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THE SITUATION.

News from the front is certainly of a cheering nature. Nothing has taken place of a decisive character, but the general trend of events demonstrates that the Allies are not only holding the foe, but steadily gaining the upper hand.

On the Somme front, General Haig reports that successful operations were carried out in the region of Le Transloy. All the objectives were gained and a "commanding position" of the enemy's position was taken. Incidentally, many prisoners were taken, including officers.

The French also did some business on their own account. They took Hun trenches North of Verdun, inflicting great loss and securing booty.

In Bukovina, the Russians smashed forward on a front of nearly two miles, breaking through German-Austro fortified positions, and likewise recording a bag of prisoners. South of this region the Czar's troops were also successful.

On the Mesopotamia front British forces continue to do well, and violent Turkish counter attacks have completely failed.

On the Riga front, desperate fighting still continues. Canada's war vote this year is to be half a billion dollars, or double the amount voted at last session.

THE RESULT IN DORCHESTER

The outcome of the bye-election in Dorchester not only constitutes a satisfactory endorsement of the Borden Government, but it should also put the quietus upon a most mischievous campaign which Laurierite manipulators had designed to carry on in Quebec.

The plan was to make the habitants believe that the national service cards were a prelude to conscription, and as Cannon, the Liberal candidate, put it to make the French Canadians slaves of England.

It is to the credit of the good sense of the residents of the Riding that the game should have so signally failed. Had it succeeded there can be no doubt that Sir Wilfrid and his associates would have forced a general election.

As it is the outcome has taught them a much needed lesson that inflammatory and unpatriotic tactics cannot succeed even in Quebec where they fondly imagined there would be ground for them.

In the first place a contest should not have been caused. When the member of a Riding is honored by preferment to a Cabinet position it is the customary and the decent thing to allow him an acclamation when he has to go back to his constituents after such recognition.

In this case however we have it on the word of Cannon that he caused a struggle because Laurier so desired, and there is the further significant fact that the Liberal leader did not utter one word of protest with regard to some of the statements of his protegee.

The whole proceeding was a desperate game on the part of men anxious for the sweets of office and thank providence it has failed.

Sevigny was to be punished for having changed his mind with regard to Canadian participation in a war struggle involving the Empire, and the plea was made that he had thereby proved himself a renegade who should be put out of public life. That was the straight issue and the answer must be satisfactory to all Canadians not blinded by extreme partzanship.

THE TURRIF ATTACK. No more offensive or totally unwarranted attack has ever been made upon any Premier than that launched in the Dominion House on Friday upon Sir Robert Borden, by J. G. Turriff, Liberal member for Assinibola.

"Feeling the responsibility of my words, knowing what I am talking about," he shouted, "I make this charge against this Government, and I make this charge particularly against the Prime Minister, who is the responsible man, that this alliance has been kept in force, and that three Nationalists have been kept in this Government, deliberately, on purpose and for the one and only reason of preventing recruiting in Quebec. I make this charge against the Government, in order that there may be no mistake I charge the

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Could unabashed and mendacious effrontery go further? By his performance Turriff has put himself in the Kyté and Carvell class.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. Cannon got spliced.

That man Turriff is a turriffite man—in his own estimation.

Looks as if Turriff was the man who put ass in Assinibola.

Just watch the Grit manipulators crowd under the barn with regard to the forcing of a general election.

U. S. soldiers have been finally ordered to leave Mexico. As for Villa, he is still enjoying three square miles a day.

Somebody has been interfering with the handwriting on the wall which Liberal papers have recently seen with regard to both the Ontario and Dominion Governments. That somebody is the plain people.

Simcoe, N. W. Toronto, Dorchester. The alleged uprising Liberal wave has been punctured right in the very crest thereof.

Cannon in Dorchester belched forth abuse and quasi loyal sentiment, but a majority of the electors knew enough to close the mouth thereof.

The Kaiser has been celebrating another birthday. It is a safe wager that he wishes he could swing matters back to the same condition they were in on his natal day three years ago.

