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THE SITUATION.

The Italians are still withdrawing, but the Austro-German offensive has been held up somewhat because of the destruction of bridges and the arrival of Italian reserves. The position of affairs is still largely desperate, and troops and munitions from British and French sources cannot apparently arrive too soon. The United States has taken prompt action to co-operate, not in men, of course, because she cannot do that, but in other ways. At a Cabinet meeting held yesterday in Washington, over which the President presided, it was decided to make a large money grant, and to furnish ships and supplies. The Germans are naturally jubilant over their recent achievement, which one Berlin paper asserts was not undertaken with the object of conquest, but "solely to bring peace nearer." If that is the aim, it will not eventuate, except on terms dictated by the Allies. Meanwhile it is to be hoped that the new menace will serve to bring the warring factions in Italy together, and not lead to a condition of chaos, as in Russia.

General Haig has successfully carried out a new attack on the Western front, and as before related, this is where the final issue must be settled. The Canadians have been doing splendid work in conducting further operations and beating off five counter-attacks.

The U. S. State Department has disclosed some more correspondence showing Teuton plotting in Brazil.

In connection with the approaching flotation of the Canadian "Victory Loan," Finance Minister White has issued an urgent appeal for Canadian investors to place their money in that instead of outside purchases. The offering will be from November 12th to December 1st, and the response should be a record breaker.

NOT FAIR PLAY.

As a matter of course there must be give and take in connection with the formation of any Union Government but certain Liberals seem to have the idea that it must be all give on the Conservative side and all take on their own.

The central fact to be remembered, as far as Conservatives are concerned, is that their side while in office voluntarily offered half the Cabinet seats to their opponents, and that not because there was any fear with regard to the result of an election contest but in the sincere desire to bring about a Union Cabinet in this period of Empire crisis. That was a good deal to concede, viewed from a party standpoint and it is only the point of frankness to say, that some of the other side do not seem to appreciate the fact, or to be willing to come even half way. Here is a sample item from the Stratford Beacon, (Liberal):—

"When the Liberals of North Perth meet in annual session at Milverton on Tuesday, Stratford will be well represented. At a meeting of Stratford Liberals Saturday evening, arrangements were made for a strong delegation. Provision is also being made for the ladies, who are especially urged to be present and take part in the proceedings.

An informal discussion took place on the present political situation.

D. A. McLachlan, vice-president for Stratford, presided.

The report of the meeting published in the Toronto Globe of this morning, which endeavored to give the impression that the meeting was almost unanimous in favor of union, is a biased and unfair report. The speaking was informal many present voicing their views, and to say that they were in the main in favor of union is not in accordance with the facts."

Following this up in a Liberal convention held yesterday in Milverton with regard to the above riding a report of proceedings contains the following:—

"After the convention had heard Dr. Rankin's stand a discussion was participated in by no fewer than sixteen delegates among whom was Mr. George McLagan of Stratford, who supported Union Government. The heckling which greeted the latter's address, as well as the applause which marked the speeches in support of the Liberals, evidenced strong feeling, and the resolution at the close for the nomination of Dr. Rankin as the Liberal win-the-war candidate, under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was carried by an almost unanimous vote, only four or five delegates out of about two hundred remaining seated."

Other illustrations might be given of the fact that while Sir Robert Borden has been sincere and honest in his course Liberals in many ridings are not voting in like spirit. As is the case of the two Brants, they want to have share up two seats neither of which they hold while in other ridings they are for holding on if they can win.

PARIS WANTS COAL AT ONCE

Deputation From the Town Council Will Wait Upon Controller

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

Presentation to Member of the Congregational Sunday School

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Paris, Oct. 31.—On Monday evening the officers and teachers of the Congregational Sunday School met at the home of Miss Nettie Brockbank, River street, and paid a surprise visit to Mrs. Bateman, a recent bride. A very enjoyable time was spent in games and music, and during the evening Rev. Mr. Armstrong presented Mrs. Bateman with a handsome leather upholstered chair while Mr. R. E. Paine read the address. Mrs. Bateman has always been interested in every welfare of the church and for several years has been pianist in the Sunday school. A dainty repast was served and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Miss Brockbank at the close for her kind hospitality.

