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THE SITUATION

The big Italian drive still continues without any check. Austrian lines along a front of thirty miles are being subjected to a tremendous attack.

Stanislau, the stronghold which stands between the Russians and the way to Lemberg, is now within range of the Russian guns. A new offensive by the troops of the Czar is also just about in readiness from the north of the Danester River, so that big and conclusive developments may shortly be expected in this region.

A mid-summer storm has impeded the Somme operations, but even so, both the French and the British report further gains. At Verdun there is another lull.

As pointed out by the Paris correspondent of the New York Tribune, the allies are now in full tide, carrying out their great plan—that is, pressing the enemy all the time on every front, giving no respite. The entry of the Italians into the scheme with their big offensive against Gorizia and Montebelluna completes the chain encircling the Central Empires.

BACK TO STANDARD TIME

Members of the Brantford city council have decided to have the municipality resort to the old time, commencing with Sunday next, or some three weeks ahead of the schedule for reversing. There were no petitions presented in the matter and no pressure exercised from any quarter.

Many appreciated the hour of extra daylight, and it is equally certain that many did not. Just in what proportion the two factions stood does not matter, for the experiment has only another day to last. In the Old Country, the innovation, as before related, has proved a marked success, and it is the general opinion that the people will never again go back to the former hours.

In the Ambitious City, it is said that a vote will probably be taken at the January elections with regard to the course to be pursued next Summer, and a similar course might well be followed here.

HANDING IT OUT

Next to Sir Sam Hughes, there is no man in Canadian public life whom certain Grit papers traduce more than Hon. R. Rogers. Their latest attack has been that he is responsible for having the remaining walls of the burned parliament buildings torn down, when they shouldn't have been, together with hints of ulterior motives in connection with rake-offs.

As a matter of fact there is a non-partisan parliamentary committee, in connection with this matter, and the Liberal members of it are all agreed upon the wisdom of the course taken.

Asked if he had any reply to the attacks made, Hon. Robert gave answer:—

"You can say, if you wish, that I am no longer much surprised at the lying and dishonest statements of the London Advertiser. They have grown sour, distempered and hungry in their five years of opposition, and have now become so desperate that they would apparently just as soon repeat lies from day to day as tell the truth. For there is no doubt about it that the representatives of the Globe newspaper know perfectly well that their statements in respect to the parliament buildings have

been a tissue of deliberate lies and false representations from the very beginning.

"I do confess, however, that I was a little surprised at an editorial which was drawn to my attention yesterday, and which appeared in the Toronto Star last Saturday, on the same subject. Before reading it, I had some hope that Joe Atkinson would at least have some respect for the truth and common decency, but he apparently has neither. I understand he attended the Liberal conference held in Ottawa a couple of weeks ago, and was no doubt there made acquainted with the honest facts of the situation, yet, notwithstanding his personal knowledge of the facts, he turns his paper in and joins the chorus of the Globe in a campaign of lying misrepresentations."

THE MIXED-UP TORONTO GRITS.

Following a meeting of Ward 6 Liberals, in which Waldron, avowed anti-prohibitionist, was heartily endorsed by the Rowellites as their candidate in the Southwest Toronto bye-election, a general meeting of Liberals of the Queen City was called last night, at which there were lively doings. Here are some extracts from the Toronto Globe report:—

"McCreath howled down." "Throw him out." "Amid a roar of protest, Mr. McCreath had to subside unheard." (How Liberals do love free speech.) "Another storm broke at this point. Mr. Dan Rose demanded to know whether the meeting had been legally called. We are otherwise just acting like fools," was his comment. Amid further uproar Mr. George Gibbard maintained that it was merely a meeting of Liberals from the riding, not an authorized convention. "We're not going to be bullied by this meeting," exclaimed Mr. Gibbard. "We want no Kaiserism here."

"For some minutes it was impossible to proceed owing to the noise. Later on, Sergt. O'Grady in khaki met with a rough reception. He stated that he had lost two brothers in the South African war, had lost one in the present war, while another had been wounded. "I'm the fifth. I've been over once, and I am going again." Then he said when the Committee of One Hundred came around, Whitney would have cast them aside, a remark which was received with mingled cheers and groans. "We are informed that 'Private Smith sang a capital Irish recruiting song, to restore order."

Finally Mr. H. H. Dewart, K. C., who was not present, was chosen as a candidate. This, then, is a specimen of the happy party which the Globe has described as united and purposeful. As the outcome, there are two Liberals in the field, both with backing guaranteed at two separate Grit meetings.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Toronto Grits are about as happy as a family of Kilkenny cats. That rain fall did more good than most of us can earn in a month. An exchange tells of "a large farmers picnic," but omits to state what size they were. It is said that in Aylesworth's bill in connection with the shell enquiry may reach \$7,000. Carvell and Kyte ought to be made to whack up the amount.

There is much feeling in Denmark over the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. First thing Uncle Sam knows he will have to go over and take them, that is after he has got through with the job of capturing Villa.

