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THE SITUATION

It is becoming more and more evident that the Kaiser's troops are going to occupy Warsaw in about the same way as they have occupied Paris and Calais—that is not at all. Making every possible allowance for the coloring of non-official despatches, the undoubted fact remains that the invasion of Poland is not turning out well for the Germans. The tone of the despatches of the Berlin war office proves this circumstance, even if nothing else did, and the circumstance that an attempt of the troops of the Fatherland to cross rivers west of Warsaw resulted in their repulse with appalling loss, is deeply significant.

As expected, John Bull will take prompt action with reference to the complaint of the United States regarding interference with American commerce, in connection with the enforcement of contraband regulations. Some easement will undoubtedly result, but not probably to the full extent requested.

A reader of the Courier, who is good enough to say that he "greatly appreciates" the war summary each day, writes to ask of this paper whether it thinks that Emperor William's fate will be St. Helena, in the same way as it was that of Napoleon. The query is rather premature. At the same time it may be remarked that there seems to be a good deal of misapprehension regarding the treatment of the Kaiser, should the Allies win, as they will. It must be remembered that in the case of Napoleon, he had been deposed as monarch by the French Senate, 1814. He was then sent, as a man without a throne, to the island of St. Helena, and made his escape in 1815, when he attempted to wrest said throne from Louis XVIII, who had been placed thereon by the Allies. The present Emperor, even when defeated, will still be king, and whether the Germans wish to retain him or not in that capacity, over a more restricted area, it will probably be for them to say.

Speaking generally, it is not going too far to say that the Germans, to all intents and purposes, are practically now balked, but there is, of course a vast amount of severe fighting yet to be done.

NICKEL AND NICKELS.

Thousands of tons of Canadian nickel are at the present time in the armor-plate of German warships, as well as of British and French and Austrian and Russian. From our mines near Copper Cliff, Ont., we have shipped out this nickel to the United States in a crude form, to be refined and reshipped by American companies to the markets of the world. Up till the past couple of months nobody could have raised any objection to this as a matter of business. Canada had a corner on a very useful article. She sold it to the world.

But at the present time there is not an ounce of nickel-plate in any German armament, on the Kiel Canal or at Essen or anywhere else that Canada would not gladly take back and pay the cash price to keep in this country until the war is over. That's practical patriotism; just as selling the nickel abroad was practical business.

If we are so sensibly concerned over the nickel sold to the enemy in times of peace, for heaven's sake let us be as sensibly and vigorously concerned about the nickels and the dollars we have been sending out of the country to buy things made by foreign labor paying foreign dividends, for the sake of foreign homes. If we Canadians are really in earnest, we can repair all the damage resulting from the export of our nickel to Germany—by refusing to spend our money for foreign-made goods. We can't get back this nickel. But we can stop the nickels and the dimes and the dollars from going abroad after the nickel. If as a matter of business we helped the enemy in a time of peace, as a bigger matter of business we can help ourselves in a time of war by keeping our own money in this country to keep Canada prosperous.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The man who is running for municipal office these days desires nothing so much as to be Xalted.

The Austrians begin to feel that they have had enough of it. They might as well cheer up for there is more coming.

The French continue to drive the enemy from the Meuse. That circumstance is not calculated to stir the muse of the poets in Kaiserland.

It appears that in 1893 the British War Office, on account of his age, retired Sir John French on half pay. Has he come back? Well, just drop a line to William with that query.

It is said that for taking part in the war, Germany promised Turkey one-fifth of the spoils. They'll get more than that; in fact, will both be spoiled altogether.

Statistics show that the Provincial government cows are good milkers. That's more than anyone else is who should try to get at the Ontario Treasury in that regard.

It is said that some missiles from an airship exploded near the Kaiser as he was eating his Christmas dinner, and that he did the gobble act with the turkey in a hurry. Quite fittingly it was a case of bombs for a bomb-ast.

One of the latest moves of Germany is to offer Sweden a part of Russia, if that country will round up her neighbors for the Kaiser. The latter is about in the same class as the Ontario man who died not long ago and left a will bestowing some \$10,000 on friends and relatives, when in reality the locker was empty and he owed some \$600.

The New York Times wired Vice-President Bosworth of the C.P.R. that it had received intimations from California that there was a movement of Germans from California in civilian clothes in order to raid Vancouver and C.P.R. communications. The paper asked him what he had to say regarding the alleged danger, and he wired back:

"We have fine scenery all along the line of the Canadian Pacific, and can reserve a peak 10,000 feet high for the solitary meditations of any German raider who comes across the international boundary."

No doubt said raiders would deeply appreciate that brand of pealkular reception.

