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The Situation.

The fall of Erzerum may be classed as one of the most notable achievements, thus far, of the present war as far as the Allies are concerned, The place, which of late years has had strong modern fortifications is a leading centre in Turkish Armenia and is situated about sixty miles from the Russian border. It has belonged to Turkey for about four centuries, and has played a prominent part in previous wars. When the Grand Duke Nicholas was suddenly relieved of the supreme command of the Russian forces some months ago, the incident came as a complete surprise, for it was generally realized that he had handled matters in a masterly way against great odds in the matter of the superior ammunition of the foe. The further announcement was made at the time that he would have charge of the Caucasus operations, and competent critics were satisfied that sooner or later his master hand would be felt there. In September of last year the Grand Duke took hold, and after sizing up the situation, asked for reinforcements. The outcome has been the fall of Erzerum. The result will not only tend to relieve the pressure on the British in Mesopotamia, but it will also have a wide-reaching and important effect on the Balkan States, whose chief anxiety seems to be getting on the winning side.

Well Received.

It is a new thing in Canada for a budget speech to be received with such all-round favor as that extended to the important deliverance of Sir Thomas White. Here are a few sample extracts:

Hamilton Herald (Independent):

"The merit of these taxes is that they are imposed only on the prosperous Corporations or firms which earn more than ten or even seven per cent. on their paid-up capital and will suffer no great hardship by being required to pay to the government a quarter of their excess profits. The only serious fault that the Herald finds in the finance minister's tax-scheme is that it does not discriminate sufficiently between the business of munition making and ordinary business."

London Advertiser (Liberal):

"It is seldom that the public finds any kind of taxation to its liking, but if at any time the potion should be swallowed with good grace and without a wry face, it is when the nation is committed to participation in a finish fight with a strong race gone mad. The battle must be carired on. The sooner it is over the better, and the more effective measures adopted the nearer in sight is the end. The latest budget does not seem to be open to criticism. The money must be had. Business, according to its ability, must pay. Business that is suffering is not taxed; prosperous business is not taxed until it has been permited to take its fair profit. Those whom the war has benefited will give back some of the gain, and those who are enriched because of the tariff increases may donate as much as the additional protection to the country. The budget has been skillfully framed and is surprisingly original."

Stratford Beacon (Liberal):

"New taxation was an inevitable accompaniment of the budget, and the action of the Government in not imposing further burdens on those engaged in agriculture as far as their lands, personal effects and incomes are concerned will be generally approved. Perhaps there will be some who will think that companies who are making large profits out of war industries should have been taxed more heavily, but it is in the right direction, and is better than placing additional taxes on foodstuffs or clothing."

Hamilton Spectator (Conservative):

"The necessary taxation for war expenditure is so contrived that it falls upon those who are best able to bear it, while the small business man and the laboring man go scot-free. To help to maintain the financial equilibrium of the country, there is a considerable reduction of the customary expenditure on public works. Economy, thrift, sagacity, are shown by our financial skipper. He knows how to trim his sails to meet every probable wind."

Montreal News (Independent):—Wisdom and courage have a happy blending in the war tax proposals of the Minister of Finance. It is a sound principle that taxation should fall on those members of the community best able to bear it, and this principle appears to have a judicious interpretation in the terms of the present programme."

Your last opportunity will be afforded this week of signing up with the Brant Battalion. Only 170 men are needed, and this number will be recruited this week. The advisability of taking immediate action in the matter should be evident to you.

Suffragists promise to be President Wilson's valentines if he will be theirs.

Enemy Work.