The city clerk of Freeport heard a loud report, and on looking down found that the member in question had been shattered to pieces by the heat. Seems strange for men thus equipped to be in danger of shivering their timbers during a hot spell.

All the indications point to the fact that "The Dominion Steel Products Company," which proposes to start a plant in Brantford, will develop into a big concern. The field which they propose to cover is a large one, and the men back of the enterprise thoroughly know their business. The City Council did well to accord them a fixed assessment of \$10,000 for fourteen years. This course is in line with plan followed with reference to other concerns.

In the Old Country recently at the instance of the "National War Savings Committee of Great Britain," a war savings week was held. The idea was to show how much could be saved by thrift in order to help the war loans. It would be a splendid thing for Canada to have a similar demonstration. Contributions to Dominion war loans not only prove a pretty safe investment, with an attractive rate of interest, but in addition there is the added pleasure of aiding in the Empire cause. Moreover, habits of thrift, whether during war, or any other time, always constitute the most sensible plan.

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By Special Wire to the Courier, London, Aug. 11.—(New York Times cable—A Daily Chronicle despatch from Milan says:—

"The army that succeeds in battering down the defences of the Isonzo will be justly able to boast itself the first army in the world."

This judgment, attributed to the late Lord Kitchener during his visit to the Italian front, is cited with proud satisfaction in the Italian press to-day.

Underground Fighting Accounts of the battle still filtering through are necessarily of a fragmentary character, but suffice to reveal what a glowing chapter will be contributed to the history of the great war when the story of the fall of Gorizia can be fully told. Its outstanding feature on the Austrian side would seem to be a stubborn struggle, kept up till the very last, from hundreds of caverns, wherein vast subterranean halls had been excavated, serving at once as lodgments for thousands of men.

Fight of Hungarians From one of these great tortuous grottoes on Podgora heights, 800 Hungarians with hand bombs and machine guns, maintained a stiff, untiring fight through a whole day and night and until noon on the next day. Even then they resisted passively for several hours more, until they were at the point of suffocation from big straw and petroleum fires which were lighted at the entrance of the cave. Twenty large guns, all in excellent condition, were secured at this spot, besides many tons of munitions.

Cadorna's Tactics So effective was General Cadorna's strategy in aiming direct at the eyes, brain and heart of the Austrians, that during the early phase of the attack all their observation posts and staff headquarters at Gorizia were utterly destroyed, thereby producing confusion and demoralization. The palace of justice where the chief of the army staff was directing operations, whence an enormous network of telegraph and telephone wires connected with every sector of the battle front, was reduced to a mass of wreckage beneath which hundreds of higher officers met their fate.

Among the incidents of the victory, the Italians had the happiness of recapturing nearly all of their captive comrades, for they had been stowed away in underground galleries and armored recesses of Podgora and Ostavia.

SCHEDULE IS VERY IRREGULAR

L. E. and N. Cars, At Times, Seem To Follow No Schedule At All

Since, Aug. 11.—(From our own correspondent)—There is loud complaint about the failure of the trolley cars to approximate even fairly to the time table. Many at Dover and Brantford sat yesterday, a full hour, waiting for passage after the regular time. The service is such at times that one seeks passage without the aid of any schedule for no schedule is followed.

FOE KEEPS HIS MEN OF BRAINS WELL BEHIND THE FIRING LINE

Everything Done to Keep up the Spirits and Health of the German Soldiers Between Battles—His Elaborate Dug Outs—But Losses are Telling, and Drugs are Used Before Turning Men Into the Fire Zone

(By Philip Gibbs) With the British Armies in the Field, Aug. 11.—There is no doubt at all that as a fighting man the German knows his business thoroughly, and performs it with great skill. At all events, in the present circumstances, courage rather than tactical courage and discipline. He had the advantage of us in the enormous reserve of highly-trained officers, and although their numbers are rapidly disappearing, he still has, I imagine, more than enough for his needs now and to the end of the war, for he is careful to keep his best men out of danger. He can call upon a great store of professional and scientific knowledge to direct the machinery of this business of destruction, and to organize the lines of his machine-made war.

In minute detail of organization and in the driving industry behind the German high command is masterly, and there is not a soldier in the Kaiser's armies who is not well equipped and well fed, unless our guns do not permit supplies to come up.

Carefully Edit Soldiers' News Enormous attention is paid to the morale of the men by organizing concerts, religious services and beer parties behind the lines, so that they will be justly able to boast the new of the world is specially edited for them with that point of view in mind. The German high command is careful to keep his men as well as they can when they have to be flung ruthlessly forward in wave after wave against the guns of the Allies.

Again and again I have described the spaciousness and depth and comfort of the German dugouts that are part of the system of life-saving, and divisional commanders set their men to work to keep them at work in a way which our men would call "driving." At Ovillers some of them had six or eight rooms communicating with each other, and two separate fore- and rear entrances. They were furnished with spring beds, carpets, washing arrangements, tapestries to keep out the draughts, and a great many other things. One dugout at Ovillers has nine entrances, with beds for 110 men, thirty feet below the surface, and with a cool-house containing three big boilers.

