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THE SITUATION

The enemy troops are now only twenty miles from Bucharest, and it is not believed that the Roumanians will make any serious attempt to defend their Capital. Experts differ as to whether Ferdinand's troops can continue withdrawal fighting until their present menacing position is relieved. Meanwhile Russian troops under Brusiloff have struck a heavy blow in the Carpathians. They captured a series of ridges and also took seven hundred prisoners and some machine guns. These operations, it is announced, are intended as a relief to the Roumanians.

Reports with regard to the fighting in Macedonia differ. The Bulgars claim that the Allied troops have been halted with heavy losses, while the Allies statement is that heights beyond Monastir have been successfully held despite several counter-attacks, while British troops have been successful in the Yadar valley.

The British Government has taken a drastic step in deciding to assume control of all the coal mines in South Wales. There has been a lot of trouble there between miners and operators and it is evidently felt that the supply must not be jeopardized.

A cablegram has been received in Ottawa from Bonar Law, the British Colonial Secretary in which he affirms on behalf of the British Government—

"It would be impossible and indeed manifestly injurious in the conduct of the war to prohibit the export of Canadian nickel matte and they have occurred in the method of supervision now being adopted, which seems to them to be the best practical method."

He adds that Merton's—the firm mentioned by Hartley Dewar, M.P., in his charge—have eliminated the enemy holdings in the company and that the British Government is now using the services of said company. Thus the Grit nickel charges are utterly and completely exploded.

ADMIRAL BEATTY FIRST SEA LORD.

The war has witnessed many notable changes, principally when Grand Duke Nicholas was relieved of the supreme Russian command, and Sir John French was replaced by Sir Douglas Haig as head of the British overseas forces. The third momentous step in the appointment of Sir David Beatty to the position of head of the grand fleet, while Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, who held that post, becomes First Sea Lord. The last named has been under a tremendous strain since hostilities started and at his age the tension must have been very great. Under his guidance John Bull's navy has kept the German fleet bottled up, the trade routes have been kept open for the transport of troops and produce and German shipping has been chased from the seas. As First Sea Lord his splendid knowledge and advice will still be available in a practical way.

Beatty, who is quite often spoken of as a "second Nelson," has had a wonderful career in his chosen profession. He is still a young man—only 45—and entered the navy when he was only thirteen years of age. When he was in his early twenties, in 1896, he was sent to the Soudan to help Lord Kitchener and was given charge of the British gunboats winning the D. S. O. Later he did excellent work in connection with the Boxer uprising in China. He was appointed a rear-admiral at the marvellously early age of thirty-eight. Before the war started he was in command of the First Battle Cruiser Squadron and knighted. During the present struggle he has done notable work time and time again. He was the hero of Heligoland and also of the Dogger Bank battle. His greatest exploit, however, was off Jutland in June, when, with his cruiser squadron, greatly outnumbered, he stopped the successful emergency force of the German fleet, which sustained severe losses and before the grand fleet came up was only too glad to scurry back to the shelter of the Kiel Canal. He has constantly proved his worth, his cool headed daring, and initiative in every direction and his pre-

ferment will be received, with general acclaim.

Mr. Balfour evidently retains office as Lord of the Admiralty. Unlike Winston Churchill whom he displaced, he is not a man of overweening personal ambition. Instead, although an ex-premier, he willingly took office upon his acceptance of the post. He has shown that his one desire is to assist on behalf of the common good.

WHAT SIR WILFRID WANTS. Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not want to take part in any coalition government. What he desires is to get into power, if he can, as head of his own administration. He yearns for that regardless of anything else. As a matter of fact he has never been asked to take the step and he would certainly be altogether out of place in any cabinet formed to press matters on an entirely national basis without regard to the desires of la-sgard Quebec. The Liberal chieftain expresses his attitude in an inspired special despatch from the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe. Here is an extract:—

"The attitude of the Liberal leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with regard to Canada's part in the war has been from the first that there should be only one party in regard to united and whole-hearted efforts towards its successful prosecution."

Then follows the claim that the present administration has been lax and lacking, and that Sir Wilfrid is the one gentleman who can deliver a strong brand of goods. Still one more extract will suffice:—

"According to the best informed here, the Liberal leader does not see the necessity of the practical usefulness of a coalition government, in preference to party government, rightly led and honestly and courageously carried out. If and when the time comes for him to again assume the responsibilities of office, he will do so as the leader of the Liberal party, believing that the whole Dominion wishes a non-partisan, courageous and energetic war policy."

Such as he exhibited during the Boer War?

At that time it was only when forced by the rising tide of public opinion that he consented to send troops at all and he took the ground then and since that parliament should first sanction any help.

