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**THE SITUATION.**  
 The fact that King Constantine of Greece has from the first been acting towards the Allies in a most treacherous manner, receives more and more confirmation every day. He evidently thinks just as little of his word as his pledge-breaking brother-in-law, the Kaiser. Without doubt Foreign Secretary Grey should have recommended the bringing of him up with a short turn at an earlier stage of the proceedings, but he didn't and now there's the present menacing mess.

Venezuelist supporters are receiving harsh and brutal treatment and it is rumored that he may declare war on the Allies having been offered help in this regard by both Germany and Austria. If this occurs there can be no doubt a very serious phase of affairs would be opened up. Submarines with Greek bases could operate very freely and the Suez Canal traffic be menaced.

The Roumanians still continue to withdraw under the pressure from the Teutonic forces and Berlin claims that two of King Ferdinand's sons were yesterday trapped and taken prisoner—ten thousand in all. The declaration is made that Russia does not intend that the foe shall remain in Roumania and that a big counter offensive will speedily be launched.

On the Verdun front the French claim to have retaken some lost trenches and Berlin makes the assertion that they were repulsed.

The Serbs continue to repulse Teuton attacks although the latter have been heavily reinforced. The British admiralty has issued the warning that a commerce-raider is probably at large in the Atlantic.

**THE BRITISH CABINET RE-ORGANIZATION**

The Courier ventured the opinion in connection with the British Cabinet crisis, that it hardly seemed possible that A. J. Balfour would be dropped out in any rearrangement. It is now announced that his valuable services have not only been retained but, that he is to have the exceedingly important post of Foreign Secretary.

Balfour is a family whose members have been at the very forefront of Empire affairs ever since the days of Queen Elizabeth. He was born in 1848 and entered the British House of Commons when he was twenty-six years of age. In his early parliamentary career he was a member of the famous "Fourth Party" of which Lord Randolph Churchill was the head—a group of four Conservatives who deemed that the administration of the day needed prodding and attended to the task in a most brilliant fashion. Balfour, 1878-80, was secretary to his uncle, Lord Salisbury, and in 1887 was made chief Secretary for Ireland. His selection for a post which had broken down Forster during this stormy period in connection with the affairs of the Emerald Isle, created a great deal of surprise, but he quickly justified his choice. He handled matters with such a firm hand that he was speedily dubbed "Bloody Balfour" by certain Irish factions, and the right in the midst of things, he went unguarded, to Ireland to see matters at first hand. His plucky act appealed to the Celtic heart, as anything courageous always does, and he received a cordial reception. Later he became Premier, and was one of the first men to be called upon when Asquith decided on a Coalition Ministry. He is by common consent probably the best debater the British House has ever seen, but back of that gift he possesses brilliant and at the same time solid characteristics, which have been typical throughout of the stock from which he springs. Viscount Grey, whom he succeeds has paid a very high tribute to his aptitude for the post.

Bonar Law, Canadian born, becomes Chancellor of the Exchequer. When he first became leader of the Conservative party, the appointment was more in the nature of a compromise than anything else, and he was regarded much as Campbell Bannerman was when that gentleman was keeping the First Minister's chair warm for Asquith. However, since the commencement of hostilities he has developed to a marked extent in public esteem and confidence and his business training and success will eminently fit him for his new task.

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**AN IMPUDENT CLAIM.**

Elsewhere in this issue there is a despatch which announces that the German Government has issued an official justification of the Belgian deportations.

Justification! The very use of such a term is a sacrilege in connection with anything contained in the devilish propaganda of Kultur.

As if the first unprovoked attack on Belgium, its pillage, the ravishment of the populace and all the other atrocities did not constitute enough, we now have the spectacle of the brutal enslavement of the people.

The precious document issued from Berlin makes the plea that the people there are idle and out of employment and require assistance, therefore it is argued that it is a kindness and a mercy to send them to the Fatherland, where they can be put to work. Faugh! who brought all the horrors on this peace-loving and peace-abiding people, so that they lack sufficient avenues of industry in order to supply their daily wants? Who has destroyed their industries, and their homes, their towns and their villages, and turned their farm holdings into shell devastated areas? Who but the unspeakable Huns, who are now seeking to take advantage of the misery and the helplessness, which they have caused, by forcibly placing their victims in a condition of bondage on the specious and diabolical plea that thus they are endeavoring to help them.

The spectacle is nauseating and revolting to the last degree and it constitutes simply one more illustration of what would happen to all the rest of us if this pariah of the nations should ever obtain the upper hand.

The sorely stricken and bleeding Belgians have now had slavery added to all the other inhuman atrocities of which they have been the victims and the Kaiser and his advisers have the colossal and the brazen faced effrontery to claim that it is for their good.

Small wonder that the Allies are determined upon the humiliation of these monsters, no matter what the cost may be.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

Greece is certainly keeping the Balkan pot boiling.

Premier Hearst is doing good service by the public addresses in which he urges Canadians to realize that the war must be taken even more seriously than at present.

The first portion of the name of the King of Greece stands for his constancy to the Huns.

