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The Situation.

The war has brought about still another change in the command of the forces of the Allies. The removal of Grand Duke Nicholas, a short while back, as head of the Russian troops came as a great surprise, and now Sir John French has been relieved of his position on the Western front.

Whatever the reason, whether by desire, or because of inside friction, there is but the one voice of tribute to the splendid worth and services of French. He was sixty-three years old in September last and during a long military career he has notched many striking military achievements, notably in South Africa with the relief of Kimberley, as one of his main exploits in that campaign.

His successor Sir Douglas Haig has likewise had a notable military career. He was 54 years of age last June and in sixteen years has risen from the rank of Lieutenant to his present high preferment. He was with Kitchener during the final advance on Khartoum and did great work in connection with the South African war. He is described as very aggressive and it may be that matters on the Western front under him will not remain so much of a standstill as latterly.

Enough is now known of the Austrian reply to the note of the United States to show that it is just about what might have been expected. Reference to a warning given to Germany could be reasonably quoted as against Austria.

Canadian Fisheries.

Those of us who live inland in this vast Dominion of ours, are apt to overlook the tremendous importance of Canadian fisheries. The report of the Naval Service Department at Ottawa, just issued, serves to bring home in forcible fashion the extent of this calling. A perusal of it shows that the total marketed value of all kinds of fish, fish products and marine animals taken by Canadian fishermen from the sea and inland lakes and rivers during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1915, amounted to \$31,264,631, as against \$33,207,748 for the preceding twelve months, a decrease of \$1,943,117. This drop in value is due entirely to the fact that the preceding year was one in the cycle of four in which the run of salmon to the Fraser river is greatest. The year under review, therefore, was a lean year on the Fraser, which caused the value of the salmon taken in that district to fall \$2,863,280 below the value for the preceding year. But while the Fraser river salmon dropped greatly, the salmon value in the northern district of British Columbia, which includes Rivers inlet, Skeena river and Naas river, increased by \$892,610.

There was a falling off of over \$500,000 in the value of the Nova Scotia fisheries, caused partly by the lowered value of canned lobsters, brought about by the war conditions in the latter half of the 1914 season, and partly by a poor mackerel fishery, which also, owing to war conditions, did not yield the value that would in normal times be expected to follow a shortage in supply.

The considerable falling off in Nova Scotia was more than offset, however, by an increase of over \$900,000 in the value of the New Brunswick fisheries. This very substantial increase in New Brunswick is largely due to an abundant sardine fishery in the Bay of Fundy district, together with the high price paid for these fish throughout the season.

The value of the fisheries of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and the Yukon, have increased, while the value of the Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan fisheries have fallen off somewhat.

To the total value of the fisheries of Canada, the sea fisheries contributed \$27,198,257, and the inland fisheries \$4,066,374. There were 1,892 vessels, tugs and plying smacks, and 29,842 boats

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used in the prosecution of the fisheries during 1914-15. These were manned by 69,954 men.

In the various fish and smokery houses, canneries and freezers on shore, 24,559 persons were employed cleaning and preparing the fish for markets. Of the total number of those employed on sea and shore, 84,108 were connected with the sea fisheries, and 14,405 with the inland fisheries.

Gasoline boats have come to be such an enormous benefit to fishermen that the number used in the fisheries is increasing fast from year to year. In the year under review there were 9,302 in use, or 602 more than during the preceding year. In four years the number of gasoline boats has thus increased from 4,588 to 9,302.

NEXT MOVE

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troops is now watching the frontier to report upon and control the movements of the enemy, but the latter will not likely be able to move for some time, i. e., with the roads in their present condition, it would be impossible to bring up necessary guns to invest Saloniki.

"Meanwhile the Greeks are growing uneasy over the possibility of the Bulgarians again entering territory which Greece wrested from them in the Balkan war. There are no German troops available for the purpose, they having been sent to Bulgaria in view of the Russian threat. The Greek government has given the allies an absolutely free hand to make their dispositions at Saloniki.

"The Bulgarian losses in the recent fighting were out of all proportion to the British, as they attacked in massed formation."

AN UPROAR

In the Paris Chamber of Deputies—Secret Session Defeated.

Paris, Dec. 16.—An unexpected demand by the Socialist deputy, M. Accambay, that the chamber hold a secret session for the discussion of a question to be proposed, resulted in an uproar yesterday and a suspension of the sitting. On the demand being made again the question was put to a vote and defeated 327 to 184.

M. Accambay was then urged by the Socialists to continue the debate but was advised by deputies of another political belief to discontinue it. He decided to resume, but said he would not make use of documents which he had desired to communicate to the chamber secretly. He read six questions bearing on the relations of General Joffre with the government and what measures had been taken to control his acts. He said that if the commander-in-chief alone decided, the government abandoned its prerogatives and responsibilities. The speaker was applauded by the Socialists on the conclusion of his address.

