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The Situation.

For the last few hours matters in the neighborhood of Verdun have consisted of big gun duels, with a lack of infantry assaults. The general impression is that the enemy during the comparative lull in this regard has devoted all his energies to the bringing up of reinforcements. It is becoming more and more certain that the offensive will be maintained at all costs, for any slackening now would deal a body blow to the German morale and purpose.

A Peace Proposal.

Maximilian Harden, one of the most outspoken of the German war critics, has contributed a signed article to Die Zukunft, in which he makes a strong demand for peace.

CHURCH PARADE.

The 125th Brant Battalion attended Brant Avenue Methodist Church yesterday afternoon in a body. They presented a very fine appearance.

CARPETBALL.

The Beavers defeated the Woodmen of the World in carpetball on Saturday night by a score of 86 to 74. The game was closely contested.

STORY HOUR.

The story for Tuesday at the story hour is "The Arkansas Bear". Thursday's story title will be announced later.

AT THE 21STH.

Missus and roll call was held this morning at 21st headquarters. Prospects are very bright for the new battalion. Drill has not commenced yet.

VISITING DAY.

To-day was visiting day by Y.M.C.A. officials to soldiers at the hospital, and Mr. Goodwin and Mr. John F. Schultz took up literature in the shape of numerous magazines for the convalescents to read.

AREA AND POPULATION.

Port Arthur wants to know the area and population of the City of Brantford. The population is between 25,000 and 26,000 and the area is 2,978 acres.

THE S. A. GRANT.

The Salvation Army has written to the city calling attention to the fact that a grant was asked for from the city and nothing has yet been done. They wish the city to advise them what it intends to do.

FALLEN ASLEEP.

The death occurred in Toronto on Saturday of Minnie Copeland, wife of Mr. Scott, of Cowley, and sister of R. M. and R. J. Copeland. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon from her late residence, 164 Cumberland street, Toronto.

GOT THREE MONTHS.

A soldier who deserted from the 84th Battalion came up in the police court this morning and was sentenced to three months. An Indian for being under the influence of liquor was fined \$5 and costs.

CLEANING THE STREETS.

Several teams and men are out on the main streets to-day cleaning off the snow. A clean sweep is to be made of the beautiful city. Huge blocks, half snow, half ice, are being picked off the streets, which shows to what a great depth snow fell during the winter.

THE TAX RATE.

All the estimates for the various spending departments of the city are in the city clerk's hands and the standing committee and the finance committee will meet this week to discuss the tax rate. Undoubtedly the rate will be struck at the next council meeting on March 20th.

GO TO PRESTON.

The committee appointed by the City Council to act with the committees from other municipalities in regard to the Grand River floods, went to Preston to-day to attend a conference there. Ald. Ward, Ald. A. O. Second and City Engineer Jones are representing Brantford. The Mayor not being well enough to attend with them.

MORTGAGE CASE.

Another case was entered this morning for the assize court, Stephen Smith vs. Frederick and Martha Jacobs, on a foreclosure of mortgage suit, which the defendants are disputing on the strength of the moratorium act of last year. They claim no proceedings can be taken on the mortgage without the consent of the court. M. F. Muir for plaintiff, M. W. McEwen for defendant. This is the first mortgage case which has gone into court where the moratorium act has been invoked as a defence.

STRIKE OVER.

The strike at the Malleable Iron Works is over, the men returning to work this morning. It is understood the piece work schedule of pay in force just before the work broke out has been restored and a 5 per cent. increase given on top of that.

EPIDEMIC LESSENING.

Ten cases of measles were reported to the health authorities last week. Heretofore for several weeks the average has been about twenty-five. The epidemic is lessening and is dying out with the spring weather imminent.

NO FIRES.

The Fire Department has had only one fire call during this month, on March 5th to the Burns stove works. The firemen have been enjoying a very quiet spell, but of course they are liable to be put into heavy and continuous work at any time.

WAR LITERATURE.

The war literature lately put in circulation by the library statistics, is of a very interesting and authentic nature. Some very interesting and authentic books are on the library shelves and the war, now, also some interesting books on Germany, the Kaiser, and his court.

NEW MILITARY ORDERS.

The new orders issued from Ottawa regarding supernumerary lieutenants, which is printed in another part of this issue, is not likely to affect the 21st battalion. While not definitely stated yet, it is thought the orders will apply only to those battalions authorized after the date of the order.

TWO MEN STAGE BIG FIGHT AT 198 MARKET ST.

Robert Ridge Smashed Over the Head With Tong and Is in Hospital.

When a man leans up against the wall with a swollen eye and a great plaster across his nose, as is the case with Robert Ridge, it is the faint conception of the appearance of the loser. This morning at 198 Market street, a terrific fight was put up by Messrs. Wm. Windle and Robert Ridge. At 11 o'clock the police were notified that there was trouble at this place, and P. C. Barr and P. C. Horner hastened away to round up the offenders.

LIVELY TIME.

Soldiers in London Attack a Billiard Parlor.

London, Ont., March 13.—Soldiers made a demonstration against the National Billiard Parlor Saturday evening, wrecking the front and demolishing business along the whole block. A thousand or more members of the three battalions in training here, the 12nd, the 70th and the 135th, participated in the disorder. Col Dundas street, lost thousands of dollars' worth of business in what the storekeepers were prevented from reopening their own premises.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Flink of Goderich, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Anderson, 94 Charlotte street.

Mr. John E. Kellard, who appears to-night at the Grand Opera House, gave talk to the Dufferin School and also at the Collegiate Institute on Shakespeare and his works. Mr. Kellard has just completed a successful engagement in Toronto, so successful that he is to play a return engagement at the Grand Opera House, Toronto in three weeks time.

Kellard is a most loyal Britisher, and will make many speeches on his tour in Ontario to aid in recruiting. He has, by the way, two brothers and nine cousins in the service. Many of the schools are dismissing to-mor-

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