

THE COURIER

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THE SITUATION

At last the adventurous careers of the German battle cruiser Goeben and the light cruiser Breslau have been ended. Latterly they have been operating under Turkish names, but that fact did not cause any cessation of the mischief they were able to work. The official report of the Naval Department in the matter is, as usual, very laconic and the circumstances of the fight, in which two British monitors perished, are not given. Whether or not there is some new program on hand in connection with the Dardanelles, is also equally uncertain.

From Palestine there continues to come the unvarying record of British success. The latest report chronicles the advance on a four mile front, to the depth of a mile, in the neighborhood of Durah, twelve miles north of Jerusalem.

In Petrograd the Bolshevik Government has had the Constituent Assembly dissolved because matters were not going their own way. Sir George Buchanan, formerly British Ambassador in Petrograd, who has just returned to London has followed the unusual course of giving an interview to the papers. He predicts famine in the country with the possibility of anarchy and danger to foreigners.

Persistent reports continue from both Germany and Austria with regard to starvation conditions and of growing restlessness.

United States papers are frankly conceding that there has been much of unpreparedness in connection with the entrance of Uncle Sam into the war, another instance of which has been the utter uselessness of a large quantity of gas masks which were acclaimed as better than those in use by the British and French armies, but which have been returned as worthless. The spirit, and the determination of the nation, however, continue to be unabated and there can be no question whatever that matters will ultimately be straightened out, and the splendid effectiveness of the United States as an ally at the front become thoroughly established.

THE SHADE TREE OPPORTUNITY

The Courier has already called attention to the fact that shade trees are admittedly too thick on many Brantford streets, and that the thinning out of them would not only add to the growth and development of the others, but also help with the fuel problem.

The Kingston Whig urged a similar course in that city and during the course of an editorial, says:

"The Whig's contention that one-half or more of the trees on Kingston's streets should be cut down and utilized for fuel, found favor with the Board of Works at its meeting last night. The members of the Council's streets committee for 1918 are agreed that Kingston's highways are overburdened with trees and that a goodly portion of them should come down. Not only will their removal be a benefit to health and property, but the value of the timber as fuel will be considerable."

"Wood now sells at ten dollars a cord and may be fifty per cent. higher before next winter. It is becoming scarcer as the forests hereabouts are denuded. Right within its limits Kingston has stores of highways lined with huge trees and can spare enough of them to supply hundreds of citizens with fuel if there should be danger of a coal scarcity next winter. The Board of Works does well in dealing with the tree question this early in the year. The Whig hopes to see hundreds of them hewn down and stored during the next twelve months."

The same thing should also most decidedly be the record here.

BOYS FOR THE FARM

Everyone is fully aware of the fact that it is of the most vital importance that farm production in Canada this year should reach the highest possible figure. Great Britain and her Allies are looking more and more to this continent for foodstuffs, for the simple reason that distance and lack of shipping facilities render Australia and other producing lands too far away for reasonable supply service.

There has been talk in some quarters of importing Coolies, but this Dominion does not want anything of that kind and the solution will have to be found among ourselves on a white man basis.

In this respect a call is to be issued to 25,000 boys of Canada to help the farmers sow and harvest their crops this coming season.

This call will be made to boys who are in their teens, and the majority

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of whom are in attendance at high school or in continuation classes.

The task of enrolling the boys will be under the general direction of Taylor Statten, with provincial and county directors to assist him.

The Canadian authorities hold so highly the services which boys of thirteen and upward can perform in this direction, that they intend, at the end of the season, to present every volunteer for the farm with a bronze service badge.

Apart from the feature of national and empire service there is also the added fact that such an experience in the open will prove of vast physical advantage to the participants and also make for a closer relationship between town and country folk to the benefit of both. There is now a line of all together too much demarcation in this respect. No doubt the farmers for their part will see to it that this co-operation is met in the proper spirit and give kindly consideration to these volunteer assistants.

OUR TRADE BALANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES NOW FAVORABLE

Canadian-American trade probably for the first time in the war period has reached the notable point where U. S. imports from the Dominion are greater than U.S. exports to the Dominion. This is revealed in the statistics for November just issued from Washington. For the month Canada has a "Favorable Balance" approaching thirteen million dollars.

This noteworthy happening has served to pull Canada's unfavourable trade balance in these markets down to \$330,473,580. Just how important a gain has been made in a favorable direction will be realized when it is recalled that at the end of the fiscal year of the United States on June 30, 1917, Canada's minus balance in this country had reached the record total of \$486,842,912.

The immense war orders which Uncle Sam has been sending to the Dominion, and in which Brantford has a part, have been responsible for the change.

American's November buying in Canada was the most important ever recorded. The monthly total of 49 million dollars exceeds by 6 million dollars the previous best month Canada has ever known of U. S. purchases. May, 1917, held the best previous record with a total of \$43,244,201.

NOTES AND COMMENT

There is still something radically wrong with Brantford's gastronomic works.

The bagging of those two German war craft, even under other names, sounds just as sweet.

Reports from Quebec are to the effect that the Military Service Act is going into effect without any trouble.

If that January thaw doesn't hurry up pretty soon it will get frozen to death on the way.

When the course of the Constituent Assembly didn't suit the Bolsheviks they promptly dissolved that assembly. Quite Cromwellian, but the unfortunate part of it is that there is no man of his calibre in the new republic.

