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THE SITUATION. The encircling of a large part of the Russian armies now looks to be quite a possibility. It is desirable, of course, to put the best possible face upon the position of affairs in the Eastern theatre, but the situation is none too good.

Matters on the French front and Italian fronts are comparatively quiet, while there is nothing from the Dardanelles.

It has been a common thing with reference to the activities of the German submarines to hear some such remark as, "What are the British Doing?" A special report over the Courier's leased wire to-day gives the answer in a very cogent and complete manner. John Bull has not been asleep, very far from it, and the facts as related demonstrate just how earnestly he has been checking the undersea pirates, and is completing plans to still more thoroughly do so.

The announcement that Greece will not cede one inch of territory to Bulgaria makes regrettable reading in connection with the desire to get the Balkan States to side with the allies. It is very important that Bulgaria especially should be induced to join, but she is out for a hard bargain.

A FINE RECORD. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a very complete report of all that has been accomplished in connection with the "Brant Patriotic and War Relief Association," and it has been much.

The project has taken a double-barrelled scope—first of all, conditions created by the war, and, secondly, help for those out of employment through no fault of their own. The announcement that the sum of \$66,000 was promised in a whirlwind campaign is simply one more evidence of what splendid gifts there are in this community when the cause is just. And don't forget the people of the county, either, for they are also doing their share as far as the soldiers are concerned.

The successful administration of affairs has proved an arduous and a delicate task—how much so perhaps citizens do not stop to realize—and the very highest commendation deserves to be bestowed upon the men and the women who have so ungrudgingly given of their time in this regard.

There have been some "knockers" and growlers, for that crop is always with us, but no one who reads the record of what has been done—and everybody should—can fail to reach any other conclusion than that the task has throughout been accomplished in a most admirable way.

This winter will without doubt see the unemployment trouble largely mitigated, but the demands created by the departure of brave boys to the front will continue to increase.

They need have no fear that their dear ones will be properly and considerably looked after, for the members of the Association and their assistants—especially Miss Van Norman and Mr. H. T. Watt—have abundantly demonstrated that they know how, and are doing it.

RESULT IN MANITOBA. Just like the fall of Warsaw, the result of the provincial election in Manitoba was anticipated.

There is no earthly use in trying to explain away the matter. It resulted from the proved fact that the Roblin Government had grossly betrayed the confidence of the people. It is true that the Conservatives in the fight just closed were under new and clean leadership, and that the old gang had retired from the scene, but it could not be expected that the people would thus at once accept what was undoubtedly an entire rehabilitation.

They rose in their might, just as the people did in Ontario to end a like condition of affairs under Ross rule, and in both instances they were right. The moral of it all is that it does not pay Governments to do wrong any more than individuals.

The Y. M. C. A. is in Sheffield providing canteens for the munition workers. Mr. I. Faulkner, one of the organizing secretaries, states that the Duke of Norfolk's agent offered eight sites in excellent positions close to the gates of the works, all of which the Duke was willing to let them have at the nominal rents.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

No matter how small, your mite is heartily welcomed for the gun fund.

The object noticed up in the heavens to-day used to be known by prehistoric inhabitants as the sun.

Tobacco fund, razor crop, subscriptions to the Machine Gun campaign—all three lists are still open at the Courier office and showing healthy growth. Keep up the good work.

"Jam is the familiar name of the leader whose forces went down to defeat in Manitoba. It was the other fellows who got it, however.

The poem of a German writer, as translated elsewhere in this issue, shows just how the people of the Fatherland gloated over the Lusitania tragedy.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Aug. 7.—The French war office to-day gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities in France reading as follows: "Last night passed quietly on the western part of the front. There has been reported nothing more than some engagements with hand grenades in the vicinity of Souchez, and artillery fighting in the region of Tracy-Le-Val and in the neighborhood of Berry-au-Bac.

