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THE SITUATION.
 The Herculean task of the Allies becomes still more grim. The Huns have commenced to overrun Russia without opposition and Lenin and Trotzky have thrown up their hands and announced themselves as forced to unwillingly sign a peace on Teuton terms. Many will incline to the belief that they will do so as part of a previous agreement with the Hun that there must first be an exhibition of force. Certainly they have made no effort to repel the invader. They also make the wall that the Kaiser's outfit have broken faith by not giving the seven days notice as required under the treaty of Dec. 15th, just as if they actually believed that the "scrap of paper" vandals would recognize anything as binding. It would be idle to seek to ignore the fact that the Eastern situation, bad for some months, has now reached its gravest aspect. Once more no doubt there will be the idea that Japan may yet be asked to step in with her aid, but the price of that would almost certainly involve the removal of any restrictions against her people in the States and the British Empire, and also possibly the cession of the Philippine islands.

Lloyd George has successfully weathered another threatened storm and in doing so, plainly intimated that if the people were not satisfied with his Government, they could look somewhere else. No unprejudiced observer can doubt that he and his colleagues, to the extent of every ounce that is in them, are doing their level best to meet the exigencies of this crucial period, but carping critics are always in evidence, and latterly ex-Premier Asquith seems to be quite inclined to take a hand in the heckling process. It is quite realized that the new German offensive on the Western front may be launched at any moment. In addition to the vast horde of soldiers now assembled there, the enemy is said to have devised some new weapons, including tanks and another form of gas. The rumor is also current that the Teutons intend an immediate intervention in Finland.

The terrible isolation brought about by recent events is quite likely to lead Rumania to sign a separate peace with the Central Powers.

FATALITIES OF CRADLE AND TRENCH.
 This seems like a rather far fetched comparison, yet Mr. G. E. Earnshaw of the Infants' Department, Chicago, has been looking into the figures and he finds that the balance is most decidedly in favor of the soldier. He points out that since the commencement of the war British losses in deaths in action and deaths from wounds, have been about two per cent.

"The accuracy of this statement is strikingly confirmed by the published statement of an English insurance company—the London Prudential—which shows that out of a total of two million British soldiers insured, the losses during the present war have amounted to 39 per 1,000 per annum; but since the deaths in times of peace among men of the same age amount to 10 per 1,000 per annum, we must deduct the normal mortality (10 per 1,000) from the war losses (39 per 1,000) leaving war responsible for only twenty deaths a year in each group of 1,000 men in service. Twenty deaths per 1,000 is two deaths per 100, or 2 per cent., as stated by Secretary Farnshan. This is the toll of war.

"Let us now see what happens in the nurseries. Out of every seven babies born, one dies before it is a year old. One in seven is more than 14 in the hundred, and the soldier braving disease and death in the camp and on the battlefield has a seven times better chance of life than the new-born baby.

"Out of 2,500,000 babies born every year in the United States, more than 350,000 die before they are a year old. Of the same number of soldiers, only 50,000 will die in a year as a result of their exposure to the risks of war.

"Terrible as is the toll of life extracted by war, the losses suffered by our infant population through improper foods and clothing, the ignorance of mid-wives, and—alas—of mothers also, is yet more terrible. To our shame be it said that

four soldiers on the field of battle are safer than our infants in their cradles.

"It is not possible, of course, to save the life of every little one that is born; but infant-welfare experts estimate that at least 50 per cent. of the deaths are preventable. This is proved by the fact that in other countries the death rate in the first year of life has been reduced to less than half the death rate in the United States. Also, by the fact that in certain cities in the United States infant mortality has been reduced to a point that is less than half the average for the whole country."

AFTER THE BACHELORS.
 Montreal is after the bachelors and proposes to impose a tax on them of \$10. It is estimated that there are twenty thousand of them in that city and that the resulting revenue will be \$200,000 per annum.

By all means let the unattached males be soaked there and elsewhere. They deserve it and should get it.

Just think of the bills they don't have to pay and of the responsibilities they escape. No fair hand held out each week for the pay envelope. No Tommies, and Jimmies and Susans and Marys, and perhaps a few more to be clothed, and schooled and fed. No selection of pants on the basis that they must be of hard enough fibre to be cut down for Willie. No furnaces or stoves to be looked after. No sidewalks to clear in winter. No lawn mower to be propelled in summer. No reproachful looks from anyone, unless he is behind in the landlady's rent. No icy gleam when he gets home extra late from the lodge. No anything but a care free and everything under his own hat feeling.

