

THE COURIER

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THE SITUATION.

It is announced that a courier is now in Berlin with Trotsky's peace proposals. Meanwhile the German invasion of Russia continues, and will doubtless do so, despite the belated appeals of Lenin for the people to resist the invader.

The capture of Jericho by General Allenby's forces is recognized as of great military importance in the clearing of the Turks out of Palestine.

Five Allied airmen flew over the Julian Alps and dropped bombs on Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. As the place is without anti-aircraft guns, great damage was inflicted.

A report from Germany states that Hindenburg informed the executive committee of the Reichstag that he would guarantee victory on the western front at the cost of one million men, and that the feeling manifested was that the price should be paid.

VAIN TEUTON HOPES There can be no doubt that the events of the past week have greatly strengthened the aim and the prestige of the military party in Germany. As far as the East is concerned, the Kaiser and his advisers have scored far more heavily than they could have hoped even in their wildest dreams.

None of these things will take place, but the task of preventing them has become all the more arduous. Japan, also, must be watching the new turn of affairs with keen alertness, for her interests are becoming more nearly involved than at any period since the war started.

AN AWAKENING NEEDED. Residents of Canada as a rule do not yet fully alive to the exceedingly serious nature of the issues depending on this war and their personal relationship thereto.

The idea is a most commendable one and should prove to be a valuable factor in bringing home to the Canadian people the seriousness of the struggle and the ever-increasing responsibility that rests upon each one of us.

BRANTFORD STANDS READY TO DO ITS SHARE in this line of patriotic service, as in every other.

HONORARY COLONEL. The appointment of H.R.H. the Princess Patricia as honorary colonel in chief of the famous Princess Pats, Canadian Light Infantry, is gazetted.

POLICE REPORT.

The annual report of Chief Slemin, as usual, makes interesting reading. The document shows a vast amount of activity on the part of the force, an activity which enables Brantford to make a most favorable comparison with any other community in the matter of law and order.

The Foreign population of the city continues to grow. They now total 2,848 or 632 more than last year and about a tenth of the population. Armenians it will be noticed are away in the lead with Russians, second. The total number of offences charged against them during the year was 290, with gambling, intoxication and breaches of the Ontario Temperance Act in the lead.

A well deserved tribute is paid to the auxiliary work of the Salvation Army, an institution which everywhere does more than any other modern agency for the relief of the unfortunate and fallen.

There is always more or less criticism of police forces in all centres, especially by those who bump up against the organization, but fair minded citizens will unite in the belief that this community has a well run department.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. The changed situation in the East is said to be likely to lead to new operations on the part of Japan. They certainly jangled the Russians in good style on one occasion and could do it again.

Mr. Logan Waterous, the retiring president of the Board of Trade, has occupied that position with tact and ability and he will have a worthy successor in Mr. Ellis.

The spring robins are still fighting shy of this neck of the woods. Probably don't want the red on their chests added to by inflammation.

ARCTIC EXPLORER FOUND HIMSELF LEFT IN LITCH. V. Stenstrom, Canadian explorer, who has of late been planning for navigating northeast passage because two of his crew disobeyed orders and left him marooned on McIlwain Island.

After our last successful raid the enemy subjected our front to a projected gas attack, as well as bombardment with gas shells. Early Wednesday morning he launched a raid against our lines in the Lens sector. The attack was preceded by an intense barrage of gas shells.

All along the front general battle activity is slowly increasing. There has been a great burst of agricultural activity behind our lines.

The French farmers in the Canadian zone are cultivating land all the way along the front. The fighting at Vimy last spring. Our men are vying with one another in cultivating vegetable gardens.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Feb. 22.—(Delayed)—British airmen on the western front continue their extensive bombing raids and in air fighting on Thursday accounted for nine German airplanes.

By Courier Leased Wire. Canadian press war correspondent. Canadian Army Headquarters, Feb. 22.—More prisoners have wandered into the Canadian lines since my last cable, giving us additional valuable identifications. Sent out as a patrolling party they lost their way south of Avion, and finding them-

PROF. J. H. FAULL Professor of Botany of the University of Toronto, has sounded a fresh warning against the ravages of rust in Canadian pine forests, and says that at the present rate the lumber industry in British Columbia will in a few years become a very small one.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Lesson 8—First Quarter, February 24, 1918.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES. Lesson Text, Mark 4:21-34—Memory Verses, Matt. 13:31, 32—Golden Text, Isa. 11:9—Conventary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The first two verses of our lesson find a similar saying in Matt. 5:12, 16, when believers are called the salt of the earth and the light of the world, but the warning is given that salt may lose its savor, and a light may be prevented by circumstances from benefiting others.

When he speaks of the Kingdom of God in parables, after the Pharisees demanded that he should be telling him and his Kingdom, we must understand him to be referring to this present age of a rejected and postponed Kingdom which he called "the mystery of the Kingdom" (vs. 11).

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