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### THE SITUATION.

Antwerp has fallen, and thus an other chapter has been added to the damnable and unwarranted atrocities in Belgium perpetrated by the Kaiser and his war lords.

The news from the front in France making fair headway.

ly to get into the fray will not occa- contentment. sion much surprise. In any event, she her services if deemed desirable. If Italy with her million and a half of quicker.

THE WESTERN HEART. They had a lively time at a recent meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade. A member named T. A. Fee had opposed Canadian action in the war, and incidentally advocated annexation to the United States. A meeting of the Board was called last week, and the ball was opened by the presentation of a resolution to expel Mr. Fee. An attempt was made to protect him by an amendment which ing for years that all sorts of catastwo members named Hepburn and trophes for British connection and Cottrell tried to offer, as follows:

"That this Board of Trade regrets that one of its members, Mr. T. A. Fee, has given expression to sentiments in the public press against the giving of assistance to the British Empire during the present war, and also the United States market, and so on. in favor of the annexation of Canada The war has dispelled the fogs. To the United States and this Roard to the United States, and this Board believes that the giving of publicity to those views by Mr. Fee at the present time will result in harm being done to population came from Edmonton. The

this city and country.' The meeting would not listen to the amendment. Then Mr. Fee tried to did bodies of men. The whole west read a statement. His opening bars has responded similarly. The western were heard amid interruptions. They press has been even more strenuous proclaimed that Mr. Fee thought a for the British cause and for the ut man should not be condemned for say- most Canadian aid to it than the rest ing he believed the country would be of us, though few have been luke better off were it a part of the United warm. The west is all right. The States. He expressed the opinion that west is a long, long way from the this was the belief of many Canadians Amalgamation with the United States, he said, would bring an influx of citizens, capital, factories, etc., and this country could be developed as Washington and Oregon were. Many of the best citizens of this country had gone to the United States, the state-

ment said. At this point the noise in the room which was constantly growing louder, amounted to almost a roar, and a voice in the rear of the room was heard above the din, "You insult us to ask British subjects to listen to a letter like that." The chairman tried in vain to restore quiet. Finally, adding to the uproar, somebody started "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary,' which was sung with great vigor. At the conclusion of the chorus the meeting shouted for "the question." The motion to expel Mr. Fee was put and carried unanimously save that Messrs seats. Then the meeting sung "God Save the King" with only Mr. Fee

The house of drink so gay,
It strives to build up manly men,
Our Y. M. C. A. Fee, Hepburn and Cottrell kept their Its windows glow for those who roam,
The stranger's lonely way,
The young man's heritage and home,
Our Y. M. C. A. seated, adjourned for two minutes and reconvened to consider steps to promote the Patriotic Fund. So let each man with cheerful heart In this country most of us have

His willing tribute pay, Join and thus do his little part, been pretty mealy-mouthed about people among us who, like the late lamented Fee of the Vancouver Board of Trade, take advantage of British freedom of speech to insult British feelings. The war is doing something to clear up things. Three months ago Mr. Fee would have found a lot of apologists among us or anæmics to befriend him like Messrs. Hepburn, and Cottrell, who imagine themselve broad-minded. And perhaps in a time Three Officers Announced Dead of peace treachery to British connection can to a considerable extent be treated with contempt. But when Britain is fighting for her and our freedom and welfare is no time for either fools or cranks unfriendly to Guards, is among those named in the her to either expect or receive toleration unless they keep their mouths shut. If a man is struggling for his life with a powerful assailant, those who have been enjoying the shelter and advantages of his household should have at least the decency not to prance around proclaiming that he shouldn't get any help from his own kin.

Vancouver feels that way, anyway; so much is clear. Apart from anything else, a refreshing illustration is offered, if any were needed, that the spirit of Western Canada is the real British thing. Some timorous souls

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# Thanksgiving Day

How curiously the call comes this year to give thanks for the lessings of the harvest! The awful battlefields of Europe, their carnage and destructiveness, with their entail of suffering and sorrow, rather call for prayer that the great Lord of Hosts would once again still these dreadful storm waves with His potent "Peace be

The moans of pain, the wail of the widowed, the cry of mutilated and orphaned babies from across the sea, would impel us to drop all other prayers to concentrate all our strength into that petition of the ancient world, "Give peace, O Lord, give peace again!"

