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The Situation.

Matters just now do not look any too well. There is no need for pessimism, but the fact is undoubted that many things have cropped up which make the road to success look still more rough.

The withdrawal of British troops just as they seemed to be on the point of reaching Bagdad demonstrates that the job there is going to prove a good deal harder than at one time seemed likely.

Indications are that the Hunns have been busy pouring fresh troops and munitions to the Western front, but whether for defensive purposes, or with the idea of attempting a big driving movement the future alone can tell.

The interview which the King of Greece accorded to a correspondent of the Associated Press is one of the most remarkable pronouncements ever emanating from any monarch.

He takes the ground that his country is in the same class as the United States with regard to neutrality—although why our neighbors should remain that way has lessened the faith of a good many in the red blood which is supposed to course through the veins of Uncle Sam—and denies that M. Venizelos has stood for popular desire in the matter of helping the Allies.

He openly says that he considers that the latter are doomed to failure in their Balkan expedition and should get out, while he guarantees their protection by his army during the retreat.

There is renewed activity on the Gallipoli peninsula, and a British submarine has reported a healthy list of victims during three days, including a Turkish torpedo boat destroyer.

The United States Government is said to have refused the request of Germany for the evidence on which it based its demand for the recall of Captains Von Papen and Boy-Ed, and Washington seems to regard the situation as "grave," although it should always have been that and something more since the sinking of the Lusitania.

Ireland's Population Increasing.

The latest census figures for Ireland show an increasing population. However common this may be in America or in other countries of Europe, this feature for Ireland is an agreeable novelty.

For the quarter ended the 30th of September last the number of births in Ireland was 27,779, a rate of 20.8 per thousand, and the deaths 14,670, a rate of 13.4 per thousand.

There were only 3,511 emigrants, so that the net increase in population is 9,598.

It is the decrease in emigration, which has turned the scale. The situation might be even more satisfactory, were it not for the heavy death rate of children under one year old.

One Irish child in every dozen dies before it has reached the age of twelve months. Leinster and Ulster have the preponderance in this respect.

There were nearly eight thousand fewer people in the workhouses in the quarter under review than the average of the same period for the past ten years and there were 12,335 fewer people in the workhouses in the quarter under review than the average of the same period for the past ten years.

The least-satisfactory feature of the returns is the maintenance of a high death rate from tuberculosis. Enormous effort, inspired by Lady Aberdeen have been devoted in every part of Ireland to stamping out this scourge.

THREE KILLED, TWO INJURED, IN EXPLOSION

Throttle Head Blew Off the Valve of Heating Engine in Toronto Factory.

Rush of Steam Scalded the Men Before They Could Get Away.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Three men were dead and two seriously injured as the result of a throttle head blowing off the valve of the engine used to heat the plant of the W. and J. G. Greycy Company manufacturers of mill furnishings, 6 Church street, yesterday morning.

When the explosion occurred the other employees were engaged in morning prayers in another section of the building, it being the custom of the firm to hold service regularly before commencing the day's work.

Immediately following the accident the boiler room was filled with steam, and although the five occupants made desperate efforts to escape, two were scalded to death before they succeeded in reaching the exit, while the three others successfully escaped from the room, although they were badly injured in doing so.

One, however, was so terribly scalded that he died in St. Michael's Hospital some hours later. The casualties are—

DEAD. George Kieflor, 37 Yarmouth Gardens, a millwright, found dead in boiler room. William Ross, 133 Mutual Street, a machinist, dead in boiler room. William Woods, 450 Roston Road, a machinist, so badly scalded that he died at 6.30 last night in St. Michael's hospital.

INJURED. A. Gross, 887 Gerrard Street, iron-man pattern room, face and hands badly scalded. William McLean, 96 Stanley Street, scalded from head to foot; condition serious.

When the throttle head exploded two other employees—Engineer H. Squires of Close Avenue and Adam Henthorn, 101 Victor Avenue—were also in the boiler room, but they escaped without being injured.

According to the stories told by the men, they were sitting around the boiler room when the explosion occurred. A rush was made for the exit, and in their hurry one of the men became wedged in the doorway. Before they could extricate themselves, the room was filled with dense clouds of steam and the others became blinded by the white fog enveloping the room.

Upon escaping from the room Squires immediately shut off the escaping steam, and when a rescue party made their entrance they found the dead bodies of Kieflor and Ross lying a short distance from the boiler.

The police were at once notified, and the remains of the dead employees removed to the morgue. An inquest was opened in the afternoon and an adjournment made until Monday next. The police took possession of the boiler room and a thorough examination of the boiler was made by experts for the crown. Their report will be presented at the inquest.

EXTRAORDINARY (Continued from Page 1) and waters as though they were theirs. At Naulia they destroyed tanks of petroleum intended to kill locusts, on the excuse that they might be used by German submarines. They stop Greek ships, they ruin Greek commerce—as they have done with American ships, too; they want to seize our railways, and now they demand that we take away the troops guarding the Greek frontiers, leaving my country open to invasion or any lawless incursion.

armies and await the march of events. What else can we do?"

GOSSIP OF PARLIAMENT

House Likely Will be Summoned to Meet January 12.

