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The Situation.

The indications are that the German offensive at Verdun is commencing to lack the virility which has hitherto characterized the onslaughts. The Kaiser's troops continue to make assaults, but the critics are of the opinion that they are no longer dangerous, and that the situation is now beyond the successful generalship of the Crown Prince and his staff. They still, however, continue to sacrifice their troops in a most reckless manner.

The Russian official reports continue to be optimistic. They are making excellent progress in the Bagdad region, a fact which will add to the regret that Townshend and his forces could not have maintained their heroic resistance for a short time longer. The Irish revolution may be regarded as ended. It was from the inception one of the most insane projects ever launched, and the misguided participants must now fully realize how much they were gold-bricked by Germany. Redmond had the malcontents properly sized up, and the uncompromising stand which he took with regard to them will most assuredly add to his individual reputation.

In the Dominion House Sir Robert Borden moved a war budget of \$250,000,000, and in doing so made a characteristic speech, lofty in tone and pregnant with Canadian purpose. Nothing has more emphasized his claims to genuine statesmanship than the manner in which he has stood at the helm during this stormy period for Canada, as well as for every other country owing proud allegiance to the Union Jack and all that the glorious old standard typifies.

Good For Clark!

Dr. Michael Clark, the Liberal member for Red Deer, is one of the foremost men in the Opposition ranks of the Dominion House. Before he came to Canada he sat in the British Commons, and he is recognized at Ottawa as one of the best debaters and of Ministerial calibre.

His forceful rebuke yesterday to the sniping and the carping of certain small-souled Grits in their discreditable efforts to "get at" the Government in connection with the war, comes therefore with all the greater force. His language upon two points is well worth repeating in full:

"I listened with very great care to the statement of my Right Hon. friend, the Prime Minister, from beginning to end. I listened to it calmly, and as I listened I was proud to be a citizen of Canada, and proud to be so because of what the present Government of Canada has done in connection with this war. There were certain things that loomed out in my mind as I listened to that statement and the first thing with which I was impressed was the magnitude of the burden and the responsibilities which came upon the Government of a small portion of the British Empire, with the swiftness and the suddenness which we know characterized the commencement of this war. It was my privilege, as it was my honor, at the beginning of the war and it has been more than once since, to express what was my clear conviction and what is equally my clear conviction now that the head of the Government and the government itself and the majority of its supporters were seized at once with the importance of the issues and bent their whole energies to the task of contributing the proper quota on the part of Canada to the successful prosecution of the war. What was my conviction then, is my conviction now, and I am clear in my own mind that history will record whatever may be the petty political fortunes of party in this country, at the next or any other election, I am confident that the impartial historian will record that my Right Hon. Friend who leads this Government, has from the day the war cloud burst kept a single eye to the winning of the war and has not been led aside or diverted from that purpose by any small motive or any small consideration whatsoever.

The next thing that loomed out in front of me, as I listened to the statement, was the point that was referred to by the Prime Minister himself, and that was the tremendous task which had fallen upon a large and momentarily increasing number of the staff of the Militia Department and the loyalty and devotion which often, as the Prime Minister said, must have carried their nerves to the racking point, with which every member of that staff must have done their

duty. The Government and the staff of the department had splendid support from another consideration which was raised by the Prime Minister, because the spirit which animated the Government and the spirit which animated the staff of the Militia Department was, and is, I believe, the spirit of the great majority of right-thinking people of this country."

No doubt, said Dr. Clark, mistakes had been made. That was only human. But of the central, the loyal and the undivided purpose of Sir Robert Borden and his associates he felt fully convinced. The member for Red Deer honored himself by thus discharging what to him must have been personally a hard task, for no man likes to publicly rebuke his associates. His words also apply with equal pertinence to the Toronto Globe, the Brantford Express and other sheets of equally small-minded calibre which are continually seeking to twist picaresque and contemptible political capital out of the earnest and the whole-souled efforts of the Government to discharge a sudden and an enormous Empire duty in an efficient way.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Uncle Sam is still up in the peri-scope looking for that German reply. It looks as if the Russians will soon Bagdad all the rest of them in that place.

Alongside the snipers, Dr. Michael Clark looks like a lion among a lot of jackals.

Lost, Stolen or Strayed—One Irish republican. The finder will kindly bury without any further ado.

The finance committee in Sarnia has reduced the money paid to soldiers' wives from \$15 to \$10 per month. A husky outcry has been the result, as there ought to be.