It gives sympathetic thoughtful ones almost a wrench to turn from war's sorrows to the consideration of our blessings, and especially of our harvest blessings. But it is necessary, lest we incur the black guilt of ingratitude, that we should be recalled to our duty to "Give thanks unto the God of all gods, for His mercy endureth

forever. Canada has plowed and sown, and also reaped the precious increase merciful Providence has blessed the country with. The yearly miracle of increasing the grain has been performed, our wants have been ministered to lovingly, fully, if not lavishly. While death, war's twin brother, has been thrusting in its sharp sickle and gatherwould seem as though the Allies are ing the rich clusters of the earth at will elsewhere, in our land the peaceful husbandman reaped his fields around his quiet home, and The statement that Portugal is like- garnered the grains and the other fruits of the earth in unbroken

Highly favored has Canada been! Blessing and bounty has been our lot. More valuable than usual is our crop, more eager than ever under which the latter can call upon the market for it, and all unmolested by the miseries of actual warfare has been our territory.

We Canadians did so little to secure these blessings. We threw some seeds into the soil we opened, which had been packed with of hostilities would be made all the fertility for us, and then we shut the gate of our fields, and waited all helplessly for some One else to send rain, sun, wind, to make it grow and mature.

We did nothing to ensure to our loved ones the comforts of peace! And still all has been given to us, peace and plenty, plenty and

peace-what earthly blessings can rank higher? We praise our stalwart agriculturists for their grand co-operating part, we bless our Empire's strength for preserving peace to us, but above and through it all has shone the splendid might and loving providence of the God of all goodness, who has worked out all to our benefit.

Could Canada do less than bless and praise "Him Who only doeth great wonders, for His mercy endureth forever."

### Canadian national life were accumu-(Continued from Page 1) while the forts at Lierre and Konor the grain-growers were frantic for ingshoyckt had also been attacked and these and others of the outside line of fortifications were tak-Valcartier the biggest volunteer conen las week. next best came from Winnipeg. Vancorver and Victoria turned out splen-

ittle British Isles, but its heart-like

THE Y.M.C.A.

Tune: "Auld Lang Syne."

Shall this, our town, reluctant stand And have outsiders say,

Our Y. M. C. A.?"
CHORUS:
Our Y. M. C. A., my friends,
Our Y. M. C. A.

Our Y. M. C. A.

We'll forward come and it sustain

It stands for wholesomeness and

Clean living day by day, For inspiration for the youth— Our Y. M. C. A.

It always has an open door For fleet inclined to stray,

For the Y. M. C. A.

in the Latest Official

LONDON, Oct. 10-Viscount Ach-

Missing .. ..... 322

A haven for the tired and sore, Our Y. M. C. A.

It stands against the gilded den,

"She cares not for this movement

our own in the east—is still there.

The last tew days has seen the fighting advance to the inner line of forts and along the Scheldt, principally at Schoonaerde. At the last named place severe fighting occurred for several days but the superior artilerry of the Germans gradually forced the Belgians back until in the last day or two the fighting had reached practically to the suburbs of Antpractically to the suburbs of Ant-

On Wednesday, October 7 came reports that the Belgian Govern-ment was moving to Ostend and that day also brought reports that the population was fleeing in ter-ror and panic toward the Hol-land frontier. Zeppelin bomb at-tacks which did much damage and killed scores of people added to the terror of the inhabitants.

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The German forces who have taken Antwerp are said to consist of five army corps. They were under the command of General Hans H. Von Beseler, a veteran of the war of 1870, whom was taken from his retitement to do the work of reducing Antwerp.

