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THE SITUATION.

The news of the last few hours has a most encouraging aspect about it, from the standpoint of the Allies. It is very evident that they are emerging from the long months of trench defensive tactics to moves of actual offensive war, and that, too, with excellent success.

The Russians continue to fare badly in Galicia. They are falling back, stubbornly, but are retreating, just the same. It is possible that with a threatened war with China on hand the Japanese have stopped their shipments of ammunition, and that this may account in part for an undoubted shortage.

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DELIBERATE DIABOLISM.

The truth has been driven home right up to the hilt that the terrible German atrocities in the present war—arson, rape, murder of the innocent, torture, despoilation, killing of wounded, and all the rest of the nauseating list—have not been the isolated acts of men drunk with war lust, but the deliberate methods ordered and encouraged by those in high quarters.

The devilish policy of the Kaiser and his advisers has been to make the war as frightful as possible in every possible essential in order to intimidate and cow the people of any other land daring to attempt to withstand the hydra-headed monster which goes under the name of "Kultur."

Words fail me to express the deep sorrow at the manner in which this war is conducted by Germany. I had looked upon her as one of the most civilized and humane of nations, so it was difficult to believe the first accounts of atrocities in Belgium and France.

and methods of warfare have been adopted, such as poisoning wells and the use of poisonous gases, which are a blot on civilization. "Have you any word for people of German blood in the United States?" he was asked. "I do not see how they could change the situation. The German nation appears to have gone mad."

The people whom the Kaiserites have thus sought to fill with fearsome feelings haven't bent before the foul storm to the extent of one iota. To the direct contrary, the sons and daughters of Belgium, of France, of Great Britain, of Russia, have set their teeth more firmly than ever in their grim determination to bring to its grovelling knees this loathsome pariah among the nations.

INCREASED TAXES AS AFFECTING GREAT BRITAIN.

The Laurierites have made a great to-do over what they are pleased to term the "disloyal" action of the Border Government in raising the duty five per cent. on imports from Great Britain. In fact, it was on this point, in connection with increased taxes all round for war purposes, that they sought to defeat the Administration on what was to all intents and purposes a vote of want of confidence.

It is further worth while to point out that other British dominions and colonies have found it necessary to take a like course.

In the Bahamas a surtax of 10 per cent. has been levied on British goods; in Jamaica the duty on British goods has been increased from 10 to 16.2-3 per cent.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Looking much better. Miss May these nights is evidently in need of a hot-water bottle. Read the story of that dead woman, a passenger of the Lusitania, floating on a raft in the Atlantic, the dead body of her infant held closely to her breast, the while the bodies of three other tiny tots were tossing on the waves nearby, and then realize anew what German Kultur means.

The death in Hamilton, after two days' illness, caused by pneumonia, of Mrs. Kathleen Blake Coleman, removes a writer who, under the name of "Kit," was known to many thousands of admirers. She was at the forefront of women writers, and possessed a vast amount of knowledge on a variety of subjects, allied to a breezy style and plenty of Irish wit.

Winipeg Telegram (Independent Liberal): "If some unwise criticism of the Government has been made here and there by unthinking partisans, that does not represent the real feeling of the people. Generally speaking, the Government has done well in prosecuting the interests of the war. The offences have rather been of a petty character, and the Government has shown every desire and earnestness in bringing the guilty to justice, and to prevent a repetition of wrongdoing."

Upon the rest of the front there is nothing to report. MORE PRISONERS TAKEN The following official communication was issued by the War Office last night: "To the north of Ypres we have inflicted a check on the enemy. Our troops have taken several trenches in front of Het Sas and at the same time have occupied part of Steenstraete, to the west of the canal. We captured three machine guns and about fifty prisoners, of whom one was an officer."

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DECISION SOON

Rome, May 16.—9.55 p.m., via Paris, May 17.—Premier Salandra has convoked a council of ministers for to-morrow morning at which it is expected a decision will be reached as to whether parliament shall re-open May 20 as arranged before the ministerial crisis or whether it shall be prorogued.

EMPEROR'S EFFIGY BURNED. Rome, May 16.—via Paris, May 17.—Demonstrators Saturday paraded with an effigy, representing the German Emperor, which the police tried to seize. All kinds of insults were hurled at the effigy, which was pelleted with many missiles. Finally the crowd was unable to resist the pressure of the police and rather than surrender the effigy, burned it amid frantic excitement.