The London Times puts the matter in this cogent fashion: "We cannot restore the smiling face of the provinces of Belgium and of northern France, but we can exact reparation and prevent the recurrence of the crime. In this grave matter we are not mere spectators. Only our unconquered fleet saves us from even greater devastation. If we do not render it impossible for Germany ever to contemplate such monstrous wickedness again, the time will come when the iron will enter into our souls also. More than any other nation, we are at present responsible for the future welfare and security of the world. Were we to fail, the world would never again know rest or ease."

WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

WHAT NEUTRALS CAN SELL. Chicago Sunday Herald—We can sell the belligerents all the arms and other forms of contraband we want to, with the risk of seizure by belligerents on the other side. We can't permit armed expeditions or armed ships to be equipped or leave our shores under any circumstances.

THE FISHER TOUCH. London Daily Mail—The smashing of the new German naval base at Zebruge, is welcome evidence of the change of control at the Admiralty. We see in this aggressive action the touch of the master hand—in fact, the Fisher touch.

CANNOT ESCAPE NOW. London Times—The Magyars must reap the harvest they have sown. It is vain for the mto suggest to the Allies that distinctions ought to be made between the "Hungarian" nation and the other obedient subjects of the Hapsburgs. The Allies cannot distinguish between them, as they cannot distinguish between Germany and he German "militarism" to which Germany submits.

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE (New York World.) Thus far Germany has inflicted no serious damage upon the British merchant marine as a whole. The German navy and the German merchant marine are both bottled up, and until British sea power can be disposed of, it is fantastic for any German to think about starving Great Britain by

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submarine raids. It may be true, as von Tirpitz declares, that "Britain's domination of the sea was originally founded on piracy," but whether mandments, it is a very real domination, and Grand Admiral von Tirpitz wisely refuses to challenge it in an open fight.

TOO WELL INFORMED

(New York Times) When the German chancellor says that England had set her face firmly against war then Germany's action as "mediator between St. Petersburg and Vienna would have been successful," his words ring false and hollow in our ears. We, in this country, know who blocked mediation. Sir Edward Grey used all his powers of persuasion and appeal to bring about a mediator in which two of the allied powers should use their good offices. Berlin was the obstacle. There mediation was defeated.

The American public cannot be fooled or misled in this matter. It is too well acquainted with the facts. GERMANY'S TERRIBLE CREED. (Dr. Charles W. Eliot, in New York Times.)

Be efficient, be virile, be hard, be bloody, be rulers, worship according to the rites of the religion of valor, adopt the dogma that might makes right, teach the individual that he must sacrifice life, liberty, everything to the State, ride down and trample upon whoever stands in the way of imperial progress along the bloody road—this is the creed of Germany, this is its theory and practice of the State's duty to itself, this is the use made of the power it as by the ruthless sacrifice of finer things built up. To maintain that the Power which has adopted in practice that new morality, and in accordance with its precepts promised Austria its support against Serbia, and invaded Belgium and France in 1914, has no other responsible author of the European war, is to throw away memory, reason and common sense in judging the human agencies in current events.

HAIL THE GERMANS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Morning Post's Rome correspondent telegraphs: "A German army corps is about to be sent to southern Trentino, facing the Italian frontier, and proclamations have been issued directing the inhabitants to clean the streets and prepare to welcome the Germans."

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

Vote and Work for the Election of

UZZIEL KENDRICK For First Deputy Reeve

TO THE ELECTORS OF BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP:

I am a candidate for Municipal honors as Councillor in Brantford Township. If elected, I promise to devote my time and energies to the well-being of the farmer and suburbanite alike.

Thanking the electors in advance for their anticipated support.

R. W. HENRY Mohawk Church.

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully ask for your vote and influence for First Deputy Reeve for Brantford Township. If re-elected I will use my utmost endeavors to serve the best interests of the Township.

Wishing you the compliments of the season.

Sincerely Yours,

ARTHUR JOHN McCANN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP:

Township:

MORGAN E. HARRIS is running for REEVE

If elected, he will give you his best services and work for the best interests of the Township as a whole.

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

To the Electors of the Township of Brantford:

Having been requested to become a candidate for Councillor, I hereby solicit your vote and influence, and if elected I will endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT GEDDIE

TO THE ELECTORS OF BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP:

I am again a candidate for Reeve for a second term, and will deeply appreciate your vote and influence.

Sincerely,

HUDSON JENNINGS

IN QUEST OF FOOD.

ROME, Dec. 30.—The Italian police have been investigating foreign residents at the hotels here and have found a number of Germans, who have been entrusted with the purchase of goods, the exportation of which is forbidden. These foreigners have been advised by the police not to carry out their mission.