When war broke out, confesses Premier Borden, "it was found that the organization of the Militia Department was inadequate to deal with the situation." Yet this is the party that boasts it knew the war was coming!

The above extract is not given for its intrinsic value, but as an evidence of the kind of piffle the leading Grit organ feeds to its readers these days. In any event, the Globe was one of the biggest kickers over the extra expenditure which Sir Sam Hughes, as Minister of Militia, did inaugurate.

HAIR COMING OUT?

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it into the scalp. After a few applications the hair stops coming out and you can't find any dandruff.

CALL OF A PATRIOT

An Armenian Who Has Lived in Canada Nine Years Joins the 215th, and Asks All Canadians to Join Also to Check the German Menace.

The love of freedom and the British Empire, which to him represents freedom, burns in the breast of John Chickigian, a local Armenian, who has recently enlisted in the 215th battalion, in an open letter, which is here reproduced, he voices a message to all the eligibles of Brantford:

By the aid of my poor language, I am going to do my part for the British Empire. I am an Armenian; in 1903 I was in Turkey, and the Turks were troubling the Armenians. I could not stand for this, so I got a passport from the Turks to go into the Holy Land. I fell in with a British boat, and the captain of the boat landed me in Greece. Then I came to Canada. I lived in Brantford a year and picked up the language little by little and got acquainted with some Armenians. We brought an Armenian priest from the U.S. and Dr. Mackenzie gave us a room in Grace Church where we had sermons in our own language. In 1907 I wrote a letter to the British consul at Trebizond, telling him to help me to bring my family to Canada. So he helped me and we brought my family over. It is about nine years I have been living in

Brantford with my family, happily. I have been interested in the war, and wanted to enlist for a year, but could not. I am glad to say that on April 25 I enlisted in the 215th battalion. I was thinking about enlisting before April. I have been living in Canada 9 years and enjoying the freedom of the country. If we want to live in a free country, then when the enemy comes against us we should fight against the enemy. A few lines to the young men of Brantford. "Boys, if you want the Germans to come here and make us their slaves, you can stay home. But if you want to stand up for freedom of the country, we should fight. Boys, think of the terrible massacre that the German and his allies are going to put in the world instead of freedom. No, boys, we should not and shall not stand for this. Come, boys, enlist in the 215th or any other battalion, and let us fight the Germans and beat them to pieces, and let the freedom of the world rule the earth. Come, boys, and let us fight for the freedom of the British Empire. Your comrade, John Chickigian, 128 Alfred Street. Kindly excuse mistakes.

work was being done where there was no equipment save the Sunday schools.

Perhaps the most interesting and instructive address of the conference was that delivered by Rev. Dr. Chown of Toronto, Canadian superintendent of the Methodist church, who urged that the Y.M.C.A. should demonstrate the standard efficiency tests and provide and train leaders. It should find a meeting place and organize its summer activities so as to lead up to these tests, and should then provide a short term for the trying of a course by all interested in the work.

THE "STANDARD EFFICIENCY TEST"

Check on Boy Development May be Introduced into Brantford. Mr. George Mosley, of the Y. M. C. A. was in Toronto last week, for the purpose of attending a conference of workers held in Knox college April 26-28. The program was based entirely upon the standard efficiency tests of Canada and the resolution arrived at was to bring these into Sunday Schools and Church leagues throughout Canada. Speakers at the conference were Dr. John of New York; E. M. Robinson, also of that city; Mr. Robinson in his address, urged that there should be an annual membership enrollment, in order to give a check on the work and to remove "dead wood." He emphasized the important part which the influences with which a boy is surrounded, play in the formation of his character, and urged that evil influences be removed before they harmed "the lads," and not remedied afterward.

Mr. Eugene C. Foster, Boys' Work Director of Detroit, expressed the opinion that what was done for the boy would not count so much as what the boy was led to do for himself. Though equipment was a splendid advantage, he had found that the best

EAST OAKLAND

(From our own Correspondent.)

The funeral of the late Mrs. Percy Martin took place on Monday. A large number of sorrowing friends attended to show their last respects. Mr. Isaac Hill and son, Joseph were calling on Mr. G. Staats on Thursday. Miss McIntyre was the guest of Mrs. John Ryan on Wednesday. Miss Emeline Oxley had a sale last Thursday. There were a large number of buyers on hand and good prices prevailed.

Governor McCall of Massachusetts, vetoed the bill allowing "Billy" Sunday to erect a wooden tabernacle, in violation of fire laws.

