

## THE COURIER

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## THE SITUATION

Munitions, more munitions, and then more munitions was the statement a while back of Sir John French regarding the greatest need of the war and so it is proving. Additional metal just now is of even more importance for the allies than additional men, for without a superabundant supply those in the field cannot give of their best or push home advantage. Bravery does not count without the material with which to give effect; a battery which cannot be continually fed to the limit is very little better than so much junk. It is difficult for the average mind to grasp the magnitude of the mass of material which the contending forces are daily hurling at each other in this great war. Perhaps the most cogent illustration is the fact that at the battle of Neuve Chapelle more of it was used than during the whole period of the Boer war.

The fiercest of fierce fighting still continues on the battle front in South Poland and Galicia with the Russians hard pressed and admittedly giving ground. It is pointed out that the Grand Duke Nicholas is prone to favor or orderly retreats for the purpose of luring the foe further and further from his base in order to introduce a sudden offensive, but this thing looks a good deal more than that. Unless the troops of the Czar can keep the tremendous forces now launched against them completely busy, many more German masses will be let loose for the fighting on the other fronts.

Wet weather still prevents operations of much moment both in Belgium and Northern France and from the Dardanelles there is nothing of note.

At last it would seem to be a certainty that Italy will get into the fray, not from a desire to help smash the menacing and diabolical war machine set up by the Kaiserites to crush and dominate all other peoples, but for the reason that Austria has refused to cede all the territory demanded from her as the price of non-participation. However, the inciting motive doesn't matter so long as it adds to Germany's job. The land of Garibaldi has a well equipped army of over one million men and a capital navy. That the Kaiser and his war lords attach a great deal of importance to her all round equipment is demonstrated by their strenuous efforts to keep that country out of the fray.

Meanwhile the great British navy continues its largely silent, but thoroughly effective task. In this regard it is opportune to call to mind the fact that a year ago the actual tonnage of Germany's merchant shipping stood second in the world, and in eight months the German flag has been swept off the seas. This means that the enemy's mercantile marine, which consisted of 2,388 steam and sailing vessels, with a total tonnage of nearly 5,500,000 has been paralyzed, so that, apart from the fact that the enemy's food supply has been jeopardized the income of the holders of shares in many of the shipping companies has been depleted almost to vanishing point. This has already been shown by the reports of some German steamship companies for 1914, and now the report of the Reederei Aktiengesellschaft of Hamburg permits of a comparison in the case of sailings. The Reederei is the biggest concern in Germany engaged in the sailing ship trade, and formerly had a wide connection, mainly in South American ports. The outbreak of hostilities brought the earning power of the company to a complete end, eleven vessels were captured or detained by the Allies, while all those on outward voyages are now lying idle in neutral harbours. The gross receipts shipped from 1,333,000 to 459,000 marks, and the net revenue, after reducing the depreciation allowance from 614,500 to 110,900 marks, comes out at 161,300 as compared with 407,600 marks. The dividend is scaled down from 12 to 4 per cent with nothing at all in prospect for the near future.

## THE MISTREATMENT OF BRITISH OFFICERS.

One of the letters recently read in the British House by Mr. D. MacMaster, M.P., with reference to the devilish treatment of British officers in Germany was an epistle sent by Major C. B. Vandaleur, of the 1st Cameronian (Scottish Rifles). Here are some extracts:—

"On the morning of the 14th, I was fallen in with four other British offi-

cers and about 200 men, and was marched to Lens. Here a halt was made, and I pointed out that as I was wounded in the leg I could not march any further. I was then taken on to Douay in a motor, the remainder of the prisoners following by road (a considerable distance).

"At Douay I was detained on the square in front of the Hotel de Bille with a sentry over me, and was subjected to continual abuse and revilement. On the arrival of the other prisoners we were all confined in a large shed for the night. No food, except a little provided by the French Red Cross Society, was given, also no straw, and we spent a terrible night the men being obliged to walk about all night to keep warm, as their great-coats had been taken from them.

"On the 17th October, in the morning, the French Red Cross people gave us what they could in food, and did their very best, in spite of opposition from the Germans. At about 2 p.m. on the same day we were all marched off to the railway station, being reviled at and cursed all the way by German officers as well as by German soldiers. One of our officers was spat on by a German officer.

