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The Situation.

In Paris, men who are well posted, are stated to believe a story emanating from Switzerland, that Germany is now bending every effort to secure a separate peace with France and Russia in order the better to deal with her most-hated foe—Great Britain. In this regard she is said to be prepared to offer the countries named "honorable terms." In the first place how could anything be termed "honorable" which would involve a betrayal of John Bull, and in the second place, there is not the slightest indication with regard to either land that any such Judas kiss would be accepted. Why should it? The Old Land and her overseas peoples have stood by the cause of the Allies with magnificent loyalty and sacrifice, and the British fleet from the first, right now, and for the future until the thing ends, is unreservedly recognized as the basic factor in the thwarting of the aspirations of the Huns—a factor without which the nation which has run amok would right now hold a triumphant position. In the event of France and Russia accepting the suggestion—which they most emphatically won't—the plan of the Kaiser and his war lords is said to be to create such a menace with regard to the East that John Bull will be willing to yell for terms. He won't, not on your life, even if he should have to go the route alone, and this is not even thinkable. The Huns may plot and squirm as they like, but they will have to take their medicine right to the very last drop.

The Saloniki situation still remains as formerly, and the Russians are maintaining their rejuvenation in excellent fashion.

A NEW FUND.

In connection with the proposal of the Brant Patriotic and War Relief Association to inaugurate a new fund, figures are given which demonstrate in a marked degree the vast amount of subscriptions received and work already done in this regard.

As an incentive to the talked of new effort Col. Leonard, an old Brantford boy, has made the splendid offer of a contribution of one dollar for every four dollars locally subscribed and he will do this up to a total of $20,000 as his own contribution. The proposal is munificent and will be deeply appreciated.

The call is to all of us for continued and unrestricted help to this excellent cause. It is a clear and a paramount duty on the part of all those who cannot go to the front, to go deep down in their pockets on behalf of the dear ones of those who do. In this way only can the stay at homes contribute their bit in the Empire's crisis and men and women who are not prepared to do this to the limit are unworthy of the name.

The Brant Association has been splendidly administered in the past at a minimum of expense, and without doubt will continue to be so run in the future.

Demands Resignation.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 8.—Governor Whitman to-day demanded the resignation of John B. Riley, state superintendent of prisons. The demand was contained in a letter to Supt. Riley.

$10,000 Action.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—B. R. Hepburn, of Picton, has entered action at Osgoode Hall against the Connaught Park Jockey Club of Ottawa to recover $10,000 money alleged to have been paid by the plaintiff to the defendants under an agreement dated June 1st, 1915, which the defendants are unable to carry out.

Vesuvius in Eruption Again.

London, Jan. 8.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Rome says that Professor Maladra, government observer at Mount Vesuvius, announces the volcano has been in active eruption since Monday. Three new craters have been opened and there are constant explosions, large stones being hurled to a height of half a mile. It is said there is no immediate danger from the eruption.

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TALES TOLD BY MEN IN THE FIGHTING LINES ON LAND AND ON SEA

Lieut. H. W. Ferguson of the 26th Battalion, writing home to Moncton, says:

"In our action of the 13th, when we lost quite heavily in an attack on that crater in front of our lines, the German losses were fully four times what ours were. It was the 26th first real baptism of fire, though we had been in it a little before and the men, every one, stood up to it like old veterans. It would have done your heart good to have seen those men under shell fire that seemed at times almost as though nothing human could exist under such a hail of hurling metal. * * * Many heroic deeds were done that day. All the wounded were brought in by our fellows, only the dead remaining outside our parapets. The spirit of the men is wonderful through it all."

SHELLS ON A CHURCH.

Driver F. Markham, 1st Canadian Division R.F.A., writing to a friend at Stuton, says:

"The day I received your letter I had a narrow escape. We were getting a load of old broken bricks, not far away in a town, when the Germans paid marked attention to the church. It was Sunday afternoon (November 14), and all so lovely and quiet. We had been busy all day long carting these bricks, and we went just as we finished dinner for the last load. We hadn't started long before I heard a shell coming over, so I shouted to my chums to look out, and it dropped right in the chancel of the church, and such a large one it was too. As soon as it had burst we ran to our horses, which had stood quiet, although it only burst 100 yards away. Just as we were going to get mounted we heard some more coming. It was three this time, and these burst near the same place. Well, we got mounted, and had to race for it, as we had to go right past the place where the shells were dropping.