A LIFETIME OF SICKNESS

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NO MONEY

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mission, said that he had concluded his examination of Col. Carnegie, as described several important documents which he had seen, but which he had not filed. One was a letter D. A. Thomas, representative to Canada by the British munitions minister, to the shell committee covering the general policy of the committee. He did not think that letter was pertinent to the enquiry which was engaged in probing specific cases. There were letters from Mr. Lloyd Harris to the Premier and Col. Carnegie's opinion of them. These were confidential, but if he secured permission he would be pleased to file them. The matters had been thoroughly elaborated.

Others documents showed the prices the war office agreed to pay for munitions, the prices paid to sub-contractors and the balance \$42,000,000—remaining between the war office prices and money actually paid out.

OTHER LETTERS

Letters from the Valve Company to the Shell Committee read by I. F. Hellmuth, commission counsel, detailed the money spent on a plant to produce the cases—some \$300,000—while a Mr. Olsen was secured from the Edison Company to manage the shell case staff. Mr. Olsen's life was insured for \$400,000.

The Edwards Valve Company later asked the Shell Committee for an extension of time in which to handle the shell case order, and also for a cash advance \$200,000. This was on October 18, 1915. The cash advance was refused, the Shell Committee pointing out that a number of Canadian companies had begun to manufacture munitions without such advances. The company was allowed to deliver 200,000 shell cases on November 25, and the 300,000 balance on January 10, 1916, if it could. It was not able to do so, on October 3 its manager writing the Shell Committee in explanation that a strike at its Chicago plant had held up a number of cases, which were practically finished. On December 22 the Shell Committee formally cancelled the order given by Col. Carnegie and General Pease on July 16, 1915.

MR. JOHNSTON'S STATUS.

The atmosphere in the room where the enquiry is being held now immediately changed and instead of the rather stolid harmony existing up to this time, tenseness crept in as well as harmony.

Sir William Meredith asked whether it would not be better to settle the status of E. F. B. Johnston, C. Toronto, Liberal counsel.

Mr. Johnston said he desired to ask questions about several facts which he thought should be investigated.

F. B. Carvell, M.P., said he hoped when Mr. Johnston got through there would be nothing for him to ask.

Mr. Ewart for Sir Sam Hughes, objected to Mr. Johnston taking the stand where he would be assisted by Mr. Carvell, because only one could cross-examine.

FIGHT RIGHT AWAY.

Mr. Johnston said the commission could decide if he departed from the instructions given him by the solicitor-general. A wrangle occurred over Mr. Johnston's first question to Col. Carnegie. It was:

"Was the Edwards Valve Company entirely in default on its contract in November, 1915?"

Col. Carnegie: "I don't quite understand."

Mr. Johnston: "The question is plain."

Sir William Meredith: "Make it a little more definite."

Mr. Johnston: "Had the Valve Company complied with the terms of its contract in any particular?"

Col. Carnegie: "That is a legal question, but I don't see how they had."

Mr. Johnston: "Now I ask, was the company not entirely in default?"

Col. Carnegie: "I don't know what is in the back of your mind?"

Mr. Nesbitt: "That is a tricky question."