"In the western section of the Artois, there has been a continuance of the very spirited fighting with grenades and bombs. An attack of the enemy in the vicinity of Hill No. 213 has been repulsed.

In Lorraine, a strong German reconnaissance has been dispersed.

GERMAN-AMERICANS

Says They Are Not in the States to be Merely Tolerated.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Four State Presidents and as many Vice-Presidents of the National German-American Alliance threatened to resign at the alliance's convention yesterday if an open letter to President Wilson was adopted.

The letter proved to be in the nature of a strong appeal to discontinue the exportation of arms to belligerents, and to depart from the Administration's hinted pro-allies attitude.

The resolution to a certain degree takes the place of the open letter which was drafted to be forwarded to President Wilson. The resolution was decided upon as an expression of the feelings of German-Americans in regard to America's attitude to the belligerents. It was unanimously accepted. It reads in part:

"The American people must realize that those of German birth or extraction are not willing to accept second-class citizenship in this country, and are not here to be merely tolerated. As American citizens we rightly demand full equality, and we will not suffer our influence upon the development of our Republic to be curtailed.

"During the present world conflict efforts have been made to place us in a false position. The dispute between the land of our birth and the land of our adoption has been made the occasion of casting suspicion upon us, and our loyalty to this country, the land of our adoption, has been questioned. We must emphatically protest against this, and will not further permit any doubts whatsoever to be cast upon our loyalty."

ITALIAN AIRSHIP

Brought Down by Shrapnel and Occupants Captured.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—Via London 1 p.m.—An official statement given out to-day by the German Government says: "At midnight of August 6, the Italian airship Citta De Jost, while endeavoring to approach Pola, was brought down by shrapnel before it could do any damage. All the crew, consisting of three naval officers, one mechanic and two men were taken prisoners. The airship was taken into Pola."

The loss of an Italian dirigible balloon was officially admitted on Aug. 6 by the Italian Government, though the name of the air craft was not given. The Italian statement said that the airship after throwing several bombs fell into the sea.

The most imposing regiment in the Italian army is the Corazzieri, or Royal Bodyguard, which for physique of man and horse is the most magnificent corps of the kind in Europe. No trooper in the Corazzieri is less than six feet one or two, whilst many are far taller, and their wonderful feats of horsemanship are known throughout Europe. Most of the men are comely of feature, as well as splendid of limb and the large majority of them come from the peasantry.

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HAD CLOSE CALL

Sniper Hit Rifle of Private Van Fleet and Bayonet Made Gashes.

Pte. Harry J. Van Fleet has sent more interesting letters home from the front, from which the following extracts are taken:

July 9th, 1915. "I only wish I was there with you, and perhaps I will be by the time I do my bit, but chances look mighty slim for a time yet.

"I thank you very much for the parcel of cigarettes, which is certainly a godsend out here. I started to answer your letter a week ago, but we had orders to move off to the trenches again. We had the honor of being inspected by Sir John French last week, and he certainly is a smart old gentleman. He praised the Canadians very much indeed. We have been in the front line of trenches three times in succession now, and are back in billets again waiting for reinforcements from England. I had a pretty close call yesterday. I was sitting in the trench spreading my bread with marmalade when a sniper hit my rifle with a bullet that hit the rifle full down on me and the bayonet gave me a good cut behind the ear, and on the ear and also on the face, but I am still able to be with the boys. They say you are not lucky here unless you get a bullet that you had enough to be sent to England. In other words, we call it Blythe if one of our comrades gets hit in the arm or leg. We call him a lucky guy. It certainly is hell out here at times. But now I've got this far I should like to see it through if the good Lord spares me and lets me get through with a full skin. We are expecting to get leave to go to England some time in August for a few days, and that will look like Heaven if ever we do get there again. I think if ever I should get in a bed again I'll lay there and rot.

"We have a very fine man for our captain, and I am quite sure if anything happened to him the battalion would miss him more than anyone else, as he is so game and every inch a hero if ever there was one. He comes from Kingston, Ont. He is a good bloke, and the men and deserves a dozen V.C.'s.

