

THE COURIER

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The Situation.

In the Eastern theatre the Russians continue to meet with success in their offensive movements. In the neighborhood of Dvinsk and Riga they are doing notable work, and von Hindenburg's troops are having the tables turned upon them in splendid fashion.

The allied troops are commencing to make themselves felt in connection with the Serbian campaign, but not to an extent to help the Serbian forces in the main field of action.

Greece still remains an unknown quantity. It is now announced that Zaimis, the Premier who was defeated on a vote of want of confidence motion, has been asked by the King to patch up another Ministry, and the obvious intent is to gain time so that German success may have a chance to develop.

Lord Kitchener is away "somewhere," and in the meantime Premier Asquith, who seems to be capable of assuming duties upon duties, is taking his place. Just what mission he is on has not been stated, but it may be regarded as certain that he is on some momentous business.

British Submarine Work More Effective.

The New York Tribune points out that a detailed list published in the Liverpool Post shows how seriously German traffic with Scandinavia has been hampered of late by the presence of British submarines in the Baltic. The number of vessels lost between October 11 and 23 is given as twenty, and as the name is noted in each case it may be presumed that this is correct.

It is true that the Germans have sometimes sunk as many British vessels in a week, but comparison by number is not enlightening, because as soon as it became apparent that a submarine blockade of British ports was impossible the German commanders fell to destroying everything within their reach, including harmless fishing vessels. Thus one week last August the aggregate tonnage of twenty vessels sunk amounted to no more than 6,905, showing that in all probability the heroes of the U-boats had been obliged to confine their attention chiefly to trawlers. The aggregate tonnage of the twenty vessels sunk in the Baltic is estimated at about 38,000. Twenty more well-laden ships were sunk with their cargoes the week before, to say nothing of five transports.

It will be seen, then, that since British submarines have begun to follow the example set by Germany they have proved reasonably efficient. The damage they are doing is more momentous than the damage done by the Germans, for while the Germans could not seriously affect Britain's overseas trade, Germany has been at least gravely embarrassed in the only waters where hitherto comparative immunity was assured.

World's Wheat Crop.

The fact that the world's wheat crop in 1915 will probably be the largest ever recorded, and will for the second time in history pass the 4,000,000,000-bushel line is especially interesting when we remember that in 1909 Sir William Crookes suggested that the world's wheat supply was likely to run short, or at least would not keep pace with the growth in population. This prediction, which seemed then not an unreasonable one in view of the fact that the best wheat land of the world had been put under cultivation, has not been confirmed, partly because of increased production per acre in the various wheat-producing sections of the world and partly by an enlargement of the area producing wheat.

States in the ten years prior to 1900 averaged 13 bushels per acre, while in 1912 and 1913 it averaged 15 1/2 bushels per acre, an increase of nearly 20 per cent. In Russia the average production advanced from 9 bushels per acre in the decade ending with 1900 to 13 bushels in 1913; in Austria from 16 bushels per acre to 20; in Great Britain, from 31 bushels per acre to 34 in 1911; and in Germany from 24 1/2 bushels per acre in the decade ending with 1900, to 35 bushels per acre in 1913.

These increases in the producing power of the land, which are brought about by increased care of the soil and more careful selection of varieties of wheat grown, have been supplemented by an enlargement of the wheat-producing area, both in the United States and in other parts of the world. Experiences and studies made a few years ago developed the fact that certain classes of wheat could be successfully grown on lands receiving but small quantities of moisture. These classes of wheat, which could be produced in what could be termed semi-arid areas, were hard, and contained more gluten than those formerly produced and required a very different treatment in turning the wheat into flour.

By long and careful experiments, however, the mills of the United States and of the world learned to use these hard wheats by what is known as the gradual reduction process, crushing the wheat between steel rollers instead of grinding it between millstones, and thus it became possible to greatly enlarge the wheat area of the United States and the world by utilizing certain semi-arid sections which were formerly valueless for wheat production. Every continent has more or less arid or semi-arid area adjacent to those great districts which we call deserts, and this discovery of a wheat which could flourish in a semi-arid climate pushed the wheat belt farther in toward the deserts, and thus enlarged materially the producing power and the actual production of the world's wheat crop.