General De Guise was in command of the Belgian defenders. King Albert aided them by his personal direction almost to the last having guit Antwerp, accordlast having quit Antwerp, accord-ing to reports only yesterday morning, probably when the end

was seen.
FIRE WAS DESTRUCTIVE
NLONDON, Oct. 10.—The Rot. terdam correspondent of The Times in a despatch dated Thurs-day, gives a description of sights he witnessed in Antwerp and the surrounding territory on that day from Grootemeer, near Ant-

from Grootemeer, near Antwerp. His story follows:

"From Grootemeer we saw Capellan village, (just outside Antwerp) ablaze with the people endeavoring to subdue the flames. In Antwerp fires were burming fircely on both sides of the church of Lieve Vrouwenwerk, Therewere several small fires on the left of the church. On the right left of the church. On the right four great columns of smoke, be-lieved to have ben caused by the ignition of petroleum tanks showed that a fierce conflagration was in progress at that point. Part of the church tower on the right of this smoke, columns had been shot off. Further on in the direction of the Nicholan other will ection of St. Nicholas other vil-

ection of St. Nicholas other villages were seen to be smoking, while on the right was the Scheldt River and a Dutch cruiser and submarines keeping watch."

LONDON, Oct. o, 11.27 a.m.—An official Berlin despatch, via Marconi wireless confirms the report that Antwerp has been occupied.

The official announcement of the fall of Antwerp, given out at German general headquarters late last night and transmitted here via Marconi wireless says:

son, a lieutenant in the Coldstream via Marconi wireless says "This forenoon forts of the inner line of the fortifications of Antwerp have fallen. The town since midday has been in our

possession.

"The commander and the garrison evacuated the fortifications.
Only a few forts are still occupied by the enemy and this is without influence on our position in Antwerp."

An official message from Berlin states that Antwerp has fallen acording to a Central News despatch from Amsterdam.

Mr. Timothy Healey, the celebrated Vationalist lieutenant, and member of in Toronto, and discussed the Irish situation in an interview.

(Continued from Page 1) (Continued from Page 1) of course a thing of the past. The German right wing under Gen. Von Kluck apparently is still intact and the official communication given out in Paris last recorded no change in the situation merely emphasizing that there was sharp fighting in the region of Roye, nearly roo miles south of the northern extremity of the fighting line, where opposing bodies of cavalry were clashing almost within sight of the North Sea.

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Commenting on the situation in Belgium before it was known officially that Antwerp actually had fallen, English newspapers asked this morning with optimism what the conuquerors were going to do with Antwerp now they had it, particularly in view of the fact that it is conceded that no fort could stand against artillery such as is used in modern warfare. The opinion was generally expressed that should the allies later attack Antwerp, there would be a repetition of what already has tken pice, thi is to say, the German garrison could not hold out against them.

Despatches attempting to analyze the German plan of campaign with Antwerp in their hands, declare that the German purpose is to sweep over northern France with the object of taking possession of the channel ports and thus bring the warfare nearer England. It is said here that German newspapers are predicting the use of this northern Belgian position as

papers are predicting the use of this northern Belgian position as a base for operations against Eng-

land.

Of one thing there is no doubt Antwerp suffered tetribly from the bombardment, and the losses among the civilian population of over 300,000 persons, but with other thousands who had sought refuge there on account of the German invasion. All stories coincide in relating the terrible suffering and mental torture of these unfortunates struggling to leave the danger zone. Many are said to have been marooned by the destruction of a pontoon bridge over the River Scheldt. While the vast bulk of the refugees are now burbulk of the refugees are now bur-dening Holland, thousands later

cared for.

Just how much damage has been done, Antwerp, particularly to the edifices of historic interest, it will take some time to determine. Some of the refugees say that the Cathedral of Notre Dame has been badly damaged, while others say this is not so.

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All reports agree that the Germans ntered the city by way of the suburb of Berchem.

with Antwerp taken the Germans will now be able to detach the considerable force used during the siege of the city and transfer these men to their right wing, near the French-Belgian frontier, which has been so sorely pressed. It is estimated here that there are no fewer than 400,000 Germans in selgium to-day.