"At the station we were driven into closed-in wagons, from which horses had just been removed, fifty-two men being crowded into the one in which the other four officers and myself were. So tight were we packed, that there was only room for some of us to sit down on the floor. This floor was covered fully three inches deep in fresh manure, and the stench was almost asphyxiating. We were boxed up in this foul wagon, with practically no ventilation for thirty hours, with no food, and no opportunity of attending to purposes of nature. All along the line we were cursed by officers and soldiers alike at the various stations, and at Mons Bergen I was pulled out in front of the wagon by the order of the officer in charge of the station, and, after cursing me in filthy language for some ten minutes, he ordered one of his soldiers to kick me back into the wagon, which he did, sending me sprawling into the filthy mess at the bottom of the wagon. I should like to mention here that I am thoroughly conversant with German, and understood everything that was said. Only at one station, I should also like to mention that the road was any attempt made on the part of German officers to interfere and stop their men from cursing us. This officer appeared to be sorry for the sad plight in which we were in, and he did his best to make us feel that two men of the German Guard also appeared to be sympathetic and sorry for us; but they were able to do little or nothing to protect us.

Up to this time I had managed to retain my overcoat, but it was now

forcibly taken from me by an officer at a few stations further on.

"On reaching the German-Belgian frontier, the French prisoners were given some potato soup. The people in charge of it told us that none was for us, but that if any was left over after the French had been fed we should get what remained. This is in accordance with the general treatment of British prisoners by the Germans, who always endeavor to attend to our necessities last, and to put us to as much inconvenience and ill-treatment as possible. We subsequently got a little soup and a few slices of bread amongst twenty-five British prisoners in the same wagon with me."

The remainder of the letter, too long for repetition here, tells of the above abominations continued all through. "And yet right in the Old Country German prisoners are housed in country mansions with billiards and other sports provided for them to while away the time. They are not men enough to appreciate the difference—just think that it is an evidence of a desire to do tribute to their superior intelligence and rotten culture."

Just a little juicy.

There is an agitation in more than one Canadian municipality to change the names of thoroughfares hitherto bearing German titles. Why not? Right here in Brantford, for instance, we have a "Brunswick" street. Now, the Duchy of Brunswick is a State of Germany, and we don't want to perpetuate the name of anything appertaining to that diabolical land; not on your life. Kitchener street, or something of that sort would be much more fitting and likeable.

The Allies haven't been able to say to Italy shuddering on the brink, "Come on in; the fighting's fine," but they have shown her a good strong body strike against the modern juggernaut known as Kaiserism.

The simple yet direct language in which Capt. Colquhoun in his letter published yesterday, told of the terrible ordeal through which he and his men from Brantford passed during two days of some of the thickest fighting ever recorded, caused a thrill of pride to pass throughout the community. No boasting, not a word of bravado, but a glorious achievement modestly related. All honor to him and to them. Meanwhile, let it be remem-

bered that this is only one incident of hundreds of many such which have taken place and will take place, wherever the standards of the allies are located on the far flung battle line.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, the leading German paper, says that if Italy goes into the war, it will be "one of the most abominable examples of perfidy that history knows." And this, be it noted, is one of the sheets which warmly applauded the ardent crime against Belgium. Even the strongest magnifying glass couldn't discover the slightest suspicion of a sense of shame among the sauerkraut savages.

## PTE. HARRINGTON WRITES HOME

Gallant ex-Bluejacket is Recovering Slowly From His Wounds.

Pte. Ernest Harrington is rapidly pulling through, and the latest letter received by his mother, residing at Farringdon church, is to that effect. His nurse also writes in a reassuring way, and has greatly relieved the anxiety of the lad's parents. The letters are subjoined, and are cheerful, with healthy optimism. Harrington hopes soon to be well enough to go to England.

Dear Brother Bob: I now take the pleasure to write these few lines to you, hoping they will find you and all at home in the very best of health, as it leaves me quite well at present. I guess, brother, you have heard the news, as we have been in a big fight and I got wounded in the back, and had a very lucky escape. I was lying on the field for about ten hours before I was picked up, and the shells were bursting all around me and I was nearly stifled with that poisonous gas that they are firing now. Well, brother, tell mother not to worry herself, as my wound is getting on very well. I am now in a hospital in France, and before you get this letter I shall be in England. I must now close these few lines, so give my best to all, and good-bye for the present, from your loving brother, ERN.

FROM HIS NURSE,  
12th General Hospital,  
Boulogne.

May 1st, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Harrington: I am glad to say that Pte. E. Harrington, 11361, is much better and almost out of danger now, and we hope he will very shortly be well enough

## On a Basis of Quality I Am

## Lower Priced Than Others!

The exceptional care and skill exercised in making JARVIS' GLASSES—the exceptionally satisfactory results that come from wearing JARVIS' GLASSES—the exceptional praise I am given for my work, make many who have not favored me with their patronage say:—

## "HIGH PRICES"

## YOU ARE WRONG

It is High Quality at Low Prices that has given me the share of success I merit.

