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THE SITUATION

The United States authorities are considering the plan of starting a flow of U. S. troops through the British training centres and thence to Flanders. President Wilson, it is announced is personally taking up the expediting of transports together with the obtaining of Allied ships to help in the work of conveyance. It is further stated that an appeal for haste has emanated from the Allies.

Complete co-operation has been inaugurated between the United States and Canada with reference to an effective distribution of labor for war purposes. Each will report their needs to the other and it is particularly hoped that difference in the time of harvesting will enable both countries to use the same help without imposing a handicap on either.

A series of conferences are reported to have taken place in Berlin with the Kaiser and Crown Prince both in attendance. The Bulgarian Prime Minister, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister and Turkish Grand Vizier have participated. It is also stated that the Austrian Food Controller has arrived at the German capital in order to urge the absolute necessity of German aid for Austria in the matter of supplies of produce.

Tartar forces are said to have occupied Yalta and to be advancing in Sebastopol, Russia's fortress and naval base on the Black Sea. The despatch adds that they are dealing mercilessly with Red Guards, sailors and soldiers. In the Crimea and Caucasus regions of Russia there are some two million Turko-Tartars. Another report is that Bolsheviki troops have been defeated in the Minsk region. Kerensky's War Minister has been arrested.

In the British House of Commons James Ian Macpherson, Parliamentary Secretary to the war office, announced that as the Huns had placed British officer prisoners of war in localities subject to air raids similar action was contemplated with regard to German officers in the Old Land.

On the Italian front thirteen enemy airplanes were shot down, eight by British aviators, and five by Italian.

THE EXTREME PENALTY.

Another unfortunate paid the extreme penalty of the law at the Brantford jail this morning and the evidence, although purely circumstantial, was such as a majority of people who followed the case at all closely, will agree warranted a conviction.

A great many people object to such executions, but as a Frenchman once remarked, if capital punishment is to abolished let the murderers themselves first set the example. As a matter of fact in these places where capital punishment is abolished the percentage of killings always shows an advance and any increase in the normal rate is certainly not to be desired.

The Courier considers that Sheriff Westbrook took a proper course in deciding to exclude reporters from the last sad scene. This paper for one does not believe that all the details of such executions should be given in a way to pander to gruesome tastes.

THE ONTARIO HOUSE

In the speech from the Throne delivered at the opening of the Ontario House session yesterday the announcement was made that the government has been carefully considering the sources of peet supply and in this regard has set aside "territory known to contain great deposits". There can be no question that there is a great field of development in this respect and the people will look to the administration to enter upon development in a vigorous way.

Another announcement in a like direction is that steps have been taken to increase electrical development. In this regard the people have every reason to be exceedingly thankful for the foresight of the Whitney Government in establishing the Hydro Electric and for the energy and marked ability with which Sir Adam Beck carried the scheme into effect and has since been the directing head. It ha sbecome more and more demonstrated that the "white coal" must be made available in ever increasing quantities.

It is satisfactory to know that the finances of the Province are in a healthy condition and that there is a forecaste of legislation to still further improve the Trades and Labor Act and in other directions.

The fact that a measure is to be submitted for taking the votes of soldiers overseas, is an indication that an election will take place this year. It is to be hoped that the ballot forms will be simplified so as to avoid the rejection of such a large percentage of soldier votes as that which took place in connection with the recent Dominion contest.

THE DOMINION PERMANENT LOAN.

The suspension of the Dominion Permanent Loan Association has affected a great number of people and it is to be hoped that there will be a rigid investigation into the whole affair. The company had been in business for twenty eight years and was established by the late Hon. Mr. Stratton. It had an authorized capital of $10,000,000, of which sum $1,410,700 had been issued and the rates of interest were very attractive. One feature which has a far from satisfactory look, is that the concern right up until the day before closing, was receiving deposits and the following morning, when the doors remained unopened, there was the brief announcement on the main portal:

CLOSED; FOR INFORMATION APPLY G. T. CLARKSON.

Inside the office a consultation was in progress between Mr. McPhillips, the President and the Assignee, and later the following statement was issued:—

"The Directors of the Company, after having made a thorough examination of the Company's assets, find they are of such a nature that they cannot be realized upon at present, without serious loss, and as there are obligations of the Company maturing this month which it cannot meet, it was felt advisable under the circumstances to make an assignment to Mr. G. T. Clarkson, who is now making an investigation and preparing a statement of affairs. Mr. Clarkson will, at the earliest possible moment, submit a statement to the Shareholders and Creditors."

Later when questioned the President made answer:—

"I can tell you nothing at all about the affairs of the company, everything is out of our hands now and must wait until the assignee is ready to make a report."