By the violent effort of the enemy. BRITISH GAIN A MILE "Farther to the south the British troops inflicted on the Germans a serious check, and carried to the southwest of Richebourg l'Avoue, a kilometre (two-thirds of a mile) of trenches. At the same time to the northwest of Festubert they took possession of 500 metres of trenches. The second attack, which was conducted in the direction of Quinke street, and on a front of 600 metres resulted in a gain of 1,500 metres (about a mile), in which the number of German losses was very high. The advance of the British troops continues."

FRENCH SHOW TENACITY "In the sector to the north of Arras we have carried out divers actions with a view to consolidating our new front. In driving out the enemy from several points, which were still holding on our troops gave proof in the struggle, foot by foot, of great tenacity."

"We gained 200 metres on the slope which descends from the plateau of Lorette, near the sugar refinery at Souchez. We have carried some additional houses in the northern part of Neuville, exploded a captive German balloon to the east of Vimy, and our aviators have bombarded the station of Sedan."

"In Champagne, to the northwest of Lille-sur-Tourbe, an action of a purely local nature has given to us a very brilliant success. "Last night the enemy exploded a mine on our first line. Eight German companies immediately precipitated themselves on our positions and they gained a foothold in one salient. We immediately delivered a counter-attack and repulsed them, capturing 77 prisoners, of whom three were officers."

RECAPTURE WHOLE POSITION "During the course of the day we delivered a second counter-attack, which was carried out with much spirit with the bayonet and hand-grenades and resulted in our capture of all the position. "The enemy has suffered enormous losses—a fact which has been established by us with certainty in the trenches and on the parapets. We have, in fact, found more than 1,000 German dead, and we have, in addition, captured 300 prisoners including nine officers, and taken six machine guns. Thus almost all of the attacking force remained either in our hands or on the ground."

THREE ATTACKS REPULSED. The following official report was issued yesterday afternoon: "In Belgium the enemy last night delivered three counter attacks against Steenstraete and its environs. The third, which took place at day-break, was particularly violent. The assailants were repulsed and suffered great losses. We took yesterday six rapid-fire guns and a bomb-thrower."

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ROYALISTS LEAVING CITY OF LISBON

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, France, May 17.—Absolute calm has been restored in Lisbon and the Portuguese capital has resumed its normal appearance, according to a despatch from the Havas Agency filed yesterday. Some of the best known monarchists are leaving the city. The movement is said to have been directed solely towards strengthening the republic which the revolutionary elements believed threatened or weakened by the policy of Premier Pimenta da Costa.

Additional details of the rioting are given in a Havas despatch filed Friday evening but delayed in transmission. "When the cruiser Almirante Reis caught fire and began to sink the crew escaped to shore and sent an ultimatum to the government giving it until 11 o'clock that night to resign. Senhour Cunha, former governor of Madeira, was killed by a shell which entered his house."

SUCCESS CONFIRMED. Lisbon, May 16, via Paris, May 17.—The success of the revolutionary new government, which will be proclaimed over by Joao Chagas, was proclaimed from the windows of the city hall, and the announcement was received with enthusiasm manifestations.

The military governor of Lisbon immediately posted throughout the city proclamations praising the courage of the citizens and calling upon civilians to deliver up all arms at the arsenal under pain of arrest. The casualties in Friday's fighting numbered 67 killed and 300 wounded. Saturday's list is not yet obtainable, but there were many victims on both sides during assaults on police headquarters, the military college and the cavalry barracks, the defenders of which delivered determined counter-attacks before they were overcome. One hundred prisoners were taken to workshops.

The insurgents wrecked and looted the house in which Captain Couceiro, the Royalist leader, stayed until day-break, but particularly violent. The assailants were repulsed and suffered great losses. We took yesterday six rapid-fire guns and a bomb-thrower."

