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THE SITUATION.
The French in the Champagne region cut a salient of four miles in the Laon defences, and during the week end took more than six thousand prisoners. They have cleared the last German from the Craonne plateau and have reached dominating heights beyond. The foe poured large numbers of fresh troops into the fighting and risked the lives of the men with characteristic prodigality, but without result. Their losses were exceedingly heavy.

The British, after breaking through the Hindenburg line in the Bullecourt region, are holding the ground gained despite frequent and heavy counter attacks.

The Prussian losses thus far in the present Western drive are estimated at 200,000-47,000 killed, 160,000 put out of action, and 3,000 prisoners. The British and French figures in like regard are thought to reach a total of 173,000.

The Canadians have scored another victory in the Lens region. By a surprise attack on Sunday morning they captured an important sector of the enemy front line south of the Souchez river and support trenches some distance to the East. Counter attacks have failed.

Grave rioting is reported to have occurred in Mainz, Germany, owing to a scarcity of food. Troops fired on the mob and eight people were killed and five hundred taken prisoner.

The news from Russia is still such as to cause anxiety. At a joint meeting in Petrograd of representatives of the soldiers and workmen, the small majority of 35 was recorded in support of the Provisional Government out of a total vote of 2,500.

The story is said to have been circulated among Russian soldiers, through German influence, that all the land is to be divided and that those away fighting will not obtain their share. In any event, following such a revelation as that which recently took place there is bound to be a menacing all round disruption, with the jeopardizing for a while of all forms of authoritative Government. One form of control having been thrown off it is hard at first to realize that there must be another one even if in modified form. It is to be sincerely hoped that a break with the Allies will not be one of the things to find expression in the period of unrest. The rumor is received that the Huns contemplate an attack on Petrograd. If so, and it is to be doubted, that one act would be apt to do more to solidify matters than anything else.

Hon. Mr. Blondin, member of the Borden Cabinet, who is now devoting his whole time to recruiting, told a Quebec audience on Saturday night that conscription would have to come and it is significant that he met with a good reception. Blondin is certainly demonstrating himself to be a patriot of the first order.

Premier Hughes has won in the Australian election. It will be remembered that on the subject of conscription there was recently a serious split among the labor party, of whom he was the former leader. Many left him, but others stood firmly by his side and they have scored a victory at the polls. It would seem to be quite likely that conscription may now be adopted.

Sir George Foster, on his return to Ottawa from Washington, says that the United States and Canada will shortly deal jointly with the matter of food control and the mobilization of farm workers. For the Ontario Government it is announced that arrangements have been made with the Bankers' Association to advance reasonable credit to farmers needing money to purchase seed.

ARCHBISHOP DEAD.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Melbourne, Australia, via London, May 7.—The Most Reverend Thomas Joseph Carr, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, and Metropolitan of Victoria since 1886, died Sunday. He was born in County Galway in 1833.

A WHEAT SHORTAGE
To add to the other food problems which are already severe and growing worse, comes the fact that reports with regard to this great cereal are not of a favorable nature. Russian exports have long been blocked. Reports from Argentina are none too favorable. In Australia, the acreage sown is reported to be 12 1/2 per cent less than last year. In the United States there has been a loss of 10,000,000 seeded acres in the winter wheat States. A Government bulletin not long ago indicated the probability of only 480,000,000 bushels. Later reports speak of the likelihood of 650,000,000, but this is much less than last year, itself below the usual mark. The prospects in the matter are not pleasant, but they might as well be faced.

BALFOUR'S RECEPTION.
That was a notable event and an historic making incident as far as the relations between Great Britain and the United States are concerned, when A. J. Balfour on Saturday addressed the House of Representatives at Washington and was tendered an enthusiastic ovation. The significance of it becomes all the greater when it is remembered that ever since the war of Independence there has been quite an anti-British undercurrent in the States and that over the Venezuelan matter at that time Cleveland was President, actual hostilities would undoubtedly have taken place had not Old Country statesmen kept their heads.

