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THE SITUATION
 The Italians are continuing their splendid offensive with undiminished effect. It is reported that eleven Austrian army divisions have been decimated and more than twenty thousand prisoners taken. The enemy continues to rush up reinforcements but thus far these have failed to stay the onward rush of Cadorna and his men, although they have to fight for every foot of the way. Vienna has been forced to admit the withdrawal of troops in certain regions.

Haig reports that the British have launched a new attack east and south-east of Langemarck, and that "satisfactory progress" has been made. Full details are not given but this fresh offensive is manifestly one of importance. The French, despite violent counter-attacks are still holding all their gains on the Verdun front. They have added more Hunns to their list of prisoners and it is notable that the proportion of officers taken is exceptionally large. This is said to be accounted for by the fact that it is necessary for them to stay more closely with the newer drafts.

The Russians are standing more firmly on all fronts, and the Rumanians have recovered some heights recently wrested from them. The outcome of the National Conference at Moscow still remains in the balance. General Korniloff, commander-in-chief, has arrived on the scene and very much is expected from his influence. President Wilson has sent a message to the gathering expressing renewed confidence in the ability of the democratic elements to triumph over "all enemies within and without."

A despatch from London asserts that the opinion is quite prevalent in authoritative quarters in England and France that Germany cannot endure another year of the struggle. The Kaiser's soldiers, it is said, now realize that they have no chance of victory and the Fatherland is getting in to a more and more desperate state with regard to commerce and industries.

UNCLE SAM DOING WELL

Once our neighbors made up their minds that it was their duty to get into the war, they have taken hold in first-class shape. It is true, that certain legislators at Washington have tried to hold things up, just as certain other legislators have tried to do at Ottawa, but apart from that phase of matters the record has been first rate.

The New York Times points out that without fuss or noise 182,000 volunteers have enlisted in the regular army, bringing it up to 300,000 men. The National Guard, with 300,000 men, was drafted into the Federal service on Monday. The navy, for which men have been volunteering in the same noiseless fashion, has been raised to over 137,000 men, the Marine Corps to its authorized war strength of 30,000, and in the Naval Reserve and the National Volunteers there are 45,000.

There are 600,000 men and more now bearing arms. The draft will add 687,000 more, bringing the number up to nearly 1,500,000 and their mobilization will take place from Sept. 1 to Sept. 5. It is only four months since this peaceful and unprepared nation was forced into war. In that time it has floated and over-subscribed a war loan of \$2,000,000,000.

THE WEST VS. LAURIER

When Hon. Mr. Oliver returned to Ottawa from Winnipeg, where he helped to manipulate the Liberal convention for Laurier, he was heartily welcomed by the "plumed knight," who thought that the West had been saved for him.

In this Sir Wilfrid was counting his chickens before they were hatched. It is one thing to manipulate a gathering of delegates and quite another thing to deliver the goods as far as the rank and file are concerned. The Winnipeg Free Press, the leading Liberal newspaper of the West, in referring to the matter says:

"The Liberal party in the west is divided. The convention membership, we should say, was about sixty per cent. pro-Laurier, though many

of the delegates who held these views did not understand the situation; but the feeling among the Liberal electors of western Canada today is sixty per cent. the other way. It will be ninety per cent. within a month. By Liberal electors we mean electors of Canadian, British and American stock. No doubt there are "Liberal electors" in western Canada whose devotion to Sir Wilfrid Laurier will increase as the developments of the campaign make it clearer and clearer that the forces behind him, which control him, are determined that Canada's further military contribution to the war shall be negligible."

That is plain talk on the part of a paper hitherto devoted to Sir Wilfrid but no one can doubt that it is the truth.

GOOD FOR DOVER

The residents of Port Dover are to be congratulated upon the fact that yesterday the by-law was carried for the establishment of a system of pure water supply.

The record was over two to one in favor of the measure and even those who cast their ballots against the scheme will, without doubt, in the long run realize that a good day's business was accomplished.

Those qualified to vote totalled an even 400, and it was necessary for at least 134 to answer in the affirmative or the by-law would have been defeated even had there not been a solitary negative.

