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Monday, July 12, 1915. THE SITUATION. The efficient manner in which those come-backers, the Russinas have checked the Austrian forces in Poland has served to put a kink in the plans of Emperor William and his advisers.

Meanwhile the French keep nibbling away to good purpose. After fierce fighting, lasting for one hundred and twenty days, north of Arras, they have taken heights which dominate Flanders and their offensive position is thereby greatly strengthened.

The successful completion of Botha's mastery work in Africa—work which has very properly called forth special praise from Lord Kitchener—brings to mind the fact that had not the Boers been given self government they might very easily have taken advantage of the present crisis to rank themselves with Germany for they are very close racially to that people.

Then, again, had Italy stuck to her alliance with Germany and Austria, that fact would have added a very formidable obstacle to the task which the allies have undertaken.

In both essentials the reverse of what has taken place would have been serious almost beyond words, and we can all thank God that it has turned out otherwise.

THE GERMAN REPLY

The full text of the German reply as received at Washington makes no apology whatever for the sinking of the Lusitania, and no pledge that other slaughters of the same kind may not occur.

It does seem that nationalization of the systems might be the right course to pursue. Succoring them with further loans and guarantees also would mean that the public would require to pay higher freight rates forever afterwards.

NOTES AND COMMENT

At the present moment, the general situation looks distinctly better. What this neck of the woods seems to really need just now is a little more rain.

There is a place in Quebec called Smellie. That's what Brantford was before the sulphuretted gas got kicked out.

The prize for the town with the most frivolous name, might go to Gay Head, Mass.—Buffalo News.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

THE RAILWAY MESS

Everybody knows in a general way that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government left matters in very bad shape with regard to railroads.

The editor of the Ottawa Journal, who is in close touch with these matters at the Capital, points out that with respect to the Grand Trunk Pacific it was built on federal credit and its branch lines on provincial government bonds.

In Ottawa, it is believed that the Dominion is faced with state ownership on a big scale. The nationalization of these two systems is declared to be certain with the possibility of taking over the C. P. R. as well.

The principle underlying government ownership is service at cost. Beyond operation maintenance and investment charges, they do not seek profits nor require to pay dividends to shareholders.

It is a colossal proposition which faces the Dominion. Generally it is admitted that irreparable injury would be inflicted upon Canada's credit were any one or two of its transcontinental railroads to go to the wall.

It would cause the country to hustle for years to make railway ends meet, but it would result in a national policy of immigration and production being adopted, which would make Canada a great nation.

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Describing this attack, General French says: "The effect of the gas was so virulent as to render the whole line held by the French division practically impassable for anyone to realize what actually had happened, as the smoke and fumes hid everything from sight."

"I wish particularly to repudiate any idea of attaching the least blame to the French division for this unfortunate incident, and to express my firm conviction that if any troops in the world had been able to hold these trenches in the face of such a treacherous and altogether unexpected onslaught, it was the French division which would have stood firm."

"The left flank of the Canadian position was thus left dangerously exposed to a serious attack on the flank, and there appeared to be a prospect of its being overwhelmed. In spite of the danger to which they were exposed, the Canadians held their ground with a magnificent display of bravery and courage."

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day it would be impossible for the party to move about with safety even a considerable distance behind the line, because in a brilliant light individuals can be seen miles away and are practised upon by the gunners. It is estimated that if one man is hit for every two men thrown the average is good.

Some prisoners are taken every day. The party of which the correspondent was a member came across one who was being questioned by his captors. He was a blue-eyed, blonde, weak-looking youth, who said he was twenty-one and a half years old, but who looked not more than seventeen. He had been in the trenches six months, and said he had not had enough to eat. The reason why was not quite clear, but he told an officer he had seen no food for two days. He and twenty-five others, mistaking the location of their post, had been captured.

To The Editor

A GOOD MOVE.

Brantford, July 10th, 1915. To the Editor of the Courier: Sir,—It was with a great degree of satisfaction, that the writer noticed recently in your paper, that a movement had been made by the board of works, looking to the removal—at least from Colborne street—of the unsightly telephone and other poles—

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LOCAL

TWO MORE PERMITTED. For several days last week two building permits were issued. The same number this morning, from the Jones' office. W. J. Spence, a frame garage at a corner property, 31 Arthur street. Phipps, of 29 Fair Avenue garage at the same corner.

ORANGEMEN PARADE. Many Orangemen morning at the head of house street from city. Their parade started at 10 o'clock from their lodge room, the banners and wearing trooped off to entrain. The Oshweken lodge—the largest in attendance.

STILL AN INCREASE. The comparison of the sittings of the city lines for is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Burgess, beloved J. W. Burgess, 334 Colborne street, died at her home on Saturday afternoon, July 10th, at the age of 72. She had been some time, but was able to get up. Her sweetest and only son, who was caught her to be gone. She was the daughter of Drury, 34 Edward street.

BRANTFORD'S EXA. While the Galt City Monday night last night, a special meeting was held to deal with the situation. The Galt City Council was called to order and appointed to investigate the situation and obtain information for the Council which the special Council will likely be held.

PARIS BEAT ALBERT. In the City Baseball Saturday, Paris defeated the Grandview grounds of 11-6. Paris had the Scott of Toronto, a real good work together. Paris boys a comparison. The Galt City boys, Bradley and Schilling, John H. Fisher, M. Terrest spectator, and win of the boys of his mensely. There was Batteries: Scott and Galt and McDonald.

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