NOW, to give the people who have not visited my establishment an opportunity to try JARVIS' OPTICAL SERVICE, I am going to make an exceptional offer. It is this:

UNTIL JUNE FIRST I WILL TAKE YOUR OLD GLASSES OR MOUNTINGS, NO MATTER WHERE PURCHASED, AND MAKE YOU A LIBERAL ALLOWANCE FOR THEM ON A NEW PAIR OF GLASSES.

REMEMBER, this is not a "cut-price" offer. I will still sell my Glasses at the uniformly low prices that have heretofore prevailed in this establishment.

This will enable you to prove to your own satisfaction that at this establishment you get



The Best SERVICE  
AND  
The Best GLASSES  
AT  
The Best PRICES

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to be moved. I am sure this good news will cheer you up.

Yours truly,  
F. N. NORRIS (Sister)

The Militia Council has called for ten thousand more Canadian troops for overseas service, consisting of seven battalions of infantry, and several brigades of artillery.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

## SATURDAY BARGAIN LIST

## Men's Twill Nightgowns

3 dozen Men's fine white twill cotton Night Gowns, a good, large, roomy gown, all sizes. Regular value \$1.25.

SATURDAY

98c

## LADIES' HABUTIA SILK WAISTS

A GRAND BARGAIN

Ladies, we wish to call your special attention to this, as never in the history of Brantford has a Silk Waist like this ever been offered before. A fine quality Habutai Silk, good washing Waist, strictly new style, with roll collar, hemstitched finished. None will be sold before Saturday morning. Sizes run from 34 to 44. See Waists in window.

REMEMBER, SATURDAY ONLY

PARASOLS—Ladies' fine black, gloria top Parasols, natural wood handles. Regular \$1.50.

98c

TOWELS—An extra large size heavy Turkish Bath Towel, white or colored. Regular 65c.

50c

## Corset Cover Bargain

5 dozen fine white Corset Covers, beautifully trimmed with 3 rows of real or Cluny insertion and one row of val. or Cluny lace, finished with dainty wash ribbon. Regular price 45c.

SATURDAY

25c

## Millinery Shapes

Saturday we give you a choice of Untrimmed Shapes, all this season's, black and colors. All Shapes from \$2.00 to \$3.50 for.....\$1.00 All Shapes from \$3.50 to \$6.00 for.....\$2.00

## A Bargain for Saturday in the Suit Section

This Saturday we give you your choice of any Suit or Coat at cost price, and in some cases less, but remember, 'tis only for Saturday. A regular holiday bargain.

## Holiday Millinery

Saturday will see a table of Millinery that are copies of New York styles, and Millinery that usually sells at \$5.00 and \$6.00, for.....\$2.98

## Faille Silk

5 pieces of 36-inch Faille in battleship, putty, navy, black and Belgian blue. Regular price \$2.00.

SATURDAY.....\$1.69

1 piece of 44-inch fine white English Voile, extra fine even quality. Regular 65c. SATUR- DAY.....48c

4 pieces of silk embroidered Voile, white ground with colored silk flower. Regular \$1.25. SATUR- DAY.....93c

## Ribbons

Satin, silk and moire Ribbon, in black, white and all colors. Regular 25c. SATURDAY.....15c

Dresden, Striped and Moire Silk Ribbon, from 6 to 9 inches wide, values up to \$1.50. SATUR- DAY.....48c

## Ladies' Raincoats

Ladies' tan only fine quality Raincoat, new style sleeve, belted back, high military collar. Regular price \$5.50.

SATURDAY.....\$3.95

## Summer Dresses

Saturday sees an assortment of Summer Dresses at a special price. There are reps, voiles, crepes, in floral and plain effects, also black and white stripe.

SATURDAY ONLY.....\$5.00

Ladies' Bangalow Aprons, and Dust Cap to match, fine quality print, in cadet and navy stripe. SATURDAY.....50c

Ladies' fine Silk Lisle Vests, with fancy lace and crochet top, no sleeves. Regular 50c and 60c. SPECIAL.....39c

Ladies' fine knitted Summer Combinations, fancy lace top, tight knee and loose knee. Regular value 50c. SPECIAL.....39c

LADIES' ALL SILK NAVY BLUE PARASOLS, NEW SHEPHERDESS STYLE. REG. VALUE \$2.50 \$5.00. SATURDAY.....\$2.50

## Men's Sox

Men's fine quality Black and Tan Cotton Sox, extra spliced heel and toe. Regular 20c.

