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THE SITUATION

The announcement comes from Vienna that a conference is to be held in Berlin on Jan. 18th between the enemy heads of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. The object of the gathering is not defined, but the all round circumstances which now face these Teutonic powers must certainly be such as to call for most serious consideration.

The news from the Roumanian front is such as to show that the Russo-Roumanian forces are stubbornly resisting every inch of the Hun advance, which has latterly become slowed down to a marked extent. The enemy is closer now to Braila, but is meeting with the most strenuous opposition yet encountered.

On the rest of the fronts, nothing has lately transpired of any importance.

During the course of a speech at Cookstown, Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Ontario Minister of Mines and Forests, announced that the Provincial Government was about to appropriate one million dollars to assist returned soldiers to go on the land. The money would be devoted to establishing training schools, to help the men clear the land in Northern Ontario, stock their farms and make whatever improvements might be necessary. The cash would be advanced and could be paid back in easy installments.

THE HAMILTON VOTE.

The impression held by some hereabouts that the people of Hamilton voted against Hydro Electric is incorrect. There were two hydro measures submitted in that city. The one for Municipal development of more power at Chippawa carried by a majority of 1,552. The other measure was to have Hamilton responsible for about \$6,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 required for Sir Adam Beck's Hydro railway scheme. This proposal was defeated by 434. The result in this regard would certainly seem a knock out blow for the project, although Sir Adam in an interview, seemed to think that he might find a way out. He spent practically all his time in addressing meetings in the Ambitious City on behalf of the scheme and admits that he is much disappointed as to the outcome.

The Brantford vote of course did not refer to Hydro radicals at all, as both City and County were left out in the routes proposed. In any event with two radial lines to Paris, one to Galt, another to Simcoe and Port Dover and yet one more between Brantford and Hamilton, this community is splendidly served without undergoing any further obligations in that regard.

GERMANY IN DESPERATE PLIGHT

Capt. Ian Hay Beth, another of "The First One Hundred Thousand," during an address last night in Toronto, said:—

"Germany's offer for peace is prompted by several reasons. We have reason to know that the enemy is getting short in reserves of men, of food and of ammunition. The Belgian deportations mean that Germany is at the last dregs, that her civilian labor must be done by slaves from Belgium. The unhappy new young King of Austria is not at all confident that Austria can longer hold up her end. But specially the offer is made for home, and possibly neutral, consumption.

These are the assertions of a man who has had exceptional facilities for knowing whereof he speaks.

Take the matter of food alone. It is obvious, to even the most casual observer, that with millions of the Fatherland under arms, and receiving as they do a more pittance per day, the families must be getting more and more put to it for adequate food, especially with produce at war prices. On top of this lack of local production, there is also the circumstance that the British fleet has cut off outside supplies and that not a German merchantman is on the high seas. In fact a woman writer recently recorded that in the great port of Hamburg she recently saw only one little tug plying; all the rest of the ships were tied up. It stands to reason, that under circumstances such as those outlined, the lack of daily necessities must be getting more and more acute. Napo-

leon said that an army marched on its stomach, and it is equally certain that a civilian population is dependent on theirs. The organ in question is the boiler which generates all the steam pressure, which makes for driving force, energy, ambition and all the rest of it. An ill fed people become inert, restive and unambitious, and the reports can well be credited of growing and open discontent among the residents of the Fatherland. There is nothing which will break the spirit of a man, or a nation, sooner than lack of proper sustenance and that lack of proper sustenance and that lack of proper sustenance have now, without doubt, seriously to reckon with this new, and insidious home enemy.

THE SHAME OF KITCHENER

The fact that the people of Kitchener, by an overwhelming majority, elected a Mayor and Aldermen who ran their whole campaign on the basis of objection to the change of the name from Berlin, is no credit whatever to that place, or this province, or for that matter the Dominion.

Rioting ensued, as it was almost certain to do when public feeling was at fever heat and it is recorded that members of the "Citizens League" which attained the victory, have been:—

"Congratulating themselves upon their signal victory over the British League, and remarks are heard on the streets that this place is still German."

Think of that!

The spectacle presented is nauseating to a degree and the pro-Germans responsible for it richly deserve to be made to feel their impudence and their disloyalty. In plain English, they are traitors to the flag under which they have enjoyed prosperity and liberty, and as long as they hold such sway in the community a ban should be put on the place by the rest of the loyal citizens of Canada. If they were in their beloved Germany and attempted a fraction of what they are doing now with such brazen impudence, they would meet with short shift, and that too without any mealy mouthed nonsense. The name "Berlin" stinks in the nostrils of all decent folk and its perpetration is most emphatically not going to be allowed in this country.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The gas supply went on strike this morning; evidently got disgusted with the vote on the by-law Monday. Now who would have thought that the sulphuretted abomination possessed any such thing as feelings?

The Allies captured 582,723 prisoners during 1916. That's about the number Germany adds to her forces each year by natural increase.

Labor members apparently have the upper hand in the Hamilton City Council. There are ten straight Conservatives, eight Liberals and three Laborites who can combine with either side and beat the other fellows.