(Continued from Page 1) of that truly national disgrace so often practiced by the majority of this non-representative Chamber under the director of Laurierism was thwart the will of the people, as expressed by their elector representative in parliamnt. Who will say hat the action of the majority of that non-representative Chamber in that non-representative Chamber in 11913, following insructions of Laurierism in refusing without first submitting the same to the people, t allofiw he passage of measures de signed to provide, in part, our share for the common defence of the Emfor the common defence of the Empire, was not a national disgrace? Was not the action of that same body in June last an evenu greater national disgrace when they refused to allow to the Western provinces of Canada that increased representation to which they were entitled under the Brish North America act, and espectively was made. ally so when such refusal was made, at the price of bad faith, at the price of the breaking of sacred word and pledge for the sole purpose of con-tinuing further abuses in the thwart-ing of the will of the Canadian peo-

"No wonder the Wall Street Journal, in common with the rest of the civilized world who have been sufficiently interested to study and under-stand our form of Government, should be watching for the day when Canada

will free herself from that power, that has inflicted this national dishonor from which we have been made to suffer. "There should be no doubt, there must be no doubt, that above all under the present unfortunate conditions, the will of the free people, as expressed by their elected representative, must, shall and will control. We are facing terrible conditions. The best informed say we must expect these conditions to last for years. It is not the part of wisdom that, as true Canadians, we should prepare for the worst? How can this be better done than by making sure that the views of the Canadian people are to be free and unfettered in the great responsibilities incident to our present position? We recognized our duty to the Empire and to Canada in 1013. We will faithfully perform it. Our responsibilities are great, not

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WANT BUILDING PERMIT.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1914

The Stanley Heights Company have applied for a building permit to erect a \$1,000 cottage on Wellington street. BORDEN CARPETBALLERS A meeting to organize for the season will be held to-night by the Borden Club carpetball enthusiasts in the club rooms.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

A meeting in the interest of the Lord's Day Alliance is to be held in the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Rev. D. W. Snider, sec. Ontario, L. D. A. will address the meeting.

LARGE EXODUS

There are a large number of citi-zens booking up return trips for the week-end, taking in the Thanksgiving holiday. Toronto is a favorite rende-

ACTIVE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS There are some thirty-five men now awaiting enlistment on the active service roll of the 25th Brant Dragoons. As soon as lists are opened they will be added to the war strength.

EXCELLIENT GROUND A number of the Duffs' officers yesterday visited the scene of the sham fight to be held on Monday in the Blue Lake regions and they are satisfied that the grounds the admirably adapted for the purpose of military.

toeuvres.

AT ALEXANDRA CHURCH

At the preparatory service held in Alexandra Presbyterian Church last evening ten persons were received into the membership. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. A. I. Snyder, who delivered a most interesting address appropriate for the approaching communion service.

SHAM FIGHT.

There will be an interesting sham fight on Monday in the vicinity of Blue Lake. The B.C.I, cadets under Lieut.-Col. Ashton and Sergt. Major Otxaby will be the flag enemy, while the Dufferins under Major Genet will be the attacking force.
The outposts will leave at 8 o'clock on the Grand Valley. After the fight dinner will be served. NARROW ESCAPE.

A man, whose name was not attainable, came near to death yesterday on the Waterworks property when bullet whizzed past his head, grazing bullet whizzed past his new his cheek in the process. He looked round but he could see no one and that some boys who had suspects that some boys who had taken out a gun, were responsible for the occurrence. The need of shooters being properly licensed, is again demonstrated.

BAPTIST MISSION. The semi-annual union meeting of the Baptist Ladies Mission Circles of the city was held in the Immanuel Baptist Church at 3.30 o'clock Thursday afternoon when a very helpful and inspiring missionary meeting was enjoyed by a large number. The chair was occupied by Miss R. Fowler of Immanuel Church. Mrs. C. Page, also of Immanuel opened the meeting with a bible reading entitled "The Bethany Home" which was deeply devotional and inspirational. Other ex-

cellent papers were given by Mrs. Buck. Miss Whiting, Mrs. Leister. The following ladies contributed the music of the afternoon. Mrs. Sage, Miss Bloxham, Mrs. Hall, Miss Davis Miss Fenn. The church was artistically decorated with flowers. After the programme, refreshments were 

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