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Monday, July 30th, 1917.

THE SITUATION

The "Russians still continue to retreat, and the only consistent endeavor to make any stand is on the Roumanian front. That effort, under the circumstances, must also be smothered ere very long. Premier Kerensky is still making heroic and unremitting efforts to save the country from the catastrophe which threatens. His latest step is to summon generals in the field for a conference at headquarters with the object, it is believed, of forming a supreme military council and adopting drastic means to compel the troops to stand and face the foe. Under the best of circumstances, Russia cannot expect to find her feet again for a considerable period, and meanwhile the Huns are easily securing large quantities of supplies and occupying ground with crops ready for the harvest. The evidence is conclusive that German agents and German gold have been responsible in the main for the disruption.

The fierce and continuous German attacks on the French front still continue to be abortive. The forty-fourth assault on the Chemin-Des-Dames proved a sorry failure, and in a counter attack, the French troops have gained ground from the Hurlbeise farm to La Belleville.

Sir Eric Geddes, the new First Lord of the Admiralty, took a very optimistic tone when he made his first speech in his new capacity on Saturday. In the course of his address, he made this cheering statement:—"The destruction of the German military power is progressing more since last spring than the people imagine, and the morale of the German army is going fast."

Such a statement, coming from such a source, will be exceedingly welcome. The British official report records much air fighting on the Western front. On Friday, sixty-one of the enemy planes were put out of commission, while seventeen British machines failed to return.

In London, a new organization, known as the "Workers and Soldiers Council" attempted to hold a peace meeting in a church, but were prevented after a riotous time, during which the interior of the edifice was wrecked.

In Poland, big demonstrations have taken place in opposition to the soldiers of the Polish army, having an oath of fidelity imposed upon them to the Austro-German sovereigns.

NOT A WHITEWASH
All of the Liberal papers which have been so persistent in the hounding of Hon. Robert Rogers, refuse to accept the finding of the two appeal judges as anything but a "whitewashing." The Globe affirms that the outcome will not "satisfy public opinion," and that the people of Manitoba will resent "the slur thrown on Mr. Justice Galt," and the judiciary of the province.

Well, what about the slur which the amusing and venomous organ is seeking to cast upon Chief Justice McLeod, of New Brunswick, and Mr. Justice Teller of Quebec?

They are both honorable men, held in the very highest repute, and no one doubts that they made their finding in accordance with the facts. Why should the Globe and other Globules seek to impugn them and their unimpeachable records? The plain answer, is of course, that their conclusions on the evidence did not accord with the desire of the organs to drive Rogers out of public life.

The Hamilton Herald (Independent) in an article on the subject, says:—"The report of the McLeod-Teller commission upon the finding of Justice Galt in his investigation of certain administrative irregularities in Manitoba is a complete vindication of Hon. Robert Rogers. Justice Galt acting as a paid commissioner appointed by the Manitoba government, had found Mr. Rogers guilty of conspiracy to defraud the people of Manitoba. Mr. Rogers appealed against this finding, and a commission consisting of Chief Justice Sir Ezekiel McLeod of New Brunswick and Justice Teller of Quebec reviewed the evidence taken by Commissioner Galt and decided that the commissioner's findings are not based on the evidence. The commissioners go further and explicitly declare that

Mr. Rogers is not guilty of the offences of which Commissioner Galt convicted him. Mr. Rogers' political enemies will of course say that he has been "whitewashed." A more reasonable opinion is that Commissioner Galt was influenced by personal animosity to Mr. Rogers the two men having had a violent personal quarrel since the commissioner having in the course of the investigation betrayed personal animus against Mr. Rogers. Most people free from bias will be inclined to the opinion that the verdict of the two eminent judges is more worthy of confidence than that of a judge who, besides being a personal enemy of Mr. Rogers, was retained and paid by Mr. Rogers' political enemies.

