

THE COURIER

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THE SITUATION

Since the last issue of the Courier, there have been various rumors afloat. One is that the Huns are now preparing for a big campaign on all fronts in the Spring, and the enforced labor of women in the production of war material will release four million additional men for active service.

THE MAYORALTY

The Courier is supporting Ald. Ward for the Mayoralty for two reasons. In the first place this paper does not believe that any man should set up a dictatorship at the City Hall, such as that inaugurated by Mr. Bowly.

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called "London" they would have their backs to a wall and be looking down rifle barrels in less time than it takes to tell it.

The people of the rest of the Dominion have so far been very tolerant in this matter, but if the agitators imagine that they are going to ram a game down the throats of the rest of us without material reprisal, they are most consummately mistaken.

Those who favor its continuance as the name in designation of a Canadian community, should be dealt with accordingly, and that too without any "extenuating circumstances" nonsense.

Personals

Mr. Stanley Montgomery leaves this evening to spend a few days in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Felton of Tonawanda, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Felton, Jr., of Hamilton, spent Christmas at the parental home 176 Marlboro St.

Pte. Frank Clark, No. 5229, C. Coy., is now returning to Windsor, after spending Christmas at home in Brantford.

Miss Gladys I. Burns, of Scranton, Pa., is spending the holidays with her mother, having completed her course of training at Dr. Reed Burns Hospital. At the recent State Board examinations held at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Miss Burns was successful in obtaining her degree of R. N.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dobie, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Birk and daughter, Miss Bessie Williamson, Miss Kathleen Williamson, all of Toronto, were Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Dufferin T. Williamson, Dufferin Ave.

Mr. Chas. F. James, of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting relatives and friends in this city. Mr. James was one of the passengers who had such a narrow escape on the boat "Congress" that was burnt last September in the Pacific Ocean, coming from Los Angeles to Seattle, Wash.

One of the prettiest of little children's parties was held on Saturday evening last, when Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mowat, Hamilton Road, held a Christmas treat for their "little" son, Alex. Over 20 tots, averaging five years of age, were entertained with games, supper and a Christmas tree, from which a real live Santa Claus distributed presents.

Serious Fire Was Averted

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The firemen tore away a section of the plaster from the walls, and after a strenuous fight, were successful in extinguishing the flames by the use of chemicals. The firemen stated that the damage was slight compared with that which would have been the case had not Mr. Storey taken the prompt action that was responsible for keeping the blaze under control until the arrival of assistance.

"PEACE IN THE TIMES OF WAR"

Inspiring Service at Alexandra Presbyterian Church on Sunday

Captain George A. Macdonald, Chaplain to the Northern Fusiliers, who are preparing for their departure overseas, delivered a most inspiring Christmas message in Alexandra church on Sunday morning, taking for his theme "Peace in time of War," founded on the words, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

The German horde has struck a blow, not only at our national life, but also our domestic life. The Prussian fist banging at our doors would, if allowed to carry its threats into action, make our family life intolerable. The duty of the Christian people who have heard the first

Holiday Season One of Business Activity

Prominent Local Merchants Express to The Courier Their Opinions—Best Christmas Trade in the City's History.

R. B. CROMPTON & CO. Mr. C. A. Ramsay said: The holiday business was by far the largest ever experienced by the company. It was, of course, expected that it would be larger, both on account of natural growth of the business from year to year, and because of the continued increase in volume of stocks.

J. M. YOUNG AND CO. Mr. Hall, speaking of the rush of business during Christmas week and on Saturday, was emphatic. Never before had the volume of business been so large, not only during the entire week, but on Saturday also, when the unusually light market would seem to have pointed to a less volume. The record was the largest in the history of the store.

OGILVIE, LOCHHEAD & CO. Mr. Ogilvie summed up the holiday business in the one word—magnificent. "Undoubtedly," he said, "it was the best holiday business the city ever saw." A good deal of the business was, of course, due to the fact that work was plentiful and wages good, but he also felt that much new business came to the store this year as the result of the opening of the Lake Erie and Northern.

