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The Situation.

There is renewed talk of a desire on the part of Germany to discuss terms of peace without doubt on her own basis. There is not the slightest sign that either one of the Allies will for a moment consider any such thing. Russia is still as full of fight and determination as ever, despite setbacks for a while, calculated to stagger almost any other land. France, despite a change of ministry, is still united in the one purpose of bringing the Huns to their knees. Great Britain continues on her unflinching way in the same regard, and speaking yesterday in the House of Commons, Lloyd George, on behalf of Asquith, said the words of the Premier still hold good. That there would be no sheathing of the sword until the freedom of Europe had been assured. Italy, the last of the big powers to join hands with the others, likewise has her teeth hard set. Time is all on the side of

the Allies, and against Germany. The latter country started hostilities with full pressure; the others, for the most part, (and especially Great Britain, in the matter of land forces) have been kept busy catching up.

This they have done and will do still more emphatically as the days roll by. The Kaiser and his advisers who were figuring on a speedy triumph for their arms, are now face to face with another winter campaign. This was not in their first calculations, and although they still hold much territory in Belgium, France and Russia, they must realize that they have not, in any sense, secured conclusive results, and that future prospects are practically hopeless.

It is good news that the French have landed 150,000 more men and 100 big guns at Saloniki for further aid to the Serbians. The latter troops are suffering severely at the hands of the German-Bulgarian forces in the northeast, but elsewhere the situation presents a better aspect. There is no confirmation whatever of the rumor that the Greek government had insisted that the Allies must withdraw their forces from said territory.

Figures received over the Courier leased wire to-day show that British casualties up to October 9th, reached the enormous total of 493,294. On the other hand, German and Austrian losses in the Russian campaign are shown to be of a tremendous nature, without any previous parallel.

It is stated that the average salary of the Baptist minister in the United States is \$1.27 a day.

The South African Fight.

General Smuts, Minister of Defence in the Botha Government of South Africa, during a recent speech as reported in the Cape Times had many interesting things to say. He pointed out that the strategy of the actual campaign in German South-West Africa was determined by the nature of the country. In extent half as large again as Germany, with the cultivated areas, and the few railways not destroyed by the Germans, protected by vast waterless tracts, it was "by nature made almost impregnable for defence purposes." Thus the strength of the force to be employed in any one area was limited to the number of men and horses which the water supply would support; while at the same time a force thus limited was liable to be destroyed or captured (as happened at Sandfontein) by a rapid concentration of the enemy. In short, while the Union authorities could, and did, put forces far more numerous than the Germans into the field, they were unable to rely on their mere numerical superiority; since, in the words of a German officer captured at Seeheim, "the country itself was a big army."

It was in view of these conditions that the decision was taken "to attack the country from five different points, in order that it should not be necessary to concentrate too large a force upon any particular line of advance. In that way there was a possibility of getting a large force into the country, and although it was a very dangerous policy, in the end it succeeded."

Botha speaking at the same meeting said that the campaign in South-West Africa was undertaken "for the same reasons as hostilities were entered upon by the Imperial government against Germany—to maintain the principles of truth and justice, and the honor once pledged by a nation." In the case of South Africa there was no question of Germany's guilt or of her plans for the future. What was in the minds of the Germans was shown by a map found in German South-West, on which the changes brought about by a supposed peace, concluded in Rome in 1916, had been marked by an educated German. In it the whole of Africa South of the equator was marked "Greater Germany"; there was, however, a small portion marked as a

"Boer Reservation." Maritz commenced to negotiate with the governor of German South-West in 1913. Before the war broke out he sent to ascertain what arms and ammunition could be placed at his disposal; and he further enquired how far the independence of the Union would be guaranteed. The Kaiser, through the Governor of German South-West, replied that he would not only acknowledge the independence of South Africa, but would even guarantee it, provided the rebellion was started immediately.

When one hears of such a guarantee (said General Botha) one is inclined to say "Poor Flanders." In German South-West it was openly admitted that the Germans did all they could to foster the rebellion in the Union, in the first place to prevent them getting to German West, and in the second to make it impossible for them to render assistance to the Imperial government in Europe. Thank God these evil designs in regard to the country were frustrated. So long as the people of South Africa maintain their honor, we shall have nothing to fear in regard to the future.