"Luck favored us, and we got past safely, and managed to get into the large square again. The square is about as large as the Ipswich Cornhill, and as full of shell holes, as a honeycomb is full of cells. We jujmped into one of them, went about 200 yards, and off came the front wheel. We were only about 300 yards away from the church, as we had to go round it. After the wheel came off we dragged the body of the wagon for some distance before we could pull up, as the horses were excited. We stopped, unhooked, and took the horses out, and put them under shelter of some houses. I ran back towards the church after our wheel; I had just picked it up when four more shells burst. I ran under the side of a house and took shelter from pieces of brick and shell, which flew about everywhere. After they had stopped falling I ran and got my wheel, and some Canadian Highlanders helped us fix things up, so we all got to camp; but it was a narrow shave."

BELGIAN WOMEN IN GERMAN TRENCHES.

Writing from Flanders Private H. Crombie, of the 15th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment says:

"We are at rest camp enjoying ourselves with games of football. It is quite a change from the trenches, but I think we shall be giving the Germans a few souvenirs by Christmas. It is awful to see the Belgian women in German trenches, for God only knows what is happening to them. No doubt they get killed at times when we bombard the enemy. I know in one case some of the men found three Belgian women dead when they took a German first line. We shall need a lot more men from home before we can avenge them to the full extent, and I think it would look a lot better if young men who are parading the streets in civilian clothes would offer their services instead of waiting to be forced. Our mothers and sisters would meet the same fate if the Huns are not suppressed. The sooner we get the men the sooner the war will end.

JERUSALEM SENT MULE CORPS.

The Zion mule corps, composed of Jewish refugees from Jerusalem, gets official notice in the notice of awards from the Dardanelles.

The honor of "special mention" goes to Private Nissel Rosenberg, a member of the corps, while Sir Ian Hamilton paid the following tribute to the organization in a letter:

"It may interest you to know that I have here, fighting under my orders, a purely Jewish unit. As far as I know this is the first time in the Christian era that such a thing has happened. The men who compose it were cruelly driven out of Jerusalem by the Turks and arrived in Egypt with their families absolutely destitute and starving.

"A complete transport corps was there raised for them for voluntary service against the Turks whom they naturally detest. These troops were officially described as the Zion mule corps, and both officers and rank and file have shown great courage in taking water and supplies up to the fighting lines under heavy fire.

EXPLOSIVES FROM GAS PLANTS

British local authorities have been notified by the War Office that owing to the demand for benzol and toluol for the manufacture of explosives it has been found necessary to require gas undertakings throughout the kingdom to extract these constitutents from their gas, thereby in some cases affecting the illuminating power of the gas and its calorific power.

It is urged by the War Office that municipal councils should do everything in their power to prevent attacks on gas undertakings owing to possible deterioriation of the gas supplied, and that this could best be done by ceasing to test gas altogether or by preventing results of the test being made public.

CONJUNCTION OF NEIGHBORS

A Lancashire Fusilier sends a remarkable experience. Some time ago he was fighting in France and got wounded in the leg. He was taken to a field hospital and afterwards moved to a big hospital at the base, where he says he received nothing but the greatest kindness. "In fact," he states, "if I had been a blooming general I could not have received more attention.' As soon as he entered this base hospital he was put to bed, and the first person he saw was his nurse, a young lady who actually lived in the next house to his own home in Lancashire. "I did not know she was a nurse, and she did not know I had become a soldier," he declares gleefully.

"WHAT CHILDREN, EH?"

A wealthy Swedish gentleman who has just returned from a trip taken by special permission across Germany to Switzerland, writes of being on a military train one day.

A young German officer wearing the Iron Cross entered the car and sat at the Swede's table. He became talkative.

"I am on my way to the Vosges," he said. "There may be hot work there. I cannot help feeling admiration for the French. They are amiable—but what children! I will give you an illustration of my meaning. Some time ago I was set to question French prisoners. Well, would you believe it? They were certain France would be victorious. What children, eh?"

SPECIAL CAR TO HAMILTON FOR HOCKEYISTS

Brantford's Game There Next Wednesday Stirs Up Interest.

The victory of the Brantford Juniors last night in their hockey game with Hamilton and the defeat administered to the Intermediate team to Paris earlier in the week, has set hockey interest at fever heat in the city. Everybody is beginning to talk hockey and the interest is keen.

