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The Situation.

Matters in the Balkans still continue in a most critical condition. It is officially admitted that the allied troops have been forced to make two retreats in South Serbia, and the troops which are being hurried to their assistance manifestly cannot arrive one moment too soon.

On the remainder of the fronts, there has not been much doing.

The tone of the British press with reference to the speech of the German Chancellor, is one of defiance, and the affirmation that there is no chance of peace until Germany has been well beaten.

One report from the other side is that Germany will consent to recall Capt. Von Papen and Boy-Ed without any more ado.

The Chancellor's Speech

A complete reading of the speech of the German Chancellor confirms the first impression that he took throughout the high and mighty tone that Germany had conquered, and that peace proposals would have to come from the Allies as an admittedly beaten aggregation.

Meanwhile the whole world knows that William and his lords had prepared for hostilities with unparalleled care, and that they deliberately started out their huge war machines when they thought the time was ripe to crush all opponents.

The Chancellor sought to offset the attack upon Belgium by the threats of the Allies towards Greece. There is not the slightest parallel. The Hungarians suddenly fell upon the Belgians without the shred of any reason, devastated their land, murdered and pillaged the inhabitants, subjected the women to appalling atrocities, and in general behaved just as did the Turks during the notorious Armenian massacres.

In the case of Greece, the King and his associate, openly flouting the will of the people, as voiced by M. Venizelos, their premier, wantonly and basely refused to go to the help of their ally, Serbia, in a time of stress and have been covertly threatening to fall upon French and British troops despatched to her aid.

Meanwhile Von Bethmann-Hollweg and those who think with him, may rest well assured that the Allies will not stay their hands until Prussianism has been put in the supplicant class. The Napoleonic wars lasted a good many years, and so will this one, if needs be, until the final end has been reached on behalf of human liberty and the throttling of the mad dog of Europe.

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TO THE GRAVE

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The United States will use the big gun on earth for its Panama Canal defence.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Mr. G. Jeffrey, who has just retired from the stock brokerage firm of Jeffrey, Cassels and Eigar, is a son of the late Hon. Robert Jeffrey, Mr. Jeffrey re-enters from the brokerage business to give attention to his other business interests, one of the most important of which is The Toron Globe, of which he is president, a position he attained on the death of his father. Mr. Jeffrey is well known in the financial and business world.

Premier Asquith's private secretary, Maurice Bonham Carter, has just married the Premier's eldest daughter, Violet. Carter belongs to a well known English family of the upper middle class, and has had a lengthy experience in Parliamentary work, and in the diplomatic service. His wife was previously engaged to a son of Lord and Lady Aberdeen, but his accidental death a few years ago caused her to live in retirement until recently.

Leut. C. K. Wilgress, of Brockville, whose death has just been announced, was the youngest officer of the 21st Battalion. He was the son of Mr. A. T. Wilgress, formerly editor of the Brockville Times, and now King's Printer for the Province of Ontario. The son was educated at Brockville, and at the Royal Military College, Kingston, and went overseas a short time ago. He was an exceptionally fine athlete, was famous as a long distance runner, and also captain of his school team.

Lieut. Dr. C. G. Wright, of Toronto has just been awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honour. Canadians are particularly interested in Wright, as he was the only person from this country to take part in the Scott Antarctic Expedition, in which the explorer lost his life. Dr. Wright was a graduate of Upper Canada College, and the University of Toronto, and was for a time lecturer at Cambridge University, from which place he went with the explorer on his trip to the Antarctic. Since the outbreak of the war young Wright has been with the Royal Engineers at the front, and was awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honour for meritorious service. Two of his brothers are also at the front.

Mr. Oliver Asselin, one of the leaders of the Nationalist movement in Quebec, is likely to be entrusted with the task of raising a French Canadian regiment for Overseas service. Asselin, while a Nationalist and a disciple of Henry Bourassa, follows him a long way off. He has been a Nationalist standard bearer on more than one occasion. This may be the result of his experience in connection with newspaper work and also partly due to his training as a soldier. Asselin

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took part in the Cuban War, after which he returned to Canada and into newspaper work. His willingness to sink his political views when the welfare of the Empire is at stake is in striking contrast to Bourassa and Laverigne, who put their own particular views first.

Mr. J. W. Flavell, the new chairman of the Munitions Board, is one of the best known business men in the Dominion. As president of the National Trust Company, of the William Davies Co., of the Harris Abattoir Co., and a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and other corporations, Mr. Flavell was born near Peterborough in 1853. As a young man he moved to Toronto, securing employment in the William Davies Company, of which he eventually became president. He is equally prominent in religious and philanthropic work, being one of the leaders of the Methodist Church in Canada, and a generous contributor to hospital work and to educational institutions.

