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UNION LABEL

Saturday, February 17th, 1917.

THE SITUATION

As the result of stiff fighting in the Champagne region, Berlin makes the claim that German troops have advanced half a mile on a front of a mile, and to have taken over eight hundred French prisoners. Paris admits a reverse, but states that the losses of the foe were tremendous. The Huns are now heavily shelling the British at the point of advance recently made by them at Sailly Saillesel.

Eight British ships was the total of the submarine warfare yesterday one of them a trawler. The tonnage was about 10,000.

The British "Victory" loan has undoubtedly reached colossal figures, although the total will not be known for some time. Five billion dollars is one estimate, but that is not in any sense authoritative. Without any doubt the response has been far and away ahead of anything else of the kind in the history of the world.

The United States is still waiting for Wilson to take definite action, and the people are commencing to become restless in the matter. Here is a sample comment from the Buffalo News:—

"The effect of Mr. Wilson's firm American attitude, which resulted in the shipping of Bernstorff and the threat to Germany, is being neutralized daily by continued inaction.

It appears that we are about to return to the note writing stage which is precisely the thing we had hoped to avoid.

We anticipate the time when Germany, emboldened by what she thinks is a pride that will not permit us to fight, will tweak our nose again.

Meanwhile American shipping is discontinued and Americans are figuratively sitting on the wharves begging a foreign ruler to let them go to sea and pursue their peaceful errands."

Our neighbrs are commencing to realize more and more what the British navy has meant to them.

LAURIER'S HESITANCY.

Sir Sam Hughes has exploded one lie, used and re-used by Conservative politicians and press in their wild endeavors, for party purposes, to show Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the light of a leader unwilling to render aid to Britain when required, by sending troops to South Africa. It is now made clear that Sir Wilfrid only hesitated because he feared the Conservative party would raise objections.—London Advertiser.

The above is the rankest kind of piffle.

Laurier in all his life has never been considerate of the Conservative party and for years, by means of his majority in the Senate, sought to thwart it in every possible way.

At the time of the Boer War when Sir Wilfrid was premier, Canada was the last of the overseas dominions to offer help, and it was finally offered because of the insistence of Sir Charles Tupper and public opion. Laurier deliberately hung back. There can be no doubt whatever about that. He even went so far as to justify his course in an interview with the Toronto Globe as follows:

"As I understand the Militia Act —and I may say tnat I have given it some study of late—our volunteers are enrolled to be used in the defence of the Dominion. They are Canadian troops to be used to fight for Canada's defence. . . . . There is no menace to Canada, and although we may be willing to contribute troops, I do not see how we can do so. Then again how could we do so without Canada granting us the money. We simply could not do anything. In other words we should have to summon parliament. The government of Canada is restricted in its powers. It is responsible to parliament and it can do very little without permission of parliament."

Did the Conservatives put that attitude in his mind or was it Quebec?

At Vancouver, twenty-five dollars and costs or 30 days was the sentence imposed by Magistrate Smith on Fred Attwood, who pleaded guilty to obstructing a police officer while on duty.

The revenue of the Vancouver post-office for the month just ended shows an increase of $8,278.02 over January of 1916. The total for last month was $53,249.63.

COOKING UTENSILS."

Demonstration of "Wearever" Cooking Utensils all this week at CROMPTON'S.

THE ROYAL LOAN.

The forty first annual report of the Royal Loan and Savings Company contained elsewhere in this issue, tells as usual of the continued success which is bound to ensue in connection with the alert and splendid management of that institution.

It was in 1876 that the company was launched in this city with the late Thomas S. Shenston as President, and the late William Watt as Vice-President. The beginning was small, but from the very first, operations were placed on a sound basis, and the growth in the succeeding years has naturally been of a very steady nature. Each annual report has recorded notable progress until at the present time the record shows assets of $2,503,000 and a reserve fund which represents sixty-five per cent of the capital. It is worthy of note that said fund has been increased by $200,000 during the last ten years. The company, during the year, did its bit towards the war by adding $180,000 of Canadian and British Government war loans, in addition to previous subscriptions, and contributing $1,700 to the Brant Patriotic and British Red Cross funds.