It is safe to say that had he been in power during present hostilities not one half the service would have been rendered the Empire that has been accomplished under the Borden administration for the simple reason that he never makes a move without one eye on Quebec and that province has not warmed up to the supreme duties of the hour so that the fact can be noticed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Laurier says in effect, "Coalition be blown; all I want is to be boss." The London Advertiser recently compared Rowell to Lloyd George. The incident is interesting as further illustration of the exaggerated political notions held by that paper.

The cablegram from Bonar Law knocks the bottom out of the latest attempt of the Grit manipulators to twist political capital out of the war at the expense of the Borden Government.

David Beatty may be relied upon to sling everything possible at the foe.

Charles M. Schwab recently gave a banquet to prominent citizens in Bethlehem at a cost of \$10,000. Potatoes and eggs must have figured largely on the menu.

Presidential candidate Hughes is going back to the practice of law. In place of his brief aspirations for occupying the White House, he will now tackle other briefs.

WEDDING BELLS.

John Lewis Anguish and Annie Emmeline Brackenbury were united in marriage last evening at the First Baptist parsonage by the Rev. Llewellyn Brown. They will reside in Brantford.

Furniture Auction Sale

W. J. Bragg, auctioneer, will sell by public auction on Tuesday next, December 5th, at 254 Colborne Street in the rear, commencing at 1.30 sharp, the following goods: 4 rockers, 1 couch, 1 Ext. table, 1 tapestry rug, 2 chairs, 1 radiant home coal heater, parlor cook, organ, clock, 11 yards linoleum, Singer sewing machine, 6 chairs, large mounted Peacock chair, lace curtains and blinds, 2 dressers and commodes, hanging lamp, 10 yards stair linoleum, Creton curtains, 2 beds, springs, mattress, feather bed, pillow sheets, a large quantity of glassware, dishes, canned fruits, pots, pans and all kitchen utensils, table washing machine, choice plants and pictures, and many other articles. All must be sold on Tuesday next, December 5, in the rear of Colborne Street, just east of Kerr & Goodwin's machine shop.

Mrs. Douglas, proprietress. W. J. Bragg, auctioneer.

THE WORLD'S PRESS

"Desperate to Madness"

Brooklyn Eagle: Only a Government desperate to madness could conceive of adding this final outrage against Belgium to the record that has placed it beyond the pale of civilization.

Cigarettes for Haberdashery

New York Sun: Those who have fancied all of Egypt standing all day in hurricane and sandal-making cigarettes for America will be interested to learn that the country of the Nile sent only \$24,315 worth of cigarettes to the United States in 1915 and bought in return \$32,810 worth of what the Department of Commerce calls haberdashery.

A Single Tax Waterloo.

Springfield Republican: The proposed single tax measure which was defeated by a referendum vote of 184,984 to 44,829. This may be taken, with the Hughes victory, as assurance to conservatism that such a measure where direct legislation is at its highest has not lost its moorings in old tradition.

Warning to a Canning Company

New York Mail: With the cost of living higher than ever before, one of the great dangers confronting a nation is to have abandoned its domestic trade in order to make larger profit by selling abroad. To add to the food troubles of the American people the danger of scarcity is bad citizenship, and may prove to be bad business. More power to the retailers who have determined never to handle this country's products again. It is time the spirit of "America First" found lodgment in America.

Paris News

Afternoon Tea.

The V. V. V. Club will serve Afternoon Tea in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms at Paris on Saturday, December 2nd, from 3.30 to 7.30. Admission 25c. Proceeds for Patriotic purposes.

The above mentioned Club is an organization composed of the young ladies of Penman's Limited, general office staff, Paris, who have been busy since the commencement of the war in the Red Cross work in conjunction with the various local Societies.

The London Harpers, under the direction of Tom Courte, will render a program of orchestral music during the afternoon, assisted by Miss Hilda Hurley, vocalist, of Brantford.

NEWS OF NORFOLK

133rd Battalion Loses Identity in England; 150 Men Rejected.

(From Our Own Correspondent) SIMCOE, Nov. 30.—Letters received in Simcoe from officers and men of the 133rd Battalion, C.E.F., indicate that the battalion has lost its identity. The medical examination culled out not more than one hundred and thirty men. Some were too young and some were too old, but very probably few will return home at present, work will be found for all about camp.

The three hundred men out of A and I Company appear to have been drafted for early transfer to France. One private remarked, "We may be in the trenches before you get this." But the tenor of other letters would indicate that he was over sanguine.

