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Tuesday, April 4, 1916.

The Situation.

The news with regard to the Verdun fighting is better. The French are regaining their losses of Sunday, which at the time could not be regarded as anything else but serious. Charging along a two mile front, they drove the Huns from all but a portion of the Caillette wood, and they have also regained a portion of the village of Vaux. Col. Feyler, Swiss expert, and one of the best military critics in Europe, expresses the opinion that the Germans first expected to carry Verdun by one sudden smashing blow, and that, having failed in this, they are still seeking that objective by methodical attacks. He also believes that had the Verdun rush proved effective the British lines would have been attacked in like manner. As a matter of fact, the Kaisers are now said to have thirty-four divisions massed on John Bull's front, as compared with thirty divisions in use with reference to the Verdun operations. Make no mistake about it; this Verdun business is one of the most important events yet recorded in connection with the mighty struggle.

From the Canadian headquarters in France, a report has been issued that it was aid from the men of the Dominion which made the British gain possible on March 27th. Canadian guns held off the German reserves during the fray, and the commander of the British troops later sent the men of the Maple Leaf a message, returning hearty thanks for their most valuable help.

A despatch from Washington says that President Wilson and Secretary Lansing believe that the war will be over before the end of the summer, and that Uncle Sam will be asked by Germany to act "as her nearest friend" in peace negotiations. Little stock may be taken in either statement.

Hotel Accommodation.

No one doubts that the bar trade has hitherto been the main factor in the upkeep of hotels in general. The chief profit has been in this department, whereas, in the larger number of instances, the maintenance of the dining-room has been conducted at a loss and the renting of rooms has not been classed as much of a remunerative factor. With the closing of the bars, which will shortly take place, all the hostleries will have to face an entirely new condition of affairs, and a readjustment of their running. Premier Hearst, when he made his announcement to the prohibition deputation, strongly emphasized the fact that both in the matter of enforcement and needed public accommodation, their work had just commenced. The wants of the travelling public will of course have to be suitably met and in a place the size of Brantford for example, the coming and the going of transients is far larger than the average individual has any idea of.

Yesterday Mr. Thos Wright, President of the Toronto Hotelkeepers' Association, called on Premier Hearst to discuss matters with reference to the manner in which it would be possible for the present license holders to succeed under the new order of things. He urged among other matters that municipal taxes should not be levied, and added: "What I am suggesting is simply this: that the present licenseholders be licensed to call their hostleries 'hotels' and that only those who are given these new licenses and comply with whatever regulations there may be, shall be allowed this name. They will prevent that sort of competition which has made its appearance in the United States—places of questionable reputation—from coming into Ontario.

"The existing license board could be given power to issue such licenses. There would be no reason to cut off any present hotels. Give them all a chance. If they found it impossible to continue in business on legitimate lines they would soon drop off. Then all hotels should be obliged to submit their rate schedules and particulars of accommodation to the board for approval and should be classified as under the different scales, so that the travelling public would know what to expect in any house. I think that hotels should be for accommodation of the travelling public only. What are really boarding houses should not be allowed to come into competition under the name of hotels."

The whole subject is one which

calls for intelligent consideration for what is unquestionably a public need is involved.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Pretty nippy yet. Mr. Adam Brown, postmaster of Hamilton, celebrated his 90th birthday, and is still on the job. The stamp of time doesn't seem to bother his virility.

It was rather an anomaly for the City Council to have a troublesome discussion over oil. That article is supposed to make things smooth, but didn't have that effect on the municipal shafting.

Berlin City Council at their meeting last night decided to join the Home Guard in a body. Here's a vote that Brantford City Council band themselves together to mount guard over the City Hall for fear that the precious pile might become injured.

In the Dominion House yesterday, Premier Borden announced that the scope of the enquiry is to be enlarged so as to enable the Royal Commission to take in any other charges which may be made, in addition to those of Kyté. Borden is not barking anything.

HOLLAND WONDERS

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The decision of the Dutch steamship lines to discontinue sailings is regarded as significant. Troops have been mobilized for months, and with the recent increase of her fleet, Holland, for a nation of her size, is well equipped for fighting.

NO PRESSURE BY ALLIES. Living on the edge of an inferno since the beginning of the European conflagration, the Dutch have grown accustomed to war, and would take entrance into it as a matter of course. So far Holland has been able to maintain her neutrality, and has grown exceedingly fat from war profits. Another report is that Holland, expecting an allied offensive, is closing her frontier to prevent the Germans from retreating into her neutral territory.

Any action taken by the Dutch will be solely on their own initiative. Rumors circulated that the Allies have brought pressure to bear on them are being officially and emphatically denied here.

POWDER MILL

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stormed the defence positions which they had lost in Caillette wood. "During our attacks on April 2, we captured in unwounded prisoners: 19 officers, 745 men and 8 machine guns.

Eastern theatre: The situation is unchanged. The enemy artillery has shown increased activity on the north of Vidzy and between Norocz and Wisniew Lakes. "Balkan Theatre: There is nothing to report."

