

THE COURIER

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The Situation.

Berlin has admitted the loss of the Zeppelin airship L-1, while she was manoeuvring over the North Sea. In this regard Captain Martin of the trawler King Stephen, tells a tragedy. He says he saw men clinging to the upturned wreckage, and that they pleaded for help, but that he feared to rescue them, because he believed that if taken on board they would have overpowered himself and his men.

"Let us not lull ourselves into a state of false security. The British fleet is as formidable a menace to-day as ever. Its readiness for attack or defense is perfect, its power is imposing."

Meanwhile, the most ardent wish of the British navy is that the skulkers may soon summon up enough pluck to emerge.

The Huns refuse to use the word "illegal" in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania and the crisis with the States over the subject has become more intense.

A great movement of German troops is reported on the Holland frontier and the transfer is supposed to be connected with another attempted drive on Calais.

Brantford's Plain Duty.

Brantfordites are pledged to look after the dependents of the brave men who leave from here for the front.

That is not only a plain duty; it is a privilege.

The task wasn't accomplished locally last year.

The Head Office of this Fund had to expend \$17,000 more here than was received from this community.

The circumstance without any doubt rested in the fact that the needs grew faster than anticipated, and not in the slightest sense from a grudging spirit.

For this year it is estimated \$100,000 will be needed.

There is to be a three days' campaign in this regard and the response should not only be that, but more into the bargain.

The reply should and will come from those of us not overly blessed with this world's goods as well as those who are.

One man's dollar in this business is as good as that of any other man, and often carries far more of self sacrifice with it than the subscription of the better heeled fellow, although he is also doing his part from an equally worthy motive.

The Soo, with a population of 18,000, recently raised \$80,000; St. Catharines, 18,000 population, \$140,000; Guelph, 17,000, pop., \$98,000, and so on, and Brantford is going to do even better.

Moreover, Lt. Col. Reuben Leonard an old Brantford boy, has offered to put up \$1 for every \$4 subscribed here up to the extent of a cheque in his case for \$20,000.

Now then, each one, it is up to you.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Intern rhymes with burn, and there ought to be a lot more of the former.

That patriotic fund we are going to do your share, and do it early.

The assemblage of Parliament in a Museum building is all right as far as the Senators are concerned.

Newspapers these days are appearing on sheets of all kinds of colors. You can blame the war for this as well as for so many other things.

Without doubt that Parliament building fire was incendiary. There needs to be a severe round-up in the Capital as well as in all other Canadian communities.

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Remember the Auction Sale of household furniture at new auction rooms, No. 23 South side of Colborne street. Lorne building, on Tuesday, the 8th of February, at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon. S. G. Read, Auctioneer.

Eugene Levering has been made president of the National Bank of Commerce, Baltimore, for the thirteenth time.

WASHINGTON

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department of justice that he had information there would be some sort of German attack on Canada in the course of two weeks. Mr. Marshall said that as this did not concern the southern district of New York, he paid no attention to it. Mr. Rathbone having already done about it all that he himself could have done.

LUSITANIA AGAIN

The Lusitania case again to-day was in the forefront of the international problems occupying the serious consideration of the Washington Government. President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing carefully went over a new proposal presented last night by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador. Until they have decided, there will be no change in the virtual deadlock to which negotiations came weeks ago, and perhaps not then. Officials were emphatic in declaring that whatever of gravity there was in the situation was potential.

WHAT DOES "ILLEGAL" MEAN?

Apparently the stumbling block of the situation is the word "illegal" as differently interpreted in this country and Germany. The Berlin Government's answer proposes instead of a flat admission of illegality of the method of submarine warfare in sinking the liner, the acceptance of liability for the loss of neutral lives, which Germany hopes will bind the United States and still not bind Germany from discontinuing the submarine campaign.

FINE RESPONSE TO APPEAL

All Eligible Civilians Present Offered Their Services.

SERGT.-MAJOR ECCLES AT SMOKER

Veteran of St. Julien Made Stirring Speech Last Night.

At the Smoker held last evening in the Masonic Hall, Sergeant-Major Eccles spoke so enthusiastically and was so magnetic in his appeals that at the conclusion of the meeting, every eligible man in civilian clothes offered his services. The situation was placed before them in such a light that they couldn't refuse.

A pleasant evening was spent in cards and smoking until ten o'clock when the speaker appeared. He had previously spoken to the audience in the Brant Theatre and had been delayed.

Mr. W. G. Raymond was in the chair and after very entertaining songs by Major McLean and Sgt. Major Hart, he gave a short address.

