

THE COURIER

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THURSDAY, NOV. 29th, 1917.

THE SITUATION.

From time to time Major-General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British War Office, gives out interviews to the press.

In addition to the exceptional inside information which comes to him, he has also demonstrated himself to be the possessor of sane and cool judgment, and his deliverance upon the Italian situation has a most welcome sound as follows:

"It is now time to say definitely that the crisis in Italy has passed."

He added that the result was "due entirely to the efforts of the Italian army," adding that Anglo-French troops were now available in sufficient numbers to make matters secure.

Very different is the word from Russia. Announcement comes from Petrograd that German emissaries will confer with Lenin and his associates on Sunday with regard to an armistice, together with the further statement that the better elements of the people are against such dickering, but it is not very clear what they can do about it.

On top of that there is the information that with the foe in front and hunger in the rear Russian soldiers are fraternizing with enemy forces to a greater extent than ever. They are also said to be pressing the Teuton soldiers to revolt with them, but such an outcome does not seem at all likely.

Loss to British shipping by submarines has again become more marked. The official report for last week shows fourteen ships of over 1,600 tons and seven under that figure. It is becoming more clear that any radical solution must be the destruction of sub-bases.

Canada's Victory Loan continues to grow apace. Yesterday the total reached was \$225,514,000.

Word comes from East Africa of the unconditional surrender of a Teuton force composed of twelve German officers, one hundred Germans and 3,400 natives.

THE MESSAGE OF SAMUEL GOMPERS.

Mr. Gompers, the grand old labor leader of the United States, and recently re-elected as President of the American Federation of Labor, was in Toronto yesterday lending his powerful influence on behalf of the Victory Loan campaign in that city.

During the course of a notable address, he said:

"I hold it to be the first duty of every Canadian, by birth or citizenship, to do everything within his power to unite the people in the winning of this war. Regarding politics and religion I say that all the people should stand united to bring victory to Canada and all the nations participating in the war. Men of Canada, all who can go, volunteer and don't wait to be drafted. Go and fight! In appealing to you to purchase Victory bonds, it is the duty of the men and women at home to make it sure that the brave Canadians at the front will not suffer or be forced to go wanting, while there is a dollar left in Canada. Be generous."

During his subsequent remarks, he said that he had opposed conscription, but once the Administration decided that this was the only course, he had not hesitated to do his part in supporting the same. "Before the war he was a Pacifist, but since the war he had thrown in his lot with those fighting for the suppression of Kaiserism and Prussianism."

In this regard, it is worthy of note that the American Federation of Labor, in recent convention assembled, by a vote of 450 to 15, endorsed the action of Mr. Gompers in assuring the government at Washington of the hearty support and co-operation of the Federation in all measures that may be taken for the vigorous prosecution of the war.

HOCKEY LEAGUE.

By Courier Leased Wire. Winnipeg, Nov. 28.—The Winnipeg Military Hockey League was organized at a largely attended meeting held here last night. This league will be composed of three or four teams and will be the premier hockey organization in Manitoba. Captain Jack Ratten, returned from the front and formerly one of the greatest cover points ever developed in amateur hockey in Winnipeg, was elected president.

SIXTY THREE MISSING.

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Nov. 28.—Sixty-three men are missing in the three unaccounted for boats of the American Steamer Actacon, reported yesterday

THE ONE GREAT ISSUE.

There is a manifest disposition on the part of a few to inject personal feeling, animosity and prejudice into the present campaign in this riding. In Heaven's name is the present crisis with regard to Canada, and the Empire not serious enough to tolerate all such petty and unworthy feelings?

Mr. Cockshutt is conducting a clean and manly fight without one word of disparagement for his opponents, and he dwells solely upon the "win the war" issue—an issue in whose behalf he has from the very first done, heart and soul, all that he could.

In response there have been contemptible whispering and mendacious insinuations, unworthy alike of the vital matters at stake and this solemn time.

One such has been the circulation of an anonymous dodger headed in large letters "Warning." Then follows the assertion that "it has become known to the Liberal Association" (whoever is now speaking for same) that enumerators have been actually canvassing for "the Conservative candidate." (Mark the word Conservative in lieu of Union) and so on, etc., and so forth.

As a matter of fact all enumerators are under oath and the propriety of Mr. T. S. Wade, the returning officer, is too well known for anyone to seriously believe for a moment that his direction would be other than competent and careful.

