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Tuesday, March 21, 1916.

The Situation.

It is the general opinion that the check of the Huns in connection with their Verdun offensive has constituted the turning-point in the great war. Mr. J. P. Morgan, the New York financier, who has done so much in a financial way on behalf of the Allies, and who is in close intimate touch, while conceding that such is the case, nevertheless utters the warning that Germany will be a long time on the defensive before she will agree to the terms which the Allies are certain to demand. In the opinion of this paper, he is right, and that other talk of peace "within ninety days" would not seem to be based on any material prospect.

Success at Verdun, or even partial success, would have meant very much to the Kaiserites. Equally so a marked reverse effect. The neutral and the stand-on-the-fence nations, beginning to see in which direction the land lies, are bound to lean more and more toward the Allied cause. Germany in the end will she ought to be.

The Russian forces continue to sweep the Caucasus, and their operations are expanding far beyond any mere local engagements. There are big and vital events occurring in that region of which the general public are not yet seized.

The air raid by allied aeroplanes on Zebruggue is the only kind of an answer to make to the Huns for their airship assaults on Great Britain. There should be a lot more of them.

The Swiss System.

With a population of only 4,000,000 the little Swiss republic has a non-militaristic system of national defense that commands the respect and admiration of the world. If menaced by invasion (the Swiss constitution prohibits wars of aggression) the republic can call 200,000 trained men to the colors in two days, and in a week 300,000 more. Every schoolboy is taught that his country has a claim upon his services in her defense, and is carefully trained by athletic exercises, approved of and directed by the government, that fit him to use his growing strength to the greatest advantage. These exercises are not of the nature of a military drill, but furnish a progressive training, beginning when the boys are quite young and continuing through their school life. When the boys become young men, rifle shooting is most carefully encouraged, and clubs, societies and associations formed to practice this most useful accomplishment. Prizes are offered by the federal government, by the various cantons (corresponding to our provincial governments), by the municipalities and the communes, and the young Swiss is taught, as our own ancestors were in the early days, to shoot straight, to speak the truth and to keep his body under subjection.

Once in every year the men of 20 years of age are called upon by their several cantons to meet in a central place in each canton and take a series of tests with the object of ascertaining whether they are physically and mentally able to serve their country. The recruits are then sent to training camps, where they receive from sixty to ninety days' instructions, according to the branch of the service they are thought qualified to enter.

The great merit of the system lies in the very general extent of the training, with the minimum of interruption to the domestic life and individual affairs of the men who are trained, and, above all, in the ideal, which is consistently held up before every normal Swiss boy, that the defense of his country is a matter of his own immediate concern, that his country needs and claims not only his love and his pride, but also his personal bodily service.

But the great law of compensation enters in. The nation requires service and devotion, but it gives rugged benefits in return—improved physique, knowledge of the laws of health, invigorated health, discipline and greater self control, intensified powers of concentration and attention, alertness and quickened mental and physical action.

These are foundation qualities that make for individual efficiency and success. When they are lacking or deteriorated in the manhood of a country, that nation is on the down grade.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Frenchman, his missis and even the kids, continue to do great work in this struggle.

Our lady of the snows still continues to spread her garment without regard to whose property it covers.

Galt has decided on a tax rate of twenty-nine mills. Just think of it, on top of all the allurements of the place.

The Hollanders have now got their Dutch up in good and proper style. Look here, Mr. Hun, your day will soon be done.

A cablegram makes the statement that there is "big artillery activity in the Loos region." In other words, the shells are lying around loose, as far as that neighborhood is concerned.

A despatch announces that Rev. Charles Tweedie, vicar of Weston Yorkshire, has made affidavit that he has photographed a ghost. All of which goes to show what strange things happen in camera.

The German civilians are on an allowance of five ounces of butter per week. The restriction must be all the more humiliating in view of the fact that their horses have fallen in the mud on the buttered side.

NAVAL FIGHT

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miles northwest of Verdun. Their first attacks took them into the Malancourt wood and to-day's official statement from Paris shows them since to have pushed some distance further southward, occupying the Avocourt wood, the southern section of the Malancourt wooded district.

The attacks have been made with important forces with the support of a heavy bombardment by shells of large calibre and the throwing of liquid fire by detachments carrying special devices for the purpose. The Germans attempted a further advance southward, but, according to Paris their attempts to debouch from the Avocourt wood were failures.

Thomas C. Ralston, a Philadelphia broker, shot and killed himself in his office.

BISHOP OF HURON AT PARIS SUNDAY

Impressive Confirmation Service Held by His Lordship.

BURGULARS AT THE JUNCTION

Mr. Taylor's Store Entered and Pretty Well Ransacked.

Paris, March 21.—All that was mortal of the late Mrs. Aylmer Fraser were laid quietly to rest in the Paris cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral service at the house and grave was conducted by Rev. Mr. Sowerby of the Baptist Church, and was largely attended by many sympathizing friends. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all.

On Sunday evening, at the close of the service, Mr. Kingsley N. Ireland, organist of the Methodist church, gave a very pleasing recital. The music was much enjoyed by all, and his many friends in town hope to have the pleasure of hearing him again before long.

