

## THE COURIER

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## THE SITUATION.

With better weather the Allied forces, both British and French, are commencing to gain more forward on the Flanders front. Not much of an advance, it is true, but one which is in the right direction. Westhoek and the remaining German positions on the ridge at that point are now in the hands of the British, and the French have also made slight headway, although in the neighborhood of St. Quentin Berlin claims that some trenches have been taken. The Huns suffered very heavy losses in connection with this attack.

The Canadians have made further raids in the Lens sector and reached the enemy's support trenches which they found lightly held and badly battered. They did not proceed further, as it will require very heavy forces to take Lens itself.

Russo-Romanian troops repulsed fog attacks in the Trotus Valley and then made counter attacks which resulted in the capture of some prisoners and guns. The Germans also claim successes in this region and it would seem to be clear that they are making marked progress despite their valiant but comparatively small efforts to restrain them.

The Russian embassy at Washington has received a despatch from Petrograd contradicting press despatches as to the poor state of health of Kerensky, and affirming that he is physically equal to his responsibilities. This is good news.

Lord Robert Cecil, discussing Great Britain's war expenditure, stated that from April 1, 1914, to August 4, 1917, the expenditure had been \$26,378,000,000. The sum of \$510,000,000 was now being raised yearly by direct taxation and \$2,325,000 by indirect taxation.

## THE SILENT FORCE.

The party manipulators who swung the Liberal convention at Winnipeg—in appearance at any rate—in a direction the rank and file did not desire, no doubt think that they accomplished a very clever thing but did they?

The truth of all political history, in Canada as in other lands in which constitutional government prevails, is that the wire pullers last only so long as the bulk of the people say so.

It is natural of course for men to stick to the party affiliations with which they have been identified and some do that no matter what happens, but a large number of others quietly go to the polls and vote against their former leaders if they think that the time has arrived for such a step. For the most part they do not openly make the break but that many follow such a course is abundantly proved by the changes of government which take place.

That has been true in the Dominion of Conservative as well as Liberal administrations. In 1886 when Laurier first attained power that fact was not due so much to anything which he had to offer as to the circumstance that after the death of Sir John Macdonald there was more or less dissension among the Conservative leaders and Sir Charles Tupper, who had come over from the High Commission in England to occupy the post of chief, failed to stem the tide despite herculean efforts.

In the same way but for a very different reason, to wit, rampant corruption, the Ross Government was swept from power in Ontario by an outraged public opinion, and Laurier went under because in the matter of his reciprocity proposals, he had coolly ignored popular sentiment and had not even conferred with his own colleagues.

In like manner, Graham, and Oliver and other wire pullers in the present crisis are seeking to manipulate conventions and crying out that all is well on behalf of Laurier and his anti-conscription attitude, while they conveniently ignore the undoubted fact that there are thousands of men in the ranks who will not be dragged into shutting their eyes as the basis of seeing what the White Plumed Knight will give them, in war matters, should he attain office?

They and their leader may hug the delusion to themselves that Quebec traitorous dictation is going to prevail and that Canadians will be made to appear in the eyes of the world as an apostate people, but they are

reckoning without the great silent force of the men and the women who will see to it, when the test comes, that Canada acquires herself as the greatest overseas Dominion should. That she will be ranged on behalf of the brave lads at the front and declare herself, without any half measures, on behalf of the God given right of human liberty.

## MACHINE LED

The Hamilton Herald (Independent), during the course of an editorial on the Liberal convention in Winnipeg, says:—

"There are evidences that the convention was manipulated by the machine. It appeared to be free and spontaneous in the opening stages. In fact, it appeared that no limits were fixed, and everything from hereditary titles to Dominion-wide prohibition and women's rights could be freely discussed. The only subject under the ban seemed to be the question of leadership. It was perhaps the first political convention where the party had been under recognized leadership in which the leader was kept so carefully in the background. Then in a graduated scale until the climax was reached, the sentiments of the convention were worked up into an enthusiastic endorsement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the closing hours. It indicates that there were careful and skillful stage directors in the background."