THE BRANT. An exceptionally strong all theatre programme is offered at the Brant theatre the first three days of this week. Dustin Farnum appears to great advantage in an excellent photo drama, "The Call of the Cumberland," while the Red Circle again continues to hold the interest of all as the plot develops. Dohitt and Wilson and their musical comedy players present an excellent high-class comedy, "A Woman in the Case." Large crowds were in attendance last evening, and all pronounced the show excellent.

USE ZEPPELIN AGAINST ITS FORMER OWNER

The Aeronautical Institute Wants to Salvage Captured Raider.

COMMENT ON GERMAN STORY

British Official Press Bureau on Berlin Story of Air Attack.

London, April 4.—The British aeronautical institute has asked the government's permission to undertake at its own expense the salvage of the Zeppelin L-18, which is lying in shallow water off the mouth of the Thames. The institute believes that the salvage is undertaken by air craft experts "the Zeppelin can be saved, rebuilt and launched against the enemy within three months."

BRITISH OFFICIAL PRESS BUREAU ON BERLIN STORY OF AIR ATTACK.

The official press bureau gave out for publication to-day the German admiral's account of the Zeppelin raid of Sunday night, and with it the following British comment: "The above German official communication is of the usual inaccurate and bombastic type with which Germany hopes to delude neutrals and her own people."

The German statement as received by wireless yesterday, said Edinburgh, Leith and various shipbuilding works and factories on the Firth of Forth and the Tyne were bombarded by the Zeppelins, resulting in numerous fires and violent explosions.

Nuptial Notes

PIERSON-BATSON. A very pretty wedding took place yesterday when Rev. A. E. Lavell of Brant Avenue Methodist Church united in matrimony William Edward Pierson and Marion Batson.

GRISWOLD-DICK. The marriage took place yesterday of Harvey Griswold and Elizabeth Dick, Rev. Llewellyn Brown of First Baptist church performing the ceremony.

PREACHER. At the service at Grace Church tomorrow evening, the Rev. F. H. Casgrave, M.A., of Trinity College, is to be the preacher.

COMING HOME. Four Brantford men arrived in Quebec to-day from St. John, where they disembarked from the Steamer Mississabie. The returned men are Messrs. T. Phillips, T. Kerby, W. Steed and E. Ree.

BUILDING PERMITS. For a steel barn, estimated cost \$400, to be erected on the property of Geo. Teakle, 113 Northumberland Street, by Chipman and Millman; the other for a frame verandah, value \$60, to be erected by J. W. Subbins on the property of Geo. Miller, 50 Dundas street.

RE. MEAT INSPECTION. In a communication to City Clerk Leonard, A. H. Miller, city clerk of Berlin, enquires concerning government inspection. He desires to know in what quantity a municipality is required to export meat in order to obtain a free government inspector, if not free, what has to be paid. He also asks what charges are made for inspection, and what by-laws the city has governing the inspection. If possible he would like to obtain copies of the by-laws.

WITH THE FRENCH



An advanced trench in Haut-de-Meuse, northwest of Verdun, where the French have repulsed the Germans.—(Exclusive Courier Pictorial Service, in conjunction with London Daily Mirror.)

RUSS LANGUAGE IS STUDIED NOW IN GREAT BRITAIN

Chairs Have Been Established at Several Universities.

London, April 4 (Correspondence of Associated Press).—Chairs for the study of Russian have been established at the University of Birmingham, similar ones at Sheffield University and Technical School, and others in the North of England. Other chairs are being established for the teaching of Spanish. This is part of the plan by which systematic preparation is being made to capture the markets of Russia and South America, now that the war cuts off German goods from reaching those countries and an after-war policy is being developed to further restrict German trade.

When Prince von Buelow, the German Imperial chancellor, framed the German tariff law of 1909, he followed it with a commercial arrangement with Count Witte of Russia

which had much to do with the widespread entry of German goods into Russia. At the same time into Russia, trade in Russia fell off, and later the commercial treaty of the United States with Russia was broken off in connection with racial differences. The war has much changed these conditions; Germany's commercial agreement is at an end and her trade is stopped; Russia is hemmed in on land and at her ports of exit through the Dardanelles and the ice ports of the North; and Britain looks upon Russia as almost a virgin field for new and extensive trade development. That is why these chairs of Russian are being extensively established, to train men in Russian to pioneer this new field. The school in the north now has forty students studying Russian and commercial development.

As to the South American trade, it is felt here that much of it will naturally be taken by the United States, with the Panama canal coming into that advantage. But the war has also cut off Germany's share of South American trade. That is the reason for establishing the chairs of Spanish for establishing the chairs of Spanish, and there will be others of Portuguese later on for work on the trade of Brazil. This invasion of foreign markets will be one of the topics before the Allies' Trade Conference soon to be held at Paris.

The condition of Herbert Ayres, the promoter, who swallowed nine grains of bichloride of mercury at Stamford, Conn., is said to be favorable.

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