The cloud which lowered over the reputation of the minister of public works has lifted. These conclusions will be endorsed by all those not utterly blinded with party prejudice.

THE NEED FOR MEN AT THE FRONT

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review records the fact that an application for leave for a Woodstock soldier to come home, on the ground that his mother is probably dying, was refused. The explanation accompanying the refusal was that the need for men at the front was too great to permit of leave being granted merely on account of sickness or death in the family.

The incident is one which serves to bring home anew the fact that our boys in the trenches are sadly pressed for reinforcements, and yet the spectacle has been presented in Canada of the leader of one of the two great parties seeking to have such help delayed by a referendum, with a possible chance of defeat.

This is not the time for hesitation and the wasting of precious time. The crisis is far too great for that. The crying need of the hour is for more men to help the brave lads who volunteered, and Canada, if she fails in that paramount duty, will show herself to be an apostate nation.

DATES OF FALL FAIRS

- Allisa Craig ... Oct. 5
Alvinston ... Oct. 9, 10
Amherstburg ... Oct. 1, 2
Atwood ... Sept. 18, 19
Ancaster ... Sept. 18, 19
Beamsville ... Sept. 21, 22
Blenheim ... Oct. 4, 5
Blyth ... Oct. 2, 3
Bothwell's Corners ... Sept. 20, 21
Bowmanville ... Sept. 18, 19
Brampton ... Sept. 21, 22
Brigden ... Oct. 1, 2
Brighton ... Sept. 13, 14
Brussels ... Oct. 4, 5
Burlington ... Sept. 17, 19
Brockville ... Aug. 20, 23
Burford ... Oct. 2, 3
Caledonia ... Oct. 11, 12
Caledonia ... Aug. 24, 25
Collingwood ... Sept. 19, 21
Campbellford ... Sept. 25, 26
Cayuga ... Sept. 25, 26
Charlton ... Sept. 26, 27
Chatham ... Sept. 18, 20
Chesley ... Sept. 18, 19
Colborne ... Sept. 11, 12
Comber ... Sept. 28, 29
Dorchester Station ... Oct. 2
Dresden ... Sept. 27, 28
Drumbo ... Sept. 25, 26
Dunville ... Sept. 13, 14
Durham ... Sept. 20, 21
Elmira ... Sept. 14, 15
Embree ... Oct. 4, 5
Essex ... Sept. 18, 20
Fergus ... Sept. 26, 27
Fleasherton ... Thanksgiving Day
Florence ... Oct. 4, 5
Fore ... Sept. 26, 27
Fore Erie ... Oct. 9, 10
Galt ... Oct. 4, 5
Georgetown ... Oct. 3, 4
Glencoe ... Sept. 25, 26
Goderich ... Sept. 26, 28
Gorrie ... Oct. 6
Hanover ... Sept. 20, 21
Harrow ... Oct. 9, 10
Hepworth ... Sept. 27, 28
Highgate ... Oct. 12, 13
Ingersoll ... Oct. 1, 2
Jarvis ... Sept. 26, 27
Kincardine ... Sept. 20, 21
Kirkton ... Oct. 4, 5
Kingston ... Sept. 25, 27
Lakewood ... Sept. 27
Lambeth ... Sept. 25, 26
Leamington ... Oct. 3-5
London (Western Fair) ... Sept. 7-15
Lucknow ... Sept. 27, 28
Maitland ... Sept. 20, 21
Madoc ... Oct. 2, 3
Meaford ... Sept. 27, 28
Merlin ... Sept. 20, 21
Melbourne ... Oct. 2
Midland ... Sept. 27, 28
Midway ... Sept. 17, 18
Milton ... Oct. 9, 10
Milverton ... Sept. 27, 28
Mount Brydges ... Oct. 5
Mount Forest ... Sept. 19, 20
New Hamburg ... Sept. 13, 14
Norwich ... Sept. 25, 26
Norwood ... Oct. 9, 10
Oranville ... Sept. 18, 19
Ottawa (Central Canada) ... Sept. 8-17
Oshweken ... Oct. 3-5
Onondaga ... Oct. 1, 2
Paisley ... Sept. 25, 26
Palmerston ... Sept. 18, 19
Paris ... Sept. 27, 28
Parkhill ... Sept. 24, 25
Petrolia ... Sept. 20, 21
Ridgeway ... Oct. 8-10
Ripley ... Sept. 25, 26
Romaine ... Oct. 2, 3
Sarnia ... Sept. 25, 26
Seaford ... Sept. 20, 21
Shedden ... Sept. 19
Simcoe ... Oct. 8-10
Stratford ... Sept. 17-19
Strathroy ... Sept. 17-19
Tara ... Oct. 2, 3
Tavistock ... Oct. 2, 3
Tesswater ... Oct. 2, 3
Thamesville ... Sept. 20, 21
Theford ... Sept. 20, 21
Thorndale ... Sept. 24, 25
Thorold ... Sept. 18, 19
Tiverton (C. N. E.) ... Oct. 2
Toronto ... Aug. 25, Sept. 1
Wallaceburg ... Sept. 26