Our neighbors in every possible way have demonstrated their satisfaction over the fact that a man of Balfour's calibre should have been selected to head the British delegation. Here is a characteristic reference taken from one New York paper.

"The best men of all nations are a good deal alike; alike, at least, in their aims and mental attitudes. They see things from the viewpoint of humanity, and are likely to be able to reach agreement in conclusions. There are no wiser, abler, better men on earth than the best men of England, and if there is a better Englishman than Mr. Balfour we do not know who he is.

"Pretty well all that English civilization can do for a man has been done for Mr. Balfour, and nature gave him a good start besides. He is both a thinker and a doer, and a great gentleman into the bargain. He is a man of conscience; a man of understanding; a man to be listened to and to be trusted. Our brethren of the Allies did well when they sent here such a representative."

In return it may well be said that President Wilson has also demonstrated that he is in the right class, not alone for the broad minded manner in which he has acted towards the British and French representatives, but also in connection with his general handling of affairs from the moment it was decided that Uncle Sam should take his part in the struggle on behalf of human rights and liberties.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
Premier Hughes of Australia, hews to the line and gets there.

The Johnny Canucks are still keeping up their great work.

That strange object shining to-day was known to the ancients as the sun.

At the Baptist church last evening a very impressive memorial service was held on behalf of the late Pte. James Chapman, who made the supreme sacrifice at the fighting around Vimy Ridge on Easter Monday last. The church was filled to its utmost capacity, and the solemn service was closely followed by all present. Rev. Mr. Langton, in his remarks paid tribute to the good life and full confidence of the Fatherland and I look upon your and the other battle fronts, which imperiously resist all attacks and which will stand invincible in the new battles. God grant the Fatherland, in your new year of life a favorable beginning and a peaceful end.

The crown prince of Germany was born on May 6, 1882, and is therefore 35 years old.

INSPECTION OF COUNTY ROADS
Provincial Inspector Huber of the Highways Department, has conducted his tour of inspection of the country roads, on which he was last week engaged together with the members of the roads and bridges committee of the county council, the roads superintendent and the county engineer. It was found that the roads were in better condition than is usual at this time of the year, but several instances were noted where improvements will have to be made. Two bridges will also have to be built, one in Onondaga, the site of which was not determined upon, until the decision of the Government, to the alternative route is made known, and the other between Cathart and the county line to the west, on the Huron Road. It is not expected that much expense will be involved in the proposed improvements.

CASUALTIES FROM PARIS

Ptes. R. Newbrooke and T. Brown Make Supreme Sacrifice

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Conducted in the Baptist Church for Pte. James Chapman

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

Special Services Yesterday at Salvation Army Hall

(From our own Correspondent) Paris, May 7.—Again the yellow telegram has saddened two more homes in our town. On Saturday morning, Mrs. R. D. Newbrooke, Broadway St., was notified that her husband, Pte. Ralph D. Newbrooke, had been killed in action on Easter Monday, April the 9th. The deceased enlisted in August, 1915, with the 38th Dufferin Rifles, was transferred to the 84th battalion, and went overseas in 1916. He later went over to France in a unit for the 76th battalion early in 1916. Pte. Newbrooke was born at Whitechurch, Salop, England, and was in his 29th year, and came to Canada about 6 years ago. He was employed at No. 1 Mill before enlisting; was a faithful member of St. James church and A. Y. P. A. society. In June, 1913 he was married to Miss Dorothy Eleanor Knight, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

Pte. T. Brown On Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, Race St., received official word that their son, Pte. Thomas Brown, who was wounded on April 11th, had died from effects of same on April 27th. In July 27th, 1915, he enlisted with the 2nd Brant Dragoons, and later was drafted to the 84th battalion. Went over to France in January with a draft of the 75th battalion. The deceased came to



SERGEANT C. PARKER, Paris, winner of the Military Cross for bravery. He has been in France 18 months, and is being transferred to the late infantry forces. His father and mother reside on West River St.

