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THE SITUATION.

The tide of Allied success continues to run strong. Following the capture yesterday by French troops of the important town of Roye, word comes to-day that they have also taken Chaulnes.

PREVENTING BARN FIRES.

From January 1 to September 30, 1917, there were 788 barn fires in Ontario, entailing a loss of \$791,247.90. The question again arises, "Do lightning rods protect from fire by lightning?"

Between June 1st, 1917, and the day on which this is written (October 22nd, 1917), we have investigated or have had special reports made upon no less than 211 barn fires, and we can therefore speak with some degree of authority on some phases of the cause of such fires.

Of the total of 211 investigated fires, 13 of the barns affected were equipped with lightning rods, but only two of the fires in such barns were caused by lightning. We gave particular care to a full examination of these two cases because of the apparent failure of the rods, and we have determined that in one case the whole equipment was out of order and it was well known to the farmer that two of the conductors had been completely severed where they entered the ground; the equipment in the case was therefore not only completely useless, but it would have been better had it been altogether removed.

In the second case which occurred in Hastings County on the 19th of September, 1917, we have a much more interesting case. Prof. W. H. Day, our recognized lightning rod authority, who had all the reports sent to him, sums up this case in the following words: "It brings out very forcibly the value of our instructions that the ground rods should not run from the peak but from the eaves. It appears that this stroke hit the building part way down between the peak and the eaves, and in such cases there is absolutely no chance of the current going upward to the peak to get on the ground rod. Rodding men who have been adhering to the old method of ground from the peak have argued with us time and again that there was no possibility of a stroke occurring part way down the roof as we claim. This example is a concrete answer, and is another case that demonstrates very clearly the importance of our recommendation that buildings should be grounded from the eaves and all water spouts grounded."

The answer to the question, "Do lightning rods protect from fires by lightning?" is unmistakably answered in the affirmative by our records and investigations of this year as also in the work we commenced last year.

The question now is what is to be done to profit by the conclusion we must reach? Much could be accomplished by differential rating of farm properties when standard lightning rods are erected and maintained.

Claiming \$10,000 damages for false arrest, Arthur Harding has begun an action against J. W. McKinney, a Windsor merchant, alleging that the latter, by whom he had been employed, caused his arrest on a theft charge.

TEN MONTHS OF UNION GOVERNMENT.

In his recent address before his constituents on the above subject, Hon. Mr. Rowell was able to point to an excellent record. In the first place he pointed out that at the time of Union party feeling was running very high. There was the threatening possibility of a division on racial lines and voluntary enlistment after accomplishing good work had reached the point of failure. With regard to these things Mr. Rowell did not in any sense take an exaggerative view.

There are quite a few Conservatives to-day who believe that Sir Robert Borden took a wrong step when he persistently sought a coalition and they contend that his Government would have been sustained at the polls on a straight political fight. This would undoubtedly have been the case, but there were steps to be taken in connection with the war which rendered it vitally essential that there should be cohesion with party differences obliterated.

Just what has been harmoniously accomplished on the basis Mr. Rowell was able to tell his hearers and incidentally the country. The Military Service Act has been introduced and carried through with some friction, but nothing of a material nature. Since it came into force 19,514 men have voluntarily enlisted and 59,496 men have been enrolled under its provisions, or a grand total of 79,010. This has enabled Canadian troops to be kept up to strength. It has been arranged with Great Britain that they shall, except for purposes of actual military operation, be kept under the direct control of the Government of the Dominion.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rain to-day, what! Must have been a mistake somewhere. It is getting to be the Hindenburg line.

Pluck and Johnny Canuck mean one and the same thing. The present position of the Huns on the Western front brings to mind the story of the Irishman who was underneath in a fight with the blows of his adversary raining on all portions of his anatomy. "Why don't you stop 'em," yelled a friend who was holding the coats. "Well, you don't see me missing any of 'em, do you," gasped the victim as another wallop landed on his bruised frame.

GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.

By Courier Leased Wire. Roadville, Mass., Aug. 28.—Five events were on the program to-day for the second of Grand Circuit races at the Roadville track. The feature was the 2.08 pace, the Napoleon, with a purse of \$3000. Other events were the 2.15 pace, the Edwards, open only to those that had never competed on the Grand Circuit, a three-year-old pace, a 2.20 trot and three-year-old trot for colts valued at \$1,500. The weather was clear and cool and the track in prima condition.

FAVOR GENERAL STRIKE.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—At an enthusiastic meeting of the Ottawa branch of the Federated Letter Carriers of Canada, the delegate who will attend Dominion convention in Hamilton next week was instructed to vote for a general strike if the consent is obtained of the other branches of the service, namely, the railway mail clerks and the postal clerks. The cause for this drastic action is that the carriers believe that they should receive the same salary as the men employed in Western Canada.



"GRADUALLY SOAKING IN." —Philadelphia Ledger.