Hide From Big Guns. But it is not only in the trenches and in places like Ovillers that the Germans dig so industriously. Far behind their lines, wherever our long-range guns can reach them, they have excavated elaborate subterranean shelters, deeper and stronger than most of ours and with much greater accommodation. It means incessant work, but it is work that saves life, and has no special pride in taking risks. That is good generalship and good soldiering, but it does not save our lives, and our artillery has been in ours is frightfully destructive of human life, and no amount of digging will safeguard it. During all the months that our artillery has been increasing its weight of metal the Germans have been suffering great losses, and the strain upon the nerves and morale of the men has been severe. This is certain, not only from the statements of German prisoners, but from the new instructions issued as late as July 16, which refer to the treatment of great numbers of wounded and the terrible conditions of the present fighting.

Problem of the Dead. The German mind is busy with the problem of its dead, also the enemy goes to great risk and trouble to remove the dead from the fields. It was filled with dead bodies waiting to be taken away on the light railway which runs up to the place, but the enemy's artillery fired upon this mortuary and set it on fire.

Keep Best Brains Safe. I have said they keep their best brains out of danger. This is true, even when the brains are second best. It is very seldom any officer over the rank of Captain is found in the front line trenches, and officers of higher rank remain well in the background. Lately, during our attack, orders have been given that officers and N. C. O.'s of commanding companies and platoons should be instructed as to the whereabouts of their commanding officer, and know where to go if they feel

they require inspiring courage, to stimulate courage and foster a feeling of confidence and a spirit of resistance. These should be the first duties of officers in the front line. At all events, in the present circumstances, courage rather than tactical theory is the essence of a true leadership.

To give to their men courage in the hours when these German soldiers, who are brave men, might well give way to terror, the German chemists have manufactured tablets which they give them with a kind of frenzy. There is no doubt of this, because many of these drugs were found by a friend of mine—a medical officer of the Kenish men, who helped to take trenches north of Pozieres a few days ago. They contain ether and opium in sufficient quantities to intoxicate the strongest man. In the German opinion it is good stuff before a counter-attack.

The German organization is remarkably good. It does not neglect the spiritual or physical side of their soldiers. It provides them with song books and prayer books as well as with food and drink. It has never revealed a shortage of shells. Its gunners are full of scorn and wonderfully

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Local News

TREASURER'S REPORT. The report of the city treasurer for June of the present year, shows a total expenditure of \$63,357.47 and receipts of \$70,198.26.

NUPITAL NOTES. On Aug. 7th last, Rev. W. Smyth of Sydenham street Methodist church united in marriage Roland McGormack and Mrs. Elizabeth Turbott.

MARRIAGE REGISTERED. The marriage of Constant E. and Florence McEwan, solemnized on June 30th by Rev. W. Smyth of 29 Terrace Hill street, was celebrated this morning in the city office.

LOST IN SEMI-FINALS. In the semi-finals for the Bowl held at that city, Roland McGormack, the only local man left in running, lost out to Boehmer, Berlin, by five shots.

WEDDING BELLS. A very pretty wedding took place yesterday on Terrace Hill. W. Elizabeth Venn became the bride of Thos. A. Scott, the officiating clergyman being Rev. W. Smyth pastor of Sydenham street Methodist church.

DECORATE GRAVES. On behalf of the Order of the G. M. G. Mcintosh, of 108 W. Main street, has made application to the city clerk for permission for members of the order to enter Mcintosh and Greenwood cemeteries for the purpose of decorating graves Aug. 27th, next.

BUILDING PERMIT. In the City Engineer's Department this morning, a permit was issued to Arthur Gyles for a first addition to a frame barn on lots 155 and 156 at 345 Brook Street, to be valued at a cost of \$25.

NEW SEPARATE SCHOOL. The by-law authorizing the erection of a separate school on the lot of Mary's school, was passed last night at a special session of the School Board.

TO CO-OPERATE. The ladies of the Patriotic League in connection with the ladies of Farmers' Institutes of the County having already taken up the matter of supplies for Northern Ontario, it is deemed advisable to call a meeting of the ladies of the Board of Trade committee to cooperate with them.

TO-DAY'S CASUALTIES. The name of Pte. Arthur H. Livingstone of this city appears on the official casualty list. This morning, week Mrs. Livingstone received news that her son was suffering shell shock. Another casualty on the list this morning is that of Gunner Henry Clewley of 106 St. George street, who is reported wounded.

L. E. and N. STATION. The permit for the erection of a new station of the Lake Erie Northern Railway on Colborne was issued in the City Engineer's Department this morning. The Council and the Railway Board have approved the erection. The lot calls for a \$25,000 building to be erected by Schultz Bros. Ltd. of this city.

POLICE COURT. An individual named James was picked up by Detectives F. and Chapman on the corner of house and Queen streets this

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