"We have had plenty of rain this week, and have had to go through trenches in water and mud in some places nearly up to our knees. No. 11627, Pte. H. Van Fleet, 2nd Batt., 1st Bde., No. 2 Co., No. 5 Platoon, Can. Div., France.

PEERLESS TY COBB

Is Still at the Head of Batters in All Leagues.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—International batting leaders, including records later than Tuesday, according to averages published here to-day, are: Gilhooley, Buffalo, .351; Rath, Toronto, .333; Barney, Jersey City, .333; Shean, Providence, .326; Pick, Richmond, .324; Channell, Buffalo, .322; E. Zimmerman, Harrisburg, .318; E. Mieson, Buffalo, .316; Demmitt, Jersey City, .315; Shorten, Providence, .311.

Buffalo, with 280 leads in club batting, and Montreal and Richmond are tied for second with 267. Gilhooley has stolen the greatest number of bases—43, and also leads in number of runs scored with 71. Howley, Montreal, has made his four runs—16, while Whiteman, Montreal, leads in total bases with 161.

The leading pitchers are: Oeschger, Providence, won 12, lost 3; Beebe, Buffalo, 10 and 6; Dowd, Montreal, 8 and 3; Conroy, Buffalo, 13 and 5; Miller, Montreal, 14 and 7; Chabek, Harrisburg, 12 and 8; Fullerton, Montreal, 12 and 8.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

The first ten in the American League consists mostly of well-known batters, and is as follows: Cobb, Detroit, .401; Jackson, Cleveland, .339; E. Collins, Chicago, .331; Speaker, Boston, .320; Crawford, Detroit, .315; Strunk, Philadelphia, .316; Maisei, New York, .312; Fournier, Chicago, .308; Lewis, Boston, .305; McInnis, Philadelphia, .300.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Larry Doyle, captain of the Giants, has hammered his way to the front in the National, whose leaders are: Doyle, New York, .330; Snyder, St. Louis, .327; Daubert, Brooklyn, .322; Ward, Killefer, Cincinnati, .312; Collins, Pittsburgh, .309; Luderus, Philadelphia, .307; Merkle, New York, .305; Groh, Cincinnati, .304; J. Smith, Boston, .304; Saier, Chicago, .302.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Federal League batting leaders are: Magee, Brooklyn, .346; Jack, Chicago, .343; Kauf, Brooklyn, .339; Fischer, Chicago, .337; Easterley, Kansas City, .333; Campbell, Newark, .325; Rousch, Newark, .319; Yerkes, Pittsburgh, .318; Deal,

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result was as discouraging for the Conservative cause as in the country constituencies. Every English-speaking Conservative member of the late Legislature who faced the electorate went down to defeat, these including Gorge Lawrence, the late Minister of Agriculture, in Killarney, and ex-Speaker Johnson in Turlie Mountain. In Lansdowne Premier Norris has a majority of about 850. All the other Cabinet Ministers are returned with large margins.

LIBERALS ELECTED (5)

Iberville—A. Bernard ..... 133  
Morris—J. Parent ..... 41  
Roblin—J. Newton ..... 136  
St. Rose—J. Hamelin ..... 101  
Carillon—A. Prefontaine ..... 101

LIBERALS ELECTED (39)