DEMPSTER & CO. It may have been the cold weather, but without a doubt, the increase in our holiday business has been unprecedented. Never before has the demand for furs and trimmings been so large.

JOS. BROADBENT Mr. Broadbent has been in business for a good many years, but he states that undoubtedly the volume this year was greater than Brantford had ever before seen.

PURSEL AND SON Mr. T. Purse says that had anyone told him the volume of business would reach the point it did, he would have laughed. It had amazed him.

HULLER BROS. Being in such a large premises, with larger stocks, we naturally expected a larger amount of business.

LETTER FROM MR. MONTGOMERY. Brantford, Dec. 16, 1916. To the Editor of Courier and General Public who desire a Healthy City:

I advocate mechanical filtering as the simplest measure to purify water and keep it pure and free from the menace of typhoid.

Next year will be one of vital importance in the affairs of the Water Commission, the most important being the city from its relations to health, factories, fires as well as general use of water.

By serving several years on this board I have gained considerable practical knowledge, attending conventions of the water commissioners, visiting water works plants in other cities, and inspecting filtering plants and the working of other water systems. For these reasons I believe it is in the best interests of the city that I should have another term on this board, I have the time to devote to the work and desire to see the purest water supplied at the least cost, for health is purchasable only with pure water.

Christmas carol. "Peace on earth," venture all for the preservation of peace in our homes. 2nd: The peace of God. The Empire may be shaken King's crowns may crumble to the dust and many homes will be broken as this unholy carnival of lives, blood and tears advances over the earth, but the peace of God cannot be taken from the heart that responds to the call of humanity, which is the call of God, for I am persuaded that things present, nor things to come, peril nor the sword, can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pte. G. R. De Lamoy, of Tillsonburg, who enlisted with the 71st Battalion, is in a hospital at Lancashire, England, with a wound in the right leg, and suffering from trench foot.

Withdrawals from municipal affairs and uncertainty whether to be a candidate or not is going to lead to one of the most exciting town elections Brantford has had in many years.

than in former years. We were overwhelmed however, and unfortunately could not get all the help we needed.

J. W. BURGESS The largest Christmas business we have ever had—in fact the business during the whole year will equal, if not surpass the big business of 1913.

T. J. MINNES AND CO. People are warming up to electrical needs as never before. Whether it was because of lots of good and good wages, or whatever the cause, we have never before seen the demand so large.

R. T. WHITLOCK AND CO. "With so many men in uniform, it seemed doubtful if records could be broken by business returns this year, but they were. Never were we so busy."

HOWIE'S. For over a month, we had been very busy, and many articles had been put by for customers, but last week broke all records.

S. G. READ AND SON During the past year, the entire business has been at least 2-1/2 times better than during the year previous, while the holiday trade has been exceptionally good. Conditions point to a revival of the good business enjoyed heretofore in Brantford, and particularly so in a retail establishment.

H. J. SMITH AND CO. "For a month past," says Mr. Smith, our business has been much larger than any other year—but last week undoubtedly capped the climax. Never before has holiday business been so large.

GRAFTON AND CO. Mr. Conway, who is the local manager for this firm, could not say that his business was over the immense holiday business. It was a dandy.

EFFICIENCY WITH ECONOMY AND AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF PURE WATER.

To the Electors: In coming before you as a nominee for the Board of Water Commissioners, I have seriously considered the importance of the work that lies before this department of our civic organization.

To overcome this difficulty new supplies must be sought or a new system for purification and filtration adopted. It has also been brought to public attention that our present water is incapable of guaranteeing to all the wards of the city the supply to which they are entitled. The entire pumping plant requires the most careful overhauling and improvements in this direction should be made at the earliest possible moment.

Europe's Black Spots, Where Toxic Forces Must Retire or be Driven Out, and for Whose Invasion Ample Reparation Must Be Made. This is a special War Map Particularly Appropriate. Just Now in Connection With Peace Talk on Part of Enemy and the U. S. A.

to render some service to the community to which I belong. It will be impossible for me to make a personal canvass owing to pressure of work at the present time, but should I receive your endorsement, it will be my earnest endeavor to serve the city impartially and to the best of my ability. C. A. WATERGUS, December 26th, 1916.