## IN GOOD STYLE

Uncle Sam was mighty slow in the matter of getting into the war, but once he got started his strides savored very much of the seven leagued boot variety.

As a matter of course, he has had the valuable experience of other countries to guide him, but that aside, the steps taken have been most vigorous and comprehensive.

The first army draft was well conceived and executed and the advance of large sums to the Allies was another timely move.

Since then signal alertness has been shown in all other directions. The guiding and the compelling force, and he has certainly disclosed himself as a strong man, far beyond what seem to be predicated during his letter writing era.

Among other things, he insisted that one man should be food controller, with the delays and the cross purposes which such a plan would have inevitably involved, but Wilson stood firm and Hoover, thoroughly well qualified by his experience in Belgium has charge. The edict which he has at once issued, backed by the President, is such as will cause the profiteers and others of that tribe, to sit up and take notice.

In the United States Senate yesterday, Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, had charge of a bill proposing over two billion dollars in direct taxation, and during the debate he remarked that it was proposed to spend ten billion dollars this year on war purposes. By this time the Hohenzollerns will be just about ready to withdraw the agnors with which they first regarded the entry of our neighbors in to the struggle.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Not having made enough noise with their mouths Quebec traitors are now trying explosives.

The Liberal convention in Toronto was held behind closed doors and a false report given out; that at Winnipeg was held in the open but results manipulated. Small wonder the rank and file are dissatisfied.

## CASE DROPPED

Petrograd, Aug. 11.—The case against General Gurko, former commander of the Russian armies on the southwestern front, who recently was arrested on political charges, has been dropped. His offense was committed prior to the enactment of the law giving amnesty for political offenses. As yet, however, Gen. Gurko has not been released from prison.

## AN ORIENTAL ORDER

Boston, Aug. 11.—Sheiks and tribesmen from Sanitoriums in Canada and the United States gathered here for the annual convention of the Oriental Order of Humility and Perfection to be in session for five days. The Order is composed of members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and is designed "to strengthen the bond of love and fellowship."

## ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

By Courier Leased Wire. Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 11.—Additional customs and excise duties were announced by the Australian Government to-day. The chief increase in the customs are three shillings a gallon on imported spirits and one penny a gallon on excise on beer. This it is estimated will increase the revenue 600,000 pounds.

## STEAMER SAFE.

Kingston, Ont., Aug. 11.—The Steamer T. J. Waffle is safe at Duck Island, her owners, the James Swift Company announce to-day. She left for Fair Haven Tuesday night and was caught in mid-lake in the terrible storm of Wednesday morning, but made port at Duck Island and has been lying there since.



Men often remain away from church because of a misunderstanding regarding its terms of admission, its character of its membership, its form of government, or its doctrines. All of these subjects readily lend themselves to publicity treatment and may serve as the basis of an advertising campaign, particularly through paid advertising in the daily newspapers.—Editor Christian Herald.

## Anglican

ST. JUDES.—ANGLICAN. Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Rector. Aug. 12.—10th Sunday after Trinity. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. 3 p.m. Sunday school and Bible classes. 7 p.m. Evening prayer and Sermon. The Rector will preach at all services. Strangers in the city are cordially welcome.

## Baptist

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. Dalhousie St., opposite Alexandra Park. Pastor, Rev. W. E. Bowyer. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School at 9.45 a.m. Mr. Alfred Drury will preach at both services. Seats free. Strangers and visitors always welcome.

## Methodist

WELLINGTON ST. METHODIST. Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Henderson, Pastor. 10 a.m., Quarterly Fellowship Service in the lecture room. 11 a.m., Public service. Brief sermon by the pastor followed by communion service. Mrs. Frank Leeming will sing. 2.45 p.m., Sunday School for old and young. 7 p.m., public service in Zion Church. Dr. Henderson will preach. Solos will be rendered by Mrs. Leeming and Mr. Chas. Darwen of Toronto. Thomas Darwen, A.T.C.M., Organist and Chormaster.