Cannon, the Grit candidate in Dorchester told his audiences that they should refuse to become slaves of England. Hon. Mr. Sevigny, the Conservative candidate during one of his last speeches before the voting said:

"I have not the right as a French-Canadian representing the minority in Canada to leave the English provinces to pay all expenses, while we paid nothing. In the interests of the race and Province, I did not wish to turn against the population of the other provinces. When the country is menaced, it is my duty and your duty to defend it. Canada is something for us, it is our Land. The British flag floats over us, and I wish it to continue to float over the country, I do not want the German flag to be planted on the citadel of Quebec."

Honestly now, no matter how big a Reformers you may be, which man do you think deserved to win?

A crazy man created a paic on a New York ferry boat by firing a revolver and running around with a big knife. He was finally over-powered and arrested.

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Local News

RAIDED GAMBLERS. A gambling den was raided last night in the vicinity of the Czar's headquarters. The den was raided by Constables Kingery and Vansickle. A Chinese fence last night about midnight. Fourteen Celestials were taken in charge, having been caught red handed, in the interesting, but expensive pastime of gambling. The Orientals appeared in the police court this morning, but were remanded until to-morrow.

ADDRESS SCHOOL CHILDREN. Lt.-Col. H. E. Snider and Pte. Sam Landers, who addressed a large recruiting meeting in the Brant Theatre on Sunday night, are visiting the various schools in the city commencing with the Collegiate Institute this afternoon, and are delivering speeches in an endeavor to work up a patriotic sentiment among the younger residents of the city that may have an indirect effect on the recruiting movement. The statistics of the city will also be canvassed later in the campaign.

REWIRING SYSTEM. The work of the rewiring of the fire alarm system of the city, which has been progressing, at interrupted periods for two months, was finally completed to-day. Unavoidable delays have been experienced on account of the difficulty in securing the necessary copper wire to continue the work. In all, approximately eighteen miles of wire has been strung, the men commencing on the 27th. Three new boxes were installed, in sections where they were greatly needed, while two more have been ordered, but as yet have not arrived.

POLICE COURT. The officers of justice were greatly enriched this morning as the result of the judgment of Magistrate Livingston, in the local Police Court. George Beaton, William Ennis, and John Cowie, were each charged with having acted in an unauthorized place on being found guilty, were assessed \$200 and costs each for their offence, with the alternative of paying the same amount in instalments. In addition, Ennis was relieved of worry resulting from possession of \$10 and costs being fined that amount for being drunk. Donald Cunningham will appear before His Worship again to-morrow when his trouble will be settled. He was charged with being drunk. The manager of a store appeared before His Worship on a charge of having sold French wine to a Mexican five dollar bill in part payment of the change of a ten dollar bill offered by a foreign woman in payment of some goods purchased there. Although denying the charge the manager preferred to pay the sum in question.

SPOKE OVER 6000 MILES. San Diego, Cal., Jan. 29.—The new naval radio station at Scollas Heights near here, which was formally opened Friday, gave a demonstration of its power yesterday when the operators on duty talked with the Arlington station, 2,500 miles; the Darien, Panama, 3,000 miles; Nome, Alaska, 2,500 miles and Honolulu, 2,500 miles; over his company, operators at work on the island of Papeete, South Pacific, 3,500 miles, and ended by exchanging the time of day with Melbourne, Australia, 6,000 miles.

No attempt will be made to flash a message to Europe until the various new instruments have been broken in.

SWALLOWED NAIL. Quebec, Jan. 29.—Roland, the two-year-old son of Arthur P. Sampson, of Lauson, Levis, died Saturday evening, one hour after swallowing a nail he was playing with. The doctors from the Hotel Dieu Hospital were unable to extract the nail which perforated a lung.

VANCOUVER WON. Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 29.—Vancouver defeated Seattle here Saturday night in the Pacific Coast League by 3 to 2. The game was one of the most stubbornly fought on local ice this year. The result puts Vancouver within half a game of Seattle in the race.

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Russ Gas Causes Panic. An attempt by the Germans to press back the Russian line in the vicinity of Kainzen in the Riga region was frustrated by the Russians Friday. The statement of Saturday reads: "Western front—After a heavy bombardment of our trenches east of the Kainzen road, toward Chlok (west of Riga), the Germans attacked our detachments, but were beaten back, suffering great losses.

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