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THE SITUATION

The Italians continue to do splendidly in their drive towards Trieste, the most important seaport of the Austrian Monarchy, and the most considerable trading town on the Adriatic. On Saturday and Sunday Gen. Cadorna's forces stormed the second lines of the enemy defenses in the rocky hills of the Carso plateau and took many important positions. Prisoners taken totalled nearly five thousand. Austrian assaults to the North were all successfully repulsed. British monitors with big guns are in the Gulf of Trieste and pounding the defenses.

Tremendous artillery duels continue to rage in the western arena. On the French front the Huns made three fierce attacks in an effort to recover lost ground but all of them were successfully repelled with tremendous losses to the foe. The British troops have slightly improved their position near the Arras-Cambrai road.

British, French and Belgian air machines bombed German defenses on the Belgian coast with good results.

The Huns continue their frightfulness. They have declared their intention to sink all hospital ships in the "barred zone" and in Belgium have intensified their reign of terror impossible though such a thing might seem. Each day they are confirming their right to the title of Boches, or beasts.

Nothing new has been reported from Russia, but the opinion is gaining ground that the country is to all intents and purposes out of the fray as far as any adequate support to the allies is concerned. Internal troubles threaten and the benefit which might have resulted from a Republic—each day becoming more and more jeopardized.

A census bureau estimate at Washington classifies more than ten million men within the military draft age—5,372,400 single and 4,545,900 married.

AT A DEMONSTRATION IN HYDE PARK ON Sunday of thousands of members of the "British Workers League," it was unanimously decided to declare for a continuation of the war until the Empire is freed from the German menace.

AFFAIRS AT OTTAWA

There is tense feeling in Ottawa these days especially among the Liberal members. They do not know where Sir Wilfrid Laurier is at during this period of crisis and if he knows himself he has given no sign. His French Canadian followers are at his heels on behalf of the demand for a referendum on conscription and many of his supporters from the West, Ontario and other provinces think that he should take a manly course and back Sir Robert Borden's proposals without any more palavering. Meanwhile the "Vive Laurier" crowd in Quebec are acting in a way which should call for martial law. Sir Wilfrid is apparently thinking more of the political game at this period than of the Empire.

The Premier is understood to be considering changes in the cabinet. Not that he is faced with any crisis for, as always, he has matters well in hand, but that he thinks some alterations in the personnel might strengthen the front ministerial line. The public will rest secure in the confidence that whatever move he may make will be with the single and the clear-eyed purpose of seeing that Canada continues to do her very best. There has never been any doubt as to where he stands and in this respect his straightforward attitude presents a pleasing and striking contrast to the nebulous and middle course tactics of Sir Wilfrid.

RETURNED SOLDIERS AND FARMING

Under the auspices of the National Service Commission, a well organized move has been inaugurated to interest returned soldiers in the basic industry of the cultivation of the land. In this respect a census is being taken among Canadian soldiers overseas, in order to base an estimate of the number agriculturally inclined. These are the questions asked:—

"Which are you, married, single or widower?"

"Name and address of last employer before you enlisted?"

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"How many dependents have you? State relationship, sex and age of each."

"What were you working at?"

"Have you a trade or profession? If so, what?"

"Is your position open for you on your return to Canada in fit condition?"

"Do you wish to take your discharge in Great Britain?"

"Do you propose to make your home in Canada after the war?"

"Do you wish to take up farming as an occupation?"

"Have you ever worked on a farm? If so, how long?"

"How much money do you expect to have at your disposal on your return to Canada?"

"Do you desire to take advantage of any available scheme of assisted agricultural settlement?"

"If so, what Province do you prefer to settle in?"

"And would you, if necessary to gain experience, work for prevailing wages on a farm after your return, providing your dependents were in the meanwhile given the same support as they now receive?"

Meanwhile, the men already back among us are those who have been invalidated home. Men recovering from an illness, or disabled seriously enough to prevent their return to the firing line, do not at first feel like taking up the strenuous life of a farm.

Nevertheless, the vanguard of the military farming force is already on the spot. Several months ago, four returned soldiers in Alberta enrolled themselves as students in one of the Provincial Agricultural Schools, at Vermilion. To-day the records of the Military Hospitals Commission show that 75 men have had their applications granted for agricultural training, besides several passed by the Disabled Soldiers Training Boards and awaiting the Commission's approval. Of these 75, as many as 37 are in Alberta, 22 in Saskatchewan, 14 in Manitoba and the other two in British Columbia. A considerable

proportion are specializing in farm mechanics.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Nice early winter we're having.

It would have been more in order if the spring styles had been bathing suits.

There are quite a number of anti-conscription rowdies in Quebec who need a jail dose.

Amateur gardeners are commencing to feel that what they should have planted was an aquarium.

The Sphinx is a talkative personage alongside of Wilfrid the Unready when it comes to the latter keeping his mouth shut during an Empire crisis.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

HOLIDAY ON EXCHANGE.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, May 28.—Today is a holiday on the London, Liverpool and Paris financial and commercial exchanges.

TO HEAR THEM TELL IT.

Berlin, May 28.—via London 4.05 p.m.—German troops yesterday captured a line of French trenches on the Poehberg and the Kellberg, south of Moronvillers, in the Champagne region, together with more than 250 prisoners, army headquarters announced today.

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Gray sodden clouds obscure the much rejoiced, when nature sends some water moist, refreshing all the things that grow; but what's the use, I'd like to know, of keeping up this moisture graft, until a fellow needs a raft? I cannot think of a reply and still I say, with beaming eye, "Cheer up, cheer up! The rain is fine! It's good for squash and pumpkin vine!"

Rev. R. W. Norwood, rector of Crobyn Memorial Anglican Church, London, has created somewhat of a sensation by his declaration that he has a spirit comrade, and his further assertion that London is in need of a spirit medium to develop the revival of spiritualism.

LOCAL

BELGIAN RELIEF

The Courier gratefully acknowledges the sum of six of Belgian Relief Fund for Marie Wilson, Burford

ALEXANDRA CHURCH

The services at Alexan yesterday were conducted Rev. R. L. Cockburn, of who delivered most interesting addresses. A led "Calvary" was conducted Miss Anguish and a du Unto Me," by the Misses Phyllis Sayles, during the service.

SUBURBAN ROADS.

Representatives of the county are to go over the roads on Wednesday, at the purpose of designating portions of the county road will contribute, pursuant to the act governing the subu system.

JUVENILE COURT.

Children's court was held Court House this morning. Honor Judge Hardy preside

RED CROSS.

On Saturday last, town J. A. Smith received another donation for the Red Cross, to \$10. The donor was McClure of the township ford.

TO JOIN FLYING CORPS

Mr. Hilary Watts, and Mrs. Alfred Watts, and Flight Lieutenant Ruskin the Royal British Flying Corps has been a prisoner in since October last, when was brought down during over the German lines. He days in Brantford on his the flying corps at Borden

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Citizens of Brantford urged to practice thrift and duce and the calls have been insistent. Another call is made, that of poultry. To foster this work in the rangements have been in meeting in the Conservatory Rooms, on Wednesday of Mr. John S. Martin, of B will speak. Mr. Martin is most successful chicken the Dominion, and local breeders will welcome the tunity to hear him.

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