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## THE SITUATION

The British, by a series of local attacks on the Somme have extended and straightened their lines. Further ground north of the Staff redoubt has also been taken. Serious losses have been inflicted on the enemy in these operations and over two hundred prisoners taken. The French also continue to consolidate their positions.

On the Macedonian front the Allies continue their offensive with marked successes. The British troops on the Struma have advanced both North and South and taken three more villages. At one point more than fifteen hundred bodies of enemy dead were found. The Serbians are going steadily forward, and the left wing of the Franco-Russian army has arrived on the new Bulgarian line of defence between Kenali and Lake Prespa.

It is evident that the Germans have concentrated all their spare troops for the crushing of the Roumanians. The latter have been driven out of Transylvania and are now falling back on their own borders. Their only possible salvation would seem to rest in Russia detaching troops for their aid from the forces now marching towards Lemberg. Roumanian withdrawal undoubtedly presents most undesirable aspects for the Allies.

President Wilson remains serene with regard to the work of the German submarine off the United States coast. He has thus far confined himself to the statement:

"The German Government will be held to the complete fulfillment of its promises to the Government of the United States."

Wilson ought to know by this time that a Hun pledge is absolutely without value.

## GERMAN RAIDER OFF UNITED STATES COAST

The enemy, particularly in the matter of submarines, has a habit of breaking out in unexpected places. The trip of the Deutschland was one instance, and now we have another in the case of the visit of U-53, off the United States Coast. It did not take her long to sink half a dozen vessels. This was during Sunday and at the time of writing, she and her activities have suddenly disappeared. The boat called in at Newport fully armed, but she put to sea again before the time limit had expired for her interview.

The entire incident, of course, has put our neighbors in a great flutter. They have now had the fact brought home to them of how easily their in and out traffic might become utterly demoralized without the close guard-fanship over trade routes of the British navy. The Pro-Germans over there ought to figure what would happen if the Kaiser had control of the seas, instead of John Bull.

The better class of papers across the border do not hesitate to speak out in direct terms. The New York Herald, for instance, says:

"A virtual blockade of New York and other American ports has been created by the appearance of the Prussian submarine U-53 and its destruction of shipping in American waters. Practically the neutrality of the United States has been grossly violated by the coming of the U-53 into American ports to acquire information concerning the whereabouts of vessels at sea and her prompt departure from that port upon her mission of destruction. It is the highest duty of the government of the United States to go to any length that may be necessary to put an end to this Prussian warfare in American waters and without a day's delay."

Meanwhile speculation will be rife as to the possible base of the raider, and what the object which it is hoped to attain—whether the idea is to get the States in the struggle so that the Prussian war lords can make the claim that they cannot fight the whole world, or if the scheme, as one of the Paris papers thinks, is to incite a peace movement among our neighbors.

When the Deutschland made her sensational trip across the Atlantic, the Courier expressed the opinion that the event had much more importance attached to it than the circumstances warranted. It holds a like belief in this instance. No actual naval object has been attained by the destruction of the ships, and

the main effect has been to scare ship owners and shippers.

Without doubt, the British navy authorities will speedily cope with the menace.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

No need to get too excited about the doings of U-53.

Capt. Wilson of the British steamer Strathdene says that his vessel was attacked without warning. That fact in itself is a distinct violation of Germany's pledge to Uncle Sam.

One day's fines for speeding on the Toronto-Hamilton road, totalled \$856. That's about what some autoists would want, to go over certain roads hereabouts.

As expected the Ottawa Government has taken the necessary steps to ensure into the high cost of living. A sub-committee of three members of the Cabinet has been named and this will be better than a commission as they will be able to report their findings in a more direct manner. If the people are being "held up" by middlemen with regard to a variety of items they have a right to know it, and to expect action to be taken.

Now that the hand of time has removed the Liberal majority in the Senate, certain Grit papers are both hands up for an elective body. There is no need to speculate why their enthusiasm in this regard did not develop earlier.

## OPPORTUNITY PERIOD STARTS

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pass up this offer. If they do they may find when the votes are counted that they will win one of the smaller prizes instead of the grand prize, as they now anticipate. A great many of the very best candidates are just getting started. The next few weeks will show who are the real winners. It will show who has the nerve and courage to stick in the race to the end.

Don't Listen to Knockers.  
Don't listen to the fellow that comes up to you and tells you that so and so has several millions of votes. Don't pay any attention to the many stories that are brought to you, if you expect to win the grand prize.

In a proposition of this kind there are always people who like to discourage the person who is trying to earn a little honest money and fortune. Why do these people do it? Look at it in a business way for a moment. Is it because they feel that they will win one of the smaller prizes? Or is it because they are afraid they will need their assistance? Is it from experience that they speak? Have they ever taken such an interest in you before? And a thousand other questions could be asked, but the fair minded candidate that looks about will find that the very one who has been giving him advice generally has somewhere about him an axe to grind.

It is not because you are so-and-so that they are so much interested in your welfare. It is because you are going to hurt them or their friends, and, as a general rule, the class of people that are always telling you what to do in a proposition of this kind are not noted for their enthusiasm or for being public spirited. Look on the bright side of life and go out the beginning of this week with a determination to make up your mind that you are going to win, no matter what you are going to win, and you will find that success will crown your efforts. It is the things that look impossible that stir the true Canadian blood. If winning the grand prize was an easy matter we would not have such a high class of candidates. It is for this very fact that so many are looking to discourage the strongest candidates. Make up your mind you will win, and you will win. It is better to fail trying than not to try.

