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THE SITUATION.

The French still continue their brilliant assaults upon the foe and have taken many more trenches and villages. The total number of prisoners thus far recorded is 13,500, and the great offensive is still extending between Soissons and Rheims and also to the Champagne region.

Bad weather has interfered with the British advance, but progress has been made in the Lens sector and also between St. Quentin and Cambrai. Three million men are now stated to be engaged in the Western front struggle and Bonar Law stated in the British House that the success of the Allies thus far had been beyond all expectations. It is said Lens can be taken at any time but that Haig has other plans.

A well known German paper "The Frankfurter Zeitung," says that the people and the Imperial Government desire peace, but will not permit outside interference. Well the interference is going to continue until the Hohenzollern outfit are willing to talk peace on the Allied basis.

At Westminster yesterday a bill was passed further extending the life of Parliament. The Nationalists objected on the ground that no solution had yet been announced of the Irish question, but there was an overwhelming majority for the measure of 286 to 52.

A BIG SWALLOW ACT

The Expositor absolutely refuses to attempt to square its present attitude that a war election would not be unseemly, with what it said in 1915, when it was rumored that the Dominion Government might go to the people.

Like the Globe of the same period it viewed the precipitation of such a struggle as "a crime" and during the course of a leading editorial published on Friday, March 12th, 1915, under the caption "Let the Election Wait," the organ said among other things:

"There is no possible justification for bringing on a general election until the present parliament has run its full course, and if the constitutional difficulty can be overcome, there should be NO ELECTION UNTIL THE WAR IS OVER, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE DIFFERENT CANADIAN CONTINGENTS ARE HOME and in a position to exercise the franchise."

In Great Britain the political truce has been honorably observed by both political parties. The Liberal Government which is in control over the war measures of the Empire could undoubtedly overwhelm its opponents and secure a snap verdict by appealing to the electors at this time for an endorsement of its war policy. It contemplates nothing of the kind, because it knows that no such endorsement is necessary.

The Borden Government also needs no endorsement for what it has done, because the Liberals have supported it in every war measure it has taken. To make the war a pretext for an appeal would mean the surrender of Sir Robert Borden to the men whose dirty tactics brought upon the country the disgrace of the Macdonald election and if he values his present standing or future reputation the Premier cannot afford to become their instrument and tool.

Well the "constitutional difficulty" was overcome and now the Expositor is stultifying itself by helping to urge the party wire pullers to force a political struggle and that too, during the very crisis of hostilities.

The organ talked of "men of dirty tactics" whom it alleged to be trying to force Premier Borden to an appeal. What about the "men of dirty tactics" for whom it is now holding up both hands?

SOME VIEWS REGARDING FREE WHEAT.

Comments of various newspapers with regard to the latest fiscal change vary as a matter of course. Liberal papers make the taunt that the wisdom of Reciprocity has been admitted, ignoring the fact that under the proposal in question Canada would have merged control of her own tariff, something which she still possesses in its entirety. Here are some extracts from various newspapers on the subject.

Mail Empire.—Now that the United States has embraced the same cause, the two neighbors can accom-

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modate their war arrangements to a common plan. Ocean tonnage on the Atlantic must be used in the most economical manner if it is to suffice for the transportation of supplies to Britain and other Entente Powers.

North America's farm lands are a great granary for the nations that are arrayed against Germany. Toronto News.—The Daily News has no thought that this reversal of policy will benefit the Western Canadian wheat growers to any such extent as they expect.

At times Canadian prices have ruled below American, and at other times they have ruled much above. From henceforth they will be on a level. In years when the United States has a great surplus the Canadian market may suffer, and vice versa.

Canadian No. 1 Hard may lose its identity in the Liverpool market, and so cease to advertise Canada. The flour mills of Minneapolis and St. Paul may draw off wheat that has heretofore gone to build up the Canadian milling industry.

The by-products may go to feed American instead of Canadian live stock, and so to enrich American instead of Canadian land. American railways may benefit at the expense of Canadian railways. But all these objections have to stand aside in face of the long continued insistence of the Western farmers for a free market.