The death took place at Stratford on Saturday of Mr. William H. Ives, in the 69th year of his age. Interment took place yesterday afternoon in the family plot at Bowmanville. Deceased lived in Paris before moving to Stratford, and was the father of Norman T. Ives, who was at one time organist in the Presbyterian Church here.

We understand that $20,000 has been left by the late Mrs. A. Willett to erect a hospital here and a legacy of $100 per annum to the Congregational Church.

The monthly meeting of the Council was held Monday evening, with Mayor C. B. Robinson in the chair, and the following business transacted:

The claim put in by Mr. J. W. Hilborn for $500 for injuries to his mother, who met with an accident owing to an alleged defective walk, was filed, as also one for $500 by Mrs. Basilli at the Junction. The town is protected by accident insurance.

Bosworth and Churchill have asked for permission to put gasoline and oil pumps outside their garage. This was referred to the Streets and Sidewalks Committee with power to act.

A letter was read from the Paris Ratepayers' Association, asking that the Council give free water to contractors for building purposes and also free water for the houses for one year. Referred to Finance Committee to report on.

The scarcity of coal in town was brought up by Ald. Walker. The committee had been to see the local dealers, who said they were doing all in their power to secure coal, but without success. Mayor Robinson and Ald. Walker were appointed to wait on the Fuel Controller in Toronto this week.

The Bell Telephone Co. were given permission to erect poles on Main and Monk streets under the direction of the Street and Hydro inspectors.

The Council then adjourned.

Despite the disagreeable weather on Monday evening there was a good attendance at the Presbyterian Young People's Society. A Hallowe'en social was held and the room was prettily decorated for the occasion, and a jolly time was spent by all.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church also held a Hallowe'en evening and entertained a number of young people from the Brantford Methodist League.

Mrs. Crouse has purchased a roughcast house on Main street, owned by Mrs. Tulford, of Hamilton. The white brick house on Dundas street, owned by Mrs. J. Lowe has been sold to Mrs. Turnbull. Mr Harry Evans has purchased Mrs. Felker's residence on William street.

WANTED—Boys to carry The Courier in Paris. See Mr. Shaw at Paris Grand Valley Station.

Two sturdy men carrying a box from the fire door of the American Bank Note Company in Ottawa to the Finance Minister's office in the "East Block" represent the transfer of probably one million dollars worth of Canada's Victory War Loan Bond from the place where they are engraved and printed to the place from which they will be issued to the Canadian buyer under Sir Thomas White's signature. The loan opens December 1st. Fifty dollars will buy one of these valuable and patriotic papers—a Victory Bond

Suggestions for Over Sea Boxes

Chocolate Bars 6 for 25c
Chewing Gum 3 for 10c
Safety Razors, upwards from.. $1
Fountain Pens upwards from ... $1
Oxo Cubes, 10c and 25c
Tooth Paste, Tooth Brush, Toilet Soaps, Shaving Soaps, Air Pillows, Wash Cloths, *Overseas Boxes 10c and* 12c

SEE WINDOWS

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To The Editor of The Courier

Dear Sir,—Your editorial having reference to Brant is unfair to Mr. Harold, and with your permission I would like to make the following explanation:

On Saturday, the day Union Government was formed, an executive meeting of the Liberal Association was called for the following Tuesday and on the next day the letter was delivered to the secretary of the Conservative Association.

Mr. Harold did not expect an acclamation, his case was to be placed in the hands of twenty-eight (28) Brant men, half of each party, and whoever they decided on, and there are many worthy men in the riding in both parties, would receive his support.

Mr. Harold has never sought office nor has he canvassed a voter since he was placed in the field. Last June he declared for conscription and Union Government, and used his influence to bring this about.

Not being in favor of pinch-back politics at any time, let alone in war time, he did not engineer his case to take advantage of being favorably situated to have party endorsation and government support, but felt that both parties should share in the selection of a representative for the Riding.

The war record of the Cockshutt family is highly commendable, and the Liberals have borne just as full a share of war's burdens as the Conservatives, and in this respect, Mr. Harold has nothing to fear by comparison with that of the two or three men who are stirring up party strife in Brant. His only son, who was old enough, enlisted before he was 18, and has been in France since March last as a private, and there are fourteen (14) other near relatives at the front.

All that Mr. Harold and the Liberals want is fair play, and I believe that Col. Harry Cockshutt does not desire the continuation of the present undesirable condition of affairs.

