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**THE SITUATION**

The Allies still advance on the Western front but the resistance has been more aggressive, particularly to the French. Haig reports the taking of forty more villages while ten was the bag for the men of the fleur de lis. It is now said that the Huns will give battle in force on the Douai-Laon line but wherever the death grip comes the allies will enter upon it prepared as never before and with a more abounding confidence than ever because of the events of the last few days.

Turkish forces are becoming encircled on three sides. Russian troops driving from Persia have crossed the Mesopotamia frontier and the British continue hard on the heels of the retreating and demoralized foe and added to these things Arab tribes are furnishing thousands of men for the isolation of the Islamites in the Southern part of Arabia.

The intensified submarine warfare has proved a failure, as far as any material effect upon British shipping is concerned. The official report shows that for the week ending March 18th, the number of British merchantmen sunk, 1,600 tons or over was sixteen, under that figure eight. British fishing vessels sunk, seventeen. Vessels unsuccessfully attacked, nineteen. During the same period 2,528 vessels arrived at British ports and 2,554 departed.

The statement persists that food riots in Berlin have reached such alarming proportions that troops from the border have been sent to that city in order to help control the trouble. The Germans by long training and custom have been so used to yield to autocratic authority that it would be too much to expect any such uprising as that which recently occurred in Russia but there can be no doubt nevertheless that the seeds of a vast discontent with the continuance of the war are rapidly growing.

**AN UNWARRANTED FIRE LOSS.**

The Ottawa Journal-Press points out that the fire loss in Canada during February totalled \$2,009,953. Not forest loss being noted; just loss by fire in our residential places. This figure is below the average. The average monthly loss in Canada is nearly \$3,000,000.

For some years past, the average annual loss by fire in the Dominion apart from forest loss, has been \$35,000,000. This is pure waste, and a great part of it is preventable by a little care on the part of each of us.

We put ashes into wooden receptacles. We clutter up furnace rooms with all sorts of rubbish. Fires continually occur from carelessness with matches—they are to be found everywhere, even in the linings and pockets of old coats. We leave chimneys dirty. We are careless about the protection of the openings through which stovepipes pass. We build houses and blocks of houses with the utmost disregard of anti-fire partitions.

In France, if a man has a fire and it goes outside his premises and damages his neighbor's property, he has to pay his neighbor's loss. That is very educative. In Germany if you have a fire, the first person who calls to offer condolence is the policeman. He looks you up, and you have to go before a court and prove that you were in no wise responsible, either by neglect or purpose, or you have to pay the cost of the fire and pay the city for the cost of extinguishing it as well.

Ideas of the same kind are slowly beginning to appear on this continent. The State of Pennsylvania has passed a law, and it is now in effect, that, in cities of the second class, a man who disobeys a fire department order shall be responsible for the cost of extinguishing any fire which may result. The City of Cleveland has done the same thing by city ordinance. So it is already recognized in the laws of some states that a man who disobeys an order and has a fire, must bear the cost of extinguishing that fire, or attempting to extinguish it, and any injuries that may occur to fire-

men. Such an enactment is rather drastic to us in Canada who have grown up in the idea that we can burn our own property and that of our neighbor's without any responsibility, merely perhaps offering our condolences or expressing our regrets. Maybe in time we shall become more practical.

**HIVING THE SOLDIERS**

Any man, or corporation, or government which seeks in these times to circumvent Canadian soldiers is unworthy of the name British and casts a dirty slur upon all the high principals represented by the Grand Old Union Jack.

Two Provincial Administrations, Alberta and Saskatchewan (both Liberal) have placed themselves on record as most emphatically in this class. They dared not refuse the vote to the men who are risking their very lives in the cause of the Empire and of human liberty, but fearing that their ballots might affect the outcome in various constituencies they have resorted to the Hun like trick of hiving their ballots. Under this method Alberta will allow the men to choose two members and Saskatchewan three. They thus circumscribe their voting power and prevent them from exercising the ballot in a constitutional way. While these men are thus taken by the throat and rendered impotent as possible in a political sense, the foreigners who are numerous in these two Western provinces can decide the fate of seat after seat while the men in khaki have their hands tied.

The thing is the most outrageous shackling of patriots ever recorded in this or any other land. We had an evidence during the Ross regime in Ontario of what Grit manipulators would do to thwart the voice of citizens when an election was refused for over a year in a riding which the administration knew would go against them. The action of the Alberta and Saskatchewan Governments is not only on a parity with that but even far worse.

And yet Liberal sheets such as the Brantford Expositor, for instance, all the time have the consummate cheek to claim that Liberalism stands for freedom of the people and the ballot.

