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## THE SITUATION

The Austrian offensive, which was planned to eliminate Italy as a further factor in the fighting, has been turned into an Austrian rout, with the defeated soldiers of the dual kingdom jostling each other in a disordered retreat over the Piave River. Vienna admits the perilous condition of her army, but places the emphasis for this condition of affairs upon the overflying of the stream mentioned, but apart from that there was never from the commencement any indication that the Austrians would succeed in the attainment of their avowed objectives. The Italian resistance, with the help of the other allies, was too pronounced for that. An appeal to Berlin for help in the matter of men and food, has been met with a refusal. Germany can spare neither at this time, and it not likely to be able to do so in either the immediate or any other future. Meanwhile the Emperor's starving subjects are getting more and more out of hand, and the uprisings have included a significant demonstration in front of the Teuton embassy in the Austrian capital. Taken altogether, the general aspect of affairs is more encouraging than at any time since hostilities started. The month of June is becoming less and less that, with the submarines destroyed at a faster rate than they can be built. The defection of Russia is being rapidly offset by the arrival of American troops—900,000 was officially announced in Washington on Saturday as the total to that date. Austria is at the beginning of the end as an important factor, and Germany cannot get any decision in the western area. It certainly begins to look as if this year there will be a turning of the tide of a most marked nature.

## SIR THOMAS WHITE MAY SUCCEED

The special correspondent of the Financial Post in New York points out that the announcement of Sir Thomas White's newest mission to Washington—this will be the fifth financial mission from Canada to the United States—gives fresh hope that the long-hoped-for Canadian credit will be established. As an observer of Canadian affairs in this country said, "Because of the support given by Washington to the pound sterling, to the franc and to the lira it may be accepted that the U.S. will support also the Canadian dollar, to the extent at least of paying cash for supplies needed by and shipped to the Allies."

With the prospect of a 300,000,000-bushel wheat crop in the Dominion this year it becomes immediately clear that wheat will become a dominant factor in the exchange situation. The Allies must have wheat and Canada must sell her wheat whether she sells for cash or on credit. Washington virtually holds the key to the situation, for presumably Washington alone is in a position to advance the cash.

Until the new wheat commences to move it will not be surprising if the Canadian dollar dropped to a greater discount than has been witnessed already on this movement. As the new crop comes along, expecting this theory, it may be expected that this discount will become smaller and smaller possibly again reaching normal in the autumn. In October, 1917, it may be recalled that the Canadian dollar even reached a 1 per cent. premium in New York.

The opinion was expressed that Sir Thomas White would not have undertaken his latest trip to the U.S. capital had not the long drawn out negotiations reached something like a conclusion. It is more than a month now since the Canadian Finance Minister was in Washington negotiating. In the interim the Federal Reserve Board has been studying the Canadian Exchange situation and it seems probable that the Board's decision has been arrived at. Fred Kent, vice-president of the Bankers' Trust Company, and at present a director of the Division of Foreign Exchange of the Federal Reserve Board, is authority for the statement that "negotiations have been under way for some time with the Canadian Bankers' Association which, if successful, will establish a control over the foreign exchange in Canada similar to that now being exercised in the United States."

## A BASEBALL TROPHY FOR ONTARIO AMATEURS.



The Toronto Daily News Challenge Cup, which will be competed for, for the first time this fall, by clubs playing under the auspices of the newly formed Ontario Baseball Amateur Association, is a massive silver trophy over three feet in height, and we thought winning in addition to the trophy, which will remain the property of the champion team for one year, The Daily News is giving each member of the winning team a handsome replica of the cup.

will then be possible to eliminate the necessity of taking customers' statements in connection with Canadian business.

In explanation of the latter it should be pointed out that before a New York bank will sell a draft on Canada particulars of the reason for the customer's purchase must be obtained. This has become a war-time precaution.

The importance of the coming wheat crop to the Canadian exchange situation may be gauged from the results of the past year. Wheat never was a more vital factor in Canadian-American commerce than since reciprocity in wheat went into effect in April, 1917. For the calendar year 1917 and the first quarter of 1918 wheat to the value of \$50,994,394 was shipped from Canada to the United States, this country presumably being the medium for consignments overseas. In the similar period of the previous year wheat shipments from Canada totaled \$15,923,374.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"Rome was not built in a day," neither could Venice be taken in a day as the Austrians had planned after they crossed the Piave.