It is to be hoped that the outcome will result in some saving in connection with the present apparent loss, but the surrounding circumstances should be rigidly examined, especially with regard to inviting public confidence after matters should have been known as reaching a critical point.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the present let up of Jack Frost, is not the prelude to obtaining a fresh grip.

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Saturday, as the great trading day for merchants, should certainly not be included in the closing order.

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Hindenburg says that he will be in Paris by April 1st. The Kaiser also boasted that he would be there some months ago, but up to the time of going to press he had not strutted down even one boulevard.

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Teddy Roosevelt will be one of the pallbearers at the funeral of John L. Sullivan. Anyone of knock-out capacity always appeals to the stormy petrel of American public life.

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It is given to very few men indeed to possess the cheery personality of the late Mr. Jeffrey Hale, and such a man always proves a distinct asset in any community. He has come to the end of an honorable career, leaving none but kindly thoughts behind him.

SYSTEM IN AIR RAIDS ON LONDON

Huns Claim They Are Thus Weakening Western British Front

Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—While the recent German air raid on Paris was undertaken purely as a reprisal for French raids upon open Hun towns the correspondent at Berlin of The Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant telegraphs he has been reliably informed that the attacks on London may be classified as a "systematic action."

One idea, the correspondent says, is to damage the "centre of enemy combinations, the big harbor fortress and the centre of the whole British war organization," but the principal object is that England will thereby be forced to maintain at the expense of the forces at the front, an enormous barred aerial zone on the east coast to protect the home land. As a result, the Germans say they will be enabled successfully to maintain themselves in the air on the west front.

PARCEL HELD.

Enquiry is made for the sender of a parcel addressed to:—Sapper G. Godsmark, No. 5 Co'y 1st Wing R. E., Base Depot, B.E.F. France From his "Sister Mabel," Brock St. Brantford. Sender please call at the post office.

"Mr. Harley of Brantford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Terryberry"— Woodstock Sentinel-Review

CHILDREN FOUGHT COUGAR WITH FISTS

Girl of Eleven and Boy of Eight Honored by King For Courage

(Associated Press).

London, Feb. 5.—In recognition of their courage in fighting with their fists a cougar which attacked them, King George has awarded the Albert Medal to two children of Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island. The children are Doreen Ashburnhahm, eleven years old, and Anthony Farrer, eight years old. According to the account of the incident recorded in the Official Gazette, it transpired as follows:

On the 23rd of September, 1916, the two children left their homes at Cowichan Lake for the purpose of catching their ponies and, when about half a mile from home, they were attacked by the cougar. They were almost upon the animal before they saw it crouching in a path at a corner. The cougar first sprang upon the little girl and she was knocked down with her face to the ground, the animal being on her back. The boy at once attacked the cougar with his fists and riding bridle, driving the animal off the girl; it then attacked him and his companion getting to her feet, came to his rescue, fighting with her clenched hands and bridle, even putting her arm into the cougar's mouth to try to prevent it from biting him. She succeeded in getting it off the boy. It then stood on its hindquarters and fought with her, but evidently was disturbed by some sound as it presently slunk away and ran under a log where it was afterwards killed.

The cougar measured over 7 feet from nose to tip of tail.

TURCO-BRITISH PRISONERS TO BE EXCHANGED

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 5.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—British and Turkish delegates, who have been conferring here for some time in regard to a proposed exchange of prisoners, have closed their negotiations after reaching what the British delegates describe as "a satisfactory arrangement."

The negotiations provide not only for the exchange of prisoners, but also for a complete inspection of prison camps. Turkey has about 10,000 British prisoners, mostly Indians, while Great Britain has 50,000 Turks. It is expected that the agreement will be immediately ratified and within a few weeks the first exchange will be made on Swiss soil, 1,000 British invalid prisoners being exchanged for 1,500 Turks. After this exchange there will be an examination of all prisoners under a low schedule of disability by a mixed commission of Turkish and British doctors, this arrangement doing away with the delay incident to the employment of neutral doctors.

The negotiations with the Turks proved far more satisfactory than the British delegates had expected. The discussions were conducted in a conciliatory spirit on both sides. A number of supplementary agreements were reached regarding treatment of prisoners hereafter.

WAR EXPENDITURE IS SOARING IN U.S.

Ten Months Have Cost Nation Over Seven Billion Dollars

Washington, Feb. 5.—Ten months of the war have ost the United States about $7,100,000,000—at the rate of $710,000,000 a month, nearly $24,000,000 a day.

More than half of this huge sum, or $4,121,000,000 has been paid as loans to the Allies, and the balance about, $3,000,000,000, represents American outlay for its own war purposes, exclusive of more than $600,000,000 for ordinary government expenses.

The war's toll in money is increasing at the rate of more than $100,000,000 a month and indications are that the now remaining two months of the nation's first year as a belligerent will run the war bill to nearly $10,000,000,000 of which $5,000,000,000 will be for allied loans and about the same amount for the army navy, shipping board and other war agencies.