## Presbyterian

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Union vacation services of the Brant Avenue Methodist church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Sunday morning and evening. Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick in charge. 11 a.m.—Bible Study. 7 p.m.—Iron Rule and The Golden Rule. Morning solo by Mrs. Hood of Toronto. Evening solo by Mr. W. T. Millard. Each service 60 minutes long only. Come and worship with us.

ZION PRESBYTERIAN. Union Services of Zion and Wellington St. Churches. Preacher, Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Henderson. 11 a.m.—Wellington St. Church. 7 p.m.—Zion Church. Mrs. Frank Leeming will sing at both services and Mr. Chas. Darwen, of Toronto, in the evening. Thomas Darwen, A.T.C.M., Organist and Chormaster.

## Non-Denominational

CHRISTADELPHIAN.—Subject for Sunday, 7 p.m. "The things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ." Speaker, Mr. Geo. Denton, in C. O. F. Hall, 136 Dalhousie St. All welcome. Seats free. No collection.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST. 44 George street. Service Sunday 11 a.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Reading room open every day except Sunday, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Subject, Sunday, Aug. 12th, "Spirit."

## HOOVER DE-CLARES WAR On Profiteering in the United States

He and President Will Exercise Their Great Powers

Washington, Aug. 10.—Herbert C. Hoover was named formally as Food Administrator to-day by President Wilson under authority vested in him by Congress, and immediately served notice on speculators and profiteers that the time of reckoning for those who would not co-operate in the efforts of the Government to obtain lower prices for the consumer and help supply the allies of America in the war against Germany had come.

With the full approval of the President, obtained after a long conference at the White House last night, Mr. Hoover announced that the food administration would not hesitate to apply to the full the drastic and coercive powers that Congress had granted. It was at the same time a warning to those who had engaged in gambling with the food supply and to extortion that the United States Government, through its food administration, was the only agency which could hope to successfully corner the food market.

That action, through power of purchase or otherwise, it was broadly intimated, would be followed out if the best interests of the people of the country and their allies demanded it. Among the first steps to be taken, Mr. Hoover announced, would be the control of wheat and flour.

The rapidly with which the President and Mr. Hoover acted to-day was accepted as proof that there was no hesitancy upon the part of the Government to use in full the great powers conferred by the food control law. The bill was signed by Speaker Clark in the House at 12.03 o'clock and by Senator Salisbury, Vice-President pro tem, of the Senate, at 12.13 o'clock. Then it was

rushed to the President, who added his approval early in the afternoon and announced the appointment of Mr. Hoover.

As soon as he received word of his selection, Mr. Hoover asked for an appointment with the President and they went into conference at 5 o'clock this afternoon. When he left the President, Mr. Hoover began work at once on his statement of principles. While he used strong words, he expressed the hope that all would co-operate with him. By a queer coincidence, to-day was Mr. Hoover's forty-third birthday. The President sent him as a gift the pen with which he signed the food control bill.

In his statement Mr. Hoover outlined the needs of the allies of America, and the great part which he believed the consumers as well as the producers could play in alleviating suffering and distress. With proper co-operation and exercise of the unusual powers granted by the food bill, he felt sure the situation could be met. "The powers," he said, would be used to protect honest and patriotic men against those who saw fit to gamble on the sufferings of others.

## PRICES REGULATED.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Aug. 11.—The minister of food supplies presided yesterday at a meeting of the beer-selling industries, at which an agreement was reached concerning the barley trade in order to stop speculation and bring back malt beer to a reasonable price. As a result of the agreement, the barley henceforth may only be bought by a ministerial committee which will decide according to the needs of the various districts. The price of barley has been fixed at 43 francs per hundred weight and the price of malt will not exceed 85 francs per hundred weight. The price of malt has been 160 francs. The lowering of the price on malt will result in reducing the price of beer proportionately.

The Illinois council of defence is calling a conference of the governors of fifteen states in Chicago on Aug. 16, to consider ways of reducing coal prices.

The Illinois State Council of National Defence has recommended to Governor Lowden that the state seize the coal mines in the Commonwealth and operate them during the war.

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## AUSTRALIAN ACTIVITIES.