NEW SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR

Richard Blain, M.P. For Peel May be Dr. Sproule's Successor.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Parliament will be summoned for Wednesday, January 12. The date will be determined upon at a Cabinet Council to-day, and the notice will be given in the usual way. There is a possible alternative of January 5, but the first-mentioned date is practically certain to be chosen. Under ordinary conditions the original date which the Government had in view, Thursday, Jan. 13, would have been adhered to, but the translation of Speaker Sproule to the Upper House necessitates a meeting a day earlier for the election of a new Speaker.

A House of Commons without a speaker does not receive the speech from the throne, but is sent back to elect a speaker, who leads the Commons to the bar of the Senate for the usual opening ceremony on the following day.

Who the new Speaker will be is still a question upon which there has been no official pronouncement. If Deputy Speaker Albert Severyn does not move up to the chair, and it is decided to round off the term with another English-speaking president, Mr. Richard Blain of Peel may be the choice of the House.

There is nothing on the Government's programme to keep the House in session for more than six or eight weeks, and it is quite possible that prorogation may be reached by the first of March. This, as usual, depends upon the attitude of the Opposition. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has so far adhered to his determination not to agree to an extension of the term of Parliament as proposed by the Government, but it is not believed that he will carry this determination to extreme lengths in the face of public opinion.

It is expected that the Opposition will seek to attack the Government on the score of alleged excessive payments paid to Canadian manufacturers through the Shell Committee. The letter from Mr. Lionel Hichens, recently published, makes clear the fact that this committee was always an administration independent of the Canadian Government and responsible only to the Imperial authorities.

It is doubtful whether the Government can furnish Parliament with returns for which the Opposition intends to ask, as to prices paid by the committee. The Government, however, is said to be more than willing to have the whole matter investigated by a proper tribunal if the necessary authority is obtained.

To The Editor

RE. GRAND VALLEY Brantford, Dec. 7th, 1915.

To the Editor Courier: Sir,—The question which the ratepayers will have to consider upon the by-law about to be submitted are: First: Whether it is advisable to sell the Galt end of the Grand Valley road or not?

Second: If it is to be sold, is the C. P. R. the only available purchaser? As to a sale. It might be advisable not to sell, but to expend between \$50,000 and \$60,000 which I understand is the estimate to put the road in good repair. It is well to view the matter from the standpoint of the present status of the road, but to look to the future. Brantford is a growing city, so also will Galt and Paris grow in the future.

It has been clearly demonstrated in the city's receipts that improvements in the road bed and cars have largely increased the revenue. Passengers for Galt can reach the Grand Valley cars from Echo Place on the East along the line to Paris. All this passenger traffic would be lost if the city road terminated at Paris. The city also would be in a better position to form a connection with the new Hydro Radial roads if it retains the ownership from Brantford to Galt.

The control of passenger, freight and express rates by the city road from Brantford to Galt is of very great advantage to the merchants of Brantford. As to the second question. If the ratepayers do not desire to run that portion of the road, it is a very bad time to make a sale, although even now the C. P. R. may not be the only bidder. Why not try the Canadian Northern or the Hydro Electric Radial system which is being projected by Sir Adam Beck?

As a large ratepayer of Brantford, I am willing to take my chance and pay my share of taxation to put the road in good order and condition and hold it even although it may have to be run as a few thousand dollars loss for the next few years. I believe in the end it will be a paying proposition, although its immediate future may not, in the present financial position of the country, look very bright.

Yours truly, ALFRED J. WILKES. P.S.—Since dictating the above I am in a position to say that negotiations are now being entered into between the Hamilton and Brantford Electric Road and the Hydro Radials to make that road a part of the main trunk

line through Ontario, and it would be extremely advantageous to Brantford to control a road from Brantford to Galt so as to make the whole of this road a part either of the general Hydro Radial scheme, or at all events to have traffic arrangements with the Hydro trunk line.

SHORTAGE OF LABOR IN BRITAIN

Demand for Women and Young Girls Increased as a Result.

London, Dec. 7.—The growing levy of the war upon men has greatly increased the demand for women and young girls as substitutes. Practically every one capable of working, says the Board of Trade Labor Gazette, has an opportunity of being employed, and it is evident that still larger numbers of women and girls not previously employed in trade and industry are re-

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ies and the demand for work people is still greatly in excess of the supply in engineering and ship building trades. Shortages are reported in the demand for textile workers is still unsatisfied.

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 JOURNEY TO HAMILTON The officers of the Scottish Rites Masons, Hamilton to-night on the will put on the work of the gree of the Scottish Rite, Lodge of Perfection, A. ANXIOUS ABOUT PAR Mr. Tom Coleman of North Dakota, has written clerk for information regarding present address of his name has't seen for 8 years address he stated was 87 THREE FROM FRONT Colonel H. F. Leonard three letters from the morning from Ptes. H. E. Donald McKellar of the ion, and Pte. Rhodes of tation. C.M.R. IN ACTION A despatch from Ottawa names of casualties in the Rifles. Lieut. Harvey Cook tached to this branch of and is probably now in tounemy at the front. THE INQUEST The enquiry into the de vid Cowell will take place Wednesday afternoon at court, Dr. Fissette, coron ing. The jury consists of (Foreman), G. Townsend, son, J. White, G. Farrell, Pitcher, H. Weekes. ONLY THREE CASES Another very small cou this morning in the polic Only three unimportant, the attention of Magistra ston for a few minutes, who has appeared several court on two charges, was posed of this morning. liquor without a license dismissed, but for not w was remanded for a week.

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