Usually tax free and bill free except for his own personal wants, he should at the very least be made to whack up ten simoleons per annum, for municipal treasures wherever he has his habit.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
 Floods of water also led to floods of language, some of it vitriolic enough to make the former sizzle.

The Hamilton Spectator speaks of this thriving burg as "Little Brantford." Little forsooth. One of these days when we reach out and annex the American City, some of the residents who gather round the town pump there will get a thrill which will make them think that Sept. 16th, 1916, was nothing but a mis-astmatic dream.

The influence of such an organization as the Schubert Choir is far reaching, and most beneficial to any community. It cultivates and maintains a popular taste for good music, and enables all classes of citizens to participate in the delight thus afforded at a nominal charge, besides ensuring the presence here of artists of established fame, who would never otherwise be heard except by visiting some of the larger centres. Here's to the Schuberts; may they and their gratifying efforts continue perennially.

The annual report of Brant Chapter I. O. O. E., tells in eloquent terms of the large amount of splendid work accomplished under its auspices. For the past year, Mrs. H. Yates was the efficient Regent until illness laid her aside, and the post was then filled by Mrs. Gordon Duncan, who has now been confirmed in the position. Her many fine qualities will without doubt make her a most capable head, and she is backed by an excellent executive.

SCOTLAND.
 (From our own correspondent.)
 We are sorry to report the death of one of the oldest residents, Mr. Vandusen. The funeral took place on Saturday.

Mrs. Vandenburg, who has been visiting Mrs. Elgin Malcolm, has returned to her home in Illinois. Mrs. Frank Lundy is visiting relatives in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Campbell, spent last week in London. A number of friends here attended Mr. H. Wingrove's sale, west of the village.

Mrs. Parker, of St. Louis, attended her father's funeral.

Mrs. W. Hall is visiting her son Albert at Wiltonville.

Mrs. D. Malcolm is packing her household furniture, preparing to move to the Northwest.

Mrs. Jas. Mitchner is visiting friends in Brantford.

A warning—to feel tired before exertion is not laziness—it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sufferers should not delay. Get rid of that tired feeling by beginning to take Hood's Sarsaparilla to-day.

PARIS LAD'S FOOT BROKEN
Gordon Fraser Sustained Painful Injury—Other Paris News

Paris, Feb. 19.—(From Our Own Correspondent.)—Yesterday afternoon Master Gordon Fraser, son of Mrs. J. Allan Fraser, met with a painful accident. While hanging on a sleigh two heavy beams fell off, striking the young lad on the foot. Master Fraser was taken home and medical aid summoned one bone in the foot was found to be broken, but on account of the swelling, it will be impossible for the Doctor to tell for a few days, how serious it is. The accident happened near the Alabama mill.

The Methodist Red Cross Society acknowledges with thanks the following donations—Miss Cassidy \$1.00, Mrs. Thompson \$1.00, Miss Hill \$1.00; Dr. and Mrs. Danton \$10.00.

The community were shocked today to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Forbes Edmunds, son of the late George Edmunds, which took place in Hamilton. The remains were brought here for burial, the funeral leaving the residence of his father-in-law Mr. Walter Carruthers, Dundas street, this afternoon at 2.30 for the Paris Cemetery.

A pleasant surprise was given Mayor C.B. and Mrs. Robinson upon the 24th anniversary of their wedding, when the general office staff of the Penman's Ltd. presented them with a pair of solid silver candlesticks. A number of friends also met at their home and paid them a surprise visit, and during the evening Mr. O. R. Whitey read an appropriate address showing the high esteem in which they are held by their many friends, while Mrs. John Harold presented them with a handsome silver tray. In the centre was the letter "R", and on the reverse side the following inscription—"Presented to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robinson on the 25th anniversary of their wedding, Feb. 18th, 1913."