The estimated cost is \$65,000 and it will take annual payments of \$4472.35 for thirty years to meet interest and sinking fund on the investment. Without any question it will prove to be money thoroughly well spent, and the step forward is going to redound to the prosperity of the place in a very marked way. With this added safeguard to health local residents will not only benefit, but in addition the number of visitors and summer sojourners is bound to show a gratifying increase. And apart from all that there will be a great saving with reference to insurance and a satisfactory revenue from users.

The Courier extends its felicitations to the gentlemen who saw that the issue was put clearly before the electors in such an able manner.

NOTES AND COMMENT

The Crown Prince is continuing his offensive on the Verdun front. As to that he is always offensive from every point of view.

President Wilson has tightened his control of foods to neutral countries which have been helping to feed Germany, and the Hun will have to still further tighten his belt.

The Italians continue to make the Austrians dance to their grinding.

Those Liberal members who continue to thwart the efforts of Premier Borden to form a Union Government need make no mistake about the fact that the "win-the-war" electors have their eyes on them.

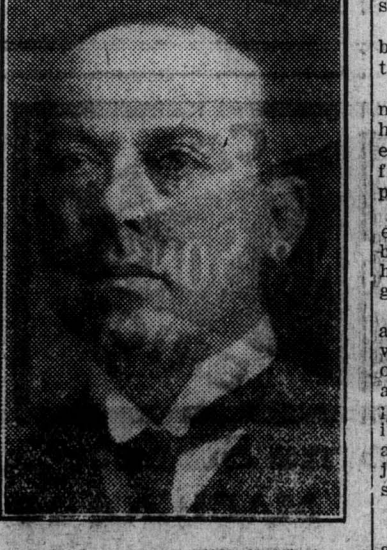
Mr. Norman Lambert, staff correspondent of the Globe sent to Winnipeg to report the first Liberal convention, sent this message to his paper:

"There is no doubt that the machine tactics planned and actually employed in the convention by certain political leaders from the farther West, do not represent the vast body of intelligent Western opinion. . . . The split which many thought would be inevitable in the convention . . . began today in earnest on the streets, in the tram cars, and the clubs of Winnipeg."

Food Controller Hanna estimates that the annual waste of kitchens of Canada represents a money value of \$58,000,000. What are the "thrifty housewives" going to do about it?

New York policemen, in automobiles, pursued and captured two runaway horses on Sunday.

A company of Hawaiian-born Japanese will be raised for service with other U. S. Troops in France.



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STIRRING SCENES AT EXHIBITION

Duke of Devonshire Formally Opens Fair and Inspects War Veterans

PRESENT HERO MEDAL Address of Welcome to The Governor-General Read By President Marshall

A LARGE GATHERING Enterprise Referred to as Symbol of Vitality and Power of Canada

Toronto, Aug. 28.—Once again the Fair that made Toronto famous is in full swing. For the thirty-ninth time the formal ceremonies in connection with the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition have been carried through without a hitch, and the directors, having completed all their preparations, are waiting anxiously to see if the crowds and the weather will combine to make the Exhibition "bigger and better than ever before."

It got off to a very fortunate start yesterday, as the weather conditions were perfect and the crowd that turned out was accordingly better than usually the case on the first Monday. If first impressions count for anything, those people who were present on the first day ought to be the Fair's best advertisement, for they found the grounds looking like a great garden, with all the magnificent flowerbeds in finer shape than they have been in several years, making a splendid background for the exhibits.

The large crowd was doubtless partly due to the fact that His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire had announced that he would take the opportunity offered by the opening ceremonies to honor publicly the next in line of several Canadians who made the supreme sacrifice. A great review of veterans had been arranged in front of the Grand Stand, and in connection with this gathering, the Exhibition took place in the annuals of the Victoria Cross to the father of Sgt. Sifton, a Canadian hero who gave his life in France. At the same time His Excellency presented the Victoria Medal to the widow of J. Allen Fraser, of Paris, Ont., who was drowned trying to save a woman from death in the Grand River.

The largest crowd that has ever witnessed the machine performance on the opening day at the Exhibition gathered to visit these presentations, which combined to make one of the historic occasions of the Fair.