The men say they have new officers, but that these know little of business. A considerable part of the unit goes to the 23rd reserve. One man writes that Major James has been rejected, another that Major Aiken is on his way home (Mrs. Aiken, however, has no such news). All the N.C.O.s were returned to the ranks of private. Paymaster Capt. Selby may be sent back to London.

The Patriotic Association of Norfolk County met last night. There were present His Honor Judge Boles, Mayor Williamson and Messrs. Wm. Burt, M. Smith, T. J. Kagar, F. Reid, H. P. Innes, K. O. H. B. Donny, G. J. McKill and T. R. Atkinson. It was decided to hold a meeting of leading citizens of the county, municipal officers and councillors, clergymen and other leaders of public opinion to the number of about two hundred. The time and place are fixed as two o'clock on Wednesday, Dec. 6th, at the Court House. Lieut. Col. Norris, Lieut. Col. Cockshutt and Col. Williams will probably be present. The object of the meeting is to foster a sense of responsibility, and revive recruiting. Lieut. Col. Norris has stated that he is prepared to open a company headquarters here as soon as there are fifty men in sight.

Leslie Scram of Langton was brought before Justice Earl yesterday morning charged with the theft of another of the missing bicycles. He was remanded and allowed out on bail of \$500 to appear on Dec. 5. Scram is only fourteen years old. More arrests are expected.

Joseph Kinkhammer of Brantford, and Ethel M. Dever of Port Dover were married this morning at St. Mary's by Rev. Father Nagle, and left by north-bound trolley.

AN ATHLETE.

Pte. Hawkins of Simcoe, who enlisted with the 215th battalion to spend the winter in the trenches, is reported to be one of the fastest 100 and 220 yard runners in the province, and will be a decided acquisition to the sporting ranks of the battalion.

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Three Years of War Have Not Stopped English Racing

Race Tracks Continue to Flourish with Fair Success—the Recently Closed Season Having Been One of Exceptional Quality.

London, Nov. 30.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The flat racing season in England, which ended with the first week in November, was accounted quite successful notwithstanding that it ran into the third year of the war. There were twenty-three meetings in England, eleven at Newmarket, four at Lingfield, three at Gatwick, three at Newbury and two at Windsor. There will be jumping meets during the winter, but as special trains are not permitted and the supply of petrol for automobiles is limited, the crowds are not expected to be up to the usual standard.

The King continued to lead his patronage and appears in the final list of winners with purses aggregating \$3,685 to his credit. All the classic races of the English turf were maintained, although many of them did not come up to the value of the past years.

The leading winning owner was E. Hilton, a newspaper proprietor with \$86,820. The Earl of Derby, whose time is almost wholly taken up by his duties as Under Secretary of War, kept his racing establishment intact and was the second winner with \$45,830. The Duke of Portland led with \$40,025, Lord Palmouth was fourth with \$31,500; J. Buchanan, fifth with \$25,425; and Lord D'Abernon, head of the day, led on the board with \$23,250. The winning jockey was S. Donoghue, who had 43 mounts first past the wire.

A day's racing at Newmarket, known as headquarters of the English turf, retained this fall many of the picturesque features of pre-war days, with some distinctly novel attractions. The crowds were perhaps a bit more subdued although English racing throngs never have quite the same exuberance, or the same tendency to "ride" the winner home as one sees on the tracks around New York, Latonia or Louisville.

The winners here take their winnings with a calm and somewhat disdainful self-assurance while the losers lose with no disposition to "grouse" or "grouch" as it would be rendered in "American."

Newmarket, less seventy miles northeast of London, but this is not a great distance when a splendid big motor car has been successfully requisitioned and the day's program offers a card of seven well-filled races.

The way leads out the famous Seven Sisters Road, through Epping Village and its royal forest, which just a few weeks ago had been the scene of the most successful of German chortled voices of thousands of German singers. The old English inns and public houses along the road at once become a source of interest to visitors because of their quaint construction and still quaint names. There are the "Fighting Cocks," the "Bull and Hornedoe," the "Wagon Wheel," the "Coach and the Whip," the "Three Tuns," and scores of others. The English country is beautiful at all times of the year, and in the autumn months the grass is as green in the fields as in the spring. "Six Mile Bottom," is a welcome station along the way, for there to Newmarket lies a six-mile stretch of arrow-straight road which invites a speed limited only by fear of the county constable.

Newmarket, somewhat slow and sleepy by general standards, is alive and the bobbing with excitement of racing days.