Melbourne, Aug. 10.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa agency.) Premier Hughes has instructed the Interstate commission to investigate the effect of the export of food stuffs overseas upon the high cost of living throughout the Commonwealth. The Senate has passed a bill repealing the daylight saving law. The House of Representatives has passed a bill permitting returning soldiers up to fifty years of age to enter the commonwealth service. The Senate has adopted a resolution without division in favor of the appointment of an official representative of the Commonwealth to the United States.

## DONOVAN DONE?

Col. Ruppert, president of the Yankees, realizes that his team must be thoroughly reconstructed before next year. He will confer with President Johnson of the American league here this week with the idea of making some radical changes. It was said recently that Donovan would not be re-engaged to manage the Yankees, and this, despite the denial, is still believed to be true.

## News Notes

A million-dollar airplane factory is to be erected at the Philadelphia navy yard inside 100 days. It will have a capacity for 1,000 machines a year.

Fifty-seven American warehouses certify they have 1,477,080,000 eggs in storage now, an increase of 127 million over the corresponding date last year.

The United Master Butchers of America, in session at Minneapolis, recommended the establishment of two meatless days weekly, and urged Food Controller Hoover to investigate fish prices.

Less than 12 per cent. of American school children have normal vision according to a statement by Dr. C. B. Aveggen, of Colfax, Wash., in which he claimed that most of the existing blindness could have been prevented.

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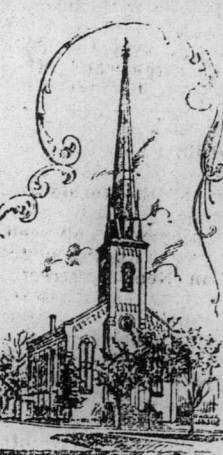
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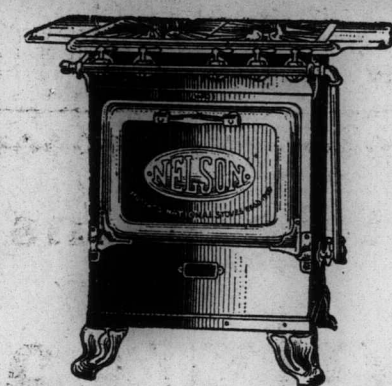
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## CLOSE CALL.

Flight Lieutenant Morton writes that he had an exciting close call when his machine was shot at by a German plane. The plane was shot to pieces, but he miraculously escaped injury except for a temporary shock. He expected to be flying in a few days.

## INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

Mr. George Wedlake of the Shurt Plow Co., and Mr. Frank Nicolls, architect, have been appointed by the joint committee of local organizations, to take charge of the Brantford district, which includes Brantford, Harnand and Burford in the industrial search census which is to be of all the industries in Canada. Co-operation of all the manufacturers is requested.

## TENNIS TEA

The Crescent Tennis club Thursday evening of this week a very successful tennis tea on grounds adjacent to the residence of Mr. Arthur McMillan, Ontario. The early part of the evening devoted to games, after which a dainty and delicious luncheon served by the young ladies of the club. A brief concert was given which several talented members of the club participated. The proceeds were devoted to the Red Cross, very gratifying, amounting to \$22.00.

## BRIDGE SLIPPING

On the Brantford and Hamilton radial, a bridge has slipped, feet from the abutment. While trouble will have to be remedied there is no immediate danger, a structure is as yet in a sound safe condition. The railway agent are desirous of less the cause of the disturbance, thinking that a sloping structure causing the bridge to slide out the ravine. The bridge is a trifle side of the half way mark between here and Hamilton. Engineer, chon was assistant engineer of railway board when the road constructed, and he it was, opened it first for traffic. Mr. C. on, in discussing the road and faulty bridge yesterday, said it is one of the best constructed roads in the province.



In tennis two kinds of glasses are needed. In some cases one needs glasses specially made to overcome defects in vision. In other cases the eyes are sensitive to the light and all right in every other way. In this event you need glasses made without focus strength but with a slight tint. The tint will prevent the sun from hurting your eyes. You will be able to get more out of the game and won't have those headaches that come on after the day's sun. As consulting optometrists we can tell you what to do.

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