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THE SITUATION.

The continued Hun withdrawal on the Western front has resulted in the reclaiming of another five hundred square miles in France. Some sixty additional villages have been occupied, and ground gained to a depth of from eight to twenty-two miles. It should be kept in mind that the retirement has been voluntary and without any more resistance than rearguard actions. On the other hand there is the significant fact that the foe has not thus relinquished so large an area of strongly fortified territory except for very urgent reasons. According to a despatch over the Courier's leased wire, the German papers yesterday for the first time told the people of the Fatherland what has been taking place. They do so with the explanation that the move is a master stroke, and that tremendous and favorable results will follow. That of course is mere guess work. The salient fact is that the Teutonic troops continue to give way and that circumstance in itself must be exercising a weakening effect upon the morale of the Kaiser's troops. The German Chancellor not so long ago was making the boast that the Fatherland must have a peace based upon the map, but just now his chief concern must be to keep the same out of view as much as possible.

Renewed fighting at Verdun has been most intense since Sunday and the Huns succeeded in getting a foothold in some French trenches. Counter attacks have resulted in the re-taking of most of them.

In the new French cabinet, Alexandre Ribot, former Finance Minister, becomes Premier. This or any other change does not mean any lack of persistence in the prosecution of the war.

The notable progress of the British forces on the Tigris has not been halted in any way. The Russians also continue in their pursuit of the Turks who in all directions are manifestly in a demoralized condition.

As might have been expected, the innate savagery of the Hun has been exemplified during his retirement and young men and women in previously occupied districts have been sent to Germany.

It is announced that President Wilson within the next few hours will announce a state of war with Germany. Heaven knows, he has waited long enough.

NOTES AND COMMENTS
 It is not like the Hun to be of such a retiring disposition.

The Kaiserites are certainly indulging in an early Spring move.

The latest Zepp raid on England was so unimportant in results that an official report was not even deemed necessary. The subs are heading for very much the same fate.

A robust rumor gained currency yesterday that the Kaiser had been murdered. The yarn had no foundation. He has himself murdered all the laws of decency and civilization but his own degenerate person is still intact.

The City Council should open proceedings with the ode, "We won't go home till morning."

The blockade of Greece has been raised. The blockade of Greece still remains.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE FURNISHINGS.
 Since the advent of Conservatives to power in Ontario, the members of the Opposition have found themselves totally unable to successfully attack any items of expenditure, so scrupulously and honestly have outlays been made. In lieu of any ammunition in this regard, their favorite plan is to assail the cost of furnishings and the upkeep of Government House. The annual spasm in this regard has recently taken place in the local legislature, led by Hartley Dewart, the nickel contortionist.

Most people of common sense will agree that the gubernatorial abode should be in keeping with the foremost standing of this province. It is not only the place of residence of whoever may happen to be the Lieut.-Governor, with all that the office signifies under the constitution, but in addition it is a centre of entertainment for distinguished visitors and public functions, which are part and parcel of British administration everywhere. Some of those Grit critics apparently would like the head of the Province to live in a shack and do the honors in his shirt sleeves. Items for such an abode are naturally of a much more costly nature than the average of us are even able to do more than look at, but there is nothing wrong about that. All institutions, labor unions included, consider that official quarters should be in keeping with the important interests represented, and the spirit is an eminently proper and worthy one. It is, of course, the part of a great statesman like Dewart to throw several kinds of fit over the price of a pair of curtains or a carpet, but that kind of hanky panky performance does not fool any man or woman of intelligence.

As a matter of fact it is well known that any occupant of Government House must needs be a man of large private means, for the simple reason that in addition to what any Government must do, he has also to dip deeply into his own funds in order to keep up the decent and proper standard of maintenance.

The fact that the Rowlettites take up so much of the time of the House with reference to this matter, constitutes in itself very cogent evidence of their bankrupt condition with regard to causes for legitimate criticism.

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FINE ENTERTAINMENT

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Father O'Neil, the Pastor, Mr. R. Murphy; Bob, The Sheriff, his brother, the Shamrock, Mr. A. Kelly; "Laddie," the youngest brother, Mr. J. Powers; Grizley Adams, a cattleman, Mr. J. Brohman; May, an Irish Rose, Miss G. Schuler; Gad, a city wail, Miss F. Mitchell; Mrs. Monaghan, the house-keeper, Miss K. O'Grady; Joan, a Ranchman's daughter, Miss G. Brohman.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Father Dogorowski, Mr. Meenan, and all those who took part in the drama, by Rev. Father Cassidy. At the close a pleasant hour was spent by the visitors before returning to Brantford, and a very dainty repast was served.

Yesterday morning Mrs. J. Allan Fraser received the Carnegie Medal awarded for her husband's bravery in attempting to rescue Doris Adamson from drowning last August. The medal is of silver, and on one side is Carnegie's picture and on the other, these words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man that laid down his life for his friends," as also the names of the three girls he tried to rescue, D. Adamson, C. Inksater, and M. Thomson.

Miss Phyllis Fraser has been spending a few days at Woodstock.

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ITALIAN AIR RAID ON POLA

Rome, via Paris, March 20.—An official statement issued by the war office follows:

"Our seaplanes carried out a raid on Pola and dropped bombs on the arsenal. Five enemy airplanes, escorted by destroyers, attacked our machines, but were driven off by French airplanes which were supporting us."