The many friends in town of Mr. Wm. J. Stewart will be pleased to hear of the splendid position he has received having been appointed Western Manager for the Gibson Mfg. Co. of Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart leave for Winnipeg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Kay of Hamilton have been spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert are visiting with relatives at Thamesville and Flint, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Midgley have returned home, after a pleasant holiday spent with their son, at Buffalo. Last evening Sergt. Alfred Scott, who is home on a furlough, after over three years' active service on the Western front, and also the Dardanelles, gave a very inspiring address entitled "Carry On," to the members of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church. During his remarks he emphasized the fact that as the soldiers carry on at the front in the face of victory or reverses, and cheerfully bear all hardships, so must civilians, if they wish to make life worth while. "Carry On" and thus overcome all obstacles. He also made it plain that while the soldier in the trenches does not talk religion, that his life compares more than favorably with civilian life, ally, in the face of all temptations. Further, in Sergt. Scott's opinion, what the soldiers want when they come back will be a simple religion that is swept clear of orthodox and ritualism. The church and the minister that will meet the men on this common plane will be the church that will hold the soldier.

Sergt. Scott is a man of wide experience, and carries three gold bars for wounds received.

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 Swiss and lawn, 18 ins. wide. These are the finest of flourishing embroidery, extra deep work, open edges; suitable for flourishing on underskirts children's dresses, etc. Regular price 75c to \$1.00 a yard. Sale price 29c and **35c**

Baby Embroideries at 59c yard
 27 in. wide, in Swiss Muslin and lawn, hemmed edges, deep work; frilled edges, in good designs. \$1 and \$1.50 values; Sale **59c**

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25c Crash Towelling, plain and striped border, per yard **18c**
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 "If people would only attend to their blood, instead of worrying themselves ill," said an eminent nerve specialist, "we doctors would not see our consulting rooms crowded with nervous wrecks. More people suffer from worry than anything else."

The sort of thing which the specialist spoke of, is the nervous run-down condition caused by overwork and the many anxieties of to-day. Sufferers find themselves tired, morose, low-spirited and unable to keep their minds on anything. Any sudden noise hurts like a blow. They are full of groundless fears, and do not sleep well at night. Headaches, neuritis and other nerve pains are part of the misery, and it all comes from starved nerves.

Doctoring the nerves with poisonous sedatives is a terrible mistake. The only real nerve tonic is a good supply of rich red blood. Therefore to cure nervousness and run-down health Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be taken. These pills actually make new, rich blood, which strengthens the nerves, improves the appetite, gives new strength and spirits, and makes hitherto despondent people bright and cheerful. If you are at all "out of sorts" you should begin curing yourself to-day by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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BOLSHEVIK LEADERS
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 any enemies on her eastern frontiers, she is not called to interfere in Russian internal affairs. The Arbitrer Zeitung, Vienna's leading Socialist newspaper, insists emphatically that Austria-Hungary must not take part in a new offensive. It thinks that the invasion of a totally defenceless country will gain the German Government little support among the German workers who, although they entered the war against caution with enthusiasm, will not endorse its continuance for the purpose of overthrowing the labor government in Petrograd.

"Austria-Hungary," it adds, "cannot hinder the plans of the German imperialists, but it cannot and dare not join Germany in a new war on Russia." This appears also to be the view of the emperor and the government, but the people demand from Count Czernin, the foreign secretary, absolute assurance that Austria-Hungary regards her war with Russia as ended."

FIRE IN SENECA FALLS.
 By Courier Lensed Wire
 Rochester, N.Y., Feb. 20.—Fire in Seneca Falls early to-day caused property damage of \$100,000. The Gould block on Falls street, was entirely destroyed with its contents and an adjoining block partially ruined.

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POSTPONED.
 A meeting of Commission was light, but postponed owing to weather.

NO CLASSES Y
 Owing to a delay in coal delivery for these were no day. A consignment to-day.

HISTORIC FLA
 The American Shepherd at the last night when Star Spangled Banner was played by the American Club.

NUPTIAL NOTI
 A quiet wedding night at the hotel Pearl street, where Brown united in Winegardner and son.

MERCHANTS' CH
 Active war has the entertainment recently formed M. Preparations are in progress for a formal luncheon expected a major business men will meeting has been to make way for a gain.

AGAIN WITH T
 The many friends of Johnson will be glad that he resumes his position as manager of the letter after months, during which he underwent an operation in order to Royal Flying Corps. found, however, barring him from has returned to his post.

ST. ANDREW'S CH
 The members of the St. Andrew's Society of St. Andrew's met Monday evening of Miss L. Cuthbertson. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Cuthbertson. The program consisted of papers on the life of St. Andrew, after which Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson presided. The study of the Bible chapters in St. Andrew's life of the

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