Canada four years ago, and worked with Mr. M. Skelly, Pte. Brown was in his 25th year, and was born in Crooke County, Durham, England. Two other brothers are in France, Norman, with the 60th battalion, and Joseph with the 27th battalion. A sister, Miss Blanche, left, to all of whom every sympathy will be extended in their loss.

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Word has been received in town of the marriage of Mr. Bro. La Pierre formerly of Paris and Katharine Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Helfrich, of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Charles Howell of Chicago, has been renewing old acquaintances in town.

Mayor C. B. Robinson is holidaying at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simmons, of Longwood, have arrived in town. Mr. Simmons has been appointed Station Agent at Paris Junction in the place of Mr. C. M. Wells, who has resigned.

Miss Cross is spending a few days at her home in Gait.

Mrs. Mackie and little daughter Jean, of Winnipeg, are visiting with relatives in town.

Mrs. S. Woods and family, Willow Street, who have resided in Paris for the past 12 years, left to-day for Toronto, where they will in future reside.

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40 inches wide, heavy mercerized Marquisette Curtain Net, in white, cream and drad. Regular price 40c yard, special, yard... 29c 50c qualities at, yard... 35c

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ODDFELLOWS PARADE

The Oddfellows of the city, to the number of several hundred, yesterday afternoon held a parade and church service in celebration of the 98th anniversary of their order. A special sermon was delivered to the triple linkers at the Colborne street Methodist church by the Rev. W. E. Baker.

MEAT STALLS SOLD.

On Saturday afternoon, with Mr. Welby Almas officiating, the twenty two market stalls hitherto used exclusively by the butchers, were disposed of by the buildings and quash the by-law.

NEWS NOTES

The Ontario Presbyterian W.M.S. will meet next year at Ottawa Mrs. Chas. Robertson, of Toronto, was elected president.

Attempts to secure permanent firemen to replace the four who went out on strike at Woodstock Wednesday night have been unsuccessful.

The Minister of Justice will introduce an amendment to the criminal code controlling the right of the Crown to require jurors to stand

NEWS NOTES

Halldmand County farmers' society of seed potatoes, beans and corn. The agricultural department will send 800 bags of potatoes to the relief.

Volunuous correspondence dealing with the amendment to the Just Act Legislature was tabled in the Commons.

Sir Thomas White announced the legislation relating to the salaries of persons in certain of the lower grades of the inside civil service would be introduced.

LOCAL NEWS

KILLED IN ACTION.

Pte. W. Gatenby of 153 Northumberland street, was reported in official casualty list this afternoon killed in action.

STORY HOUR

"Here is Asgard" by Henry W. Beebe the subject of the story hour at the Public Library to-morrow afternoon.

BUILDING PERMITS

This morning a permit was issued at the office of the city engineer to Henry Beer for additional alterations to a frame dwelling, 185 Wellington Street, to cost \$15,000. On Saturday afternoon, Messrs G. Stratford and R. G. O. Thompson of Toronto, were granted 2 building permits for alterations to the front and interior of the property at 108 & 110 Colborne Street. The estimated cost of the proposed work, \$15,500.

STORM SEWER

Under the direction of the Board of Works, storm sewers are being constructed on the streets between Market to West, on Waterloo from West to Waterloo, on Waterloo from Wadsworth to Duke, and on Duke from Waterloo to the city limits.

PTE. G. HARP WOUNDED

Word has been received in Brantford by his wife, that Pte. G. Harp, brother of Ald. Fred Harp, has been severely wounded in the West where he enlisted with the 8th battalion, with which unit he has been on the front since last October.

AUTO COLLISION

An accident occurred last night at the corner of Market and Dalhousie Streets, when two automobiles collided. The one, the property of Mrs. J. Simpson, who resides at the corner of Dalhousie and Market was proceeding in an easterly direction along Dalhousie street. J. T. Burrows was driving along Market when the accident happened which resulted in the car driven by Mrs. Simpson being so badly damaged as to require assistance to have it taken to a garage for repairs. The other escaped with slight damage to rear mudguard and wheel.

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