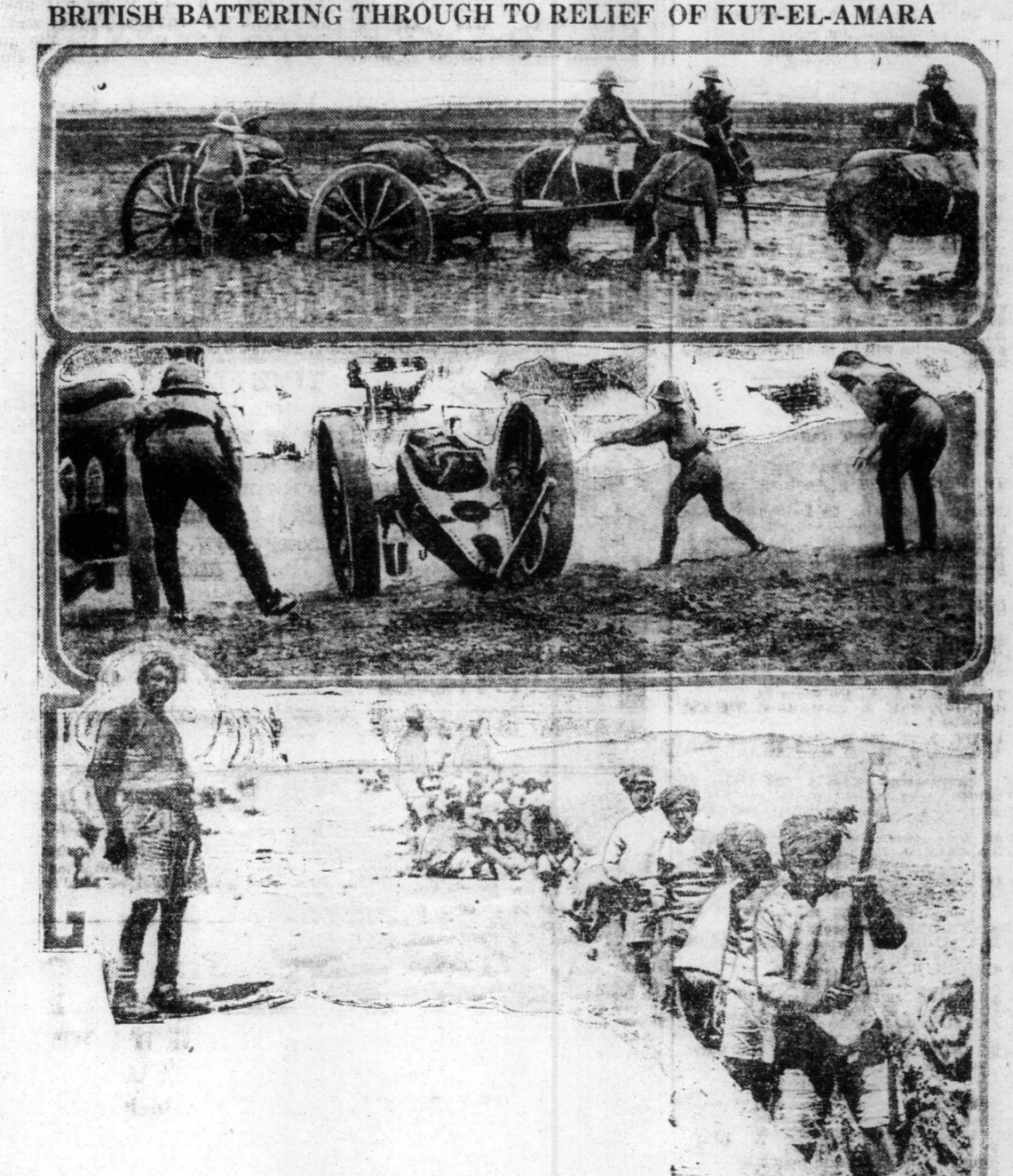
Mr. Johnston (to Mr. Nesbitt): "Wait."

MR. NESBITT'S PROTEST.

Sir William Meredith: "Mr. Nesbitt has the right to lodge a protest, but I would suggest counsel refrain from making provocative statements."

Mr. Nesbitt: "I shall now allow Mr. Johnston to act as censor of my remarks. I want to explain now what the Edwards Valve Company actually did towards producing the shell

BRITISH BATTERING THROUGH TO RELIEF OF KUT-EL-AMARA



FIGHTING IN THE HEAT AND MUD—The upper picture shows an Australian gun mired in one of the many swamps of the country, and just below they have a howitzer mounted on a hill, firing long distance shells at the Turk entrenchments. That the Hindoos are loyal and doing something for the Empire is seen in the lower photo showing the be-turbaned fighters from India digging themselves in, in expectation of an attack from their fellow-Mohammedans—the Turks.—(Exclusive Courier Pictorial Service, in conjunction with the London Daily Mirror.)

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ANOTHER PRINCE WITHOUT A COUNTRY



The Serbian Crown Prince visits London, where he conferred with Premier Asquith relative to the future status of his country, now in the hands of the Austrians and Bulgarians. He was given quite an enthusiastic welcome in England, which is now the home of several de-throned monarchs and their families.—(Exclusive Courier Pictorial Service, in conjunction with the London Daily Mirror.)

HUN PECKED



Or one wife too many.—London Opinion.

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CATTLE SHIPPED. Mr. A. E. Reed cattle yesterday.

NUPTIAL NOTE. On April 21st, Mr. A. E. Reed and Miss Cook and Heloise.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. The finance and grounds committees of the Board of Education met for the meeting board on Thursday.

BUILDING PERMIT. A permit for the frame garage, to be issued at the city of Mr. Samuel Waldron the work to be done.

SOCIAL EVENING. St. John's A. Y. Monday evening, being present from putting on a play enjoyed by all. Reserved, after which special car for St. John's branch for the evening spent.

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