Rivers in flood are generally a nuisance, but not so that Italian stream which helped to submerge the Teuton hopes.

Teutonic aspirations are commencing to stand badly in need of the last part of that name.

At long last June is commencing to warm to her work.

It is announced that the Bolshevik premier will insist on resigning. What?

June 28th is the latest date set by the Hohenzollern outfit for a meal in Paris. Talk about your movable feast days!

Ex-Czar Nicholas has now been removed to Moscow. Despite the name he is not likely to find any more of the milk of human kindness there than in his other prisons.

## No Eligibles at Guelph College

Ottawa, June 24.—Apparently none of the young men, members of St. Stanislaus Novitiate at Guelph, are liable for military service. The Militia Department stated this morning that information had been received by telegram from the rector of the Novitiate to the effect that John O'Halloran, one of the young men referred to in a former statement as being liable for service, is an American citizen, and in possession of his United States registration papers. The other young men, John Holland, the rector stated, was a tonsured cleric before the proclamation under the Military Service Act.

## SCORES ARE KILLED IN CIRCUS TRAIN WRECK

Wallace-Hagenbeck Show Was Wiped Out by Frightful Rear-end Collision—Veterans of Circus World Meet Horrible Death

By Courier Leased Wire

Hammond, Ind., June 24.—Two investigations have been ordered by official bodies into the cause of the wreck last Saturday on the Michigan Central Railroad near Gary, in which 85 employees of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus were killed and approximately 150 injured. The coroner was ready to begin hearing witnesses to-day and the Indiana Public Service Commission announced that an inquiry would be opened next Thursday. It is expected the Interstate Commerce Commission may also join in the investigation. Sixty-two bodies have been recovered from the wreck and according to E. M. Ballard, general manager of the circus, 23 of the employees are still missing and are supposed to have been destroyed by fire which consumed the wooden circus cars.

Gary, Ind., June 23.—Sixty-two persons are known to be dead and 129 are in hospitals in Gary and Hammond to-night as a result of the rear-end collision at dawn yesterday, between an equipment train and a Wallace-Hagenbeck circus train on the Michigan Central Railroad, five miles west of Gary. Virtually all victims were members of the circus.

Edward M. Hallard, general manager of the circus, to-night issued a statement, saying figures compiled indicated that probably 85 persons had been killed. He said a hasty tabulation of scattered employees showed 33 missing in addition to the 150 injured. Most of the missing were said to be "razor backs," many of them negroes. F. S. Whipple, railroad train master, also has been given up as dead. Parts of two bodies cremated in the furnace of tangled steel and timbers which was circus train were dug out to-night. The authorities said that if the death list is as great as estimated there, but the additional bodies probably were reduced to ashes.

Investigation showed that these two young men were apparently the only members of the Novitiate liable for service. Upon the statement of facts with regard to them, submitted to the department by the rector, neither of them is liable for service. It was stated at the department this morning that Captain MacAuley, who conducted the raid, and who has since been transferred to Winnipeg, was in fault, not in wishing to find out whether there were any defaulters domiciled there, but in the methods he adopted in doing it. He was acting under the authority of the department in investigating conditions in the novitiate, but he should have chosen a more suitable time and less offensive method of procedure.

## JURY DISMISSED

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, June 24.—Because it was learned one of the jurors, who has been hearing testimony in the trial of John J. O'Leary, has been under indictment for some time in a federal proceeding, Judge Hand today dismissed the jury and ordered a new trial on the charge against O'Leary, accused of having aided his brother, Jeremiah, in an attempt to evade justice. The defendant has been held in the Tombs under \$100,000 bail pending the outcome of the case. This was reduced to \$10,000, which counsel for defense said would be furnished. The new trial was set down for June 26.

## RUSSIA RULERS IN GERMAN PAY

Nine-Tenths of the People Desire Intervention by Japan

RED GUARD THIEVES Those Who Protest Are Arrested and Shot Before Reaching Court

New York, June 23.—Herman Bernstein, the writer, who sailed for Russia six months ago believing that the Bolsheviks would establish a stable government returned to-day, convinced, he said, that Lenin, Trotsky and their followers were in the pay of Germany. He declared that nine-tenths of the people desire intervention by Japan, with allied approval, to put an end to the chaotic conditions resulting from Soviet control.