For the first time in this country the evening as an American by birth, but British by instinct. A British subject at heart, who has been wounded already at the front, and who was shortly to depart for the battlefield again, he said how fortunate the Recruiting Committee had been to secure him to speak on the last evening before his departure for England.

SERGEANT-MAJOR ECCLES

The S. M. explained that he had been one of the fortunate few who had been able to don the khaki immediately after war was declared. He vividly pictured the reception given the first contingent of Canadians by the English people at Plymouth. The British are entirely in sympathy with the boys from Canada and think that there is nothing too good for them.

He said that it was a glorious thing to fight beside a Britisher and although the Canadian receives so much credit for his valor, the British soldier would do just the same under the same conditions. In a hand-to-hand fight, the Britisher and Canadian are equals in bravery. In the bayonet fighting, British troops had shown their superiority to the enemy.

If this were a fair fight, the Germans would not be the equals of the British in any respect. But it is not a fair conflict, so you boys are up against something.

Sergeant Eccles told of the thin Canadian line at Ypres, when they first experienced the chlorine gas of the enemy. He related how heroically they had held it and that they still held it.

In a recruiting meeting at London the S. M. had stated how proud he was to come from a country where recruiting meetings were not necessary. Then, when he arrived over here, he was astonished to find so many able-bodied men still around in civilian clothes. Able men who sang "We'll never let the Old Flag Fall" were cowards and liars.

This is as much Canada's war as England's, and but for Britain's navy there wouldn't be much left of Canada. "Be British," was the advice of the speaker, "and get into khaki, the only style for a gentleman to-day."

He believed that the men are not holding back because they are cowardly, but because they have never thought the situation clearly enough. Canadians have written a page of history, which will never be extinguished. We could wipe out the German trenches any day, but the sacrifice would be too great. Now, the ammunition, etc. is equal to that of Germany, an equality of men is needed. He, himself, didn't mind fighting for women and children, but not for able-bodied men.

Enlisting is not a case of finance, but of business. It is every man's business to put on the khaki.

Another reason why some men are holding back is that women have

them tied to their apron strings. There are a few circumstances which are exceptions to this, of course, but every eligible man has no right to enjoy liberty after the war, secured by the blood of his brothers.

Sergt.-Major Eccles advocates that the women of this country follow the example the English women are setting. No English girl would associate with an able-bodied man in civilian clothes. He hoped that conscription would never be needed here. If it ever comes, though, the conscripts will have to wear a big "C" in their uniforms, and no volunteer will have anything to do with him. You must enlist before this step is necessary. It is much better to be dead under French soil than to be a slacker at home.

On behalf of the wounded Canadian boys at the front, he thanked the women of this country for the noble red sewing. They have done. He wished that all men were going the other way as well. If you are between the age of 18 and 45, enlist now. Don't wait, because it is very foolish. It is a question of honor help. Are you going to get glory or stay at home with the women?

Mr. Andrews moved a vote of thanks to the Sergeant-Major, for his very excellent speech. He knew that the men who had heard him would go over and fight all the better for it. Mr. Lane very ably seconded the motion. His speech was followed by three cheers for the soldier.

In reply he requested the eligible civilians present to stand and give their services for their country. In response, every fit man stood up, and the soldiers, led by Sgt. Major Eccles, gave three hearty cheers.

Correspondence

WANTS COMPENSATION. "Subscriber" asks the Courier to reprint this letter from the Toronto Star:

Editor of the Star: Is it proper for me to ask the Committee of One Hundred, through you, for consideration of a matter which has nothing to do with politics, but something to do with ethics. If you think so, I will preface what I have to say by disclaiming any disrespect to the committee or any desire to impugn its motives.

I am a great many hotelmen in this country who followed their fathers and their grandfathers in the business, and who have maintained without a blemish reputations handed down to them to go to the accommodation and for faithful obedience of the law. I cite my own case, because I know it best. For three generations my family have been hotelmen in Toronto, and I have so endeavored to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors that in thirty-five years of my business career I have never incurred even a minor fine from any court or License Board. On the other hand, we have always been recognized as performing a legitimate service to the community, and several years ago I was encouraged by the then existing License Board to build and equip the Mossop Hotel. After twenty-eight years in the business with the financial assistance of several gentlemen, I built and equipped the above named hotel at a cost in round figures of \$300,000.

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All my energies and my time have been devoted to making it a first-class hotel, because it represents every dollar of capital I have, and all my earning power for the rest of my days and the best work of my business life.