The list of candidates, with their respective standing, will appear in tomorrow's issue.

## ENTHUSIASTIC COMMENT

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Berlin, Oct. 9, via London, Oct. 10.—The submarine U-53 to-day furnished two surprises for the people of Berlin—The first its unexpected arrival at Newport and then the reports of the sinking by the submarine of British freighters off the American coast. The exploits of the submarine occasioned long and enthusiastic press comment.

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## NEWS FROM PARIS

A Serious Accident—Considerable Feeling Over Turning Down of Soldier.

(From our own correspondent)

Paris, Oct. 9.—Special services were held in the Congregational Church yesterday, the Rev. A. J. Orr, of Scotland, occupied the pulpit, at both services. Bright and helpful music was rendered by the choir, and at the close of the evening service, Mr. L. D. Thompson, who has been appointed organist, gave a very pleasing organ recital.

Many friends of Mr. James Marlett, Banfield Street, will regret to learn that he had the misfortune to meet with a serious accident at the shell works on Saturday. Mr. Marlett was working with an anvil on some iron, when a piece flew up and struck the ball of his left eye. At the time of writing he was doing nicely, although suffering great pain.

This morning a union Thanksgiving service was held in the Presbyterian Church. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Nicholson, gave a very appropriate address, which was most helpful and instructive to all present. Rev. R. J. Seton Adamson read the lesson. Rev. W. B. Williams and Rev. W. H. Langton led in prayer. Special music was rendered by the choir, and Mrs. James Sinclair sang a solo very effectively. The collection will be devoted to Red Cross Purposes.

At the special meeting of the Town Council, held the other evening, the Buildings and Grounds Committee decided to accept the offer of Mr. George Pitts, of \$2,000 for the old market buildings.

After the Council advertising the lots for sale, near the residence of Mr. John Walker, Upper Town, it is found that a special Act of the Legislature will be necessary to allow of such sale. The lots were left to the Town for a market square, and for upwards of 50 years have been unused. As the cost of a special Act will only be about \$120.00 the Council may apply for the same.

The offer of Mr. L. Anguish of \$20 a foot frontage for the market

square ground on River Street was filed.

There seems to be considerable feeling around town, that the application of Sergt. W. E. Cullem, an invalided soldier of the First Contingent, for the position of caretaker of the Paris High School, was turned down, at the last meeting of the Board of Education. The late caretaker, Mr. Creeder, received \$400.00 a year, and it is said that Cullem would take the position at \$450.00. The man appointed is named Thomas Goss, who gets \$400 a year for the job. Sergt. Cullem is a veteran of the South African war, and about the first man to enlist in Paris in 1914, with the 38th Dufferin Rifles. He was wounded through the arm, and a few weeks after again returning to the trenches, a German bullet went through his breast, from the effects of which, after months suffering, he has been invalided home.

The fact that Cullem had been fighting the battles of every person in Paris, while at the front is one thing that should not be overlooked. The way to get recruits to-day is better accomplished in showing how returned wounded soldiers are treated when they arrive home in their own town. It might be better if the Board gave its reason.

Miss Annie Musson, who has been at Muskoka for the past two months, has returned to town.

Miss Minnie Drummond, of Hamilton, was home over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cousins and family, of Toronto, were holiday visitors with her mother, Mrs. Keene.

Mr. H. Parsons and daughter, Mrs. Sayles, of Evanston, Ill., are visiting at Limehouse.

Miss E. Wright is holidaying at Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paddon and children, of Hamilton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fry.

Mr. Annie Slack, who has been visiting at her home at Goderich, has returned to town.

Miss Eleanor Robinson is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister, Mrs. Ray Carroll, at Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson have returned home, after spending the past month at St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Pitts and family, of Hamilton, motored up and spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pitts.



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## LOCAL NEWS

### LIBRARY BOARD

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### IS MARRIED

Through an error in the records left, Pte. G. Caswell of Marlborough street, reported on Saturday as wounded, was said in both local papers to be a single man. He is married with a wife and one child.

### ARRIVED SAFELY

Mr. H. B. Beckett received a cable on Sunday from his son, Lieut. A. Beckett, who left recently with a detachment of Canadian officers for overseas, announcing that he had arrived safely in England. Accompanying Lieut. Beckett were Lieuts. Patton and Smiley, both of whom are Brant County boys.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

The 215th Battalion has been the recipient lately of bundles of magazines and other reading material from Mrs. A. Springall, 46 Curtis St.; Mrs. Clark, Mt. Pleasant road; and Mrs. McPhail, 92 Erie Avenue, all of which they wish to acknowledge. No more books will be sent to camp from now on, all that come being packed up to await the arrival of the men for the winter.

### PRESENTATION

A very pleasant feature of the entertainment at the Congregational Church on Thursday evening, was a linen shower to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norris, two members recently married. The Class President assured Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norris of the well wishes of the class, for which Mr. Norris in a few well chosen words thanked them.

The evening closed by a luncheon of seasonal fruits, words of appreciation on behalf of the class by Messrs. J. L. Dixon and John Campbell, the Misses Sterne for the way it had been entertained by them, and the singing of God Save the King.



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