"The Red Guard is nothing but a band of thieves," said Mr. Bernstein. "It is not uncommon to see officers on the street relieving people of their valuables. To protest means arrest and in Russia to-day a person who is arrested usually is shot before he reaches a court of justice."

Mr. Bernstein declared that Korotkiy has lost his popularity with the Russian people, who blame him for failure to crush the Bolshevik revolution when he had the power. Lenin will resign.

Zurich, June 23.—Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik Premier of Russia, has expressed his intention of resigning his office, according to a Moscow despatch published in the Deutsche Tageszeitung, of Berlin. The Premier made this decision despite the vote of confidence in him recently passed by the Soviet committee, the despatch states.

Soft coal production across the border last week was almost 12,500,000 tons.

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## Margaret Garrett's Husband

By JANE PHELPS

## CHAPTER LXXXIX.

Bob is Remorseful.

When Bob came in I told him about our fall, and how much I liked Mrs. Farnsworth. He seemed interested, and I told him I had asked her to dinner the following week. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin.

"That's fine!" Bob said with enthusiasm. "I am glad to see you making friends. And Margaret, I was rather nasty this morning. If you would like to go to John's affair, I shall be glad to take you."

"No, thank you, Bob! I do not think it right to go to places and be with people of whom I disapprove. I do wish you would give it up also."

He made no reply and I knew my wish was a vain one. I could not help a little happy feeling creeping over me, however, at Bob's unaccustomed apology. He would ignore unpleasantness; but seldom apologized for his share in it.

Bob was in many respects the sanest man I have ever known. And yet his imagination would run riot at times in a way that I, with my practical ideas and phlegmatic temperament, could not understand, let alone follow.

Elsie had warned me. Had I heeded her warning this story, the plain story of a plain woman would never have been told. Uninteresting at times; but truthful without an intimate story of feeling rather than doing. The mistakes of a woman who loved too well to love wisely.

Had I been wise enough to have given our married life a little of the piety which Bob found in the gatherings of his friends I perhaps might have avoided all that came after. We all think that we make a mess of things because fate is unkind, but really the fault is in ourselves. If only we knew this, instead of being obliged to learn it by sad experience.

Laughter like tears should be for all. For is needed as well as the more serious phases of life. I was too austere; too self-opinionated. I know all these things now. Could I have realized them in the first years of my marriage, I might have been happy—at least have avoided much unhappiness. I was relentless in my insistence that my husband should live my way; that he should be content to do as I wished him to do. I was a stickler for propriety—as I considered it. While he, after his first grief for his mother had worn off, was full of life, and the joy of living as he saw it. Living among his friends. Being with people who did interesting things.

The next night when Bob left me I tried to make him promise he would come home early, that is that he would leave early enough to get home by the midnight train. He would not promise, and when I insisted we came near having another quarrel. Had he not rushed out of the house we should, I am sure.

Quarrels were becoming frequent between us. Bob's disposition was naturally sunny; but when I nagged him to love me; teased him to give up to my ideas, he would become impatient. As we all know one word leads to another, and we had many short, sharp quarrels usually about nothing at all in the beginning, but by mutual recrimination becoming serious before we finished.

Bob was restive. I often found him looking at me in a queer fashion as if he wanted to tell me something, yet hated to. Then, too, I recalled that several times he had been on the point of saying something, and had stopped. Oh well, I would think, it probably wasn't anything. Bob had not come home after dinner. I wanted terribly to go into his room with him and help him.

"Is that you, Bob? Oh, I am so glad you came home to me!" and I put my arms around his neck. He put me gently from him, and replied: "I came home because I have something to say to you—something I can keep from you no longer. It isn't fair to either of us."

(To be continued to-morrow.)

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## WORK FOR PROHIBITION

Buffalo, N.Y., June 24.—A pledge to work for nationwide and worldwide prohibition was adopted today by the International Sunday School Association, claiming to represent 22,000,000 people in North America. The convention ordered sent to Premier Borden of Canada a message commending the Canadian government for its liquor legislation and to President Wilson and Congress this message:

"We gladly conserve food and fuel in our homes. We demand that grain and fuel be denied the breweries."

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