Arthur—John Williams ..... 183  
Assiniboia—J. W. Wilton ..... 253  
Beautiful Plains—W. R. Wood ..... 197  
Birtle—G. H. Malcolm ..... 334  
Brandon—S. E. Clement ..... 681  
Cypress—Dr. W. A. Myles ..... 102  
Rockwood—Arthur Robb ..... 424  
Deloraine—Hon. Dr. Thornton ..... 295  
Dufferin—E. A. August ..... 284  
Elmwood—Dr. T. G. Hamilton ..... 908  
Emerson—J. D. Baskerville ..... 451  
Gilbert Plains—W. B. Findlater ..... 301  
Turtle Mountain—G. McPherson ..... 301  
Gladstone—Hon. Dr. Armstrong ..... 400  
Glenwood—James Breakey ..... 400  
Hamota—J. H. McConnell ..... 327  
Kildonan—St. A.—Geo. W. Prout ..... 538  
Killarney—M. Hayden ..... 150  
Lakeside—Lt.-Col. McPherson ..... 108  
Lansdowne—Hon. T. C. Norris ..... 812  
La Verandrye—P. A. Talbot ..... 92  
Minnedosa—Geo. Grierson ..... 523  
Mountain—J. B. Baird ..... 910  
Morden and Rhineland—Hon. H. Winkler ..... 87  
Norfolk—John Graham ..... 162  
Portage la Prairie—E. A. McPherson ..... 250  
Rockwood—Arthur Robb ..... 551  
Russell—W. W. Wilson ..... 379  
St. Boniface—Jos. Dumas ..... 131  
St. Clements—D. A. Ross ..... 210  
St. George—S. Sigfusson ..... 338  
Swan River—W. H. Sim ..... 150  
Turtle Mountain—G. McDonald ..... 40  
Virdee—Dr. Geo. Chingan ..... 374  
Winnipeg, N. "B"—R. N. Lowery ..... 223  
Winnipeg, C. "A"—Hon. T. H. Johnson ..... 4255  
Winnipeg, S. "A"—Hon. A. B. Roblin ..... 3816  
Winnipeg, S. "B"—W. L. Parrish ..... 3375

INDEPENDENTS ELECTED.

Winnipeg, N. "A"—R. A. Rigg ..... 220  
Winnipeg, C. "B"—F. J. Dixon ..... 412  
Deferred elections—Grand Rapids, Nelson, Le Pas.

LATEST DETAILS

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 7.—T. C. Norris, Liberal party in Manitoba to an overwhelming victory at the polls yesterday, and will have behind him in the next Legislature over forty member out of the forty-nine who will sit there. Forty-six members were elected yesterday, and the straight Liberals number 38. Independent Liberals 2—Dixon in Centre Winnipeg, and Ferley in Gimli—Social Democrat 1, and Conservatives 1.

Deferred elections—Grand Rapids, Nelson, Le Pas. Roblin's ministry who sought re-election, George Lawrence, ex-minister of agriculture who were defeated, was defeated. Sir James Aikins, Conservative leader, and W. H. Sharpe, his lieutenant, who resigned seats in the Dominion Parliament to accept provincial office were defeated in Brandon and Manitow respectively. Seats traditionally Conservative entered the Liberal column, and Conservative majorities of last election were turned into majorities of Liberalism yesterday.

Of the five seats carried by the Conservatives, one is a Conservative gain. This is Carillon, which last year returned a Liberal with seven majority, and yesterday elected Prefontaine, Conservative, with forty-two majority. St. Rose increased a Conservative majority of sixty last year to 97, with five polls to hear from. Iberville, which elected Aime Benard by acclamation last year, elected him yesterday by 136 majority. Parent, Conservative, in Morris, had his majority cut from 262 last year to 31 and Newton, in Roblin, from 261 to 136, only four Conservative members who sat in the last legislature will return as members when the next session opens, and of five Conservatives four are French-Canadians. Cabinet ministers were returned with large and increased majorities. Hon. Thomas Johnson leads the list with 4255 over the Conservative candidate in Centre Winnipeg, and Hon. A. B. Hudson ran a close second with close to 4000 in South Winnipeg. Premier Norris led his Conservative opponent by 744 in Lansdowne. Hon. Val Winkler had 468 in Morden-Rhineland. Hon. Dr. Thornton 295 in Deloraine, and Hon. Dr. Armstrong 404 in Gladstone. Hon. Edward Brown is a candidate in the Pas, where the election is deferred. Sir Rodmond Roblin's old seat, Dufferin, went Liberal by 225, and James Howden's old constituency, Beautiful Plains, is Liberal by over 200.