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GOING OUT OF THE FURNITURE BUSINESS CLIFFORD'S Furniture House Has decided to discontinue the Furniture Business, and will offer their entire High-class Stock of FURNITURE, valued at \$20,000 AT MANUFACTURERS' WHOLESALE PRICES! This is the first and only genuine opportunity that the people of Brantford and surrounding country have had to purchase high-grade and UP-TO-DATE STYLE INFURNITURE at These Sacrifice Prices We Are Actually Going Out of Business, and Everything Will be Sold SALE COMMENCES MONDAY, APRIL 26th and will continue until this mammoth stock has been disposed of. Don't miss this opportunity. Cliffords—one of the oldest establishments in Brantford. CLIFFORD'S, 78 Colborne Street BRANTFORD

AMERICAN ARMADA REVIEWED President Wilson Reviews His Battle-line Ships. Howie & Feely Mow the Lawn Temple Building Dalhousie Street citizens. Automobiles were on hand to carry the president and his official party to the reviewing stand in front of the public library at Fifth avenue and Forty-second street. Extraordinary precautions had been taken to protect the chief executive. In addition to the usual secret service guards and the uniformed police, the whole detective force 600 strong, had been ordered to report and were assigned to stations along the line of march. Prisioners are Being Starved By Special Wire to the Courier. London, May 17.—A representative of the Daily Mail describes to-day a trip he made around Germany, in the course of which he visited several camps where war prisoners are interned. The writer who is a citizen of a neutral nation, says: "I did not visit the show camps which are ordinarily displayed to foreign correspondents, nor apply to the Berlin War Office for a permit. But I had no difficulty in obtaining admission to the camps and every facility for an investigation on the simple statement to each commandant that I was a journalist desiring to see at first hand the condition of the prisoners." "He said the only complaint made was scarcity of food. The correspondent believed that food sent by friends of prisoners would surely reach them. ANTI-GERMAN FEELING IN TORONTO. By Special Wire to the Courier. Toronto, May 17.—The strong anti-German feeling in Toronto is being manifested in a number of ways. The latest appeared this morning when the premises and neighborhood of a well known seed firm, the members of which are of German descent, was plastered with little stickers on which was printed "Are you handling seeds. The fellow who kicked the King's uniform out of the store. If you are do you think it will help your business. Nuff sed."

LOCAL TEMPERATURE. Record for the last 24 hours: Highest 45; lowest 32; highest 45; lowest 32; highest 45; lowest 32. ON THE INCREASE There have been fifty-five contracts issued since the month. The number is increasing. BUILDING PERMIT Mr. Henry Murray of has taken out a building permit for the construction of a frame house to cost \$60. TAKEN A PERMIT The Ham and Nott Co. has taken out a building permit for the construction of a motor garage of \$50 on Elgin street. TENNIS Representatives from tennis clubs of the city are to meet in the Y.M.C.A. building for the purpose of drafting a schedule for the season. MEET WEDNESDAY The regular monthly meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will be held on Wednesday evening full attendance of delegates requested. NO DECISION MADE The Township Council meeting this morning on the Edmondson drain matter was adjourned. The matter was left over for regular meeting of the council. STORY HOUR Tuesday's subject will be "Hero of Holland" by W. J. on Thursday Miss Middleton will tell the story of "The Getyburg," taken from the Historical Stories. SHORT SESSION The Division Court this consisted of only eight or nine of minor importance. It was quickly disposed of by Justice and the session was over at 10 o'clock. AMATEUR BALL A one-sided game of basketball was played on Saturday afternoon between the Victoria and the teams on the latter's diamond final score was 20-5 in its favor, they having made 20 only two errors. The batt Victoria, Woolams and Peewee, McWeb and Church. MUCH ENJOYED. The swimming classes at C.A. to-day consisted of youngsters from Dufferin, Edward schools. These boys utmost enjoyment out of sons, especially if the day and eagerly look forward to next week's swimming hour. School boys will have the morrow. HEBREW CELEBRATION The Hebrews celebrate today this week, Wednesday. This is in memory of the giving of the commandments at Sinai. The Hebrew children were from away from the city these dates. The local public Hebrews is about 200. Speech will be held in the rooms, King and Dalhousie streets, day and Wednesday evening and on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9 o'clock. GOT PRESENTATION On Saturday night Sgt. Crumplin, home on leave from 36th Battalion at Hamilton, pleasantly surprised his friends waiting upon him at home by Mr. Alfred W. Wood 52 1/2 Market street, and departing warrior the recipient of a match box embossed with city coat of arms. In addition to a match box there was a box of cigarettes for his voyage. Sergeant Crumplin taken entirely by surprise thanking his friends for the honor, the first he had received in the past. A few more intimate friends including Mr. Geo. McDonald, Mr. F. Wood, sprinkler of the fair sex, and a number of the evening social pleasure.

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