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THE SITUATION

The Russians yesterday resumed smashing attacks on the Teuton positions in Galicia. Berlin claims that all failed, but the fighting was still in progress at last accounts, the Huns in all probability, as so often before, have sought to give out reassuring statements before they are in any sense warranted. The resumption of the offensive by the Muscovites constitutes clear evidence that they have reawakened to stay in the game. Russian forces are also trying to sweep into Mesopotamia, and are meeting with lively resistance from the Turks.

Complete details show that the recent victory of the French in the Champagne region was of a brilliant nature. The Crown Prince had made elaborate arrangements for a surprise onslaught, and the Huns came on in wave after wave, only to be hurled back and shattered. Hundreds of them were afterwards counted lying dead on the field.

Stories are renewed of rioting in German towns because of food shortage. Rumors are persistent in London that Germany will shortly make another peace offer. It may be taken for granted that it will be on such a basis as to call for immediate rejection.

THE CONSCRIPTION ACT The majority for the elective conscription bill exceeded the estimates of its friends and in the first round French-Canadian defections have been offset in a most handsome manner. It is not too much to say that those Liberals who voted against Laurier's referendum and for Borden's bill, represented the feeling of their constituents, and that others who did not do so will find, when the time comes, that their course was at variance with the feelings of the majority in their ridings.

It is satisfactory to note that the Premier declared that he will not permit the main and pressing need for more men, as provided under the measure, to be halted by delaying amendments, and that he intends to see that the Act is enforced when it finally receives the signature of the Governor-General.

The Bourassa element, in Quebec, will no doubt continue to squeal, and may attempt some physical resistance, but if they know when they are well off they had better be careful. The vast majority of the people of the rest of the Dominion are in no mood for any nonsense on the part of such traitors, who are inviting a curtailment of some of their present great privileges.

Editorial THE AUTOCRATIC POWERS OF WILSON. A good deal of favorable comment has been heard in Canada with regard to the drastic war steps taken by President Wilson, once he got started and unfriendly critics have sought to draw comparisons at the expense of Premier Borden.

As a matter of fact, the President of the Republic is to all intents and purposes an autocrat. That may seem an anomaly, but it is nevertheless the truth.

Under the constitution of our neighbors the President is head of the executive and has a veto over the legislation of Congress. If he should exercise that right, it takes a two thirds majority in each house to override his decision, something never likely to occur. Moreover he personally selects the members of his own Cabinet—called Secretaries of State—and they do not possess seats in either House and have no responsibility whatever to Congress. They are answerable alone to the occupant of the White House.

In other respects this so called Republic has oligarchical methods. Take the suppression of the pro-German element as an illustration. No individual in the States dares to openly express himself as opposed to the part which that country has now taken in the struggle. If he does, it is jail for him.

In the actual Republic, embraced by the term "British Empire," outspokenness is quite frequent and Quebec has furnished a striking example of how far free speech under the Union Jack is tolerated. It was so in the Old Land at the time of the Boer war, and the present Premier, Lloyd George, addressed gathering after gathering in violent opposition to John Bull ever having entered that

struggle. He was not sparing in his language either. Once more, Wilson is an autocrat who can do as he likes; Borden, under the British constitution, can go no further than is sanctioned by the representatives of the people in the Commons.

HANNA'S CALL

Everyone should take serious heed to the call and the warning issued by Hon. Mr. Hanna, Canada's food controller. It will not do to think that there will be enough other people responding to attain results, but the message must be taken personally home by each one of us.

Mr. Hanna has stated the facts in a forcible and cogent way, and there is no need to enlarge upon them. Food for the Allies is a need which continually presses just as much as that of ammunition, and it is largely up to the people of Canada, in conjunction with the States, to see that it is met.

There is, without any doubt, an enormous amount of waste in both countries, and in the stopping of that a direct responsibility rests upon each individual.

Food watchfulness so that supplies can be conserved as much as possible is a prime duty in these days, and Mr. Hanna should receive the hearty and the unreserved support of everyone, in any step that he deems necessary.

It is also gratifying to note that he intends to get at the heart of matters in relation to prices.

NOTES AND COMMENTS There would seem to be nothing but broken sets in China just now. The persistent slacker won't get any consolation out of that majority in the Dominion House.

Here's hoping that Brussloff finally makes the Teutons cheese it at Lemberg.

The United States Senate has voted against the manufacture of distilled spirits during the war, against allowing their withdrawal from bond and against their import, but has opposed putting the ban on wines and beers. The beverage which made Milwaukee famous is evidently still safe over there.

The withdrawal of Miss Colter from the school teaching staff of Brantford removes from that service one who for years has given of her best on behalf of the education of the youth of this city. It has been an excellent best, too. Thoroughly competent, she has always added great tact in the discharge of her duties and exercised a beneficial influence on the lives of her pupils far beyond the limits of a mere curriculum. Hundreds of grown men and women to-day owe a vast debt to her kindly direction and example, and all will wish for her many years of happy retirement.