OBITUARY

There passed away on Christmas Day, an old and respected citizen of Brantford, in the person of Mary Ann Barry, who resided alone with her brother, Mr. John Barry, at 105 Albion St. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning to St. Basil's church, where services will be conducted; interment will take place in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The death occurred on Saturday of Cecille Borlino, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Borlino, 296 Murray St. The funeral took place on Sunday to St. Mary's church, where the last rites were observed by the Rev. Father Padden. Interment took place in St. Joseph's cemetery.

At Grace Church yesterday afternoon, before a very representative congregation of masons and friends of the family, the Rev. Archdeacon Mackenzie at the funeral service of the late Mr. J. P. Morrison, formerly a well known resident of Brantford, paid a very warm tribute to the deceased. The pastor particularly dwelt upon the filial devotion of Mr. Morrison to his father-in-law, and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend who, during the last few years of their life had been a great care. Rarely in his long ministerial career had he met with such devoted attention to wife and dear ones, as that displayed by their late friend, and he desired to place that heartfelt tribute on his casket.

Miss Julia Gerard, of Windsor, has left for overseas to engage in Red Cross work. She will meet her sister, Mrs. Nellie Gerard, in England, and spend Christmas with her.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Ginch, Waterloo township, celebrated their golden wedding recently at the oldest homestead in Preston, and upon which the first white child was born in the county.

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Map of Europe showing Black Spots. Europe's Black Spots, Where Toxic Forces Must Retire or be Driven Out, and for Whose Invasion Ample Reparation Must Be Made. This is a special War Map Particularly Appropriate. Just Now in Connection With Peace Talk on Part of Enemy and the U. S. A.

NEW GEORGES NAVY PLAG HEWING TOBACCO. AND ENJOY THE LINGERING FLAVOR OF CHOICE, RICH CARRY TOBACCO SEASONED AND SWEETENED JUST TO YOUR TASTE. GOLD EVERYWHERE FOR A PLUG. The Rock City Tobacco Co. Limited

LOCAL

WITH HONORS. The Rev. Chas. Paterson-Smyth, curate of Grace Church, has received the pleasing news that he has taken 21st Toronto University, B.D. degree with honors.

FUNERAL OF DEAD HERO. The steamer Metagama arrived St. John, N. B., on Sunday. The remains of the late Lieut. Old Brewster were on board and funeral will take from Brant Methodist Church at 3 o'clock Thursday.

ALL INVITED. In connection with the Christmas tree to be held to-morrow evening for the children of the members of the 21st battalion, the office desirous of emphasizing the fact that all friends of the soldier welcome and heartily invited present.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. Christmas greetings were read yesterday from the members of the 12th Battalion. The telegram contained an extract from the Christmas greeting of His Majesty, the King, to the soldiers and sailors: "I send sailors and soldiers, hearty wishes for Christmas."

PRESENTATION. A most pleasing event after morning service at Alex. church on Sunday, was a presentation by the choir, to Mrs. G. Cromar, the efficient organist leader. The gift comprised a class vase of handsome design with beautiful narcissus. A complimentary note was read by George Ion, Mrs. Cromar expressed her appreciation to the choir for their useful and pretty gift, kindly remembrance of her.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BASIL'S. Six masses were said on Christmas Day at St. Basil's church. Rev. Dean Brady, Rev. J. Burke and Rev. Father Murray taking part in the services. Music was rendered by the choir at the midnight mass, the adult choir at the High Mass, 10.30. The customary repairs of the manger and crib, Bethlehem stable wherein the our was born, was erected up side altar, and will remain until after New Year Day, which time it may be visited by the congregation.

If You Must Wear Glasses. Why not begin the year right? A little precaution may be of untold value each day of the ensuing year and even for years to come. Our rooms are arranged especially for eye examination and we devote our entire time and study to the scientific examination of the eyes and the furnishing of glasses. Chas. A. Jarvis, 52 MARKET ST. Manufacturing Optician. Feet North of Dalhousie St. Both phones for appointments. Open Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

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