Hamilton city council decided to issue debentures for a large amount for various purposes without consulting the electors.

PURE RICH BLOOD PREVENTS DISEASE

Bad blood,—that is, blood that is impure or impoverished, thin and pale,—is responsible for more ailments than anything else.

It affects every organ and function. In some cases it causes catarrh in the bowels; in others, rheumatism; and in still others, weak, tired, languid feelings and worse troubles. It is responsible for run-down conditions, and is the most common cause of disease.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the greatest purifier and enricher of the blood the world has ever known. It has been wonderfully successful in removing serofula and other humors, increasing the red-blood corpuscles, and building up the whole system. Get it today.

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FURS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES OUR FUR STOCK is too heavy by far with stock-taking close at hand, and in order to reduce this stock, prices have been cut to the limit, making some very tempting bargains. Wednesday and Thursday should be, and will be red letter days in this department if prices and bargains mean anything. 6 ONLY MINK MARMOT MUFFS \$4.50 200 Felt Hat Shapes 25c Children's Furs Imitation Furs 100 Pieces of Mink Marmot and Oppossum in Muffs, Stoles and Crayats at Prices That Mean a Big Saving to You. See Window! Here's a BARGAIN 2 ONLY VERY HANDSOME CANADIAN MINK MUFFS. A BARGAIN WORTH WHILE. THIS IS ONE OF MANY WE ARE OFFERING. WORTH \$35.00 FOR \$18.50 CHILD'S THIBET FURS! 15 sets of Children's and Misses' Fine White Thibet Furs. Can be bought in separate pieces or complete set at a big bargain. Muffs and Stoles. Every piece has been reduced. Muffs from \$4.50 to \$8.50 Stoles from \$3.00 to \$8.75 LOOK! A BARGAIN Very handsome English Mole Set, large pillow muff and handsome crayat. Worth \$45.00. FOR \$29.50 OGILVIE, LOCHEAD & CO.

LOCAL NEWS NO NEW YEAR SHOOT. The Home Guard will not celebrate the New Year as it did Christmas with a rifle shoot. Arrangements have been made and the committee has not discussed the matter. Drills will be continued as usual, however, on Monday. TO BE CELEBRATED. The fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Six Nations' Council at Oshweken, is to be celebrated and to this end, a committee has been formed for the purpose of arranging some sort of an observance. It has yet to meet for discussion. RIFLE CLUB. Commencing on Saturday and Wednesday next a series of shoots will be held by the Rifle Club when a silver spoon will be shot for every other meet. Other trophies will be secured for the grand aggregate winners of the entire series and an interesting season is looked forward to. AT THE APOLLO. At the Apollo, Manager Spence has another big surprise for his patrons when the famous country show will be presented when the stage will be filled with 100 grocery prizes which will be given away to the lucky coupon holders. This is something new here and is making a big hit with other cities. BOARD OF HEALTH. The Board of Health held its meeting yesterday morning, when the accounts were straightened up for the year, and the situation reviewed as it was at present. Everything was held to be satisfactory and a matter of congratulation to the retiring body. The smallpox, which has been somewhat prevalent, was reported to be well dealt with and well in hand. Upon this point, the Board of Health was set at rest. USEFUL TO US. The Courier gratefully acknowledges the receipt of letters, the Scottish Distillers' Diary from J. Hamilton and Company. A newspaper must have a diary. It is a useful record of the sporting events of the Old Land and contains many half-tone plates so much reading matter to them. The frontispiece is a picture of the Scottish bard, Robert Burns and small insets of the scenes of his life surround it. A NEW ORCHESTRA. The second open meeting was held last evening, when a good number of musical enthusiasts were present for the new symphony orchestra. Mr. Sweetman called the meeting to order, and after explaining the objects of the meeting, asked if all present were agreed that organization be gone on with, upon receiving the affirmative, proceeded with nominations, the following being elected for the remainder of this season: President, Mr. Geo. Beattie; Vice-President, Mr. H. Kent; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Sweetman; Librarian, Mr. E. Waters; Conductor, Mr. J. R. Carnellius, Executive, Messrs A. Williams, W. Lang, J. Liddell, chairman and J. Lee. The honorary president has not yet been decided upon. The first rehearsal will take place on January 12th, when it is hoped to get the services of another viola and violin solo, both of which are badly needed, an oboe is also wanted.

NEW YEAR GIFTS If you have whom you intend to give at Xmas time, New Years gifts select a good set as a Suit Case, Shoes, Hockey other lines. NEILL S