The future leadership of the Conservative party is already a matter of general interest. It was suggested from Liberal sources during the campaign that Sir James Aikins would succeed Sir Douglas Cameron as lieutenant-governor of Manitoba at the expiration of the latter's term, and W. H. Sharpe would be appointed to the Senate. This was based, it was stated on, on the belief that they would not care for the leadership of the party unless it had a substantial standing in the next legislature. With both the leader and his deputy defeated, possible action in this matter is awaited with interest, and the name of Aime Benard is already mentioned in connection with the leadership. Commenting in a special edition published this morning on the result, the Telegram (Conservative) says that

considering the various elements entering into the contest "there is not a great deal of occasion for surprise, neither is there reason for the Liberal party feeling unduly elated over the victory nor for the Conservative party to feel humiliated in defeat.

The Norris Government, it adds, has been given a popular mandate by the people "which is sufficiently emphatic to leave no room for doubt." The Free Press (Liberal) declares editorially that "the great fraud which the unrepentant and unrepented Rogers-Aikins party planned to perpetrate upon the public met the fate it merited. The party has been wiped out, as it deserved to be. The Free Press adds that the victory could not be too decisive and emphatic, and that the people of Manitoba have "let the world know that they will not knowingly condone political rascality and crookedness."

London is Still Old London in Spite of War

One of the paradoxes of the war is the visiting of Parisians to London for a bit of excitement and gaiety. Paris is nothing like its old self, for its theatres are closed, motor buses at the front, most of its taxis laid up and a large number of its hotels closed. But London has sacrificed but little of its old life. Hotels are full, tea-rooms and restaurants are crowded as ever, theatres, especially the music halls and revues, well attended, and the Hyde Park and upper Thames have their usual crowds of holiday makers.

But this does not mean that London does not feel the war. The hotel guests are mainly purchasing agents for the Allied Powers, visiting attaches on official business and agents for American factories looking for supply contracts. Comparatively few of the younger men seen in the fashionable tea places and restaurants wear civilian clothes. Khaki is also the prevailing color among the men of the revues. The "Piccadilly knut," as the young men who set the fashions are called, has largely disappeared from his old haunts.

London's gaiety is, in one sense, largely kept up by the war. Men living the hard routine of duty at the training camps or a life of constant danger at the front, seem to find a complete change and rest of mind in a frivolous show as in nothing else. The first idea of a wounded man on getting out of the hospital is a round of restaurants and variety halls. Officers and enlisted men with arms in slings and on crutches are sights too common there to attract more than passing notice.

Curiously enough the new dramas based on the war, except a few spy plays, have had no support at all and were soon taken off. Yet a French company, giving a series of short plays nightly, has met a great success because of its thrillers—tales of concentrated horror. Comedies of the light society kind have failed to attract, while those with real humor and well drawn character have enjoyed uninterrupted runs. A season of Russian and French opera came to an early and disastrous close, and the popular priced evening orchestral "proms" in Albert Hall were discontinued for lack of support. Concerts on the whole do not seem, however, to have suffered greatly from the war.

Fashionable life has merely transformed its activities. Instead of private affairs, society gives benefits, ranging from gala theatrical performances with royalty present to garden fetes. It is quite cosmopolitan, for one of the British charities but for Belgian, French, Russian, Serbian and Italian relief funds.

While London has lost its German and Austrian colony, it is so filled with Belgians that Flemish and French signs can be seen in shop windows all over the city. Many French families have come over also. There was a long season of French-Belgian comedy, played by a company from Brussels with the best talent of the country. Mme. Rejane and a Parisian company had a successful run in repertory and another French company now has a theatre. The tea rooms of the fashionable hotels were never better attended, largely by officers off duty. But the mass of London takes its pleasures more cheaply. The band stand in Hyde Park has lost none of its popularity of evenings, but the character of the crowd has changed. Before the war the band enclosure was the rendezvous of the foreign element, the men mostly of the waiter and small clerk class. Hundreds and on Sunday nights, thousands of young Germans used to be out. These times, the Germans, Austrians, French and Italian young men are otherwise employed, but there is a foreign element from Belgium, France and neutral countries. Most of the men seen are British soldiers in training, with a sprinkling of Belgian soldiers.