Judged from every angle, the Royal Loan is in a thoroughly sound position and so also is its offspring, the "Brantford Trust Company." In both the public can place absolute confidence, and that they do so, is abundantly demonstrated by the figures.

Mr. W. G. Helliker is the efficient manager, and he has a splendid Board of Directors in the persons of Messrs. C. Cook (President), C. B. Heyd (Vice President), A. J. Wilkes, K.C., F. Grobb, A. K. Bunnell, F.C.A. and John Mann.

Citizens generally have reason to feel proud of this excellently run local institution.

DANDIES OF THE INDIAN ARMY

Are the Khattaks, a Tribe Which Puzzle the Psychologists

British Headquarters in Mesopotamia, Feb. 17.—(British eyewitness)—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Khattaks are the dandies of the Indian army. They are like the Celts of the British Army, reckless, generous, improvident, mercurial, altogether a friendly and responsive sort of people, but with the queer kink that one finds in all Pathans, that primitive sensitive point of honor or shame which puzzles the psychologist.

The Khattaks kept their spirits up all through the hot weather. They are too lively sometimes. As soon as the drum and oboe sound they start cat-calling and make their work fly. The Khattaks are as responsive to the oboe as the Highlanders to the bagpipe, but they are more demonstrative. It is a good thing to be near when the Khattak Rifles leave camp. At the first sound of the drum and oboe they break into a wild treble shriek, tailing off, perhaps, with the balbala, the pathan imitation of the gurgling of the camel.

These tribesmen are easily excited, seldom dispirited, and if so, only for a short time. Their eagerness is sometimes a positive danger during an attack. At Sheik Saad it was difficult to hold the Khattah company back while the regiment on their left was coming up; they were all for going ahead and breaking the line; and in the end it was a premature sortie of the Khattaks that precipitated the assault.

Old Shere Khan, a typical Khattak, the other day killed right inside the regimental lines a rival for his wife's affections, and he could not have done anything else. The man's offense carried its own sentence in the minds of all decent-thinking Khattaks. Before the deed the subadar-major begged the adjutant to get the rival, Sher Gul, well away before the night; otherwise, he said, there would be trouble, but the adjutant could not look into the case until the next morning. In the meantime, to safeguard Sher Gul, he told the subadar to see that twenty stout men and gold—according to the Permen and gold were secured.

The subadar made it fifty, but to no avail. At one in the morning the adjutant was called out quietly to see the remains of Sher Gul. His head was lying on the edge of the bed, a hatchet imbedded in the skull. He had been killed with fifty men sleeping round him. They had all slept like the dead, and nobody had heard the blow. There was no evidence against Shere Khan whatever; public opinion was on his side.

"Zam, Zan and Zar"—land, women and gold—according to the Persian proverb, are at the bottom of all outrage, and with nine Khattaks out of ten, it is Zan.

The Khattak thinks no end of his personal appearance. He dresses to kill, and loves to go and parade in the bazaar in his gala kit. He will spend hours over his toilet, peering at himself in the glass all the while without a trace of self-consciousness, though his neighbors may be almost as interested in the performance as he. Then, with his hair neatly oiled and trim to the level of the lobe of his ear, he will stride forth in his flowery waistcoat of plum color or maroon velvet with golden braid, spotless white baggy trousers, a flower behind his ear, a red handkerchief in his pocket, a cane in his hand, and for headgear a high Kohat lungiplack with yellow and crimson ends, and a kula covered with gold.

Every Khattak is a bit of a blood. In his country a showy exterior betokens the gallant in both senses of the word. A woman of parts will not look at a man unless he has served in the army or is at least something of a buccaneer.