They must know what will suit them and for years they have not wavered in their demand. Except for the highest national considerations no great section of the community can forever be denied what it most persistently demands. If the free wheat agitation had been ephemeral it could have been ignored. It only grew with the years, and in order to avoid a division of the Dominion into two hostile territories it was the policy of wisdom to make the concession.

Hamilton Herald, (Independent):—"As a measure of justice to the western farmer, and in a less degree to the farmers of the east, reciprocity in wheat and its products can easily be defended. But one mistake about it; the Canadian consumer will have to pay for this measure of relief to the farmers. Already as a direct result of the order-in-council the price of wheat has jumped up twelve cents. This increase will be speedily followed by an increase in the price of flour, and we shall have to pay more for bread."

Even this morning the bakers were predicting that it will soon be necessary to put bread up to 20 cents for the three-pound loaf. Every time the housewife buys a batch of bread-tickets at the enhanced price she will have the satisfaction of knowing that she is contributing to the prosperity of the Canadian grain-growers."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

London had its first meatless day yesterday and the Provinces follow suit to-day. As for the meal which the Huns were going to make of the British forces, the same has been indefinitely postponed.

An envoy of the Turkish Sultan has presented the Kaiser with a sword of honor. No known means exist for the forging of one which would do justice to his honor.

Schwab the U.S. steel magnate states that he was offered \$100,000,000 by a German emissary to cease making munitions for the Allies. That's a mere flea bite to what the Huns would give if they could only go back to the days before they decided to boss the world.

In the Fatherland General Hunger is daily adding to his forces against Prussianism.

The official report of the devastation by the Germans in France fully bears out previous statements. The acts were manifestly not isolated incidents of irresponsible soldiers but part and parcel of a concerted and authorized plan of deviltry. No words can adequately sum up these parlous of the world.

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AT HALF MAST

The flags on the Massey-Harris and Verity Plow Company buildings in the city were at half mast yesterday, in honor of the late Sir Lyman Melvin Jones.

For passing a bottle in a Peterboro hotel a Douro man was fined \$200 and \$8.75 costs. The police caught him red-handed.

Laid at Rest

Sir Lyman Jones By Corrier Leased Wire. Toronto, April 18.—The remains of Sir Lyman Melvin Jones were interred in Mount Pleasant cemetery this afternoon following services New St. Andrews' church, King St., which were preceded by a service for the family at the house. The honorary pallbearers were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir John Gibson, J. W. Flavelle, Sir William Mulock, Sir Mortimer Clark, Sir Edmund Walker, Senator Edwards, Judge Riddell, Col. Massey, Mr. Chester Massey and J. N. Shenstone. The Massey-Harris plant here was closed down for the afternoon and branches of the works everywhere were closed for ten minutes as a mark of respect.

R. Junck

The funeral took place of Robert Junck, from the residence of his sister, Mrs. A. Holly, 71 Dundas street. The remains were shipped on the 9 o'clock train to Hespler for interment. The service was conducted at the house last night by the Rev. Mr. Smyth of Sydenham St. Methodist church. The pallbearers were members of the Masonic order.

POLICE COURT

As a consequence of the accident that occurred on Sunday morning on Dalhousie Street, in which a young lady narrowly escaped serious injury, Reg. Mott, was charged in the police court to-day with a breach of the traffic by-law, the specific complaint against him being that he had been driving at an immoderate rate of speed. He agreed to pay the costs of the damage to the bicycle, amounting to \$3.50, and the witness fees, \$2.25, and the charge was dismissed. Edmond F. Burns was charged with passing a forged check for \$2 on Mr. W. D. Coghlin, a Market street merchant. As it was his first offense, Burns was allowed to go on suspended sentence, on making restitution, and paying the costs of the action, amounting to \$7.85.

Little Elsie Ginglo, nearly three years of age, was drowned in the race-way which crosses Thorold road at St. Catharines.

At Fergus on Monday last the colors of the 153rd Wellington Battalion were placed in St. Andrew's church, following a banquet at which the officers and men of the Fergus platoon, the resident clergy and prominent citizens were present. A young girl from the home in Peterboro, was found wandering along the tracks in that town and

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