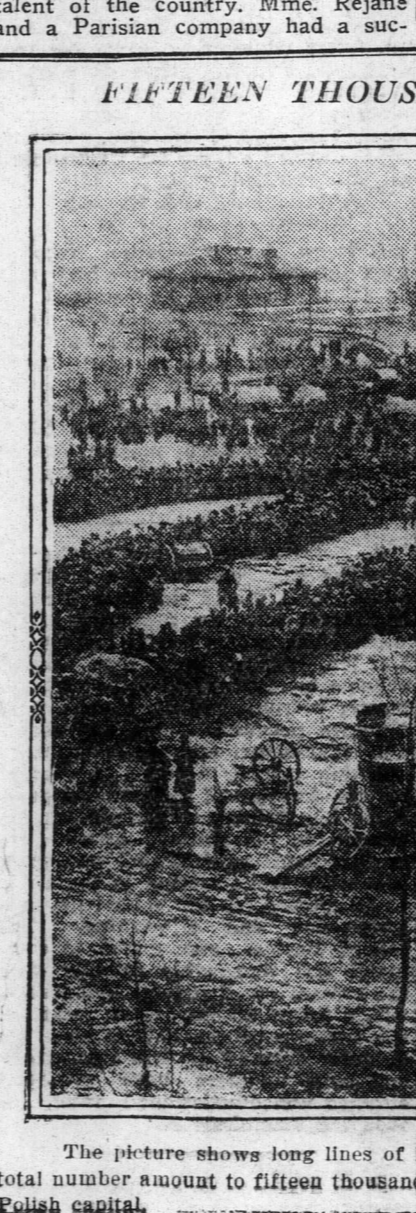
Boating on the upper Thames is one of London's main summer pleasures. Tea gardens, cottages, and house boats line the banks and every bright Saturday and Sunday afternoon still finds the river full of punts, canoes and wherries. But instead of white flannels and striped jerseys, most of the men wear khaki.

MOUNT ZION

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Quite a number from here attended the garden party at New Durham on the 28th. Mr. and Mrs. F. Davies spent Sunday with the latter's sister at Fairfield. Miss Mabel Carter of Burford spent last week with her cousins, the Misses Edith and Eva Read. Mr. and Mrs. Baden of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Howey of Brantford motored up and spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coakley. Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodhouse were guests of friends in Burford on Sunday last. Mr. James Murray has purchased a new car.

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LOC TEMPERATURE Record for the last 24 hours: highest 73; lowest 58; highest 73; lowest 58; year. Lowest, 60; highest, 80.

CHURCH PARADE The 25th Brantford team, leaving this morning for Diving John's Church setting market square.

GOOD CROWD Eight cars were at the station this morning, leaving for the Conservative Church and three hundred people, an excellent crowd.

LIGHTS OUT Last night between 8 and 9 o'clock, about 8 or 10 of the streets, this is the first time it has occurred, and the add to the beauty of the night.

AN OLD BRANTFORD Word was received yesterday of the death of a resident. The word was clipped from a "At Belleville, Ontario, 31, 1915. Funeral from residence, 134 Pinnacle church, Aug. 3, at 2:30. Church, Interment cemetery."

THE RIGHT TALK The following is from the Stratford Journal: "The late J. S. Hamilton of Brantford, an account of his trip to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, his concluding paragraph reads: 'In my trip of nearly 10,000 miles, I passed through the union and provinces, but none of the fine old Province. That is talk of the should have more of it.'

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