The world's wheat crop has increased, though not as rapidly as that of the United States. The world's wheat crop, by which is meant the crop of all countries for which official figures of approximate estimates can be made was in

Table with 2 columns: Year, Bushels. 1891... 2,432,322,000; 1900... 2,640,751,000; 1905... 3,091,160,000; 1909... 3,337,084,000; 1910... 3,376,055,000; 1912... 3,791,951,000; 1913... 4,126,710,000; 1914... 4,267,100,000; 1915... 4,400,000,000.

To The Editor

LOCAL OPTION

Editor Courier: The Committee charged with the duty of presenting the request of the public meeting to the City Council have sent a written request asking that a Local Option By-law be submitted to the people at the Municipal Election on Jan. 3rd, next. After consultation with members of the Council it has been deemed best that our request should be permitted to go through the regular Council procedure without asking that a deputation be heard to back up the request at the Council meeting on Monday evening next.

The Committee have found that while there may be differences of opinion as to the best methods of dealing with the question before us, the members of the City Council generally are quite as anxious as we are to do what is best in the interest of the city. As the principle of Local Option is endorsed by all parties, and as it stands now must be endorsed by three-fifths of the electors voting, before coming into force, there cannot be any objections to allowing the question to go to the people. In addition to this, the City Council of 1909 acceded to a similar request, and the electors by a majority of 811 expressed their approval of the Council's action.

The Committee, after consultation, directly and indirectly, are assured that the members of the present City Council will act in harmony with the action of the former council, and will pass the necessary by-laws to submit Local Option to the electors.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee on whom, naturally, falls the duty of introducing the matter in council, has been in consultation with the Mayor and other Aldermen, as well as the Committee, and he will be prepared with by-laws etc., to present them at the proper time.

It is the purpose of the Committee to proceed with the organization for the Campaign on Tuesday night next at the adjourned meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Hall.

It is also the intention of the Committee to carry on this Campaign by thorough quiet organization and work rather than by public meetings, as they have no wish or desire to in any way interfere with any Patriotic or Recruiting work that may occupy the attention of our city.

We call for a full attendance on Tuesday night in the Y.M.C.A. Hall to receive report of committee and further the organization.

The Committee, Fred Mann, Chairman.

Major-General Geo. Barnett, awarded a silver medal for the navy exhibit at the "Frisco" Exhibition, must pay \$5 for it himself.

Chas. A. Stone, aged 31, sentenced for life at Sing Sing, was arrested at New Orleans; he said he had walked out of prison.

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M. TONCHEFF ON AFFAIRS IN GREECE

Bulgarian Minister of Finance Feels Confident That Greece Will Remain Neutral.

Berlin, Nov. 6.—The prediction that the Serbian campaign will be ended in two or three weeks is made by M. Toncheff, minister of finance, in an interview published to-day by the Tagblatt. Everyone in Bulgaria, M. Toncheff said, expects to regain the old Bulgarian territory for which the nation fought in the Balkan war. Referring to the Greek crisis, he expressed the conviction that King Constantine and all the authoritative statesmen of Greece were determined to maintain the nation's neutrality under all circumstances. He considered that beyond doubt a man would be found to continue the policy of neutrality.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

SHIP ON FIRE

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 6.—With her No. 2 hold full of water, but fire smouldering among the bags of sugar which compose her cargo, the British steamer Rio Lages made Halifax harbor last night and anchored in quarantine, bringing the first news of the mishap since being reported by wireless on Thursday afternoon.

Has Arrived at Halifax—Believed That Bomb Was Placed on Board.

The steamer was berthed this morning when 280 miles from Halifax. Smoke was seen coming from No 2 hold. The covers were removed and the blaze discovered. It was soon smothered with steam and water, but had eaten so deeply into the cargo that the captain decided to put back to this port. No steamers were sighted at Thursday afternoon. The commander of the Rio Lages is Captain Bell, D.S.C., of London, formerly of Thorold, who was the first merchant marine navigator to ram and sink a German submarine.

Miss Betty Brown has a training field near Philadelphia where she conducts the business of horse-breaking by kindness.