CARDS GALORE.

(Associated Press).

Stockholm, Feb. 5.—Sweden is rapidly coming to rival Germany as a land of restrictive "cards" of various sorts. It has long had the bread card, sugar card, milk card, and butter cards. Coffee cards will soon be issued. Wood cards entitling each person to one cubic meter—somewhat less than a quarter cord—of wood, have also been issued. There has also been issued an "oatmeal-and-rice card," but there has been neither oatmeal nor rice in the market for many weeks.

CROMPTON'S RESTAURANTS OPEN

While owing to the Fuel Controller's order, all stores will be closed Saturday and Monday, we wish to announce that our Restaurants on the Third Floor will be open the usual hours, and will continue to serve our patrons. Access may be had by the Queen street entrance.

Thermos Bottles AND Thermos Lunch Kits

Just the Thing for these cold days.

GET THEM AT

Biller Bros. JEWELLERS

116-118 Colborne

HOW TWO MEN HELD OFF RUSH OF 350

Inspector and Corporal of Mounted Police Did Splendid Work

Calgary, Feb. 6.—The story of how Inspector Newcombe and Corporal Hutchings, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, stood off a mob of three hundred and fifty infuriated coal miners at Drumheller on Saturday last will go on the records of the R. N. W. M. P., as one of the finest bits of police work in the history of the force.

The trouble started at the Rosedale mine, Drumheller, which is operated by Frank Moody, and which is not a union mine. Two organizers were ejected from the property and later spread reports of having been badly manhandled. This arousned the ire of the rest of the miners in the Drumheller field, some 2,000 in number and on Saturday afternoon 350 of them marched on the Moody property, threatening to destroy the mine and to kill Moody. The two police officers, amid calls of "kill Moody," stayed their ground with the mob of excited foreigners surging around them. Inspector Necombe informed them that the police were not taking sides in the labor dispute, but were there to protect life and property and intended to do so.

The slightest break would have kindled a fire which would have resulted in the death of mine officials and the wrecking of a valuable property.

The mob continued to utter threats, but the superior and commanding attitude of the police and what they stand for, finally won out after a strenuous hour and a half. The mob left the scene uttering threats.

Later in the day the miners held a meeting and announced on Monday morning they would return to the mine 800 strong and kill Moody and destroy the property. The police in the meantime had sent for reinforcements and sixteen men with a machine gun from Calgary, under Major Fitzhorrigan, reached the scene late Sunday night.

Word of their arrival reached the miners on Sunday and yesterday morning there was no attempt to get together for the attack. In the meantime the police are guarding the property and will remain there until the strike is settled.

TAKES OVER CONTROL.

(Associated Press).

London, Feb. 5.—Major-General Sir A. Lawrence has taken over the control of the Intelligence Department at General Headquarters in France, in succession to Brigadier-General John Charteris. The office has charged not only of military intelligence, but also of all matters connected with war correspondents, censorships, photography, and visitors to the front.

PUT CREAM IN NOSE AND STOP CATARRH

Tells How To Open Clogged Nostrils and End Head-Colds.

You feel fine in a few moments. Your cold in head or catarrh will be gone. Your clogged nostrils will open. The air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more dullness, headache; no hawking, snuffling, mucous discharges or dryness; no struggling for breath at night.

Tell your druggist you want a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, and relief comes instantly.

It is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer needs. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable.

Music and Drama

"THE KATZENJAMMER KIDS"

The big fashion plate chorus of the cartoon musical comedy made from the original "Katzenjammer Kids" comic supplement pictures is a beautiful brigade of bewitching Broadway blondes and brunettes. No musical show can boast of a prettier bunch of chorus girls, than will be seen at the Grand Opera House, Saturday, Feb. 9th, matinee and night.

AT THE GRAND

Seldom has it been the privilege of an audience to sit and listen to as interesting a lecture on world travel as that given by Capt. State, in his discourse of "Around the Mediterranean." The pictures were beautiful, wonderful; the subject of keenest interest, and the lecture intelligent, instructive and well worth while. His pictures on the British Empire are shown at 4.30 each afternoon. Yesterday, Canada was shown; to-day Australia and New Zealand; to-morrow, Thursday, "A trip through the Mediterranean." Saturday morning, at 11 a.m., "The British Isles."

The severity of the weather has deprived many from witnessing these wonderful pictures, but those who have ventured forth have been more than repaid for their effort. There is still time, however, to take advantage of the opportunity presented and be carried in fancy far from the cold bleak surroundings across the ocean to lands bathed in summer sunshine, whose very atmosphere breathes of beauty, tradition and romance. Old Ireland is the subject for to-night, and promises to be of engrossing interest.

FILMLETS.