TOWEL SOCIAL HELD IN PARIS

Patriotic Valentine Euchre Given by Young Ladies of Church of Sacred Heart

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Hugh Pickering Passes Away After Brief Illness

Paris, Feb. 16.—(From our own correspondent)—On Wednesday afternoon and evening, a very successful "Towel Social" was held in the Congregational school room, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid. The room was prettily decorated with Valentine greetings. Tea was served from four to six o'clock, and in the evening a capital musical programme was given. A neat sum was realized, which will be devoted to church expenses.

Last evening the young ladies of the church of the Sacred Heart, held a Patriotic Valentine euchre, in the Separate School assembly hall. There was a good attendance and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. The large hall was looking very attractive in its decorations of patriotic flags, hearts and valentines. The first part of the evening was spent in progressive euchre, and the successful prize winners were: 1st, ladies, Mrs. F. Smoke; 1st, gents', Mr. Jack Granton; booby prize, Mrs. Thomas Flahiff. Later an excellent programme was given by the following: Solos, Miss Ettie Taylor; quartette, Misses Skelly and Keen; Messrs. Lingeman and Crowley of Brantford; solo, Mr. John P. McCammon; solo, Miss Keen of Brantford; violin solo, Mr. Lingeman, of Brantford. A good sum was realized and will be given for patriotic purposes.

The death took place yesterday afternoon of Jessie Finlayson, beloved wife of Mr. Hugh Pickering, Upper Town. The deceased had been ill for the past two weeks with heart trouble, and passed peacefully away yesterday, in spite of all the care and attention that loving hands could do. The late Mrs. Pickering was a daughter of the late Hugh and Mrs. Finlayson. She was born and educated here, and has lived in town all her life. She was married to Mr. Pickering about 25 years ago, who with a family of three children, survives, as also her aged mother and sisters, namely: Mrs. Loyst of Deleware, Man., a son, Hugh Arnold, of Manitoba, and Miss Lillian, at home. Her sisters are Mrs. T. S. Churchill of Milwaukee, Mrs. W. Renton, Manitoba, Mrs. Gill Pickering and Miss Kate Finlayson, of Paris, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended. The funeral will take place from her late residence, Dumfries street, on Sunday afternoon, and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Langton, of the Baptist church, of which church the deceased had been a member for over 30 years.

Much sympathy will be extended to Pte. and Mrs. Humphrey, in the death of their infant child, who passed away yesterday, at the residence of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eley, Dumfries street. The little one was buried this afternoon by Rev. R. J. Seton Adamson, rector of St. James church. Pte. Humphrey went overseas with the 125th battalion.

Death came as a happy relief to Mrs. George Johnson this morning, after suffering intense agohy for the past two days, from burns received on Wednesday. The funeral will take place from her late residence, Walnut street, on Sunday afternoon.

The death took place this morning of Mrs. James Wilson, Dumfries St., Mrs. Wilson has been an invalid for the past few years, but was only seriously ill since Wednesday. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

"WEAREVER."

Be sure to visit the Demonstration of "Wearever Aluminum Cooking Utensils—all this week — Down Stairs Store, Crompton's.

OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH

How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffling, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath at night.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable. Relief is sure.

News of the Churches

Anglican

ANGLICIAN ST. JUDES.
Dalhousie and Peel. Rev. C. E. Jeakins, rector.
Feb 18th, Quinquagesima Sunday.
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning prayer and sermon, "Lent—its practical purpose."
3 p.m.—Sunday school and Bible classes.
7 p.m.—Evening prayer and sermon, "Prayers for the Dead?" continuing the sermon on "Spiritualism." The rector will preach at all services. Strangers heartily welcome.

GRACE CHURCH—
11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Holy Communion.
Sermon: "A King in Sackcloth."
Preacher, the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Fotheringham.
7 p.m. Evening Prayer.
Sermon: Rev. C. Paterson-Smyth.

Baptist

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Dalhousie Street.
Rev. W. E. Bowyer.
11 a.m.—"The Heavenly Bestowment."
7 p.m.—"The Master's Rebuke of Presumption." Music by the choir. All welcome. Sunday school at 2.45 p.m.