A train hurled a 200-lb. deer in front of Game Warden Hornbeck's auto at Winstead, Conn., and the latter took it in charge.

SUNDAY IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Guide to Places of Public Worship—Bright Helpful Services—Special Musical Numbers

Anglican

HOLY TRINITY, Cayuga St., Eagle Place. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Evensong, 7 p.m. Preacher at both services, Rev. S. E. McKegney. Men's meeting, 3:30 p.m. Speaker, Mr. Raymond.

Baptist

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Dalhousie St., Opp. Alexandra Park. Rev. W. E. Bowyer, pastor. The pastor will preach, 11 a.m.—Subject "The Man in the Tower." 7 p.m.—"The Swing of the Pendulum." Communion and reception of new members at night. Good music. Welcome to the "Home-like Church." Sunday School at 2:45 p.m.

WELLINGTON ST. METHODIST

Rev. Geo. W. Henderson, D.D., pastor. 55 Wellington St. 10 a.m., Brotherhood, Class and Junior League meetings, 11 a.m. Public service; Rev. Dr. A. Langford, Toronto, pastor over forty years ago, will preach on "Determine to be young men. Welcome to every one. Music, morning—Anthem, "Great and Marvellous" (Turner). Solo by Miss Bloxham. Evening—Anthem, "King of Glorious" (Sir Joseph Barnby), soloists Messrs J. W. Stubbins and C. Darwen; duet, "Evening" (Nevin); Miss A. Bloxham and Miss C. Darwen. Thomas Darwen, A.T.C.M., Organist and Choirmaster.

Congregational

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Corner George and Wellington Sts. Pastor, Rev. M. Kelly. The pastor will take charge of both services. 11:00 a.m., subject "God's pity for man." This service will be followed by sacrament. 7:00 p.m., subject "Can a man be successful in business and be a real Christian?" This question has been asked of the pastor, and on Sunday evening he will discuss it. Sunday School and Bible Classes at 9:00 p.m. The public invited. Music—Morning, Anthem, Still, still with thee (Oley Speaks), solo by Mrs. T. Madge. Evening, Anthem, Glory to Thee, My God, this night, (Gounod), solo parts by Mr. Rowland Hollinrake.

Presbyterian

ALEXANDRA PRESBYTERIAN Church, opp. Alexandra Park. Rev. D. T. McClintock, Pastor. 11 a.m.—Looking for the morning. 3 p.m.—S. S. and Bible Classes. 7 p.m.—God's Delays. ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN Church, Brant Avenue. James W. Gordon, B.D., Minister. 11 a.m., The Mystery of God. 7 p.m., members of the congregation, who are on active service, will be present. A recognition service will be held in their honor. Music: Morning Anthem, God be Merciful (Mammatt); evening, anthem, O Clap Your Hands (Turner); solo, I heard the Voice of Jesus say (Rathburn); anthem, Soldiers of Christ Arise (Jeffers).

Methodist

COLBORNE ST. METHODIST. Rev. W. E. Baker, Pastor. 10 a.m., Quarterly Love Feast and Fellowship meeting. 11 a.m., Reception of New Members and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Morning anthem, "God So Loved the World" (Stainer). 2:45 p.m., Sabbath School. 7 p.m., The pastor will preach; subject, "Lessons from the Birds." Evening anthem, "Hark! Hark! My Soul" (Shelley); solo, Mrs. Frank Leeming. In His Majesty's uniform, Men in His Majesty's uniform especially invited.

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(Darling St., Opposite Victoria Park) Rev. G. A. Woodside, minister. Morning, 11 a.m., The War Policy of Jehovah. 3 p.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes. Evening, 7 p.m., God's method in National Deliverance. Wednesday, 8 p.m., meeting for prayer and meditation. The public cordially invited.

COMMISSIONER RICHARDS

(LEADER OF THE SALVATION ARMY.) PUBLIC WELCOME VICTORIA HALL Sunday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m.

His Worship, Mayor Spence will preside, supported by leading citizens.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS:

IN THE S. A. CITADEL, DARLING STREET Saturday, Nov. 6th, 8 p.m.—Soldiers, ex-Soldiers and Friends.