ALLIES FIRED WITH JUSTICE OF CONQUEST, SAYS MICHAELIS

German Chancellor Claims Inside Information on France's Aim; Lloyd George Voiced Allied Desire, Peace Only in Conclusion of War

Berlin, July 29, via Copenhagen.—Dr. Georg Michaelis, the German imperial chancellor, on Saturday summoned a large number of newspaper men, to whom he declared:—"The speech of David Lloyd George, the British premier, at Queen's Hall, London, and the recent debate in the British House of Commons again have proven with indisputable clearness that Great Britain does not desire peace by agreement and understanding, but only a conclusion of the war, which means the enslavement of Germany to the arbitrary violence of our enemies."

"Proof of this may be seen in the fact that Sir Edward Carson (member of the British war cabinet) recently declared in Dublin that negotiations with Germany could begin only after the retirement of German troops behind the Rhine. In response to a question put by Commoner Jos. King, A. Bonar Law, the spokesman of the British government, in the House of Commons, modified this declaration by fixing the standpoint of the British government as being that if Germany wanted peace she first of all must declare herself willing to evacuate the occupied territory."

Talks of French Conquest. "We possess clear proofs that the enemy gives assent to a declaration, going even further than that implicitly made by Sir Edward Carson. You all know that detailed information regarding the French plans of conquest, approved by Great Britain and Russia, has been circulated for weeks past in the neutral press, and that it has not been denied up to the present."

It would be of the greatest importance for the enlightenment of the whole world regarding the true reasons for the continuation of the sanguinary massacre of nations for it to be known that written proofs of our enemies' greed for conquest have fallen into our hands. I refer to reports of the secret debate on June 2, in the French Chamber of Deputies. I ask the French government this question: Does it deny that ex-Premier Briand, in the course of that secret sitting, at which were present Deputies Moutet and Cochon who had just returned from Petrograd, were forced to admit that France shortly before the Russian Revolution had come to an agreement having in view plans of conquest with a government which Premier Lloyd George describes in his last speech as a 'corrupt' and 'narrow' bureaucracy?"

Asking Questions. "I ask if it is true that the French ambassador at Petrograd, in response to a request sent by him to Paris, received instructions to sign a treaty, prepared in advance by M. Domergue (former premier and foreign minister), after negotiations with the Russian Emperor?"

"If true or not, that the French president at the instance of Gen. Berthelot, head of the French military mission to Roumania, formally entrusted him with a mandate, and that M. Briand afterwards sanctioned this step."

"This treaty assured to France her frontiers, but amended on lines of previous wars, the conquest of 1870, to include besides Alsace-Lorraine Saarbrücken and vast territorial modifications on the left bank of the Rhine."