Congregational

CONGREGATIONAL.
A helpful message for you! Tomorrow at the Congregational Church, corner of George and Wellington streets, Rev. W. J. Thompson, minister.
Church services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning sermon: "The Wisdom of Life." Evening sermon: "The folly of Life." Efficient choir. Excellent music. Special soloists. Sunday school 3 p.m.; Mr. J. L. Dixon, Supt. Large adult Bible Class; Mr. H. P. Hoag, teacher.
You are cordially invited. Come!

Methodist

BRANT AVENUE METHODIST
10 a.m.—Brotherhoods.
11 a.m.—Rev. A. A. Bowers.
2.45 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Rev. A. A. Bowers
Morning music—Solo—Nearer My God to Thee, (Carey). Anthem: "God so Loved the World," (Moore) Evening music—Solo, "Softly and tenderly." Anthem, "Saviour, when night involves," (Shelley). Soloist, Miss Marjorie Sweet.
Come and worship with us. Old hymns and tunes at evening service. Organist and choirmaster, Mr. Clifford Higgin.

COLBORNE ST. METHODIST
Rev. W. E. Baker, Pastor
10 a.m., class meeting, Mr. John Mann, leader. Senior Brotherhood, Mr. T. L. Wood, speaker. Jr. Brotherhood, Mr. Alex. Lockington, Supt. Pollyama Class for young ladies.
11 a.m., morning worship. Rev. A. H. Plyley, of Cainsville, will preach.
2.45 p.m., Sabbath School.
7 p.m. Evening worship, Rev. W. E. Baker will preach.
The choir will render suitable anthems both morning and evening and Mr. Ayliffe and Miss Garvin will sing a duet at the evening service. Mr. Geo. C. White, organist and choirmaster.

WELLINGTON ST. METHODIST.
Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Henderson, pastor.
10 a.m.—Brotherhood, class and Junior League Meetings.
11 a.m.—Public service. Anniversary of the passing of Frances E. Willard, the queen of "White Ribboners." Special sermon by the pastor. Anthem, Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar", music by Woodward. Mrs. Frank Leeming will sing.
2.45 p.m.—Sunday school for old and young. Mr. Ranton, Supt.
7 p.m.—Public service. Be sure to hear Miss Ada Ward, the celebrated English lecturer, on the subject. "The Boys at the Front; the Moral and Religious Side of their Life." Come early. Anthems, "The Heavens are Telling" (Haydn's Creation) and "O God our Help in Ages Past" (Martin). Mrs. Leeming will sing. Thomas Darwen, A. T. C. M., organist and choirmaster. Welcome!

MARLBORO STREET METHODIST
Rev. John E. Peters, M.A., minister.
11 a.m.—Cain and Andrew.
2.45 p.m.—Sunday school.
7 p.m.—God's Purpose, Not to Condemn, but to Save.
You are cordially invited to our services and our school. We need your help and we hope to be able to help you.

Presbyterian

ALEXANDRA PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. D. T. McClintock
10 a.m., Brotherhood.
11 a.m., The Liberalism of Christianity.
3 p.m., Sunday school and Bible classes.
7 p.m., The Impotency of the Gates of Hell.
Wednesday evening: Prayer meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN
Brant Avenue
Rev. J. W. Gordon, B.D., Minister.
11 a.m. God's Surprises.
7 p.m. Paying Your Way.
Music, morning anthem, Come Unto Him (Gounod). Evening anthem, God that madest Earth and Heaven (Buck).

ZION PPRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Darling St., opp. Victoria Park. Rev. G. A. Woodside, M. A. Minister.
11 a.m.—Subject: "The Day of Salvation."
3 p.m.—Sunday school and Bible Class.
7 p.m.—Subject: "The Need of Fresh Air."
8 p.m.—Wednesday — Regular prayer meeting.
The public is cordially invited.