"On March 19, shortly before dawn enemy seaplanes bombarded Grado and coast territory to the east occupied by us. There were no victims and the damage done was insignificant. Immediately after wards a squadron of our seaplanes bombarded the Lloyd ship yard at Muggia near Trieste. All of the Italian and French machines returned safely."

Imperial Conference Opens in London

By Courier Leased Wire.
 London, March 20.—The British Imperial Conference was inaugurated today. For the first time the colonial statesmen sat with the members of the British Government around a table in the council room at Premier Lloyd George's official residence.

Daughters of Empire Give Talent Tea

Dufferin Rifles Raises Funds to Supply Socks for Soldiers

The emblem of the Emerald Isle, intermingled with patriotic decorations and effects, symbolizing the loyalty of Ireland to the Empire, and at the same time providing a harmonious color scheme, met the eye of the visitor to the talent tea held in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoon by the Dufferin Rifles Chapter, Daughters of the Empire. The splendid programme in conjunction with the worthy cause for which the event was held, undoubtedly accounted for the encouragingly large number of ladies who attended the function. In all about forty-five dollars was realized from the undertaking, the sum to be devoted to purchasing wool, which will later be converted into socks for the soldiers. Delicious home-made cooking was dispensed at a table in charge of Mrs. Newman and a bevy of assistants, while home made candy was sold at a table supervised by Mrs. (Lieut.) Bolt and the afternoon tea was served by Mrs. R. H. Palmer, and Mrs. F. A. Howard. All three tables were patronized as was indicated by the large sum realized. An excellent programme consisting of musical numbers and recitations was rendered very acceptably. Miss Hilda Hurley and Seret Harold Oldham contributing vocal solos in their well known delightful way. Instrumental duets were given by Mrs. John Schultz and Mr. Schofield, and by the Misses Lake and Beryl Smith, while little Miss Muriel Ward greatly pleased the ladies with two very amusing recitations that appealed to all.

HUNS ESCAPE INTERNMENT

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Brant Chapter I. O. D. E.

A Busy and Enthusiastic Meeting is Held

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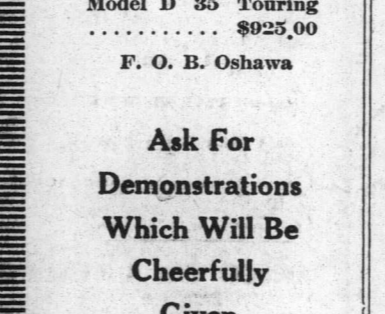
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 Brantford, March 13th, 1917. W. G. Hellicker, Manager.

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MILITARY FUNERAL TO PARIS SOLDIER
 Remains of Pte. Jos. Shannon Laid to Rest With Full Honors
CLEVER PLAY GIVEN
 By Young People of St. Basil's in Paris

Complaints of non-delivery of The Courier in Paris, should be telephoned to Norman Flahiff, phone 15, who has been appointed The Courier Agent.

Paris, March 20.—(From our own correspondent.) Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Pte. Joe. C. Shannon, were laid to rest with full military honors in the Paris cemetery. Public service was held in the Sacred Heart Church, of which the deceased was a member. The church was draped in purple and black and the body laid in state for three hours, there being guarded by members of the 215th Battalion. The casket was covered by the Union Jack, and on the top was the deceased's cap and belt. Dr. Pearce rendered the "Dead March in Soul." The service opened by the singing of hymn "Oh, God Our Help in Ages Past." This was followed by prayer by Rev. D. A. Armstrong, who represented the Y.M.C.A., of which the deceased had been an active worker before enlisting. Chaplain McKegney read a portion of 1st Corinthians the 15th chapter and beginning at the 20th verse. His late pastor, Rev. J. H. Wainwright, gave a comforting address. Following the hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," the remains were viewed by the large concourse present, when cortage was formed outside the church for the cemetery as follows:

The firing party from "B" company. The Regimental Band. The remains drawn in gun carriage by members of the signalling corps.

Then followed the mourners; members of "P" company, 215th Battalion, the Signal Corps, which the deceased had been a member, and members of the "U and I" Bible Class, in charge of Mayor C. B. Robinson, Principal Bell, representative of the high school, Rev. D. A. Armstrong, representing the Y.M.C.A.; a number of returned soldiers from the 1st contingent; members of Council and Board of Education. Then followed a large number of friends and citizens.

As a tribute of respect to the deceased soldier and his family, the bling of the stores were drawn and business suspended during the funeral hour. The large number of beautiful floral tributes from his late comrades and friends bore evidence of the high esteem in which he was held.

On Friday evening a right jolly time was spent at the residence of Miss McKay, West River street, when a number of young people gathered and presented Miss Mabel Broomfield, a future bride-to-be with a miscellaneous shower. The future bride was showered with many useful presents, as well as good wishes.

Mr. Plowright has been assigned to the Lennox Congregational Church for the summer months.

Mary Hare, wife of Eben Kirby, Prescott, passed away on March 5, after a lingering illness.

There is no truth in the report that the Dominion Match Company will move its plant from Deseronto.

Thomas Manion has purchased "Fountain Hall," the former McNeill residence, West street, Napanee.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 23rd day of April, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week, over Brantford No. 1 Rural Route, from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Brantford, Cayuga and Echo Place and at the office of the Post Office Inspector at London.

Post Office Department, Canada, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, 9th March, 1917.
 G. C. ANDERSON, Superintendent.