MUNICIPAL CONVENTION

London, Ont., Aug. 28.—When the Union of Canadian Municipalities resumed this morning a resolution sponsored by Mayor Hardie of Lethbridge, recommending that members of the Canadian army, not professional soldiers, be given equal pensions irrespective of rank was introduced.

A resolution forwarded by the Board of Control of Ottawa that the Union ask power to collect back income tax when the municipality disallows the tax has been paid (that the amount of income had not been properly stated was unanimously endorsed.

Mayor Bourgeois of St. Catharines introduced a resolution requesting the government to allow an overseas man who have served three years a furlough of three months.

Mayor Hardie opposed interference with military authorities, and Alderman Risk, Toronto, expressed disapproval of bothering the military authorities with such matters. He had no doubt they were doing the best they could for the men.

Ald. Ryding, Toronto, supported the resolution which was referred to the resolution committee and will be dealt with later.

Mayor Bourgeois was sponsor of a resolution for increase pay for soldiers and an increase of the separation allowance for their wives.

Alderman Ramsden, Toronto, Mayor Bowly, Brantford, Frederick Wright Montreal, Alderman Risk, Toronto, and Ald. Ashplant, London strongly favored the suggestion.

Mayor Hardie said that something he inserted in the resolution mentioning the amount of the increase.

Mayor Bowly Brantford, remarked that Mayor Hardie evidently had not much confidence in the government. This drew a heated retort from Mr. Hardie about indulging in personalities.

"I have no confidence in any government in a question of this kind, but I would have you understand I have a great deal of confidence in the government," said Mr. Hardie.

NO MORE FOOD FOR GERMANY

President Wilson Tightens Control of Exports To European Neutrals

TO PREVENT LEAKAGE Vigorous Use of Control By the Government as War Weapon is Forecast

ISSUE PROCLAMATION Will Go to Any Limit To Enforce Blockade Against Central Powers

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson tightened the Government's control of exports last night by issuing an order forbidding the shipment of any European neutral countries except under license, and by extending the lists for which license is required in shipment to the allies and neutrals other than European countries, to include cotton, all meats, sugar, and most of America's other export commodities.

In a statement accompanying his proclamation the President said one of the first intentions of the Government will be to see that no American products are made "the occasion of benefit to the enemy, either directly or indirectly."

Prohibit Exports to Germany. Exports to Germany and her allies also are formally prohibited by the President's order, and this is understood to mean that the export control is about to supersede the British system of giving letters of assurance for American cargoes. Up to now there has been nothing except the British blockade to prevent the shipment of American goods to Germany.

Last night's order in this respect accomplishes one of the purposes sought in the trading with the enemy bill pending in Congress. Cotton, bullion, currency and evidence of indebtedness are placed under export license restrictions to European neutrals, and never regulate their export have been promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

News Notes

All American merchantmen crossing the Atlantic must carry armament, burn smokeless fuel in the war zone, and be equipped with smoke-screen apparatus, or else pay higher war insurance rates.

Edward Post, an Hoboken suicide, determined that his body should be recovered. He tied a rope around his waist before plunging into the water, the other end of which was tied to a pile of wood on which the sign "pull up" was written.

The I. W. W. strike in the Western States has been delayed by the arrest of 35 leaders of the organization by Idaho National Guardsmen. They are held as military, not civil, prisoners.

On account of the low premiums the government will charge on soldiers' insurance in the U.S., the insurance interests are making strenuous efforts to defeat the Administration's insurance proposals.

Two German prisoners who escaped from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., were recaptured through the agency of Miss Coonrod, a Chattanooga lawyer. They escaped from camp in a dry goods box.