All the indications point to the fact that the destruction of the "American Club" building in Toronto was the work of enemy hands. The organiztion had been active in the promotion of recruiting in Toronto for the Ninety-Seventh Battalion (American) and members had been warned by anonymous letters that unless they desisted, the club building would be destroyed. The nightwatchman reports that at about 2.40 a.m., he heard an explosion, apparently in an empty room. Investigation has shown:—

1. That there was not enough smoke in the building to cause an explosion.
2. That if there had been enough smoke not one of the club members in the building would have escaped.
3. That it is almost certain that the explosions occurred in a vacant room, No. 5.
4. That the roof as it now is, is detached from the front wall.
5. That the fire was thus caused to spread with remarkable rapidity.
6. That gas was only in use in the kitchen for cooking purposes.
7. That the club was one of the cleanest in Toronto.
8. That a portion of the roof was lifted from the building ten minutes after the fire broke out and crashed back, bringing down the other floors, which fell immediately after the arrival of the firemen, and would have caused the instant death of fire fighters had the Fire Chief sent men into the ground floor at the time to confine the fire to the upper flats.
9. Mr. F. H. Littlefield, Vice-President of the club heard the story of the night porter, Coomber, an Englishman, along with the Governors of the club, and then stated that he wanted it to be known that there was no doubt that the destruction of the club was a piece of vandalism well planned, that the American Club was paying the price for the raising of the American Legion, and that he desired the reply of the club to be scattered broadcast.

"Our answer will be the raising of an American brigade," he said.

That's the talk, and it is in keeping with the spirit manifested wherever the modern Huns perpetrate their devilish deeds. The Teuton mind does not seem to comprehend that frightful deeds among people possessed of a sense of inborn freedom, instead of creating fear, merely stimulate resolve.

They sought to intimidate Belgium by the most awful deeds ever recorded, but the Belgian people are not crushed. On the contrary, those that remain are full of more spunk and determination than ever. The Zeppelin raids over the Old Land have been launched with the idea of frightening the residents into a spirit of capitulation. Instead the visits only arouse curiosity and lead to a further rush to the colors. It is the same story throughout, and every fresh piece of diabolism has but the one result of causing the Allies to set their teeth all the harder in the grim determination to never let up until Prussianism has been brought to its knees.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Young man, the 125th is your own battalion, and your place is in the same.

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Grand Duke Nicholas can deliver the goods no matter where he is placed.

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An American business man who has just returned from Europe, reports that as the result of personal observation, he is convinced that Austria-Hungary is rapidly nearing the point of exhaustion. There is a food shortage, and Austro-Hungary is becoming hungrier.

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A Detroit woman, who secured a breach of promise verdict, swore that she was wooed and won by defendant while at the graveside of her first husband. That brings to mind the story of the man who wooed another widow while sitting on the flat stone which recorded his memory, and she exclaimed, "And do you really love me, John?" "Of course I do," he replied. "On the dead."

With the City Police

There was a very quiet session at the police court his morning. A vag was remanded until to-morrow. A case of non-payment of wages was dismissed since the matter had been settled. The charge against a man for not working was dropped, as the defendant had thought better of it and is working now.

Sisters and sweethearts can help win the war. Urge the eligibles to make the break and shun the shirkers.

Nathan Straus has announced a gift of $250,000 for the benefit of the Jewish sufferers' fund. Mrs. Straus gave $100,000 for the same purpose.

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GREECE PUTTING MONEY IN U.S.

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Funds Transferred From London.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, Feb .17.—The government of Greece has been transferring millions of dollars of its funds from London to New York within a few months, according to New York bankers, who estimate that $75,000,000 of Greek funds are now on deposit in a large number of banks here. This action is regarded by bankers as a precautionary move in case of a break in the relations of the Greek Government with the Entente Allies. The movement of the Greek funds from London to New York became noticeable soon after the recent Teutonic invasion of Serbia, and was augmented when the Entente Allies sent an expedition to Saloniki for the relief of the Serbian army.

The transfers have been accomplished by the sale here of credits which the Greek government has maintained in London. The proceeds of these sales have been turned into dollars and deposited in New York banks.

MUST WARN LINERS BEFORE SINKING THEM

Secretary Lansing Asks Germany For Assurances to That Effect.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Secretary of State Lansing to-day accepted the Lusitania agreement as aceptable to the United States in so far as it relates to that case, but asked Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, for assurances that Germany will not carry its policy of sinking merchant ships without warning, to liners, even if they carry defensive armament.

WHAT IS DEFENSIVE ARMAMENT?

The question of what constitutes defensive armament is to be determined later in a way not yet agreed upon. It is suggested that the United States may propose that guns mounted on the stern of ships and capable of being swung from 15 to 30 degrees in either direction might come within that class.