This is the second time the chamber in recent months, has voted down a secret session. The first was under the Viviani administration, following which the cabinet was reconstructed.

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LIEUT. COCKSHUTT And His Visit to Old Friends in Calgary.

(Calgary Alberta.)

Lieut. Cockshutt of the Tenth battalion, of whom it is recorded he kept on fighting when he should have retired, with a hand grenade wound in his hand, and whose grit almost resulted in the loss of the member returned to the city yesterday to renew acquaintances of years standing.

It is over sixteen months now since Lieut. Cockshutt was cheered away from Calgary. He left along with Major Roman and Captain Arthur with the first troop train of volunteers to leave the city. He returns, slowly recovering from his wound and resultant sickness that have kept him confined to bed until a few weeks ago.

His leave of absence expires on January 2. "Do you think you will be physically fit to go back to the front?" he was asked.

"I hope so," he briskly replied. Lieut. Cockshutt, one of the members whose bravery has reflected glory upon the old town, which has now about every officer in overseas uniform, was a member of the same company of the 10th to which Lieut. Colonel Lowry was attached.

He did not take part in that impetuous charge which cleared St. Julien wood of Germans. After undergoing an operation in Britain he arrived at the front on April 25, when the battle of St. Julien had been in progress for three days. He accordingly takes the story of the Tenth on from then until the fight at Givenchy which followed Festubert.

ARRIVED IN MIDDLE OF BATTLE.

There weren't many of the Tenth left when he arrived at the front with a body of reinforcements. They had retired from their position near the wood and were in reserve when he arrived getting practically their first freshness since the battle began. Hardly were they through anticipating a retirement to billets when they were ordered into the firing line once more. Fatigued, though they were, they were keenly enough into the positions assigned them, under the heaviest of fire. They held the trenches until relieved although even their reinforced numbers were twinned rapidly.

INTO TRENCHES AGAIN.

After that they went into billets for a prolonged and much needed rest. After receiving more reinforcements, bringing the 10th practically up to full strength, they went into the trenches once more. Festubert, they took 600 yards of the enemy's trenches. It was quite a successful operation in its way although not so vital as Lieut. Cockshutt was in C company, detailed to support A, B, and D, which led the charge. While a costly operation the men of the Tenth were not the less at the bayonet's point in double quick time. C company's position in support was singled out for heavy artillery fire. It was almost untenable, but the men stuck to their trenches and endured a terrific bombardment without a murmur.

SMALL WOUND DEVELOPED SERIOUSLY.

Although men were struck all around him, Lieut. Cockshutt came through this engagement without a scratch. His career at the front was terminated very mildly. The 10th was doing trench work at Givenchy. They were very near to the Germans. One day a hand grenade well directed, exploded near him and put up his hand badly. He ignored the wound but three days later blood poisoning developed, and he was ordered back to the clearing station. The poison got into his blood, however, and he was kept in hospital for many weeks. Recovering somewhat he was sent back to Canada to recuperate, with leave of absence to the new year. He had not been at his old home at Brantford more than a few weeks when he was developed, and he is only just convalescent. It was necessary to perform an operation upon him.

Lieut. Cockshutt is not sorry to get back to the west, and its clear atmosphere for a spell. He lived here for ten years before joining the colors. He started in with the 10th as a private soon after its organization, and worked his way up through every grade until he secured a commission.

GLORY FOR TENTH.

"There is no doubt but that the western fighters have earned undying fame," he said last night. "They have compelled the respect of the enemy. London papers have been full of their exploits. It is a little too bad, however, that the general credit for the major share in the St. Julien fight should be given to the 10th and every grade until he secured a commission. Lieut. Cockshutt is staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright, 522 18th avenue west.

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LOCAL OPTION NOTES

The liquor traffic had 281 chances this year to repeal the Local Option by-law. They have accepted four. Nuf said.

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The liquor traffic is the only institution of which no good thing can be said.

Why should the hotel business be linked up with the booze business? A public agitation to banish any other business would bring a defence. Not a word in defence of the booze business. It is defenceless.

Said one of Brantford's mechanics a few days since, "If I go up to a place for a drink, I find that the bartenders cannot hold their jobs if they drink, how can they expect me to hold my job if I drink?"

Said one of Brantford's travellers when he heard the above statement repeated, "You may take it from me that there is not a bar-room in the province where they claim to run things decently that will allow the bar tenders to drink; they know perfectly well that nothing so disgusts their customers as a drunken bartender."

Did you ever know a storekeeper who refused permission to his clerks to purchase for themselves the same kind of goods that they were supposed to sell to his customers?