Paugh! Meanwhile the brave lads who have donned the khaki in this Dominion will know what to do in the Dominion contest when they see what those two Liberal (save the mark) legislatures have perpetrated out west.

It is to be hoped now the weather has commenced to be somewhat balmy that it won't suffer from any spring halt.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

The Emperor of Russia and the King of Greece are two samples of what may happen when the wife sits on the box seat.

The German sixth war loan having received subscriptions of one-third less than the previous flotation, the government has started a vigorous campaign. Compare the British voluntary offerings with the dragooning which the Huns have to adopt and figure up which people is going to land on top.

Judge Coatsworth, of Toronto, has ruled that a shed is no part of a dwelling. This ought to stop the Opposition members in the Ontario House from trying to force the Lieut.-Governor and his family into that portion of their abode.

A total of nearly \$9,000 beyond the \$150,000 aimed at in Brantford's recent Patriotic and War Relief campaign makes decidedly good reading.

The Toronto Globe asserts that Sir Adam Beck is in reality a Liberal because he does things. On the same basis that always amusing and often hysterical organ should lay claim to John Macdonald, Charles Tupper, John Thompson, James Whitney, Hearst and a score of other Conservatives whose progressive and national enactments have made Canada what she is to-day.

**MUSKETRY.**

Both companies of the 215th battalion were this morning taking part in musketry manoeuvres at Agricultural Park under the direction of Major Joyce.

**BLACK EAGLE**

London, March 22.—The German emperor has bestowed the Order of the Black Eagle on Talaat Bey, the Turkish grand vizier, according to a Berlin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company by way of Amsterdam. The order is an honor ordinarily reserved for royal princes.

**CONSISTORY**

Paris, March 22.—A Havana despatch from Rome says that the pope will hold a secret consistory today. The despatch says that the pontiff's allocution will be purely of a religious character and that he will appoint some bishops.

**GREATEST SNAKE HUNT IN HISTORY**

**Campaign Against Hun Subs. Will be Waged to the Death**

Julius Chambers writes in the Brooklyn Eagle: The policy of the United States government has been thoroughly decreed. There will not be any declaration of war—of course there cannot be any such a pronouncement before April 16 next—but the entire United States navy will be mobilized within ten days.

Every American merchant steamer will be equipped with two or more six-inch rapid-fire guns, and with the assistance of sixty-odd destroyers, afLOAT and to be launched within a fortnight, the United States will go out upon the sea to hunt down sea scorpions, relentlessly and remorselessly.

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**WITH THE 125TH**

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**France to Carry on War With a Renewed Vigor**

**Is Declaration of New French Ministry; Enemy is Nearing Exhaustion and Can Endure But a Short Time**

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They must get out of the sea or take the consequences! Ships will be lost. Patriotic American officers and men will be sacrificed, but the campaign will go right ahead.

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**To The Editor**

BILLY SUNDAY  
 "Hill Crest", Scotland, Ont.  
 March 21st, 1917.

To the Editor of The Courier, Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of your newspaper you gave a short criticism by Rev. Father Mylett, on Billy Sunday. As one who has lately returned from hearing him in Buffalo, I consider the criticism undeserved when we know the vast amount of good done in transformed lives as a prominent man said recently taking up a quotation from John's Gospel, "There was a man sent from God whose name was Billy Sunday."

1st.—In regard to being spectacular, you can go into high ritualistic churches and see far more in that way than in the plain service and barn-like structure of the Tabernacle.

2nd.—As to being mercenary, I deny it emphatically. Billy Sunday does not stop at giving God a tenth of his income; he gives a third. He leaves a tenth of what he makes in Buffalo to that city, and one afternoon while I was there, the collections were for charitable organizations in the city. All the collections are free-will. A widow at one of the meetings gave a dollar and expressed a wish that she could give more. Billy Sunday heard of this and finding the woman did not own her home he made arrangements and bought it for her. Surely a man or woman who consecrates their money to God and their fellow-man in such a way, can hardly be called mercenary.

If Father Mylett will go to Buffalo and hear Billy Sunday, I think insincerity would be the last thing he would accuse him of. According to doctors, his earnest preaching is taking 20 years off his life, and I heard him say he was tired all the time.

Yours respectfully,  
 NORA M. HOWSON.

**A MESSAGE FOR YOU**  
 Hear Kemp on Fire, Wind and Water, at Park Baptist. Young people will sit in the gallery.

**EN ROUTE TO CALGARY**

By Courier Leased Wire.  
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