BURTON. Rev. Mr. Vaie conducted the service on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. James Minshall has been entertaining her sister from Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Wood and family, were the guests of Mr. Stephen and Miss Gladys Smith on Sunday.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives of Baby Emmott who passed away on Monday after a sickness of several months. "We laid our boy in the coffin We folded the hands so snowy As the flower that in them lies. With a heart that was almost broken We gazed on that little face. Farewell, on a brighter to-morrow We shall meet him by God's grace."

Mrs. Copehus Hartley and her daughter Miss Mabel Hartley were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, on Wednesday. Master Irwin McIntyre is spending the holidays with his cousin Master Clarence Minshall.

Mrs. Burges Baker has been spending a few days in Port Burwell. Quite a number from here attended the garden party at Mt. Pleasant on Monday evening. Mrs. Charles Burton has been on the sick list.

The Sunday School picnic which was held by Newport Sunday School in Mr. Kirby's woods on Friday afternoon was a decided success.

FIRE LOSS. By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, July 6.—The Monetary Times estimate of Canada's fire loss during June is \$1,184,827, as compared with May loss of \$1,183,110 and \$494,567 for the corresponding month of last year. The heaviest losses of the month were caused by the destruction of the Regina Storage and Forwarding Company's plant on June 12, with a loss of \$177,000 and by the fire at Sorel, Que., on June 19, in which the loss is given at \$200,000. There were four other fires during the month in which the loss was \$50,000 or over. Nine deaths from fire occurred during June, three of them in the burning of a house.

TO INSURE SOLDIERS. By Courier Leased Wire. London, July 6.—(By Reuter's Ottawa agency)—A despatch from Sydney states that with the object of stimulating recruiting in New South Wales, Sir Samuel McCaughey offers to insure five hundred soldiers for a total of five hundred thousand dollars entailing an outlay of about fifty thousand dollars annually.

News of the Churches

Anglican
ST. JUDES' CHURCH. Rev. C. T. Jenkins, Rector. July 8th.—5th Sunday after Trinity. 11 a.m.—Morning prayer and sermon, "The Transformation of Satan," 2 Cor., 11:14. 3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes. 4 p.m.—Holy Baptism. 7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, "The Power of an Unconscious Ministry," Acts 16:25. Services during summer will be short and will be as hearty and bright as possible. The Rector will preach at all services.
Baptist
CALVARY BAPTIST. Dalhousie Street. Rev. W. E. Bowyer, Pastor. Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. D. N. Cameron, Burgessville, will preach morning and evening. Come and hear him. Music by choir and soloists. All welcome. Sunday school 9:45 a.m.
Methodist
BRANT AVENUE METHODIST. 11.00 a.m.—Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick. Subject—"The price of the priceless." 2.45 p.m.—Sunday School. 7.00 p.m.—Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick; subject, "Rest for the Weary." Solo, "The Lost Chord" Sullivan, played on the cornet by Mr. Smith of Saskatoon. Anthem—Rejoice in the Lord, (Elvey). Organist and choirmaster, Mr. Clifford Higgin.
COLBORNE STREET METHODIST CHURCH. Rev. Clark F. Logan, M.A., Pastor. 10 a.m.—Senior Brotherhood, united with Alexandra Brotherhood, held at Alexandra Church. All men invited. 11 a.m.—Union service held at Alexandra Church. 2.45 p.m.—Sunday School and the Bible Classes held as usual in Colborne Church. 7 p.m.—Union service held at Alexandra Church. Rev. D. T. McClintock will preach both morning and evening.
MARBORO STREET CHURCH. Rev. John E. Peters, M.A., Pastor. 11 a.m.—What distinguishes a Christian from other men? 2.45 p.m.—Sunday School. 7.00 p.m.—Being a Christian at home. We shall be glad to welcome you to all our services. If you have no other church home, worship with us.

Non-Denominational
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST. 44 George street. Service Sunday 11 a.m., Wednesday, 8 p.m. Reading room open every day except Sunday, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., Subject, Sunday, July 8th, "Sacrament."
CHRISTADELPHIAN. Subject for Sunday, 9 a.m., "The Land Shadowing with Wings" (Isa. 18). Speaker, Mr. H. W. Styles, in C.O.F. Hall, 136 Dalhousie Street. All welcome. Seats free. No collection.
Bethel Hall
Sunday, 11 a.m. Remembering the Lord's death, 4-2 p.m. Sunday school and Bible Class, conducted by Mr. W. J. Craig. 7 p.m. Gospel service, conducted by Dr. T. H. Bier. Subject, "Is there need for a change of the Gospel to suit the needs of to-day?"