I ask any member of the Committee of One Hundred would it be British fair play to vote away from me without compensation, all that I possess financially in the world, after the various License Boards have encouraged me to invest my money in property and keep hotel, and the Government having taken thousands of dollars in license fees, which fees have been increased from time to time, until they are now almost unbearable?

Thanking you in anticipation of publication, I remain, F. Mossop.

Mrs. Frank Leeming, who has just returned from Chicago, will begin her duties as soloist of Wellington Street choir to-morrow.

ELGAR CHOIR. The musical public of Brantford are eagerly looking forward to the appearance of the famous Hamilton Elgar choir. Mr. Bruce Carey conductor, at the Opera House this month. The program will include the following choral numbers: "A Battle Ode" (Clarence Lucas), written by the composer for the Elgar Choir, "Liste to the Lambs" (R. Nathaniel Dett), for double choir, "My Bonnie Lass, She Smiled" (Edward German), Two 6 part choruses by Percy Grainger, "We have fed our sea for a thousand years" and "Irish Tune from County Derry." Christmas carol, "Sleep, Inland Biedermeier." "Hunting Song, John Peel," arr. by Mark Andrews for male voices. Madrigal, "Infida's Song" (Louis Victor: Sar) for ladies' voices. "The Mariners of England" (Lucas), dedicated to Mr. Carey and Elgar Choir. A magnificent quartet of soloists will assist: Miss Edith Whitaker, soprano; Mrs. Grace Allan, contralto; Mr. Vernon Carey, tenor and Mr. Roy McIntosh, bass.

Major-General Goethals and Brigadier-General Edwards arrived from Panama, and denied reports of friction.

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Mails Retained.

By special wire to the Courier. London, Feb. 5.—A Reuter despatch from The Hague says that the mails carried by the Dutch Steamship Meda, which arrived in Rotterdam on February 2, from New York, were retained in England.

Mrs. Ruth Grubb of Decatur, Ill., was killed in a taxicab when the vehicle was struck by an interurban car.

A detachment of United States marines has been sent to the flooded Gray Valley, in California, to prevent looting.

President Wilson in his speech at Baltimore, denied that arm makers were aiding him in his fight for preparedness.

Oliver Hamlin, attacked by a muskrat near Thomaston, Me., fought for ten minutes before he could kill the rodent.

Senator Simmons urges a Federal tax on inheritance, sugar and munitions of war.

The Government won its points in the settlement of the National Cash Register Company case.

St. Paul antiists think of establishing a private detective agency to deal with thieves and joy-riders.

W. J. Bryan will leave Miami, Fla., for the Middle West in two weeks to start a campaign against the President's preparedness programme.

Secretary Daniels states that there is no longer any doubt as to the safety of the submarine K-5 en route from New York to Key West, Fla.

The first German prisoners in the Balkan campaign were captured Sunday near Saloniki when a French destroyer responded to the wireless call of a steamer captured by a submarine, and seized the prize crew that had gone on board.

The steamer Princess Juliana, plying between London and Flushing, and one of the largest in the Channel service, struck a mine in the North Sea and has been beached at Felixstowe.

OLD WORLD NOTES

An exciting scene occurred the other night at the Carlisle engine sheds, when a young cleaner whose clothing caught fire, rushed wildly about the yard a mass of flames, and was so badly burned that he died. It was stated at the inquest that the cleaner descended the pit to clean the engine and having lost his lamp, burned only waste for a light. His oil saturated trousers caught fire, and he dashed hysterically from the pit. Defying all efforts to aid him, he dashed about the yard until he was a mass of flames. He then fell into a pit containing water where the night foreman secured him and extinguished the flames.

A naval Chaplain, the Rev. R. J. P. Peyton-Burbery, has received the thanks of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for bravery in rescue work. The young clergyman swam out with a line through the surf, a distance of seven hundred yards, making a connection between the shore and the ship. This plucky swim through the blinding surf was the means of saving the lives of thirty-three officers and men.

The only woman town crier in England attended Chertsey Town Hall the other Saturday in her early Georgian uniform and distributed blankets and coats provided by the fees of (the people invested with the fees) of Chertsey market for all parishioners. This annual ceremony has taken place without a break in Chertsey since the time of Queen Elizabeth.

A derelict bridge, which has stood for over thirty years near the North London Railway, between Acton and Willesden Junction, has been removed, in order that the two hundred tons of steel which formed it may be transported in munitions. The bridge was built on part of the Acton and Latimer-road Junction Railway, which was abandoned.

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