Sunday, Nov. 7th, 11 a.m.—The Commissioner will preach.

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Non-Denominational

CHRISTADELPHIAN, C. O. F. Hall. Sunday school and Bible class 2:45 p.m. Lecture, 7 p.m. Subject, "A bible question with a bible answer." "If a man die, shall he live again?" Speaker, Mr. Geo. Denton, in C.O. F. Hall, 136 Dalhousie St., opposite market. All welcome. Seats free. No collection.

Lutheran

Come and hear Rev. Prof. Laury, D.D., speak at the special "Reformation" service to be held in St. Matthews English Lutheran Church, Queen and Wellington Sts., on Sunday evening, November 7th at 7 o'clock. A treat is in store for all who come. Public invited; seats free.

NEWS NOTES.

One Pennsylvania Railway train at Reading carried 536 hunting dogs in one day.

At Kane, Pa., Samuel McKay, aged 102, is taking the radium treatment for cancer.

Breadmaking for boys is taught at a day school in Milwaukee, the class totals ten.

A stray St. Bernard dog destroyed prize poultry valued at \$50 in Passaic, N. J.

Reproved because he did not go to school Walter Velthaus, aged 16, shot himself dead.

Carl Brummer died at St. Louis, because he could not stop his nose from bleeding.

The Methodist church of Garden City, Kan., has gone into the cattle-raising business to pay off its debts.

Seventeen guards at Laurel reformatory, Va., have struck because they were forbidden to chew tobacco.

The Masonic Order is aiding a wide search for a prominent member, Wernman Thiel, missing from South Bend, Ind.

Rev. W. H. Greenwalt, of Goshen, Ind., six feet four and 298 lbs., has turned policeman to clean up the town.

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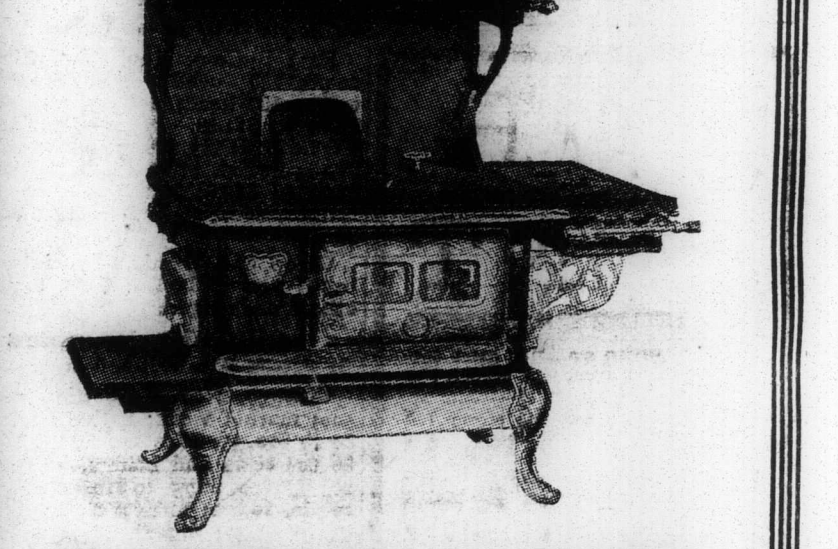
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FLORAL TRIBUTE

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A SUCCESS.

The Rummage Sale of the W. C. C. closed last evening Thursday \$239.17 net \$332.36. The circumstances peculiarly good.

SINS THAT SLAY

The pastor began a special service the First Baptist title—"Sins That Slay." Errol Gamble, of the choir in a program.

THE S. S. LODGE

The meeting of the S. S. Lodge took place in the party, after which evening was held in street. The next meeting on Thursday next. The choir in a program.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

As an indication of improvement in business for the month of November, Mr. Brantford Business there is an almost total cessation of business from different vices as well. In other lines of business marked tendency to curtail the amount of business.

A PRESENTATION

A very enjoyable Friday afternoon at T. Arthur Hoskin, it being the first Queen Mary Club silver anniversary and the members of the club were given a potluck dinner. Mrs. Hoskin was surprised Mrs. Hoskin suitable reply, thank of the club.

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