Next week sees a great hockey program. On Monday the juniors meet London here. On Wednesday the intermediates go to Hamilton and on Friday to Paris.

Already in response to a strong demand, arrangements have been made to charter a special car to go to Hamilton Wednesday night. It is expected that 100 people will take in the trip. The car will leave at 6.45 sharp. Before the Brantford-Hamilton game is played, there will be a scheduled junior feature between Hamilton and Ingersoll. The crowd from here will be able to see most of that game and thus will get a line on Ingersoll, which meets Brantford very shortly.

Two rattling good games for one admission. A fine trip and a good time. The return car leaves Hamilton at 12, midnight. It looks as if one car will not hold the crowd.

WEEK OF PRAYER COME TO AN END

Last Meeting Addressed Impressively by Rev. Dr. Hooper of Park Baptist.

The last of the present series of union services was held in Wellington street Methodist Church at the usual hour. Rev. A. E. Lavell occupied the chair. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. L. Brown and Rev. D. E. Martin led in the opening prayer. An earnest and suggestive address was given by Rev. Dr. Hooper, who based his remarks on Hebrews 1, and part of the second verse, "God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." Dr. Hooper said that the minister should be God's man. He reminded his hearers (1) That God had spoken. Jesus thought it worth while that God should be disclosed. In these days it is well to remember that God has said of Himself, "There is none other." (2) God has spoken to all. We all have the Word of God in our homes, but we should all hear what God has to say and realize that God has really spoken. If God has spoken to you personally and you have responded, that is the greatest thing that has happened to you. (3) God has spoken by His Son. This means a message from above. A message in person and a message in deed. It was stated that the whole prophetic word was the testimony of Jesus. The importance of the word of God was emphasized by a reference to the bible as the secret of England's greatness. Scotland holds the place she does among the nations because of her adherence to the word of God. Since God has thus spoken, it will pay all to read earnestly.

Eight new cases of acidosis, the malady which since it broke out in Boston Christmas week has caused twelve deaths, was discovered yesterday.

Dr. George E. Reynolds of the staff of the House of Mercy hospital at Pittsfield, Pa., applied a pulmotor to establish breathing in a newly born baby.

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THIS WEEK

To The Editor

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor of The Courier:

Dear Sir,—Mr. Henderson's letter is a timely one everybody will agree. I have had fifty years' experience of hotly contested elections, once with a company of soldiers in the building to keep the peace, but I never saw the elements of violent dispute closer than on Monday last. It is very creditable to Brantford that the election was so well conducted. I suppose each polling booth cast 1,000 ballots and there were 4,000 votes to count and register; 23 votes for each voter to decide; 5 or 6 ballot papers to handle, and then those ancient ballot boxes marked V.R. with extensions added when the village became a town ! ! !

May I suggest that each ballot should be separate in color; that the ballot box for each class of vote should be of the same color as the ballot paper; and that each ballot for mayor, alderman, board of education, railway commissioner, Local Option by-law, and Railway by-law, etc., should be deposited in its own separate ballot box. That when the ballots to be taken number altogether more than 500 another polling place should be provided. If you will put up two separate booths in each polling place to take care of rushes I think these changes would work well into the present system. The counting would also be much easier and clearer.

John Robertson,
104 Eagle Avenue.

By pelting it with snowballs, a church congregation put out a fire in Stevens Point, Wis., when the water supply gave out.

Billy Sunday did more than any one hundred other men to keep Colorado dry, according to former Governor, W. R. Stubbs, of Kansas.

Her wedding ring, lost by Mrs. H. J. Bartram, of Rodondo Beach, Cal., on the day of her wedding 45 years ago, has just been found.

Cordite, the British service propellant used in all arms, from the Webley revolver to the fifteen inch naval gun, may be taken as a general type of modern gunpowders. Its name is derived from the circumstance that it is manufactured in the shape of string or cord, varying from one-thirtieth of an inch to nearly half an inch in diameter. It was devised by the Ordnance committee over which Sir Frederick Abel presided in 1891, with Sir James Dewar as scientific adviser. It is a mixture of guncotton and nitro-glycerine, with a small amount of mineral jelly to act as a lubricant and preservative.

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ROYAL TEMPLARS OF TEMPERANCE

Regular Meeting of This Society Held on Thursday Night.

FEATURED BY ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Interesting Address Delivered by Grand Secretary of Order.