SATURDAY

12 1/2c

## Work Shirts

Say, Mr. Man, here's a chance. Fine quality Work Shirt, good large sizes, in black, blue and black and white stripe. Usually sold at 75c.

SATURDAY

50c

## Dainty Neckwear, Etc. For the Holiday

A lavish display of all the newest and daintiest pieces of Feminine Neckwear, gathered from all markets. Among this special holiday showing will be found the Quaker Girl Collar, Puritan Sets, the Cromwell Collar and the Watcher Step Tie.

PURITAN SETS are shown in fine quality voile, white and black and white.....50c to 25c

The Cromwell Collar and Watcher Step Tie are something entirely new, being a New York creation. Prices.....75c to 35c

QUAKER GIRL COLLAR—A neat and sedate little piece of Neckwear in white and white and black effects. Prices run.....50c to 25c

Ladies' long heavy Silk Gloves, in black or white, double tip fingers. 75c

Fine French Kid Gloves, pique sewn seams, black, white and tan. SPECIAL.....\$1.00

## Specials From the Staple Dept.

4 pieces of 32-inch, extra fine quality White Flannel-ette. SPECIAL.....12 1/2c

3 pieces of 56-inch half bleach Table Damask, an extra fine quality. Regular price 50c. SPECIAL.....39c

10 pieces of light and dark Oxford Skirtings, in stripes and checks. SPECIAL.....12 1/2c

2 pieces only of Horrockses' 36-inch White Cotton, nothing made to equal it. Regular 20c. SPECIAL.....15c

8 pieces of neat design fancy Crepe Voile, Reg. 35c. SPECIAL.....19c

3 pieces of 45-inch fine White India Lawn, even thread. Reg. price 25c. SATURDAY.....17c

OGILVIE, LOCHEAD & CO.

## LOCAL

THE TEMPERATURE. Record for the last 24 hours: Lowest 46; highest date last year: Lowest 50.

## GOLF NOTE

St. Catharines is expected Monday, 24th, and will match in the morning. There will be a general field.

## WAS OMITTED.

In an acknowledgement and mass cards, in respect of Daniel Shannon, was omitted being placed by Mr. John H. Shannon of Springfield.

## EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATION

Empire Day will be celebrated at the Alexandra School tomorrow by a programme of songs and recitations, and by Rev. Mr. McClelland. The parents are invited.

## SEEKS ENDORSEMENT

The City of London seeks endorsement to support it in petition to the Ontario Government to the Colonization Act, as the immigrants is becoming a national and economic question.

## BRICKWORK FINISHED

The erection of the additional Hydro Electric power plant which street has been completed as the brickwork is concrete concrete flooring has yet in and the roof to be put on.

## PROTEST FILED

David Hamilton of God has entered a protest against the fare, claiming there is no fare for it, and under the present conditions it would be a property owners to have to pay.

## BUILDING PERMIT.

Among the building permits this morning are the following: Church, for a verandah, at \$75. Ed. Reeves, for a Waterloo street, at \$300. Lambden, for a frame road, on Superior street, at \$300.

## GOOD ACTION THIS.

The pupils of the public being asked by their teacher to use fire-crackers or fire-year, but to give the money for Day donation for the buying wool for socks for the children. The amount being published. The teacher commended.

## LAMPS BROKEN.

During the week ending the following street lighting were reported by the Hy authorities to the police: St. Pauls avenue, third po Terrace Hill Street, one en; Sydenham street, first of Terrace Hill street, one en; Oak street, first po Winnett street, one lamp.

## BROKE INTO SCHOOL

The police authorities have been investigating the ex-Gillies rumormongers, have that one of his latest exploits breaking into the county house at Falkland. The en-profitable for there was the school of value, away. This is only one of stances which the police cently.

## PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

High Constable Kerr by interesting little party crossing on the Paris Road course of his duties he for ter which had been con old sheeting and old canvas shelter of the trees away road and therein discov husky tramps. They were style, too, and had a tea and a host of general. They only lacked a stove, never wanted for fire or it were quietly requested their lodgings for it was subjected to their objection pany and begging excursion out more add the tramps with humble, but somewhat apartments.

"The 'strong thirsty' men sorbs lots of water is the use. Order Puris now."

## NEILL'S

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Little La size 8 to 10. R

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Boys' H \$3.00 and \$2.3

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