German South-West Africa once taken must be kept. Apart from the risk of further intrigues, the Union must hold the country, if only to put a stop to the ill-treatment of the natives by their German masters. The Hereros, Damaras and other natives looked upon the advent of the Union forces as a deliverance; to-day they look to the Union for protection. "I have been filled with disgust and hor-

ror," said General Botha, "to find how little value is placed on the life of a native by the Germans." Their own official figures showed that they had killed 21,000 Hereros. Among instances of ill-treatment during the campaign General Botha mentioned the case of the half-caste, Cornelius van Wyk, whose house was entered, his little son killed, and his young daughter afterwards shot in cold blood by the Germans. People with such a native policy, he concluded, "constituted a danger to the Union, and a sore in our side which could not be allowed to remain."

Paris, Oct. 29.—North of the River Aisne there was last night very severe fighting with bombs and grenades, according to the statement given out this afternoon by the French war office.

There was also a bombardment in the Champagne district in which both sides took part. The text of the communication follows: "Yesterday evening there was fighting of particular violence with bombs and hand grenades to the north of the River Aisne, in the sectors of Puisseleine and Quenneviers."

In the Champagne district, the bombardment, in which both sides took part, previously reported, continued during the night in the same locality, namely near Tahure, as well

as in the vicinity of the work called "La Courtine." "There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

Mistaking the red license tag of Cleveland Shannon of Blair, Pa., for a turkey's head, Andrew Throttle shot and wounded him.

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LOCAL

COMMISSIONER MEET

The railway commission met last night to transact regular business.

GRADUATING NURSES

At the hospital the eight graduating nurses received their certificates with the usual ceremony.

BOWLING

An exciting time is promised for city league tonight when the regulars will play the regular scheduled league.

CRIMINAL COURT

The county judge's criminal court this afternoon will hear important criminal cases which were postponed.

BUILDING PERMIT

A building permit is in the office of the building inspector today at No. 6 Drummond street, cost \$40.

LOCAL OPTION

The temperance forces meeting to be held in the hall to-night will decide on the submission of a local option the forthcoming year.

RUGBY GAME

The Y. M. C. A. Rugby team played the Brantford team last night at 4 o'clock. The A. team has not been chosen yet. Efforts are being made to get the old stars out in uniform.

POLICE COURT

The following cases were heard by Magistrate Livingstone this morning: James Currie, charged with threatening and abusive language, fined \$3.00. In addition to were some drunks who were taken to the hospital.

A SOCIAL EVENING

Last night the Young Men's Association of St. Basil's Church held a social evening in the school hall. Progressive euchre was played first half of the evening and a dainty luncheon, dancing and socializing followed in the second half.

AT THE ARMORIES

Two new recruits were yesterday as follows: Fred house, Canadian, age 23, inspector, 62 Stratford street; and Mounted Regt., Clayton Canadian, age 18, laborer, street, 38th Dufferin Rifles.

COURT OF APPEAL

Judge Hardy and A. were in Mt. Pleasant yesterday. The judge held a court of appeal to consider the appeals of plaintiffs made in connection with voters' lists. About 147 appeals were considered.

REPORTED "MISSING"

Mr. Howard Jackson has received news from New Zealand that his son Howard Maurice ofington Mounted Rifles is "missing" at the Dardanelles. The last letter from his son was dated 22nd August from the Y. M. C. A. camp.

LITERARY CLUB

The following will be the program for Saturday afternoon of the Club at the Y. M. C. A. address: current events, violin solo, Miss M. Sander, aural, an inspiration to Miss Hollis; patriotic music; vocal solo, Miss Lor.

FARE REFUNDING SALE

To-morrow starts this wonderful sale, Interesting Bargains are out for one week and one week only. Make this your headquarters this week. Below we give you a few of the many Bargains to be found throughout the entire store, every department is participating in this Great event.