Mr. Fred J. Plumstead of South Dumfries, who was taken so suddenly ill on Friday, is doing as well as can be expected. Mr. Plumstead was in town until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and was taken ill during the night with appendicitis, an operation being performed immediately.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Huron administered the solemn rites of confirmation in St. James' church last evening. The pastor, Rev. J. Seton-Adamson, presenting fifteen candidates to the Bishop. His Lordship preached a very powerful sermon taking for his text the 6th chapter of St. Matthew and part of the ninth verse: "Hallowed be Thy Name." Special music was ably rendered by the choir during the evening. While in town, Bishop Williams was the guest of Mr. Henry Stroud.

During Sunday night burglars again paid a visit to Mr. Geo. E. Taylor's store at Paris Junction. Entrance was gained by smashing the window in the store door, after breaking through a very heavy iron screen. The contents of the store were pretty well ransacked and tobacco, cigars, canned goods, also some small change that was left in the till, were taken. In their effort to break open the safe, the combination was broken, and an expert had to be sent for to open the safe this morning. The police have the matter in hand.

Friends of Miss Anne Stevenson will regret to hear that she has met with a very serious accident. While leaving the residence of Mrs. James Finlayson, she slipped on the steps, badly tearing the ligaments of her left limb.

Mrs. Bert Lester, is holidaying at Dundas and Hamilton.

Pte. Howard Inkster, driver of the ammunition sub. Park Division, Toronto, has returned to his company after a few holidays spent in town.

Mrs. Koenig has returned home, after a very pleasant holiday spent with her daughter, Mrs. A. Carrie, Goderich.

Mrs. G. MacKimmie of Detroit, who was called to town, owing to the sudden death of her brother, the late Richard Springs, has returned after spending the week here.

Mrs. Thomas Walton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Busker, at Dundas.

Father Myrand Talks Back

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Ottawa, Ont., March 21.—Rev. Father Myrand, in an interview this morning, answered some references to him made by Hon. Howard Ferguson, acting Minister of Education. Father Myrand declares that he is in no sense a leader of the opposition to the regulation XVII., but rather a sympathizer with the fathers and mothers in the struggle they are waging "for a legitimate share of freedom," and those principles to uphold which his people "have made sacrifices yet untold, and are prepared to go to boundless extremes of disinterestedness and self-abnegation."

Referring to the charge that the French had not given regulation XVII. a fair trial, Father Myrand asks, if in the face of this condemnation by the six inspectors, three French and three Protestant, confronted by the use made of the regulation to persecute French teachers and hound the French language out of the schools

to the 21st Battalion are approved provisionally: To be Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Captain—Lieut. Robert James Walker, Joyce, 38th Regiment; Captain James Henry Pearce, 35th Brant Dragoons.

PROMOTIONS.
Major Gordon Smith has been made second in command of the Depot Regiment, C. M. R., Hamilton.

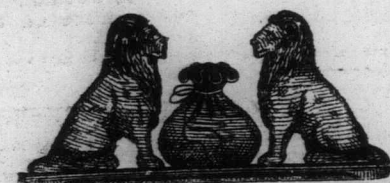
GERMAN PEOPLE

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tions, but neutral travellers leaving Berlin last week, record already there a complete change in the atmosphere of the capital. Rejoicings have given place to recriminations, and, as one

such witness put it, "the bullets spoke of victory, but the faces of everybody I saw were eloquent of defeat."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



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Notice is hereby given that a DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT. on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Company (being at the rate of Eight per cent. per annum) has been declared for the three months ending March 31st, 1916, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company on and after April 1st, 1916. The Transfer Books will be closed from March 21st to March 31st, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

W. G. HELLIKER, Manager.

Brantford, March 21st, 1916.

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UNDERSKIRTS—The underskirt this season will be fuller, consequently embroideries combined with lace are principally shown in order to get the fullness at the bottom. Our range is very large and most complete. Prices range..... \$4.25 to 50c

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The new Linoleums, Curtains, Blinds, Rugs, etc., are all here and can be had at the old prices. Visit every other department in town, then let us show you.

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LOCAL

LADIES' NIGHT

Gore Lodge, I. O. O. F., has issued invitations for a ladies' night which will be held in the Masonic banquet hall on April 6.

CUP PRESENTED

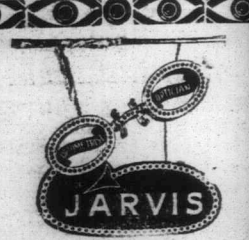
A number of grocers and butchers went to Hamilton to-night to select a social evening and hold a tournament. The winner will be presented with a handsome silver trophy by the donor, Mr. Frank Blain, the Brantford storekeeper.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Echo Place Epworth League, a regular social evening last night, only a few being present owing to the annual S. S. meeting being at Zion church. It was an interesting program. A bible reading from I. Crandell, a reading from Deagle, an address from the pastor and a spelling match, the winners of the latter being Miss Crandell and Miss Marguerite Deagle.

POSTPONED

The case of Hughes vs. Ruddy, not come up at the present session expected. In this suit, Mr. Hughes, who was manager of the Crown Electric, says that he resigned on the undertaking of Mr. Joseph Ruddy, president of the company, that he receive cash for his \$17,000 stock, states that he has received some \$1,000 and asks for the balance. Ruddy makes general denial. On the absence of a material witness, Mr. Schultz, who is visiting in South, a postponement has been agreed upon.



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