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THE SITUATION.

Haig has delivered a mighty and a successful blow against the enemy in Belgium. The point of attack was in the Ypres region and included a ridge commanding a wide stretch of territory, and from which the foe has been able to dominate a large section of Belgium and adjacent points in France. The British General in his report, stated that all the initial objectives had been gained. Fighting is taking place on a front of over nine miles and many villages and towns have been taken as well as over six thousand prisoners. The Berlin official report admits reverse by stating that "in the Wytschaete salient the enemy has broken into our forward position zone." The battle is still proceeding, and if the initial British success can be maintained, the outcome bids fair to be of far reaching import.

United States vessels have arrived off the coast of France, escorting a vessel loaded with wheat.

Rival claims continue with regard to recent results on the Italian front. Austrian official reports are couched in the German tone and can be safely discounted.

THE RESULT IN ALBERTA.

The Sifton Government went to the people of Alberta with the dice loaded and they have been returned by about the same majority as heretofore.

In order to offset the soldier vote in various constituencies they decided to "hive" the thirty thousand or so men who have served the country and the Empire, by letting them ballot for two of their own number only.

On the other hand the large foreign vote in the Province was allowed full sway in every riding. A victory under such circumstances is something that few men would care to boast about.

A TRAITORIOUS GANG.

Bourassa says in his paper, Le Devoir:

"All Canadians who are opposed to conscription and desire to fight it logically should have the courage to say and to repeat everywhere: 'No conscription. No enlistment. Canada has done enough of it.'"

How much have Bourassa and his gang done?

By every means in their power they have sought to incite French Canadians against any participation whatever in a war to "help England."

They have lied about the objects of the struggle, misrepresented the fact that human liberty is at stake and have preached that revolution should result in Quebec if any attempted conscription should take place.

They are a gang of traitors who in just about any other country save that which flies the Union Jack, would have been looking down rifle barrels long ago.

"Done enough," forsooth. Yes as far as traitorous talk is concerned much more than enough, and much more than should be tolerated.

SIR WILFRID'S REFUSAL.

The two letters passing between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier show clearly that the conscription proposal constituted the point upon which negotiations came to an end. There was nothing whatever in the Pandocle of the Globe, Expositor, and other Liberal sheets that retention or otherwise of Rogers had anything to do with it.

Fresh from his visit to the Old Land, where he learned of the conditions of affairs at first hand, Sir Robert told Sir Wilfrid that he deemed the circumstances to be such that direct steps must be taken to ensure the sending of more men from Canada.

The Liberal leader demurred, and with one eye on Quebec, said that he could not agree to any compulsion until there had been a referendum.

The circumstance recalls the other fact that when Borden some time ago declared that an emergency threatened, and had a vote passed in the Commons for aid to the British navy, Laurier declared the thing to be moonshine. Later he had the obedient majority in the Senate guttled the proffered aid.

Meanwhile the need of reinforcement.

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ments for our brave boys at the front on some settled and continuous basis, becomes each day more and more apparent, and not alone for them is the assistance required, but also on behalf of the great Empire of which we form a part.

The defection of Russia has caused the releasing of vast numbers of troops to aid the enemy in the struggle on the western front, and the cry and the absolute need is men and yet more men. As a speaker recently put it in Toronto, "You don't take a referendum when a house catches fire," and equally there should be prompt and decisive action in Canada before the European conflagration becomes any more serious from the standpoint of the Allies. And it is still serious; don't make any mistake about that.

Meanwhile the Premier has very properly given notice that the selective conscription bill will be taken up on Monday, and everyone who gives the matter serious thought must realize that it should be put through. Every letter from the front tells of the constant need for more troops, and it is vital that Canada should do her share with the rest.

As far as the parties are concerned, Sir Robert will clearly lose his Quebec following, as he must have realized from the first that he would. On the other hand, it is admitted many of Laurier's followers from Provinces outside of Quebec, realize that conscription must come. In the latter respect, the rumor is current at the Capital that some of them may be taken into a reorganized cabinet. This talk is, however, so far without any authoritative endorsement.

The indications, as far as they can be at present judged, would seem to tend more to pushing the measure named, with, perhaps, developments resulting in an election on the issue. Such a contest would be the most bitter ever waged in Canada, and would not only serve to hearten the foe, but also work great havoc to Dominion interests for a very long while.

In the whole business, Borden stands forth as a statesman making a generous offer for the cause of Empire. Laurier as a politician, whose vision is largely bounded by Quebec.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

As President Wilson has stopped his letter writing Mayor Bowly is now about untempered times ahead.

Sir Robert Borden is going ahead with a hard duty and he is right.

Two men in the States who refused to stand up at a gathering when the Star Spangled Banner was being played were each given a six months sentence. On the same basis Bourassa and some others wouldn't live out their incarceration even if they lived to be as old as Methusalem.

The common, or garden hose is not in its days these with the celestial variety.

General Pershing and party have arrived at a British port and the lion and the eagle are commencing to hobnob in good earnest.

The Toronto Globe editorially says that the government is in "a mess" at Ottawa and in its news columns there is a despatch from its staff correspondent at Ottawa that on the Liberal side there is "a split over the conscription proposals." What an amusing sheet it is to be sure.