The regular meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance was held on Thursday night. The main feature of the business part being the installation of officers by the Grand Secretary for Ontario, Bro. W. M. McMillan of Toronto. The officers elect are:

Past Councillor, Bro. Walter Carley; Select Councillor, Bro. W. T. Collyer, 43 Lyons Avenue; vice Councillor, Sister Mrs. A. G. Brown; warden, Sister Edith Green; chaplain, Bro. A. B. Lee; recording secretary, Bro. Fred Hall; Financial secretary-treasurer, Bro. Thomas Williams; herald, Bro. John Campbell; guard, Bro. Percy White; sentinel, Bro. Lewis Schram; pianist, Sister Mae Williams; junior trustee, Bro. W. L. Townsend; auditors, Bros. D. W. Coyne and E. Sherry; representatives to Grand Council the Select Councillor Bro. Collyer, and Bro. W. L. Townsend.

After the very impressive ceremony the newly installed officers were called upon for a few words of information relative of their proposed programme for the ensuing term. The select councillor elect first prevailed upon the Grand Secretary to address the council, which he did in a pleasing manner. During the course of his address he congratulated the Brantford members on the splendid effort made and the large vote polled for Local Option. It spoke well for the Committee of One Hundred, which is at an early date to wait upon the Ontario Government for a provincial prohibitory measure. He would also offer this encouragement; it is believed that the government might step in before the Committee of One Hundred reach them and pass some kind of prohibitory law. Commenting on the temperance sentiment which is spreading in the United States and in Canadian provinces the speaker said "Old Ontario which has been foremost in other matters must eventually swing into line." Referring to the work of the order, the speaker said there would still be a place for the Royal Templars should prohibition be in force. Not only would the order continue as a fraternal society, with its almost unequalled sick and funeral benefits and life insurance, but as an educational society. Education will still be necessary. Referring to the state of Maine, he said the apparent indifference of the younger people almost resulted in that state going back to the wet column, and unless we were watchful when we got similar law enacted the opposition would be stronger than many think. The speaker referred to medal contests, and was pleased to know that a number of contests had been conducted in Brantford and strongly recommended their continuance. Referring to the financial condition of the order in Ontario, the Grand Secretary stated that the interest alone on the money invested had been sufficient of late years to meet all funeral claims, and the surplus continued to increase. Speaking of the members at the front he said the R. T's. are in line with other society's who are keeping the sick and funeral benefit certificates in full force, which were issued previous to August 1st, 1914, and should the whole number of eligible members go on active service and become a charge on the funds it would not seriously cripple the funds. Of course to be clear, it must be said that about 35 per cent. of the sick and funeral benefit membership are sisters, and taking into account others over age, etc., the number is not so great as this might seem from first thought, and still it is a respectable number. In concluding his remarks he urged the members to rally around the officers they had elected and to make the year just entered upon a prosperous one for Royal Templars.

The select councillor then spoke for a few minutes, asking the co-operation of all to make this term a successful one. He thanked them for the honor done him and spoke in a very appreciative manner of his predecessors in office.

Short addresses were made by Bros. Lee, Hall, Townsend and Junior P. C. Carley.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Bro McMillan for his kindness in coming to Brantford in this his busiest season of the year, and for the very able manner in which he installed the officers.

A piano solo, which was encored was given by Sister McIsaac.

At the close refreshments were served and an enjoyable social hour spent.

ADMIRATION FOR THE "PRINCESS PATS."

An officer at an infantry base depot in France writes:

"A large draft of P.P.C.L.I. arrived last night, so from 7.15 to 11.15 I have been frightfully busy fitting them out, etc. * * * I have never known such a splendid set of men—nearly all university, splendid N.C.O's.— a sergeant who has passed his papers for a captain, and magnificent physique—an altogether cheery crowd. * * * Their arms drill was magnificent. * * *I don't know about the other Canadians, but if you ever hear a word against the P.P.L.C.I., you give them the lie direct."

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NOTABLES HOME AFTER STAY IN ENGLAND

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Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., the latter formerly Miss Marjorie Gould, returned to the United States after having been in England for three months, most of the time with Mrs. Drexel's sister, Lady Decies. Mr. Drexel said Britain's strength to-day is greater than ever before, and that the prospect of victory is much brighter, in the opinion of those who know. Every man of military age appears to be in uniform and soon the full measure of the British army's strength will be felt.

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