Then there have been attacks upon the War Veterans because of their decision to support Mr. Cockshutt. Well what more natural than that they should reach such a conclusion? Mr. Cockshutt has been an ardent "win the war" man from the very inception. Every member of his family capable of bearing arms is in khaki, he was instrumental in forming the 125th Battalion, he has given liberally to the cause and has spoken on many platforms on behalf of backing the boys at the front.

Under such circumstances what is there to be wondered at in the fact that the veterans feel that he is a man worth supporting. And why for so doing should the unworthy attempt be made to taunt them for their choice? They are men who have voluntarily shown their courage and their calibre; men who like British fair play and who will show at the polls, as they have demonstrated on the battle field, that they know how to stand by a friend and the great cause.

Piffing things and underhand suggestions should not be entertained or countenanced at this time for one moment. What are they along-side the great battle for Canada, for the Empire, and for human liberty? The brave veterans who have returned to us from those scenes of violent struggle, poisoned gas, terrific bombardment, the hell of machine gun fire and all the other horrors of modern warfare have shown right well that they did not allow any trifling thing to divert them from their steady purpose on behalf of the one great cause. Those of us at home cannot do better than follow their grand example and see to it that the Union Government, which is backing our boys, is backed by us and remembering that the overthrow of the present administration and what it stands for would be a source of great rejoicing in the Hohenzollern camp.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Kitchener has shown that it is still Berlin and the name of that great man should cease to be used as a veneer.

The British are now so near to the Palestine capital that it will soon be Jerusalem the Holden.

See that you have a vote in order to help the brave boys at the front.

Residents of Galt, Preston, Hespeler and other parts of South Waterloo have started a movement to either have a separate county formed, or else to have the county buildings removed from Kitchener. The recent insult to Premier Borden is very properly coming home to roost.

Surely all who subscribe to the Victory Loan will still further make the credit of this country good by seeing that the necessary reinforcements go to the front.

torpedoed by a German submarine. The navy's official report says one boat with twenty survivors landed at Cape Finistere yesterday and adds nothing more to published accounts of the sinking.

GOMPERS BUYS BOND.

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Nov. 28.—The first act of President Sam Gompers of the American Federation of Labor when he arrived on Canadian soil was the purchase of a \$50 victory bond. The federation has bought \$10,000 worth of the Canadian war loan.

He will address a mass meeting of labor men at the armories to-night in behalf of the victory loan. "Unity of action is what I am here to advocate," he said to-day.

SEE TO IT.

All citizens of Brantford—men and women—entitled to be on the voters' list for the coming election, are reminded of the fact that the preliminary lists close on Saturday. Any who have not been called on by the enumerators should see to it that they communicate with the following:

Ward No. 1. C. H. Miller, 273 Brant Ave.

Sub. 2. Geo. Bremner, 19 Waterloo Street.

Sub. 3. Wm. Bailey, 14 Duke Street.

Sub. 4. Thos. Ballantyne, 73 Brant Avenue.

Sub. 5. Geo. Stinchcombe, 63 Balfour Street.

Sub. 6. H. A. Richards, 285 Brock Street.

Ward No. 2. Sub. 7. Peter Noble, 120 Terrace Hill Street.

Sub. 8. Geo. Montgomery, 43 Bedford Street.

Sub. 9. Wm. Roach, 20 Fair Ave. Street.

Sub. 10. J. McGratton, 195 William Street.

Sub. 11. Mrs. S. W. Secord, 199 William Street.

Sub. 12. Mr. F. W. Hutchings, 89 William Street.

Sub. 13. Jno. Sedgwick, 118 Colborne Street.

Sub. 14. P. Crowley, 72 Queen Street.

Sub. 15. A. James, 37 Colborne Street.

Sub. 16. T. Gibbons, 4 Ontario Street.

Sub. 17. Fred Coyle, 15 Marlboro Street.

Ward No. 4. Sub. 18. Geo. Cooper, 120 Wellington Street.

Sub. 19. Allan Rose, 202 Chatham Street.

Sub. 20. B. Marlett, 210 Darling Street.

Sub. 21. Phil. Senn, 31 Peel St. Street.

Sub. 22. A. B. Lee, 347 Dalhousie Street.

Sub. 23. H. Letch, 8 Riddells Avenue.

Ward No. 5. Sub. 24. J. Berry, 138 Drummond Street.

Sub. 25. C. Stodden, 102 Aberdeen Avenue.

Sub. 26. Geo. Johnson, 26 Ontario Street.

Sub. 27. C. Sherry, 21 Emily St. Avenue.