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DUFFERIN RIFLES DAILY TALKS

The position of the Citizen Army as a part of the recognized defence of the country will depend, in a large measure, on the state of the discipline existing therein. To what extent is discipline necessary in the Active Militia? This is answered by asking another question. What is the Active Militia organized for? On your answer depends the reply. Has it been formed to provide you with a pleasant recreation? To secure the nucleus of a baseball or football team? To give you some safe and agreeable connection with the Great War? If you can answer any of those questions in the affirmative, then you need not trouble further about discipline. But, of course; your answers are most decidedly in the negative. There is a degree of discipline in every effectively organized body. Nursery, school, office, and workshop, each has certain rules, formulated on a basis of efficiency with the member of a household in which every member subordinates the general good to his own convenience. Unbridled liberty means discomfort and discontent; undisciplined liberty is license.

The disciplined man need not lose his self-respect. No man has a higher opinion of his "rights" than the member of a well-organized trade union. Such men often grow restless under restriction to the verge of reckless insubordination. Their officers and instructors know that any moment might find them in mutiny. Yet these men settle down when they see their colonel stand rigidly and silently at attention under the wrath of a Brigadier. Discipline works downwards, never upwards. The discipline of the British Imperial Services is the best in the world. There are harsher systems, but none better. This discipline is difficult to define but it may be inadequately described as one which; "without crushing initiative; ensures instant; unhesitating and unquestioning obedience to orders; even in the absence of supervision."

There is no reason why the Active Militia should not have a discipline equal; in comparison to that of the Guards. Every member should bear constantly in mind the fact that both the Volunteer and the Guardsmen are training for the same work. The fact that one trains for fighting in Canada does not make any material difference and it is the object in view which matters. The man who refuses to submit to discipline will do the same movement a distinct service by remaining out of it.

Tomorrow—No. 8. "How discipline is taught!"

VAULT BURGLED By Courier Leased Wire Hamilton, July 30.—The big vault in the offices of R. Murgatroy and Son private bankers and insurance agents at Smithville, was blown by yegmen early this morning. Nothing was missing. It was evident that the safe-crackers, who worked like professionals, were scared away as they left behind a large tent and a dozen horse blankets which had been used to deaden the noise of the explosion and to drill the electrical equipment used to penetrate the vault.

Apparently escaped in an automobile.

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LOCAL NEW SECRETARY Mr. G. H. Williamson arrived in the city from F. Ham on Saturday and for a while will be the guests of his Mr. D. T. Williamson, Dufferin. Mr. Williamson takes up his duties as local Secretary of M. C. A. on Wednesday, August 1st.

KILLED IN ACTION. Pte. S. Dawson of this city killed in action yesterday's operations as killed in action. Pte. son, who went overseas with 125th battalion, was of birth, unmarried and employed laborer. At the time of his death he was 19 years of age and resided at 177 Darling street.

THE HOT WAIVE. Brantfordites sweltered yesterday with the accent on the swelt, wonder, for the official record Mohawk Institute showed the mercury during the twelve hours never fell below 74 degrees and for a ten-hour period at 94. There are no present tions of any let up.

LEG FRACTURED. The many friends of Mrs. A. M. Der, wife of Rev. Mr. Alexander, member Baptist Church, will be glad to hear that she met with an unfortunate mishap today. She was in the garden when she fell heavily, breaking a leg. She is recovering well, but will be unable to get up for some weeks. A fortunate feature of the accident is that they were leaving on a vacation tomorrow.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. Mr. Patrick Donohue, 111 Street, this morning received official notification that his son, John Donohue, has been seriously wounded while serving in the 125th battalion. At the time of enlistment he was but 18 years of age, and employed as a shipper.

BUILDING PERMIT. The building permit about the Slinsey Manufacturing Co. was issued at the office of the city engineer this morning. It authorized the erection of a frame storage house at 268 West Mill street estimated cost to be \$5,000.

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