HARVEST HELP EXCURSIONS, \$12.00 TO WINNIPEG

The Grand Trunk Railway System will sell Harvest Help Excursion tickets to Winnipeg on the following dates:

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For particulars as to tickets West of Winnipeg, etc., apply to any Grand Trunk Ticket Agent, or C. E. Morning, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

Rippling Rhymes
 by Walt Mason
 FRIENDLESS.
 "Gee Whiz," I hear the kaiser sigh, "I'm tired" of war and all its works; I have no friend beneath the sky, outside of Bulgars and of Turks. Before I sprung this world-war serap to spread my kultur far and near, I was a rather well-liked chap, on this and 'other homespere. In all the arts I then excelled, I used to paint; I used to draw; with admiration critics yelled, when they my masterpiece saw. I used to write majestic hymns, and great musicians, when they heard, would go away on halting limbs, and shoot themselves without a word. I used to follow

SOCIALIST CONFERENCE

London, Aug. 28.—The Inter-Allied Socialist and Labor conference was opened in London this morning under the presidency of Arthur Henderson, member of the House of Commons and former minister without portfolio. Some 70 delegates representing Great Britain, Belgium, Russia, France, Portugal, Greece, South Africa and Italy are present. More than half of them are British representing various sections of the Socialist and Labor parties. The figures are of little significance, however, as the conference is not to vote, but to consult and, if possible, agree on the policy to be followed in regard to the International Socialist conference at Stockholm. If it proves to be impossible to reach an agreement, the various sections will put forward their own views at Stockholm.

The chief subject for consideration by the conference, however, is the war aims of the allies. A report on this matter has been drawn up by the executive committee of the British Labor party, and an effort will be made to reach an agreement. The sessions of the conference will be private. Reports of each day's proceedings will be issued.

The American Library Association is raising a million dollar fund to provide books for troops in training. Fire, believed to be incendiary, has destroyed the ten-acre ice plant of the Armour Packing Company at Chicago.

New York State will enlist its sixty-five thousand school teachers as Liberty bond salesmen. Their field will be the two million school children in their charge.

Federal troops are patrolling the Oregon forests with orders to shoot and kill any of the incendiaries who have been causing the recent fatal fires.

Owing to the shortage of equipment for oil well drilling the gas-line situation is reported as more serious than at any time since war began.

Representatives of the Government and the American Federation of Labor have entered into an agreement for the adjustment of disputes in shipyards without strikes.

The Senate Finance committee room in the Capitol was broken into twice last week.

The state of Louisiana has followed the lead of Maryland in forcing all liquor stores to close.

Dr. Harry Garfield, U. S. Wool Administrator, promises relief for small consumers this winter.

Venezuela corn is now being sold in the centre States.

The New York Health Board has forbidden the sale of absinthe.

Chicago packers have asked Food Administrator Hoover to control the livestock industry.

The Hoover Food Administration is planning to interest servants in food conservation.

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LOCAL

BELL MEMORIAL.
 Rapid progress is being made in the work of grading the Bell Memorial grounds. The improvements are noticeable, and will prove a beauty spot of which the town will be proud.

PARCEL HELD.
 The local postmaster is parcel addressed as follows: Roy Brown, No. 271, 286, Co. C, F. C. Carlisle, Co. Co., Orton Park, England. "mother." In addition to the address sufficient postage has been affixed, and the parcel would be pleased to have it called so that the parcel could be forwarded.

OPPOSE SUBSIDIES.
 A vigorous campaign is being conducted by the Single Tax Association of Ontario in opposition to the granting of subsidies by the Dominion Government to R. C. N. R., the C. N. R., the G. T. P. A. commencing a resolution, was adopted by the local association, and the Board of Trade now has received a similar request with the result of cordance with the resolution accompanying the letter.

CHOOSE THE COURIER.
 Statistics are regularly furnished to the office of the Courier from Ottawa each week by representatives appointed in various parts of the country. The market report that appears in Saturday's paper, has been prepared by the local representative, and is sent to Ottawa each week, and the Board of Trade now has received a similar request with the result of cordance with the resolution accompanying the letter.

SURPRISE PARTY.
 A surprise party, representing the Slingsby Mill, was held at the home of Miss Lela Taylor Park street, on Friday evening the evening a presentation was made to Miss Taylor in the silver sugar bowl with silver tea-spoons suspended, a gift from the friends and anticipation of her forthcoming wedding. Suitable speeches were made, music and merriment followed. The presentation of ice cream, the party up in the early morning.

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 At the Head or Tail of his Class?
 Where will he stand this year?
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