. He threw no light upon how the men would be selected, remarking that the responsibility rested upon the minister of justice. Gen. Mewburn also stated that the men required for the first 25,000 would be selected from all the provinces, according to population.

JEWISH RESTORATION.
By Courier Leased Wire. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 4.—Several thousand Jewish citizens filled two large theatres here to-night at meetings held under the auspices of the Baltimore conference for Jewish national restoration in Palestine. The declaration of the British Government promulgated by Mr. Balfour, favoring the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine, was unanimously and enthusiastically approved. Prior to the submission of the resolution, Jacob De Haas, at one time the secretary to Dr. Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement, stated in the course of an address that in the near future subscriptions would be asked to a million dollar fund to be used in the creation of the government in Palestine and subsequently a hundred million dollars for the Jewish national home, issued to provide for its maintenance.

BRITISH SCHOONER LOST.
By Courier Leased Wire. An Atlantic Port, Dec. 3.—Loss at sea of the British three masted schooner, Maple Leaf, built and owned in Nova Scotia, became known to-day with the arrival here of the crew, rescued in mid-ocean on a British freighter. A Russian schooner found the Maple Leaf adrift, and took off the eight men aboard, transferring them to the British freighter on Nov. 26.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

HONORARY PRESIDENT.
J. H. Marshall on Saturday was elected honorary president of the Canadian Black Minorities Association, at a meeting held in Guelph in connection with the annual poultry show there.

DRUNK ARRESTED.
One drunk, an Australian, Mike Bologovics, 162 George St., was arrested over the week-end. He was arrested on Dalhousie street yesterday and will come up in the late afternoon police court.

STOLE AUTO.
Five men charged with the theft of an automobile, were arrested in Hamilton and brought back yesterday by Detective Schuler. Three of the lads were under sixteen years of age and will appear in the juvenile court, while the other two will have their offense tried in the police court.

AT DIVISION COURT.
Mr. S. A. Jones, K.C., is presiding at the sittings of the Division Court to-day in the absence of His Honor Judge Hardy, who is engaged in work in connection with the Military Tribunals and the revision of electoral lists.

IS PROMOTED.
W. A. Lane, son of Assessor W. H. Lane, has convalesced after undergoing a series of operations in the Spaulding Military Hospital, and has been promoted from the rank of Sergeant to that of Sergt. Major. He has been attached to headquarter's staff at London, Ontario.

ACKNOWLEDGE DONATIONS.
The house committee of the Soldiers' Aid Society are grateful to the following who have so generously helped us with funds for clothing children. The subscribers are: a friend who has in his heart for all child following gentlemen: Dr. Mary Goodwin, \$25; Jno. D. Wilbur Thompson, \$10; C. J. Mitchell, \$5; Mrs. E. J. Hendry \$12; Jno. Miller, \$5; Ewen, \$5; W. C. Bod Reid, \$2; Duff Wilfrid Frank Kitchen \$2. A Hawke, for decorating established bill, Ham and window screen, re



WHO ARE EXEMPTED
Attention, Young Men, Who Have Secured Exemption from Military Service!
Owing to the M. S. A. being enforced I find myself overstocked and regardless of present cost of materials am forced to make a special sale in order to reduce my stock.
AS SOON AS YOU ARE ASSURED THAT YOUR COUNTRY DOES NOT REQUIRE YOUR SERVICES CALL AND BE MEASURED FOR A SUIT OR OVERCOAT.
A word about our clothes. Every garment is tailored on the premises by experienced tailors and made to your individual measure and style; the linings and cloths are of the best which assures you of perfect satisfaction.
Special Sale For One Month Only!
Do not overlook this great money saving event.
Suits, Regular \$27.50 to \$45
Special \$20 to \$35
Overcoats, Regular \$25 to \$35
Special \$18 to \$30
Guaranteed All Wool Indigo Blue Serge, \$25
Market Street Tailor
M. FOSTER, Manager
124 MARKET STREET. PHONE 1892.

LOCAL NEWS
RELIEF REPORT.
Twenty-four families left from the city relief during the past month, the report of Relief Officer Glover. Four and a half, 1-2 cord of wood, was supplied at a cost of \$64.70.

ON THE JOB.
George Bromfield, of the 59th, who was last pointed plumbing inspector in the office of the city engineer, commences his night.

GARBAGE COLLECTION.
Unless the citizens alter their methods of preparing for the collection remedy left for the pre will be an amendment to by-law, according to San for Glover. In many cases refuse is carried a long the street by the collectors receptacles are provided bulky and heavy to be long distances to the long remedy for this situation better holders are provided a by-law having the their garbage on the collectors.

NO PARCELS FOR CIVILIAN.
The British Government declined to permit entry into the United Kingdom of parcels for civilian. The general public, and Canadian soldiers in Canadian High Force.

RETURNED HOME.
Four veterans returned homes in the city on Saturday from the battle of H. Blanchard, 53 Oxford Churchward, 105 Cayne Hardy, 29 Spring street, Lamb, 90 Oxford street men who returned. They were met at the T. H. tion by representatives of the local city council. V. while the other by radial. Seven more are expected home to-day H. W. Parks, 79 Palace Ramsay, 6 Spring street, 59 Strathcona Avenue, 74 Spring Street, G. S. street; A. Waterhouse, G. W. Woolley, General D.

MAKE FUEL FROM.
An investigation has been made by the local city council to Pueblo, Colorado, a new process of igning fuel from city waste Montreal and other are sending delegates to the manufacture of this which is called "Oakie" made from all debris the garbage, including bottles and all other occupation of ashes, stone, etc. One ton of in every purpose to be 1000 citizens, who the waste is not greater price of coal.

HAVE LEFT HALIFAX.
Word was received by the local city council the Soldiers' Aid Society home had left Halifax bound for Toronto. Ed here in the course

Hard to Drop.
All depends on what as a substitute. time to study "fo You may be wrong foods, the cost most and give nutrition. S. Wheat Biscuits more real, bod nutrition, pound than meat, eggs and costs much of these Biscuits and a little fruit nourishing meal a few cents. Make Wheat your "meat" fying breakfast start the day's ready-cooked meat. Made in C.



For a long time you have been urging Father, Brother or Friend, Husband to get a pair of new glasses—a new pair in place of those old styled, out of date, inefficient ones he's been trying to make do. Christmas is your chance. Give him a new pair. Consult us.
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