Three Good Bargains From the Staple Department

2,000 Yards Factory Cotton
 An extra heavy 36-inch Unbleached Factory Cotton, no black spots, and bleaches out a good pure white. A quality that to-day sells at 15c. During this sale only at this price..... **10c**

5,000 Yards Flannelette at a Bargain
 Extra heavy full 36 inches wide White Saxony and Striped Flannelette. This is never sold less than 15c. a yard, never. Colors are guaranteed fast, and it's a beautiful soft quality. During this sale only at this price..... 8 yards for **\$1.00**

1,800 Yards White Cotton
 An extra fine 36-inch fully bleached White Cotton. This line we will only sell the 1,800 yards of, so get here early, as it won't last long. During sale only at this price..... **8 1/2c**

Read This List Over
 Some very interesting bargains are here:

150 Pairs of Flannelette Blankets
 Good medium sized Flannelette Blankets, pink or blue border. Every pair is perfect. During sale, a pair..... **\$1**

English Galateas
 Indigo and Butcher Blue Striped Galatea, guaranteed fast colors, single, double and fancy stripe. During sale..... **12 1/2c**

Table Damask
 4 pieces only, of 2 yards wide, fully bleached Pure Linen Double Scarf Table Damask, beautiful designs. Regular price \$1.75. During sale..... **1.00**

Factory Cotton
 15 pieces of 3 inch heavy quality Unbleached Factory Cotton. To-day's value 12 1/2c. During sale..... **8 1/2c**

Wrapperette
 20 pieces of Tartan Plaid Wrapperette, cashmere finish, for waists and children's wear. Regular 15c. During sale..... **12 1/2c**

Men's Gowns
 10 dozen Men's heavy white or striped Flannelette Nightgowns, good large sizes. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50. During sale..... **\$1.00**

Here is a Bargain Worth Coming For

36 Inches Wide Black Paillette Silk

300 Yards Beautiful Lustrous Black Silk
 Here is one of those grand bargains: A 36-inch wide beautiful, lustrous finish Black Paillette Silk; has good wearing qualities and does not turn green. At any other time we sell this silk at \$1.00 a yard. DURING THIS SALE.....

72c

12-4 "Ibex" Flannelette Blankets 200 PAIRS
 The largest Flannelette Blanket made, Ilex 12-4. No seconds. We guarantee every pair to be perfect. White or grey, with pink or blue border. To-day's price, \$2.00. During sale only..... **\$1.58** PAIR.
 Remember only 200 pairs at this price.

Ready-to-Wear Items THAT WILL INTEREST YOU
HERE'S A COAT WORTH \$15.00, FOR 10.00
 Ladies' and Misses' Beautiful Quality Chinchilla, Tweed and Zibeline Coats, all have the popular belted effect, and most have large velvet collars. Your choice of about 10 different styles. A Coat that is worth \$15.00. During sale only..... **\$10.00**
 Ladies' and Misses' Handsome Chinchilla, Zibelines and Smart Tweed Coats, new chin-chin and convertible collar, mostly shown in belted effects, lined to the waist with same material, others silk lined. A coat that is worth \$16.50. During sale..... **\$12.50**
 A large range of Suits, in Corduroy Velvet, Serges and Plain Cloths. Suits that sell today at \$18.50. There are Russian effects, with or without fur trimming, and the straight smart tailored effects; in black, navy and all the season's colorings. All this season's Suits, During sale..... **\$15.00**

Extra Large Wool Nap Blankets 100 PAIRS
 Extra large double bed size heavy Woolnap Blankets, good and fluffy. A beautiful quality blanket, and a blanket that sells to-day for \$2.75.
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\$1.98

UNDERWEAR SPECIALS FOR THIS SALE
 An extra heavy Ladies' or Misses' Winter Weight Vests and Drawers, natural or white. During sale..... **25c**
 Ladies' and Misses' Union Vests and Drawers, white or natural; all sizes. During sale..... **50c**
 Ladies' Combination Suits, light or low neck, long or short sleeves; all sizes. During sale..... **75c**
Overall Apron
 The best thing yet. Covers the entire dress. Blue or linen shade, bound edges of white. During sale..... **35c**
Sweater Coat Bargain
 Ladies' and Misses' Knitted Sweater Coats, all colors. Regular \$2.50. During sale..... **\$1.95**
Ribbon Bargain
 All Silk Taffeta Ribbon, just the thing for hair ribbons for the children; all colors. During Sale..... **10c**

MILLINERY MOUNTS
 About 20 boxes of Beautiful Feather Mounts, in black, white and colors; Mounts worth from \$2.00 to \$2.50. During this only, for..... **50c**

CURTAIN SCRIM
 50 pieces of Cream, White and Arab Curtain Scrim, with colored border, also all white. Regular prices 25c and 35c. DURING SALE ONLY.
19c a yard

TRIMMED HATS
 2 tables of Trimmed Millinery, will be kept full all the time with Hats worth \$5.00 and \$6.00. During sale only, for..... **\$3.35**

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