The road from town to track is fairly clogged with all manner of vehicles. One finds wartime racing a bit cheaper than the ordinary sort and entrance to the grand stand is to be had for one pound with two shillings extra for England takes stand is not large, for England takes his racing in the open—on the broad lawns and in the open air paddock. Betting goes on as usual, with the bookmakers getting their odds in a manner calculated to attract and persuade. In return for a five pound note, or a one pound note, or perhaps your "two and six" in silver, you get a bit of numbered paste-board, which may or may not be worth preserving.

Newmarket is not a race track in the American sense. The grand stand and surrounding enclosures seem rather a gathering station set in the midst of never-ending fields of wonderfully green and velvet turf. But to the right there are the familiar white, rail fences which merge the several slants or straightaway courses into the home stretch.

Witnessing the start of an English race is a mile race the horses start a mile away from the grand, if it is a mile and a half race they start a mile and a half away from the grand. Here are built for racing, not to afford a spectacle. The racecourse must be content with the brief stretch of sees in the last hundred yards or so. Even this thrill is denied when one catches the flash past the winning post.

During an afternoon's racing there form to some century-old tradition, year one could see on the tracks all the colors long familiar to the tracks of the Duke of Portland, the Duke of Rosebery; the black, white cap of Lord Derby; the white, black sleeves of the Duke of Portland; the dark blue and the blue and yellow hoops of Baron de Rothschild; the dark blue and buff stripes of the Earl of Jersey; the light blue and pink sash of Major Faldor Astor, and the scarlet

The Royal Loan and Saving Co. 38-40 Market St., Brantford. DIVIDEND NO. 102. NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND of two per cent. on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Company (being at the rate of Eight per cent. per annum), has been declared for the months ending December 31st, 1916, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company on and after January 2nd, 1917. The Transfer Books will be closed from December 20th, to December 31st, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors. W. G. HELLIKER, Manager. Brantford, November 14th, 1916.

PURSEL'S Kiddie Store. 179 Colborne Street. NOW OPEN WITH Xmas Toys and Presents for Children. To attempt to describe the assortment is more than useless, just "SEE THEM." A large range of High Chairs, Rockers, Morris Chairs, and Morris Rockers, Cribs, Crib Blankets at \$1.00, Tables and Small Chairs, Beautiful Kapok Crib Mattresses at \$5.00, a beauty and very soft. Kindergarten Sets at \$1.75, \$2.50 & \$3.00. We sell the Kiddie Car at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. The Place of Children's Goods.

WON'T SHRINK WOOLLENS. Pour LUX on the troubled waters of the wash. MILLIONS of these little LUX wafers are working wonders every wash-day all over Canada. In color they are like cream—to the touch like silk. The fine, soft, creamy lather LUX makes, is splendid for woollens—it never shrinks or hardens them. In fact, all kinds of garments, woollens, silks, laces, linens, etc., dainty or otherwise, are really preserved by LUX. It leaves them luxuriously clean, but with the fabric absolutely free from matting and shrinkage. SAMPLE FREE on application to Lever Brothers Limited, Toronto. Sold at all grocers, 10c. Remember: 1st. LUX is made in Canada. 2nd. It won't shrink woollens.

LOCAL FOR PROPER PURPOSE. At the close of the hearing two Brantford druggists for tincture of ginger, P. M. L... dismissed the charges upon understanding that no more would be sold except upon reasonable terms that it was needed for a proper purpose. STRUCK BY WOOD. Mr. Charles Hoffman of St. street, Terrace Hill, was run the hospital yesterday after a serious condition as a result of an accident occurring at the Carriage Works. Mr. Hoffman is an employe of the company at his work when a piece of iron in some manner flew from a machine which was holding it, striking him in the stomach and inflicting a serious and severe injury. The fortunate man was hurried to the Brantford General Hospital and there operated on, and his condition is improved, and his friends will be pleased to see the prospects are bright for speedy recovery. WILLING WORKERS' BAZAAR. One of the most successful in the history of the Willing Workers Sunday School Class, in Brantford, St. Presbyterians, last evening. Long before the time of opening people began to arrive in large numbers, all eyes were turned to the church, which was decorated for the occasion with three booths "Candyville", "burg" and "Cooktown". The "Willing Workers" were kept busy during the whole evening through the generosity of some of the members of the "Willing Workers' Class" were charged by SOLDIERS' WIVES. The special prayer service was held in the Park choir room on Tuesday of the Bible study was taken Ezra, prayer, found in the 9th, 5-15. There was an excellent prayer of those taking part of spiritual life of the city, and an out-pouring of the Spirit, so that there may be apart and separation between true disciples of the Lord. Every woman in the city who believes in the power of prayer is welcome. The meetings formal. Anyone able to part of the hour is urged. The meetings open at 3 p.m.