Kitchener it is and Kitchener it must remain, all the pro-Germans to the contrary there notwithstanding.

There is one thing about it. If the supply should run short commissioner Waterous can add the first part of his name to it and Hydro Commissioner Wedlake might also lend the last part of his.

The Township of Louth elected a Reeve by the name of Claus and South Norwich another by the name of Pussey.

Ald. Tulloch ought to work well in municipal harness.

MR. MONTGOMERY

To His Supporters: My appeal to "keep me busy" was changed to "keep the other fellow busy." Candidate was an engineer—had the prestige of a respected name, and was a large employer of labor, and had many faithful workers, had much to do with the result.

However, I can take my medicine without complaint. We all have our temporary reverses. Still a less momentous snow under would be more acceptable. In winning twelve times out of fifteen contests for various civic offices, I had not been badly used by the Brantford public, and even such good men as Mr. T. H. Preston, in the reciprocity election, and Mr. Chas. H. Waterous for Mayor during the P.F.A. times, have been left far behind by the voters. Even Mr. Chris. Cook, whose gigantic effort on nomination day to procure Tory nominators for Mr. Waterous, who was responsible for my being in the field, and who appealed by letter for an overwhelming majority, could hardly have anticipated quite such decisive results. Throughout the whole city, in all the contests, there was a very apparent desire for new blood in civic affairs. There was also a very general dissatisfaction throughout the city for the past year with the quantity and quality of the water service, and the rate-payers took the first opportunity that offered to show their resentment, disregarding the fact that I had all year been urging various steps to remedy its defects, as is shown by many resolutions brought in by me, with little or no support from the other commissioners. Any other Commissioner would have received a like sentence had their time expired. I do not feel

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If you are accustomed to wake up with a coated tongue, foul breath or a dull, dizzy headache; or, if your meals sour and turn into gas and acids, you have a real surprise awaiting you.

To-morrow morning, immediately up on rising, drink a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is intended to first neutralize and then wash out of your stomach, liver, kidneys and the rest of the intestines all the indigestible waste, poisons, sour bile and toxins, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal.

Those subject to sick headaches, backache, bilious attacks, constipation or any form of stomach trouble, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store and begin enjoying this morning-inside-bath. It is said that men and women who try this become enthusiastic and keep it up daily. It is a splendid health measure for it is more important to keep clean and pure on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing disease, while the bowel pores do.

The principle of bathing inside is not new, as millions of people practice it. Just as hot water and soap cleanse, purify and freshen the skin, so hot water and a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Limestone phosphate is an inexpensive white powder and almost tasteless.

that the result is a reflection on my work, the good results from which will be more apparent as time goes on.

I had no organization behind me, party or otherwise, and for the 1000 votes I got, I have largely to thank my personal friends, Grit and Tory, who appreciated the value of the work I had done on this board, and desired to see me re-elected to carry out the improvements. I advocated last year and had in mind for this year, and which I trust will be commensurate with the support of the ladies and gentlemen, I extend my sincere thanks for support in this and previous elections.

A. G. MONTGOMERY.

Presentation to Accountant

An event of more than ordinary interest was witnessed at the office of the Verity Plow Co. before the close of the old year when the office staff and firm bade farewell to their office mate and accountant, Mr. J. H. Teakle, who after seventeen years of pleasant and faithful service has severed his connection to the regret of all to enter upon a new line of work on his own behalf as representative of the Mutual Life. Many were the good words expressed when he was presented on behalf of the staff, with a handsome club bag, as also when the secretary, Mr. W. G. Ranton, on behalf of the firm in a few appropriate and witty remarks, presented him with a beautiful gold watch as a slight token of their appreciation and esteem. The recipient in a few well chosen words of thanks for the remembrances expressed his regrets at severing his pleasant associations of so many years standing and assured those he was leaving behind that the Mutual Life, for whom he had done considerable work for some time, appeared to him as a field of labor of ever greater volume and success.

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Entente Captured Many Prisoners During Year—Russians Lead

On the French Front in France, Jan. 2—During the course of last year, according to authoritative figures, 78,500 Germans were captured on the French front by the French and 40,800 by the British, while in Serbia and Macedonia the Entente allies took 11,173 Bulgarians and Turkish prisoners.

During the same period the Ital-

Laid at Rest

John W. Hirst.
The funeral of the late John W. Hirst took place yesterday afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Messrs Reid and Brown, to Mt. Hope Cemetery. The services in the first instance were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Strong, while the Foresters were in charge of the ceremonies at the grave side. Messrs W. T. Downess, A. B. Lee, G. Morkford, R. Fletcher, W. Gamon and James Smith, members of the Foresters, acted as pall bearers.

DIVIDEND NO. 37

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 6% per annum has been declared for the six months ending December 31, 1916, upon the paid-up Capital Stock of the Company, and the same will be payable at the Offices of the Company on and after January 2nd, 1917. The transfer books will be closed from December 18th to December 31st, both days inclusive.

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