Notwithstanding all her camouflage of bravado there cannot be much doubt that Germany right now is bleeding to death internally.

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Two pieces of 36 inch white cotton 20c reg. 25c value; Sale, per yard

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American Lady Corsets, in fancy brocade, plain material, for all figures, \$3, 3.50 & \$4.00

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Ladies Cotton Combinations, heavy winter weight, in natural and cream makes; very special at \$1.75 and 1.50

Ladies Fine Black Cashmere Hosiery, seamless, double heel and toe, all sizes; Special values at \$1.25 and 75c

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Flannelette Gowns

Ladies White Flannelette Gowns, good soft quality, nicely trimmed, at 1.25

Children's Flannelette Gowns, good quality and nicely trimmed, at 60c, 75c, and 98c

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PLAN SUPREME WAR

(Continued from Page 1.) departments, officials and agencies of the government insofar as, in the judgment of the war cabinet, it may be necessary or advisable for the effectual conduct and vigorous prosecution of the existing war.

"To consider and determine upon its own motion or upon submission to it, subject to review by the President, all differences and questions relating to the conduct and prosecution of the war that may arise between any such departments, officials and agencies of the government."

Another section would give the war cabinet power to use the service of any or all executive departments and bureaus.

WALL STREET HEATLESS.

By Courier Leased Wire New York, Jan. 21.—Wall street entered upon its first heatless Monday with the utmost good nature. Elevator service and light were greatly curtailed in all the big office buildings, the reduction in some instances leaving the main corridors in darkness.

On the Stock Exchange, where the market opened with a firm undertone, the attendance of mem-

bers was much reduced and many of those who appeared wore overcoats or else jersey sweaters under their outer garments.

GIVE TO RED CROSS A meeting of the district officers and branch presidents of the South Brant Women's Institute was held on Saturday afternoon. Resolutions were passed as to the division of the money realized at the recent Red Cross sale of cooking by the Institute. A sum of \$100 was voted to the up-keep of the South Brant cot in the King's Canadian Hospital, Bushley, England; \$100 was given to the Canadian Red Cross and the remainder, about \$30, to other branches of the Red Cross.

CHARTER TO U. S. Washington, Jan. 21.—Charter to the United States Government of all Dutch steamers now being held in American ports has been decided upon by the Dutch Government in a provisional agreement just signed in London.

The agreement provides charter for one round trip for the upward of eighty vessels now in American ports. The vessels are not to go into the war zones, but five of the steamers will carry material for Switzerland and two will take cargo for the Netherlands overseas.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTOR OIL



BRITISH POET DECLARES HE IS NOT A PROPHET

John Masfield, a famous poet, who has just arrived in the United States, although he believes the end of the war will come this year, cannot tell the terms on which it will end.

WHEN BABY IS ILL

Mothers when your baby is ill; when his little stomach and bowels are out of order; when he is troubled with constipation, colic, colds or his teething is painful give him Baby's Own Tablets—the perfect medicine for little ones. Concerning them Mrs. Alphonse Pelletier, St. Damase, Quebec, says:—"Baby's Own Tablets are a grand remedy for little ones. I used them for my baby with wonderful results." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICE

Friday, the fifteenth day of February next, will be the last day for presenting Petitions for Private Bills.

Friday, the twenty-second day of February next, will be the last day for introducing Private Bills.

Thursday, the seventh day of March next, will be the last day for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills.

ARTHUR H. SYDRE, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Toronto, January 8th, 1918.



MISSING WEST TORONTO GIRL AND FIANCE

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of Miss Jean Kastress, who left her home, 437 Pacific Ave., Toronto, December 13, to visit a relative in Ingersoll. She failed to reach her destination. Searches far and near have failed to reveal her whereabouts. Miss Kastress was to have been married to Tony Laotautin, January 15.

Notice to Paris Householders!

Electric Power and Water Shortage

The public are hereby informed of an impending shortage of water owing to the daily consumption being much in excess of the supply. Householders are warned to keep taps shut when not in use; also to conserve in every possible manner electric power or our local industries will be forced to curtail operations.

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LOCAL

LEPER MISSION.

The Leper Mission, which is now in the Y.W.C.

WOUNDED

Pvt. R. J. Nelson is reported as wounded in the official casualty list.

GOES OVERSEAS

Gunner F. B. Trant is reported as having spent Saturday, having spent with his parents before leaving.

NAVY WEAR UNIFORM

Returned officers Highland units and other Highland units in Canada expanded their uniforms on being attached to transferred to other units in Canada be permitted Highland uniform until worn out. This information is contained in Canadian Force routine orders.

NO DISCHARGE ALLOWED

No men who have received under the military law to be discharged, but referred to the leave of absence at district headquarters have applied to the leave board for leave are not away in drafts until they have been finally disposed of, state.

TO RELEASE FARMERS

According to orders military headquarters listed in Canada with the vice companies, who are members, and whose physical condition does not grade them "C." are to be released service to return to the general production during the war.

KITH AND KIN.

The Terrace Hill Kith and Kin meeting at the home of Mrs. St. George street, on afternoon, January 17th was a splendid attendance. Early president occupied the chair. The usual business was transacted and a very pleasant time was spent. Mrs. Brown's vocal selection was greatly appreciated by the next meeting will be held on the 24th.

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