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VICTIM OF GAS EXPLOSION LAID TO REST IN PARIS

Funeral of Little Earl Etherington Took Place Yesterday

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

Lads Assisting in Farm Work Presented With Medals

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

Paris, June 8.—From Our Own Correspondent.—Yesterday afternoon the remains of Master Earl Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Etherington, Washington St., who was accidentally killed by the explosion at the Salvation Army Citadel on Monday evening, were tenderly laid to rest in the Paris cemetery. Public service was held in St. James' Church and was conducted by the rector Rev. R. J. Set-

on Adamson. At the conclusion, Colonel A. Chandler, of the Salvation Army, Hamilton, spoke a few words, thanking their friends. For the kindness shown the Army and sympathizing with the bereaved ones in their sad and sudden loss. Earl was born in Paris 11 years ago, and was a bright little fellow and attended the Public school. About 100 cadets under Principal Dearborn and Mr. Vogel marched in a body, also Mayor C. E. Robinson and members of the council. The public school teachers were present, as the classes were dismissed for the afternoon.

The pall bearers were six little schoolmates who were members of the cadets: Lloyd Rutherford, Charles Glass, Jack Burr, Lovett Byers, Walter Steele and Alfred Brydges. At the grave the last post was given by one of the members of the Life-saving Scouts who also marched in a body. The sympathy of the community is extended to the sorrowing parents and sisters in their hour of affliction.

An enjoyable time was spent at the Y. M. C. A. last evening when a number of boys who are working on farms were presented with Government Farm Service Buttons. Mayor C. B. Robinson ably filled the chair and introduced the speakers of the evening. He stated that the boys who had volunteered for farm service this season were doing their bit in a real way to defeat Germany. Mr. W. C. Good, gave an excellent talk along the lines of Agricultural, as also the vital part

that food production was playing in the present campaign, and emphasized the fact that all must do their part in raising food for our allies if we want to win the war. All taking part in production were really "Soldiers of the Soil" and were as truly fighting for the Empire as a soldier. Mr. R. C. Sidenius, the zone supervisor of the Y. M. C. A. for Brant County was present and congratulated the boys for the hearty manner in which they had entered the production campaign. Rev. Mr. Adamson in his remarks stated that this was a time in which every one should recognize and do their duty at home and thus help the soldier who was fighting our battles at the front.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong, the popular general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. also made a few remarks complimentary to the noble work of the boys. Following are the names of those who received the Government buttons: W. Wisdom, A. Dugton, H. Bonner, Seth Ward, L. Keesley, C. Rutherford, Harry Weir, Earl Bone, L. Butler, W. Grantham, E. Hunter, E. Lawton, Wade Watson, W. McDonald, J. Newman, H. Sharpe, W. Kelly, D. Ames, J. O'Neill, Jack Newton, B. Newman, J. Broomfield, A. Nixon, L. Pickering, W. Wisdom, W. Weber, John Reynolds, A. Liddell, V. Gill, O. Weir, L. Foulds, W. Hy-mers.

The medals were supplied by the Ontario Government, and are of oval shape with a sheaf of wheat on the right side and the coat of arms on the left side, surmounted by a rake and hoe, and the words, "Farm Service Corps, 1917."

During the evening, some rattling good patriotic songs were sung by the boys, such as "We'll never let the old flag fall," "Keep the home fires burning," etc., which was an inspiration to them.

The government are to be commended in the way they have taken up the food production, and as usual, Paris has done her part.

Last evening the "Coney Island Patriotic Society" held a very successful ball in the central fire hall. There was a good attendance and the grand march took place at 9 o'clock. The room was prettily decorated with bunting and flags of the allies. At the close a very dainty luncheon was served by the young ladies. The members of this club have been raising money for patriotic purposes ever since the war started, and are to be congratulated for the splendid work they are doing.

The many friends in town of Mrs. R. J. McCormack and Mrs. E. D. Clump will sympathize with them in the death of their mother, Mrs. T. Carlyle, of Paris road. The remains were laid to rest in the Paris cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

While Mr. Charles Tait was fixing

the inside of a blast furnace at the munition factory, he had the misfortune to meet with a nasty mishap. He was overcome by the gas and heat, and falling, cut a nasty gash in his head and face, which required several stitches to close.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gurney (nee Gracie M. Kines) of Milverton, have returned from their wedding trip. They will reside on the groom's farm in Brantford Township.

Mrs. J. Thompson has returned home after a pleasant visit spent at Collingwood.

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POLICE COURT
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WEDDING BELLS.
The marriage of Miss Vanderburg to D. Fran the Bank of Hamilton, sized in Young Street Church, Winnipeg, on Mr. Rev. Richard Whiting. couple are on a trip as was formerly of Brantford groom of Hamilton.

GAME POSTPONED.
The first game of the bowling league of the scheduled for last evening teams representing the Pastime clubs, on the la was postponed indefinitely count of the soft condition greens.

SOLDIERS' AID.
A general meeting of the Aid Commission has been Friday night in the chamber of Trade in the T. ing. Plans for future will be consummated.

BOARD OF WORKS.
Another meeting of the conducting the investigation administration of the wement of the city will be city hall on Monday night.

SWIMMING CLASSES.
The ladies summer classes commenced at the Wednesday night under of Miss Dorothy Penn the instructor during season. In spite of the weather there were in the opening class, waded a splendid show directorate of the Y. M. are interested in this w pleased and hope for a season.

MUSICAL PROGRAM
A short musical program most artistically given by the O. I. E. Miss C. possessing a well trained voice, sang two solos, on obligato by Miss Susie received a well deserved vocal duet by Miss-Slay Agnes MacGillivray was rendered, their voices blended fully together and was applauded. Piano solos by id Stephens and Susie pleasing numbers, show musical talent.

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