Sub. 28. D. J. McGowan, 97 Eagle Street.

Sub. 29. J. Moon, 67 Emily St. Street.

Sub. 30. H. Pearcey, 7 Emily St. Street.

Sub. 31. F. Harrup, 36 Strathcona Avenue.

The lists will be posted up on Monday fifteen days before polling day. Each enumerator shall post up ten copies of same in ten of the most public places within his polling division. After said lists are posted they should be examined for any omissions and a court of Appeal to rectify same will be opened in the Court room at the Court House at 10 o'clock on Friday, Dec. 7 before Judge Hardy.

Sittings will be continued until Dec. 12th unless all appeals are sooner disposed of.

Don't take it for granted that your name is on the list.

Make Sure.

JUMPS FROM FAST TRAIN

(Continued from page one) to cover his uniform and directed him to the nearest route to the frontier. O'Brien swam the River Meuse near Namur, and the next day was challenged by German sentries, who decided he was a peasant. But his narrowest escape was reserved for his last day as a fugitive, when he could see Dutch territory. To circumvent the charged wires, O'Brien built a bridge in a nearby wood and threw it across the wires. But it broke under his weight and O'Brien received a shock which he says he can still feel. When he recovered he dug with his bare hands, a tunnel under the wire, and although it

ALLIES WILL ANSWER

(Continued from page one) Out of the maze of Russian complications there emerged today word of renewed trouble at Petrograd, with a hint of another revolution, to arrest, momentarily at least, the interest of the Washington Government. What proportions the movement assumed was a matter of conjecture, the early reports telling of firing and wounding of several persons, and epidemic of political turmoil. No official message has come on the outbreak.

Like the other Entente Allies, the United States Government is reserving formal expression of its attitude toward the Bolshevik regime, pending further developments, and its concern is focused largely on the conference set for next Sunday between the Bolshevik leaders and the Germans regarding armistice and peace. From American and French British sources, warnings have gone out for the information of the party in power at Petrograd, of the serious consequences of its movement for separate peace.

To The Editor of The Courier

Nov. 29, 1917.

The Editor of The Courier:

It seems to be necessary that some one must attend to those who prattle about things they don't understand or persist to do without understanding for political advantage.

To-day Canada is proud of the fact that 400,000 men volunteered to defend it from the grasp of the Hun.

132,000 are casualties and 35,000 will never see beautiful Canada again, and the loved ones they left behind. Might I ask Mr. Gould what they enlisted for? Was it for \$1.10 per day? I think not. I think, sir, that such a reference to pay for such a cause is a downright insult to those in khaki in France, in hospital, and our comrades lying in Belgium or France. When they call me and Canada, would you think that she was in trouble see how they flocked to the flag, see how the noble women acted, by urging their boys to go, and yet Mr. Gould says that and Canada, would you world confess to the public his narrow-mindedness in insulting our boys by alluding to \$1.10 per day for standing up for that which is right?

Separation allowance, assigned pay, post discharge pay, pensions, etc., were never mentioned when first our boys went over. Nothing as a reward. All they thought of was that and Canada. Would you have better men join up now if it was raised to \$5 per day? I think not. To-day we ask men to go and take the places of those who are knocked out, and because the conscription act says you must go and hold the line men such as Mr. Gould try and agitate for party gains. "Remember, boys, and beware, they only pay you \$1.10 per day, not \$7 a shift for \$1.10 per day." I wonder if Mr. Gould thinks our boys when they are going over the top of the parapet with fixed bayonets to meet the Boche are dreaming of those who live here in peace and plenty. My dear friend, Mr. Gould, after you have digested that little bit of \$1.10 per day I wish to draw your attention to another phrase, namely, the officer. I say to you, sir, how dare you cast a slur of any description on them like you have on the Tommy with his \$1.10 per day. Many of them from the working classes. Let me remind you in the first instance that anyone who aspires to that office, what he has to go through to reach that position. Before you again start knocking the khaki just figure out a few of these things. First, he has to go in training for six weeks or two months for \$1.60 per day and pay his mess fees, etc., out of that. If he passed all right, if not he takes a chance of being "kicked at by the likes of the people who pay \$1.60 per day is not enough. In the event of his passing he has to work not eight hours a day, but all day, take all responsibilities at the \$1.10 per day Tommy. I need not go any further as to our officers, but just glance at the honor roll in the daily papers for the results.