Three camels borrowed from the New York Hippodrome for the motion picture production of "Thais" starring Mary Garden, balked in the Fort Lee ferry slip on the way back from the Goldwyn Studios and were late for the matinee. It was decided to fine them all their weekly drink of water.

Pearl White fans have developed a fad for a ring like the one which puts Pearl in jeopardy in the serial, "The Fatal Ring." A novelty firm has produced a duplicate of the ring used in the play, and the real Pearl White fan is not quite up to the minute unless she wears one when she goes to see the picture.

Charles Ray, ever athirst for knowledge, now knows a whole lot regarding the producing end of the oil industry. The story of "His Mother's Boy" is laid around the oil wells, and for two weeks or more the company acted, lived around, and smelt oil. When he was not acting Ray was asking questions, and if he ever works in another picture with oil as a background, he will know just how to go about it.

William D. Taylor, the Famous-Lasky producer, recently was much surprised to receive a check as his share of the sale of a mining claim. Taylor grub-staked an old prospector whom he had known in Southwest Colorado and had promptly said good-bye to his money. But now he has added to his Liberty bonds and sent the prospector the best compass he could buy.

Maurice Tourneur, who is filming the big Maeterlinck spectacle, "The Blue Bird," at the Famous Players-Lasky studio in Fort Lee, N.J., for Artcraft, has been greatly perturbed over the scarcity of sugar. In the play the ordinary commodities of life are personified, and Charles Craig, a well-known screen actor, impersonates Sugar. His make-up contains considerable sugar, as he breaks off pieces of his hands and feeds the children who are in quest of the Blue Bird. Noting the covetous glances of the art property boys working on the big production, Tourneur is taking no chances and every night Craig's make-up is safely locked up in the studio safe.

REX THEATRE
Vaudeville Pictures

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
LEROY OSBORNE
and the
Apple Blossom Girls
in the Minature Musical Comedy.
MOLLIE'S FOLLY

JUNE CAPRICE
IN
"Small Town Girl"

Keystone Comedy

Coming Thursday
Apple Blossom Girls
in an entire change of program
Jackie Saunders
IN
Betty Be Good.

Brant Theatre
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
LINA CAVALIERI
The Star Beautiful
In Her Most Wonderful Success
"THE ETERNAL TEMPTRESS"

Universal Screen Magazine

Weston's Models
Reproductions of Famous Paintings

12TH CHAPTER
'Who is Number One'

Coming Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
Douglas Fairbanks
In His Latest Comedy Release
"THE MODERN MUSKETEER"

GRAND OPERA HOUSE
The Imperial Travelogues
As Shown by Capt. J. Milton State, Traveller and Lecturer
Every afternoon and evening up until Saturday of this week.
MATINEE AT 2.30, 15c; EVENING, 10c, 25c, 50c.
WEDNESDAY MATINEE—England, the land of the Rose..
WEDNESDAY EVENING—Old Ireland, of sentiment and beauty.
THURSDAY MATINEE—Historical Centres of the Mediterranean.
THURSDAY EVENING—Beautiful France.
FRIDAY MATINEE—The British Isles in all their glory.
FRIDAY EVENING—Bonnie Scotland.
SEATS NOW ON SALE AT BOLES DRUG STORE.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE SATURDAY, Feb. 9 MATINEE & NIGHT
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DELIGHTFUL DAINTY DARLING DASHING
DIMPLED DRESDEN DOLL DIVINITIES
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KATZENJAMMER KIDS
HANS AND FRITZ
More Fun Than a Three-Ring Circus! Laughs Galore
A GREAT SHOW FOR GROWN-UPS KIDDIES EVERYBODY
SPECIAL MATINEE PRICES: Children 25c; Adults 50c.
EVENING PRICES: 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00
SEATS NOW ON SALE AT BOLES DRUG STORE.

JEWISH BATTALION

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Feb. 5.—The first battalion of the new Jewish regiment marched through the streets of the Eastend of the city proper yesterday and had an inspiring reception. They looked sturdy and marched well. There were official reviews by the Lord Mayor and others and speeches at a luncheon, which followed. The battalion carried union jacks, also two Zionist flags of blue and white with the shield of David, bearing a Yiddish inscription:

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning." The guards band played "Hatikvah the Hope," now recognized as the Jewish national melody. The battalion is going abroad.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

Germany's war aims are forcibly illustrated in the accompanying map which was recently published in the New York Tribune. It was to this map that President Wilson referred in his address to the American Federation of Labor when he said: "Take the map and look at it. Germ any has absolute control of Austria-Hungary, practical control of the Balkan States, control of Turkey, control of Asia Minor. I saw a map in which the whole thing was printed in appropriate black the other day, and the black stretched all the way from Hamburg to Bagdad—the bulk of German power inserted into the heart of the world. If she can keep that she has kept all that her dreams contemplated when the war began."