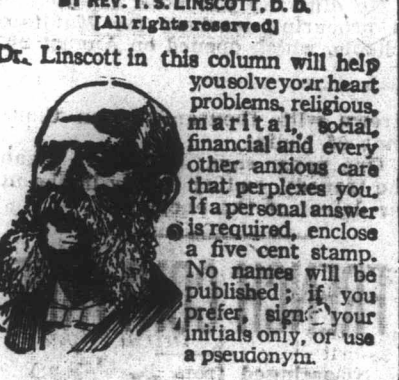
SITUATION TO-DAY

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Aug. 28.—The Associated Press today issues the following:

German forces in southern Picardy are retreating over a wide front. After the capture of Roye by the French yesterday, the German front has crumbled. The lines which have held back the French and British for the past two weeks are giving way, and today's official reports show the French on a line less than three miles west of the Somme river and canal.

Thirty villages have been captured by the French in the advance which was started early Tuesday morning. Chaulnes, the centre of the German line between Roye and the Somme river as it flows west through the battlefield, has been captured, and many other vital points have been taken from the retreating enemy.

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BIG OIL TANKER IS DESTROYED

The Lake Manitoba Burned in Montreal Harbor—Loss \$1,500,000

Montreal, Aug. 28.—With a flourish of the Montreal fire brigades and two fire boats off into the oil tanker, the Lake Manitoba of the Canadian Pacific Railway Ocean Services Line from noon until late in the afternoon, thousands of tons of oil and other inflammable material were destroyed to-day by the fire that caused damage at the wharf of the Imperial Oil Company, Longue Pointe, Montreal.

The cause of the fire is said to be a leakage of crude oil into the hold of the ship, which was in a short while, the whole vessel was in flames. The whole river was lit up for miles and the oil floated in flames on the river, making a ghastly spectacle. The flaming oil splashed from the burning vessel's side in torrents, immense quantities of chemicals were used in fighting the flames.

FIREARMS AND FIREWATER

Toronto, Aug. 28.—Liquor came to the fore this morning under the protection of loaded drivers and a party of foreigners at Don station with suit cases full of alcohol, flasks of whiskey and bottles of brandy and drums de menthe. The men had firearms. They seized the whole outfit. Accused were remanded until September 4.

MOUNTAIN FOX DEAD SENATOR

Washington, Aug. 28.—Both houses of congress adjourned immediately upon announcement of the death in Baltimore of Senator James O. Eastland. The flag of the Capitol were ordered at half mast for thirty days.

THE WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS, AUTHOR OF "MARGARET GARRETT'S HUSBAND," AND OTHER NOTABLE STORIES.

CHAPTER X

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Saskatchewan's Crop Damage Reports Greatly Magnified—Want 10,000 Harvesters at Once.

Reports previously published regarding the damage by frost to the crops in Saskatchewan were unduly pessimistic. Frequent showers and favorable weather have changed the outlook, and it is apparent that the great province of Saskatchewan will have a normal crop. This is evidenced by the fact that the Farm Laborers, as not less than 10,000 are required there immediately for harvesting.

Fate of False Gods.

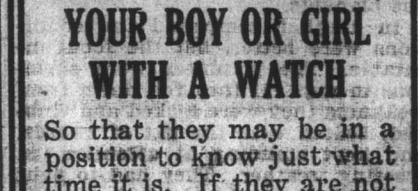
Pandranthian is a deserted and crumbling temple in the pleasant Kashmir valley in India. Its fate is an example of the oblivion that comes to those who worship false gods; another proof of the fleeting glory of things that build unwisely.

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ATTENDING CONVENTION. Lieut.-Col. H. F. L. clerk, left for Toronto to attend the Municipal Association. He will be away days.

NEW POLICE COURT. There is a future police on probation at the Quebec Court. He is doing and the prospects for are good.

AFTER DRIVERS. The local police have crusade on all persons big trucks and cars necessary license. All playing drivers under age or without a license to a fine of \$50.

FASTURIZING PLANT. At present there are dealers in the city who deal in fasturizing plants and advise, if the municipalities established, whether it will be allowed to continue. The opinion of favor of this.

AVIATOR-RACER COM. A communication has been received by Mr. Geo. J. Corporal Price of the 1918 Corps, asking for the races to be held in Day. Corp. Price's Beamville camp, is one of the best in the east riders in that division. He is expected that his presence will add thrills to the race.

TO RACE HERE. A telegram received Monday from Toronto announced the definite arrival of the new 1918 model cars here on August 30. Harley Davidson close for Fraser's high speed arrived in the city yesterday and is Fraser's house having to be left.

TROOPS LAND SAFELY. It is officially announced the chief process censor the following troops had the United Kingdom drafts No. 82 and 105 B.C.; second B. No. 63 regiment, Canadian 69, first Alberta regiment of No. 80, second, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

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