I think I have covered both subjects fairly well, at least to be understood by the average mind. I do not know, but I am sure my friend Gould must suffer from delusions, as I am sure he would not have spent his duty of any person in khaki, and as a parting word let me draw Mr. Gould's attention to his last paragraph: "Come deal and do not drag our boys in khaki into politics." Kindly leave the soldier alone and well alone, and in future do not drag the good name into public newspapers in such terms as given in The Expositor Tuesday evening, the 27th, 1917.

Yours truly,

SERGEANT E. W. STANBRIDGE, A Returned Soldier.

was slow progress, after several hours he had a hole big enough to crawl through, which he did unobtrusively. Even then he was not sure he was in Dutch territory, so he concealed himself in a hay barn until the next morning. When daylight came the first thing he saw was people making wooden shoes. He then walked out into the open and hurried to the nearest British consular who arranged for his transportation to London.

ROUTINE SESSION OF PARIS COUNCIL

Polling Places and Returning Officers Named for January Election.

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

MacFarlane Engine Works Fire Swept Late Monday Afternoon.

(From our own Correspondent)

At the regular meeting of council, all members were present but Deputy Reeve Stewart, Mayor C. B. Robinson occupied the chair.

A communication was received from Messrs. Smoke and Smoke, acting for the estate of the late Mrs. A. Willett, which set forth that the sum of \$15,000 had been donated by deceased toward a cottage hospital for Paris, as also \$5,000 towards maintenance of same.

The report of the fire committee recommending improvements to fire apparatus at a cost of some \$3,000 was filed for incoming council.

The sum of \$150 was granted to the British Red Cross Society.

On motion a by-law to arrange for the coming municipal election was duly read and passed. The following deputy-returning officers and polling places were appointed:

North ward, Div. 1 and 2—C. W. Lawton.

King's ward, Div. 3 and 4—James Smiley.

Queen's ward, Div. 5—William Springate.

South ward, Div. 6—M. Martin.

Div. 1 and 2—Old engine house at Junction.

Div. 3 and 4—At central fire hall.

Div. 5—At W. Springale's house.

Div. 6—At T. Muirhead's house.

The remuneration for deputy-returning officers will be \$5 for each day.

A bad fire broke out at the G. W. MacFarlane Engineering Works late Monday afternoon, when damage to the amount of \$5,000 was done.

A large frame building had recently been erected and a furnace installed for heating the big shells.

The intense heat from the furnace ignited the roof, and the flames rapidly spread, doing damage to building and machinery to extent of \$5,000 before the fire was extinguished. The fire brigade made a quick run and did good service.

The community were shocked this morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Fred Hinchcliffe, after a few hours' illness. Deceased was apparently in her usual health during the day, but was taken down during the evening with heart trouble, and despite every attention she never rallied. Her maiden name was Bertha Popplewell, and was born some 57 years ago at Merfield, Yorkshire. She had resided in Paris for some 14 years. In 1914 her late husband died very suddenly. Of a kind and amiable disposition, she was held in high esteem by the community. Two sons—Gunner W. Hinchcliffe of the 125th Battalion, and Leslie at home, as also one daughter, Miss Dorothy, are left to mourn her loss, and to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their bereavement.

LATE MRS. J. R. BENGOUGH

wife of Canada's well known cartoonist, who died suddenly in New York General Hospital.

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LOCAL HE'S IN AGAIN While a number of our readers have announced their intention of entering the army this year, Ald. W. J. first of this year, throw down the gauntlet that he will again next year. Ald. Brant told The Courier that he considered as a candidate in Ward Four. ILLUMINATE MEMO The suggestion has a local concern to it that steps be taken to Bell Memorial at night, as in many cities States, by the flood which could be maintained after the manner which, it is estimated, the neighborhood of and fifty dollars. BAINBRIDGE SENT Isaac Bainbridge, Canadian Forward, a cation, was sentenced months in jail by Mr. Isac, in the Assize Court for seditious libel, convicted by a jury the jury made a stration for mercy; but ready under suspension a similar charge, that he could not be lenient. UNION PRAYER ME A union prayer members of the Women Societies of the West of the city was held Street Church yesterday with Mrs. A. Shultz series of interesting ed the program in from the different. The subscribers: "Why This Mrs. Gandler of Street Church; "On by Mrs. (Rev.) D. E. Wesley Church; "U Isaac, assisted by Brant Avenue, and the Empire," by Reid, assisted by M the Colborne Street consecration service by Miss Robertson. Fisher evangelistic Leeming contributed solo that was greatly