Terrace Hill News
(From our own Correspondent) Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fildes, Toronto were visiting over Sunday and Monday, the guests of Mrs. George Alderson, St. George St. The sincerest sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. McLean in the death of their little daughter, Margaret. Mrs. W. H. Brock and Mrs. Bacon of St. George, are visiting friends in Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. McKay and little Allan, of Sydenham St., are camping for two weeks at Elora. A good deal of interest is being taken on the township side of the line in the question of hydro lighting for the Grand View district, and a public meeting in the school building will be held on Tuesday evening next to discuss matters. A good deal of interest is being between Dublin and Newcastle Sts. were rained up, it would be greatly appreciated by pedestrians, particularly on rainy days, when it is impossible to walk along the sidewalk without striking the branches. Mrs. Eastcott and Mrs. Watkins were in charge of tag day in this district in the interest of the home for returned soldiers. The Junior League and Mission Band of Sydenham St. church are holding a picnic this Saturday afternoon, on the O. I. B. grounds. Another aged resident of the Hill passed away this week in the person of Mr. Higgins, of 14 Dundas street. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. Smythe of Sydenham St. Mr. Hamon of Sydenham street, has been somewhat indisposed for a few days. Mrs. Mac Harbin, arrested at London, along with her husband, Sergt. Mac Harbin, who recently enlisted at Windsor, admitted that Harbin, was her fifth husband, the other four now living in the United States.

Two Subjects of Vital Interest to You Will be discussed by the pastor Tomorrow at First Baptist Church 11 A.M. "The Faith That Saves" 1. Solo: "The Brighter Day" Mr. J. A. Halrod. 2. "The Sparrow Song." Mrs. Secord 7 P.M. "The Faith That Is Vain" 1. Solo: "The Perfect Day" (Bond) Mr. Burrill 2. Solo: "The Ninety and Nine" (Campion) Mrs. Secord Services Brief, Bright and Helpful. Come and Worship with us. 60 Minutes Long. The Music always good. COME!

A Helpful Message Awaits You at the Congregational Church Corner of George and Wellington Streets. Rev. W. J. Thompson, MINISTER Church Services 11 a.m.; 7 p.m. MORNING SERMON "The Transition Of Life" EVENING SERMON "The Transaction Of Life" Efficient Choir, Good Music. Special Soloists During July and August: Sunday School will meet at 10 a.m. Mr. J. L. Dixon; Supt. Large Adult Bible Class. Mr. H. F. Hoag, teacher. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. COME.

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GOLD IMPORTED. By Courier Leased Wire. New York, July 6.—Gold, amounting to \$6,300,000 and carrying the total of the present movement up to \$126,031,000, was received here today by J. P. Morgan and Company from Canada and sold to the Federal Reserve Bank. The total for 1917 is now \$521,031,000.

Vegetable Gardens! The President of the Brant Thrift League Offers PRIZES For Best Amateur Gardens IN THE CITY AND SUBURBS First Prize - \$30.00 Second Prize 20.00 Only those entering in the competition will be eligible. Send in your name and address of your Garden Plot to D. T. Williamson, Chairman Garden Section No. 97 Dufferin Ave. ENTER NOW! Inspection and judging will commence at once.

LOCAL

BRIDGE AFFIRE The central fire department a run to the C. T. R. overhead on the Paris road at 11 o'clock receiving warning from a motorist who had seen structure afire.

JOINS ASSESSMENT DEPT. Mr. W. H. Lane, who at the meeting of the city council, was appointed to the position of city assessor in the vacancy created by the temporary departure from city of Mr. J. C. Watt, will report duty on Monday morning next.

POLICE COURT Found wandering on the early this morning, and after being a night in the police cells, Brill, a member of the Semitic race, faced a charge of vagrancy in police court to-day. He was taken over to the Jewish community.

COMING HOME. The Courier has received from the superintendent of the front branch of the Military Hospital Commission, that a party of twelve soldiers are expected to return home on Sunday, the following included: Pte. W. Brown, 56 A street; Pte. J. H. Liddell, 66 C street; Pte. C. Thompson, 22 H street.

COLLECTION At a joint meeting of the executive of the Thrift League and the Conservation of Waste committee held in the Public Library yesterday afternoon it was decided to discontinue the collection of waste material, not because the response of citizens has not been all that desired, but because at the present time forty-eight tons of baled paper has accumulated for which no market can be found, and the quantity in Agricultural Park will afford accommodation for no more solutions. A financial statement submitted at yesterday's meeting showing that the committee will have a nominal indebtedness of \$17, but if all anticipated the paper and other assets can be disposed of at the present low price a profit of over \$450 will result. The committee was not dismissed and will continue in office until disposition is made of the balance stock.

The members of the committee since its inception have worked earnestly and without remuneration of them being business men, constant demands on their time, who have devoted a large share of their energies in promoting this public spirited enterprise.

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