Non-Denominational

CHRISTADELPHIAN.
Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p.m.. Lecture, 7 p.m., subject, "Ought Christians to be surprised at the world's present state of Affairs?" speaker, Mr. Geo. Dentop, in C. O. F. Hall, 136 Dalhousie St., opposite market. All welcome. Seats free. No collection.

SPIRITUAL MEETING.
Sunday, Feb. 18th, 7 p.m.
Subject: "Spiritualism as a Religion."
Speaker: Mrs. H. E. Litt.
Collection to defray expenses.
Society Hall, Temple Building, Dalhousie street.

— THE —
First Baptist Church
West Street
11 A. M.
"Our Objective for 1917"
The Choir will sing "Incline Thine Ear" and "Send Out Thy Light."
7 P. M.
"Get There"
A special sermon to the young. Older people will profit by it, too.
The Music is Always Good
1. Anthem, "Peace I Leave with you."
Solo—Mr. Pickering, Roberts
2. Solo—"Abide With Me"—Metcalf... ...Mrs. Dr. Nichol
3. Male Quartette—"Watch and Pray"..... ... Schofield
The Pastor will preach at both Services
A glad-hand welcome to strangers. YOU are invited to worship with us. COME.

"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his ways that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezckiel 33.

Park Baptist Church
invites you to share its blessings, Rev. Wm. H. Wrighton will preach
11 A. M.
"Floods of Blessings"
All who desire to see a time of refreshing in Brantford are invited to this service.
7 P. M.
"Shall We Pray For The Dead" or "A Lie in The Soul"
On Sunday night we shall hold a Peopel's Service, and old favorite hymns will be sung from hymn sheets. Park Church has secured the help of Rev. Joseph W. Kemp, formerly of Edinburgh, Scotland, now of Calvary Baptist church, New York City. Watch for further announcement.

BETHAL HALL
192 Darling Street.
Sunday, 11 a.m., Breaking of Bread.
3 p.m., Sunday school and Bible class conducted by Mr. W. J. Craig.
7 p.m., Gospel service, Mr. Geo. Crook of Hamilton, will speak. Subject, "Three Hours of Darkness." Come.

Annual Report —OF THE— Roal Loan & Savings Co. For 1916
Will be found reported in full in Saturday's Issue (Feb. 17th) of the Courier

Save a Dollar Every Week
YOU won't feel it a hardship now, but think how this will help you in say ten years.
You have really no better friend than the man under your own hat. Why not be good to him and give him a little Bank Account.
Then think, those of you who are married, how pleasant a surprise you might have in store for friend, wife or husband.
The interest is not large, but it works for you morning, noon and night, drawing no pay for its services.
Times may change and work become less plentiful for you with advancing years and you will have no such help anywhere as your nice little few hundred dollars saved in some sound Canadian Bank.
Begin now with only one dollar. Make a sport of it. See how far behind you can lave old sorehead Trouble and Hard Times. Above all things do not look backward in your run to the harbor of comfort. The MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.
THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA
Dalhousie and George, facing Market
Also Mount Pleasant.

The Royal Cafe
In its usual up-to-date manner, has had all curtains removed from private stalls on ground floor. This is the very latest idea in all modern cafes. Customers are highly pleased with this innovation, and are loud in their praise of the luxurious appointments of this, Western Ontario's most popular Restaurant.
An Extension Dining Room, Dressing Room and Rest Room for Ladies will be opened in a week or two on second floor. Watch for later announcement.
The Royal Cafe, Colborne St.
Two Floors and Up-to-Date in Every Respect

Home Service
Dufferin Rifles of Canada Reorganization
Volunteers for the above will be accepted at the Armouries each evening from 8 to 10, commencing—
Monday, February 19th

Homes Wanted
Employees of Dominion Steel Products Co., need
Rooms With or Without Board, Furnishdd or Unfurnished Rooms for Light Housekeeping or Houses.
If You have any of these address:
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HOLMEDALE