One opponent of Local Option in this city states: "If I had my way, I'd lock up all these fellows who don't know when to stop drinking, then they wouldn't be able to get any whisky which to hurt themselves, while I, and others like me, would not be hindered from getting what we can decently use." Local Option will take the liquor from the man who cannot "use it decently," but it will not lock him up, it will give him his liberty so that he can be a faithful worker and maintain himself and those dependent upon him. Which is the better way of dealing with his case?

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the wages paid in the shops are not sufficient to enable any man to spend any portion of what he earns in booze. He needs every cent to feed, clothe, educate and develop the family dependent upon him. Vote for Local Option. Advertisement.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING The recruiting meeting held at Rawdon street school last night was a success. Mr. Lane occupied the chair in an able manner. Splendid addresses were made by W. S. Brewster, K.C., and Mr. J. J. Hurley. Many promised to join the colors, and one did sign up right there. Ald. Calbeck and Freeborn also gave good addresses. The good attendance were addressed with the programme of the evening. Miss Jackson gave two fine readings, and Mr. Norton Buck sang very acceptably.

With the City Police

Two charges were made against Mrs. Eliza King this morning in the police court. The charge of selling liquor without a license was adjourned by Ald. F. J. Calbeck, who occupied the chair in Magistrate Livingston's absence, until Monday. The other charge was of a far more serious nature and was that of soliciting. The evidence given was not sufficient, however, to convict the offender, so the case was dismissed. Cases of this nature are very rare in the city, owing to the vigilance of the chief and his force. He wants to keep

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the city clean and his efforts have been successful. Chief Slemin highly praised the soldier boys of the city, saying that they were the best ones in the province. With the aid of the military police he had no trouble in keeping order in the city. John Donohue, for indecent exposure was remanded until Monday. Thomas Gough for non-payment of wages was adjourned until Monday, and the charge of cruelty to chickens against Andrew Brown was adjourned until Tuesday.

FORD SHIP

Is Taken to Kirkwall, Scotland, to be Examined.

London, Dec. 16.—Henry Ford's peace ship, the liner Oscar II, arrived at Kirkwall, Scotland, yesterday, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. At both the foreign office and the American embassy it was stated this morning that the despatch from Kirkwall, announcing the arrival there of the steamer Oscar II, with the Henry Ford peace party on board, was the first news received in London concerning the steamer. At the American embassy confirmation was obtained

later that the Oscar II, had been taken into Kirkwall. This was probably in order that the vessel might be examined. No further details were obtainable at the embassy. NOT ALLOWED TO LAND. London, Dec. 16.—The Times this morning understands that none of Henry Ford's peace party will be allowed to land at Kirkwall, at which port the Steamer Oscar II, arrived on Wednesday.

German Super-Zeppelin Reported Destroyed

Copenhagen, Dec. 16.—A report of the destruction of the Super-Zeppelin L-32 was received from Schleswig yesterday by a Copenhagen newspaper. It is said nearly all the forty members of the crew were killed or wounded. The loss of the Zeppelin is said to have been due to the accidental explosion of a bomb as the airship was leaving its shed. The explosion demolished the shed. According to this account, the accident occurred a fortnight ago. The Zeppelin had been in service only a few weeks. It is described as a sister ship of the Z-18, recently reported destroyed by an explosion at Tondern. It was of the latest type, with invisible gondola, platforms at the top of the envelope, and detachable rafts for use in case of accident while crossing the sea.

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LOCAL TWO COMMITTEES. Both the railway committee manufacturers committee this evening in the city hall. RECRUITING MEETING. At Dufferin School to-night S. Brewster, K.C., and Mr. will be the speakers. Mr. A. will be the chairman. CONCERT. The annual Christmas of the School for the Blind is to take place on Tuesday December 21st. POLLING STATION CH. The polling place of Sube which was to have been at street, has been changed to Hutchinson. RECRUITING LEAGUE. Colonel Cutcliffe of the 12th Battalion is attending the Toronto to-day of all the reg officers of overseas batt Division Two. A recruiting will be formed. THE MESSIAH. This creation will be given First Baptist Church to-night combined choir of Brant and First Baptist. The solo by Mrs Arthur Secord, sop J. Pickering, tenor, Mrs. D. alto, and Mr. Edgar Fowlst Toronto Conservatory of Music. MADE CLEAR. Considerable uncertainty as to how many times a owner is privileged to vote selling of the old Grand way from Paris to Galt. Viewed this morning, C Leonard stated that property may vote in every ward in w are assessed. A SNAPPY GAME. The Brant Theatre basket went down to defeat last night the "Droop In" class of the score at half time was 12 to 0 of the Brants, but their managed, through the good of Grant McKay and others, to score into 19-17. Frank He perhaps the snappiest Brant

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