

THE COURIER

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The Situation.

The crisis over the Compulsion Bill in the Old Land has fizzled out, as it deserved to do, and the Labor members who resigned from the Coalition Government are once more back in the fold.

The French have occupied Corfu, and the Greek Government will make a vigorous protest, but that is a mere matter of form. It is the most northerly of the Ionian Islands and has a length of about thirty-eight miles, ranging in width from three miles to twenty miles.

The indications are that the Huns and the Bulgars are moving towards Saloniki, and some developments may soon be expected in that region.

The Austrians continue to advance in Montenegro. Over the Courier leased wire to-day there comes the statement that John Bull is preparing to still further trouble Germany in the matter of trade and food supplies.

Labor's Position After the War.

In the Labor Year Book for 1916 the Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson discusses the labor problem after the war as follows:

From the commencement of the war the forces of industrial democracy rallied in support of the cause of the Allies with unprecedented unanimity and determination.

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children, and on the health of the people will shorten the period of depression by increasing our capacity for productive industry when the war is over.

Both politically and industrially, the next few years will be a time of trial for organized Labor. For a national object, the unions have been willing to abandon many of the safeguards which have been devised by the experience of generations for securing the rights of the workers.

During the past twelve months organized Labor has established its right to be regarded as an integral element in the national life. After the war it will have to retain the position it has achieved.

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To The Editor

MR. HENDERSON'S LETTER.

Brantford, 12th January, 1916.

Editor Courier.

Dear Sir—Mr. Henderson's letter setting forth conditions at polling sub-divisions, and the need of a change in number and conditions, presents quite a difficult problem to solve, especially in providing the proper accommodation, as voters should not be required to stand outside waiting their turn to vote during the winter season.

The changing of our election period from winter to the summer season I would like to see done. Still that would eliminate the need of inside accommodation. The best manner of providing Mr. Henderson's requirements, appears to be in making use of our public school buildings. Accommodation would be ample for all, convenient and central, and their location known by all, and as the schools grow with the city, we would always have voting accommodation.

In the near future when we have equal franchise rights for male and female the number of voters will be nearly doubled, hence should bear that in mind in making provision for the future.

The use of the schools appears to be the best solution in as much as they provide now all we require for the change. They stand for the best thing we have in common, and the exercise of our franchises there, would have an educational influence of an uplifting character and instill dignity in the citizens' supreme act of government in a manner that the present conditions cannot.

Changes, legislative and otherwise, may be required to enable us to use the schools; however, our city solicitor, Mr. Henderson, can get them; and he is to be complimented on his having acted so promptly on a matter of such importance to the citizens of Brantford.

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VILLA TROOPS

Reported to Have Committed Murders.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 13.—A report was current in Chihuahua that ten American men and two English women had been killed by Villa troops at Madera, Chihuahua, according to Americans who arrived here early today with the bodies of the 18 Americans who were killed last Monday.

The report, however, could not be confirmed. One of the women reported killed was said to be the wife of Captain Jack Leftridge, retired British army officer, who with an English woman companion, a Mrs. Berry, had been staying at Fabricora ranch, the Hearst property.

NO WORD

Washington, Jan. 13.—No word of the reported killing of ten American men and two English women by Mexican bandits near Madera, had reached the state department early today.

Four children were burned to death, their father fatally injured and their mother overcome in a fire at their home in New Martinsville, W. Va.

William Huff of Bothwell, died in a Chatham hospital of injuries received when struck by a train at Prairie Siding on Thursday.

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