With Stefansson exploring the Arctic Regions and Shackleton on a similar expedition to the Antarctic, interest naturally centres in the death of Sir Allen W. Young, a well known Arctic explorer who has just died in London. Young was born in 1830, and as a boy entered the British navy, taking part in the Crimean war. He later took part in the search for Sir John Franklin's missing ships, thereby acquiring a taste for exploring work. Following his first trip in 1857-59, he made three other expeditions to the Arctic, one in 1862, another in 1876, and lastly in 1882. Sir Allen Young was not only one of the greatest Arctic explorers, but contributed a great deal to the world's stock of scientific information regarding the Polar regions. He was knighted in 1877.

The Hon. Elihu Root, whose name is mentioned as Republican candidate for President, is one of the best known and most highly respected men in the United States. Although over seventy years of age, he still takes an active interest in public affairs, being Republican senator from New York. Root was born at Clinton, N.Y., and after a brilliant college course was called to the Bar, and practised Law in the American republics. He was Secretary of State in the Roosevelt Cabinet, was a member of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal and a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, and pres-

sident of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He is regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in the neighboring Republic, and looks like the best choice for the Republicans.

Col. the Hon. James Mason died his "bit" forty years ago, when he was severely wounded in the Northwest Rebellion. He is now too old to go Overseas but has taken upon himself the self-appointed task of organizing the Reserve Militia, a body modelled after a similar organization in Great Britain. Col. Mason joined the Queen's Own Rifles in Toronto as a private nearly a half century ago and took part in the Northwest rebellion as a captain in the Royal Grenadiers. A few years ago he was put on the reserve list with the rank of colonel. He is not only an enthusiastic military man but is a keen business man as well, being president and general manager of the Home bank of Canada, member of the Dominion Senate, a director of the Manufacturers' Life, of the Dominion Steel Corporation, Prudential Trust Company, and a number of other corporations.

James B. Forgan who is retiring on January 1, from the presidency of the First National Bank of Chicago, is well known to Canadian business men. Forgan was born in Scotland in 1852, but came to Canada as a young lad, and engaged in banking. In turn he was employed by the bank of British North America, being stationed at Montreal and Halifax, later was inspector of agencies for the Bank of Nova Scotia, finally going to the United States and eventually becoming president of the First National Bank of Chicago. Recently, when telling the story of his life Forgan said, "I never have asked for but one position in my life, that being a minor clerkship in a London Bank. I have never asked for a raise of salary in my life. What success I have had I attribute to hard work, the conscientious performance of my duty, and the fact that I always mastered the work I had to do and prepared myself for the first opportunity for advancement." He is regarded as one of the shrewdest and best informed banking men in the United States, and as president of the First National Bank of Chicago is a power in the financial affairs of the middle West.

Officers Training Corps. — The strength, according to the latest returns, of the Officers' Training Corps is as follows:—Contingents, 185; Officers, 705; cadets, 26,923. In 1912, 213 officers took commissions in the Special Reserve and 343 in the Territorial Force, and in 1913, 248 in the former force and 449 in the latter. The total numbers attending camp were, in 1912, 12,203, or 42.39 per cent, and in 1913, 13,208, or 48.93.

The Royal Loan & Savings Company DIVIDEND NO. 98 Notice is hereby given that a DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT. on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Company (being at the rate of eight per cent. per annum) has been declared for the three months ending December 31st, 1915, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company on and after January 2nd, 1916. The Transfer Books will be closed from December 20th to December 31st, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors, W. G. HELLIKER, Manager. Brantford, November, 30th, 1915.

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LOCAL WILL RUN AGAIN Ald. W. H. Freeborn that he will again be a candidate for aldermanic honors in Ward 1. KEYSTONES VS. VERI Another big bowling game played this evening between City Plow and Keystones on C. A. alleys. It will be a close one as both teams stand high. ENTERTAINED The Trinity Church Men's Club entertained the band of the 84th Battalion to a very supper last evening. Amos who contributed to the party were Messrs S. Stedman, E. W. Burton and Bandmaster W. H. McKeegney, and it was voted "a jolly fine evening." A NASTY RUNAWAY Mrs. T. Mastin, of Charlton, while driving her pony to the corner of North Pa and Charing Cross, a dog barking at the pony, which frightened and ran away, throwing Mastin out. She was badly injured but not seriously injured. The pony was unhurt, being very soon afterwards, being very soon afterwards, being very soon afterwards. GOOD DEBATE The Bellview Debating Society last night and held a most interesting debate on "Resolved that the States is justified in remaining neutral." The affirmative was supported by Messrs. John Bowden, Harment and W. Weeks. The negative was argued by F. W. Billo, Mr. Billo speaking twice, of the unavoidable absence of the ris, the third member. They were H. Symington and R. O. They decided the debate was Mr. J. Robertson acted as a musical program consisted of solos by Mrs. Crowley; recitations by Mrs. Farr, and two solos by Mrs. son. Further meetings have postponed until the first of the New Year.

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