It was stated authoritatively that Germany, because of its unusual position, cannot and will not accept the suggestion of the United States, as it now stands, that liners carrying small arms shall be immune from attack under previous assurances.

MUST KEEP THE LAW.

Secretary Lansing explained fully to the ambassador, the position of the United States in the light of the new developments and is understood to have told him that while Germany's position is recognized as well-founded the United States must insist that Germany conform all her practices to international law inasmuch as the Entente allies have declined to make any changes.

The Lusitania agreement will be kept by Secretary Lansing and later will be published with the assurances which the United States hopes to receive from Germany covering the points brought up by the new submarine campaign.

The new assurances, if they are given, would be embodied in a separate note. Meanwhile it was said the United States would make efforts to have the Entente allies agree not to put guns of any kind on passenger carrying liners and in turn would expect assurances from Germany for their safety.

NOT DEFINITE ENOUGH

It was understood the principal objection by the United States to accepting the Lusitania agreement as governing the future,was that it merely referred to the assurances previously given that unresisting liners would not be sunk without warning, but it did not actually embody or reiterate them.

Ambassador Von Bernsorff, when he returned to his embassy, sent a long dispatch to his government setting forth fully the position of the United States as secretary Lansing had outlined it to him, and will be substantially, as stated in last night's news dispatches.

LINERS MUST NOT ATTACK

Germany is prepared to inform the United States that if passenger liners leaving American ports with defensive armament, are to be immune from submarine attack without warning, as the German Government promised last September in the Arabic case, the Berlin Government expects some assurances that the liners will not attack the submersibles. Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has an engagement to confer with Secretary Lansing today and he is expected to convey this view in reply to the secretary's statement of yesterday, that it was desirable that the German Government make a declaration that in carrying out its new submarine campaign of sinking armed merchantmen without warning after February 29, it intended to abide by the assurances it gave in the Arabic case that "liners" would not be attacked without warning, unless they attempted to resist.

BRITISH SHIPS NOT ARMED.

Such assurances, as it is indicated Germany may now ask, probably would apply only to Italian ships as British passenger-carrying liners have not been armed, even with the small guns allowed for defensive purposes, since the outbreak of the war.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing to-day continued their study of the Lusitania agreement as it was formally submitted yesterday, to determine whether any of its terms would be nullified by the principles of the newly announced submarine campaign.

The Second Victim.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Edward Johnston, caretaker of the Merchants Bank who was injured by falling bricks at the American Club fire, here Wednesday, died this afternoon in St. Michael's Hospital, making the second victim.

William Barnes is dead at 104 in Asheville, N.C.

Jonathan Fisher, 94, of New York, is cutting his third set of teeth.

G. F. Baker, of New York, has given $50,000 to Cornell University.

Cleveland recently admitted 147 Austrians to American citizenship.

Brazil's rubber trade is improving, says the United States Consul at Para

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J. W. Hall, 66 years old, a veteran engineer of the Michigan Ceneral railroad, was restored to life in a Grand Rapids, Mich., hospital after his heart had stopped beating for ten minutes. He had been badly scalded.

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A beautiful fine quality Voile with dainty floral design on a colored ground, all light shadings. Priced at..... 50c

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LOCAL NEWS

MILITARY VISITORS.

Several of the Brantford boys from the 43rd Battery at Guelph were in town to-day looking up old friends.

FOR THE FRONT.

Mr. I. C. Coles, the well known member of the Brantford Educational Board has decided to do his bit for the Empire. He will leave shortly to join the Royal Engineers at Kingston.

KINGSTON INTERESTED.

The City of Kingston has under consideration a contract to supply its street railway with electric power, and writes to Brantford, asking particulars of the cost to this city to manufacture power, and what it costs the street railway to obtain it.

COUNTY SCHOOL ATENDANCE.

The epidemic of measles and la grippe has caught the county schools as well as those in the city. The average attendance for January was very low on this account; the attendance for January is usually good. There are signs that the epidemic is becoming played out, and attendance is improving.

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