With Grey in the Foreign Secretaryship, the Balkan skies have looked dark. Let's hope that with Balfour there they may become brighter.

A bell weighing six hundred pounds, stolen from a Methodist church in Kansas has been recovered. It wasn't the men who took the same, who told it.

The man whom Asquith and others hint at as responsible for the overthrow of the late Premier, is manifestly Lord Northcliffe, the owner of many influential papers. He constitutes in himself a sort of modern press gang.

There has been talk of avoiding a civic election in Stratford, while in this neck of the woods, candidates are bobbing up almost every minute.



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**STATESMEN OF BELGIUM SPEAK**

Senator and Deputies Send Protest to Governor Von Bissing

**A NOTE**

On the Same Subject Sent by the U. S.

Havre, France, Dec. 8.—Twenty Belgian Senators and twenty-three Belgian deputies now living in Brussels have taken the personal risk of sending a signed protest to Gen. von Bissing against the deportations. The Senators and deputies at the same time sent copies of their protest to Grand Whitlock, the American minister of Belgium; to the Marquis de Villalobar, Spanish minister at Brussels, and to the diplomatic representatives of other countries. Copies of the protest and of the letter to the neutral ministers have been received by the Belgian government.

"On many occasions during modern times," says the letter to the diplomats in part, "civilized powers have intervened in favor of oppressed peoples. Many times they have

given protection to persecuted populations driven from their firebrands, and yet these peoples were not carried off into slavery. It remained for the frightful war of which we were the first victims to offer such a spectacle to the world. We are persuaded that Belgium will not have appealed in vain for the aid of your government to protect it from the pitiless edict that violates at the same time the rights of man and the Fourth Convention of The Hague, with all the laws of humanity."

Among the signers of the protest are four former ministers: Baron de Favre, President of the Senate; Count West, Jules Vandepereboom, and Joseph Devolder. Among the deputies who signed it, were Baron Albert de Huart and Count de Limburg-Stirum.

Washington, Dec. 8.—A note to Germany protesting against the deportation of Belgians for forced labor as contrary to all precedents and humane principles of international practice was made public tonight by the State Department. The note was cabled to Charge Grew at Berlin on November 29, the day Ambassador Gerard discussed the subject with President Wilson, with instructions that he read it to the German Chancellor personally. In making it public the State Department announced that the review had taken place, but said nothing about results.

The decision to protest formally against the treatment of the Belgians followed unsuccessful informal efforts by Charge Grew, under instruction that he say informally to

portations were having a most unfavorable effect upon neutrals, particularly the United States. The charge was informed in reply that the policy was adopted as a military necessity, and that Germany regarded it as legal.

**Text of Note**  
 The note, with the department's statement, making it public, follows: "On November 29th Mr. Grew, our Charge at Berlin, was directed to obtain an interview with the German Chancellor and read to him the following:

"The Government of the United States has learned with the greatest concern and regret of the policy of the German Government to deport from Belgium a portion of the civilian population for the purpose of forcing them to labor in Germany, and is constrained to protest in a friendly spirit, but most solemnly against this action, which is in contravention of all precedents and of those humane principles of international practice which have long been accepted and followed by civilized combatants.

"Furthermore, the Government of the United States is convinced that the effect of this policy if pursued will in all probability be fatal to the Belgian Relief work, so humanely planned and so successfully carried out, a result which would be generally deplored, and which it is assumed would seriously embarrass the German Government."

"The interview has taken place."

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**QUALIFIED.**  
 At the examinations held some time ago at the District School of Bombing at Camp Borden, Lt. J. G. Holding and W. J. Ham, of the 215th, qualified as bombers.

**SCOUT OFFICER.**  
 The orders issued at the armor-to-day confirm the qualification a scout officer of Lieut. George Sweet who has but recently returned from attending a class in Toronto.

**FOR W. P. L.**  
 The Women's Patriotic League gratefully acknowledge the sum of one hundred dollars from Mr. F. Roberson and the Brantford Exposition.

**POSTPONED.**  
 The recruiting meeting that was to have been held on the market square last night by the Canadian Engineers, was postponed until some time next week owing to the poor condition of the weather. Capt. Coates of the 215th battalion is conducting the medical examination of the men secured by the recruiter.

**THE MARKET.**  
 The stormy weather and the consequent poor condition of the roads were undoubtedly responsible for the scarcity of produce offered for sale on the market this morning. Vegetables and meats made the best showing while dairy products were lacking and maintained a high price. The few apples that were in evidence were of an inferior quality and sold mostly by the basket, bringing forty to fifty cents.

**FIRE AT HYDRO STATION.**  
 A fire in the Hydro Substation on the Paris Road near Malloy's, during this morning, threatened to cause serious proportions. The local fire department were notified at their assistance requested. Before the firemen had sent aid however, telephone message was received stating that the blaze was under control.

**POLLING SYSTEM.**  
 The polling system of the city likely to be re-organized, and a law covering this is in the process of formation by City Clerk H. Leonard, at the present time. There are now twenty-seven subdivisions and four more will be added, making a total of thirty-one subdivisions. The by-law will probably be submitted to the council on Monday night.

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