Yours truly,
SCOTT DAVIDSON.

(The Courier's information is that Mr. Harold did intimate that he could have an acclamation. If this is incorrect, this paper will readily publish Mr. Harold's denial. Is it Mr. Davidson's idea of fair play that the threat should be made to stir up party strife in the two Brants unless one of them is allowed to go to a Liberal? Yet, it is this taking by the throat which has been attempted, notwithstanding the fact that for six years their representation has been otherwise.—Ed. Courier.)

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NEW FALL Dress Goods

An all-embracing collection of fashionable materials, for Dresses, Suits and Coats, including every new and staple color and weave, at moderate prices.

Special Items For Selling To-morrow and Friday

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54 inch Coating Tweeds, in nice dark mixtures, exceptional value at per yard $1.95

38 inch, Black and White Checks, with colored over checks that give the cloth just the right amount of color for children's wear, very special, yard 65c

42 inch, All Wool Venetian Gabardine, a nice soft finished cloth, for a fine winter dress. Colors are navy, green and brown, wine, grey and black, for special selling at, per yard $1.75

54 inch, Fine Grade Cheviot Suiting, especially suitable for winter wear, in green, brown, beetroot, navy and black, very special at, per yard $2.95

58 inch, Good Heavy Weight, Chinchilla Cloth, for a warm and serviceable winter coat, in navy, black, brown and light grey, and dark grey; special for this sale, at per yard $3.25

All Wool Blanket Coatings, in navy, cardinal, grey and khaki and cream, at *$2.50,* and, per yard $1.95

We have wool Eiderdown Cloths for a comfortable, dressy gown, in grey, cardinal and cream. They are here at moderate prices.

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Complete Full Assortment Now Being Shown at Attractively Moderate Prices

Exceptional Values Arranged For To-morrow

36 inch Paillette Silk, reliable for wear, in a full range of colors, excellent value at, per yard ... $1.39

Good Quality Paillette Silk, in a 30 inch width, black, brown and navy, very special, at per yard ... $1.00

38 inch, Fancy Brocade Silk, for a nice, dainty *Stripe Champion* blouse, or an impressive party dress, in a nice range of dainty colors, per yard. 95c

Dark Fancy Silks, in great variety, plaids and stripes in Paillette, Duchess and Taffeta, very special at *$1.50, $1.95, $2.50* and, per yard ... $2.75

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36 inch Fancy Habitua Silk, in pretty stripe and plaid effects, special at $1.25

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27 inch Eiderette, for children's Kimonas, in pink and blue, with fancy figures, very special at 29c and, yard.. 35c

27 inch Eiderette, for bath robe, in beautiful designs, regular $1.00 value this sale per yard... 75c

27 inch Dark Plaid Flannelette, for men's shirts, at 25c and, per yard 28c

36 inch White Flannelette, extra heavy quality, reg. 35c value, excellent value at, per yard 28c

36 in. Striped Flannelette for men's gowns and pyjamas, special *25c, 28c, 30c* and per yd. 35c

27 inch Wrapperettes, in fancy patterns, for children's and ladies dresses, at *15c, 18c, 20c* and, per yard ... 25c

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ITALIAN FORCES, FIGHTING HEROICALLY, STEM FOE DRIVE

Cadorna's Force in Furiously Repeated Assaults at Arditik Have Wiped Out Great Bodies of the Enemy; Italians Paralyze Enemy Advance Groups

The drive of the Germans and Austro-Hungarian armies, begun a week ago against the eastern and northeastern fronts of the Austro-Italian theater, continues unabated, but with the Italian cavalry fighting rearguard actions to cover the retreat of the Italians to positions chosen for stand and the Teutonic allies also being impeded by the flooded condition of the Tagliamento river

Udine, former headquarters of the Italian army in Eastern Venetia has been captured by the invaders who also are pressing the Italians westward from the Isonzo front and invading Italian territory from the north through passes in the Carnic Alps.

The invasion of the Province of Venetia from the east, with Udine the apex of the drive, already is about 20 miles but, as yet no definite information is at hand from which it is possible to judge the extent of the advance of the Teutons in the other districts. If the movement from the north keeps pace with that from the northeast and the northeast and the east, however, the predicament of Gen. Cadorna's forces necessarily becomes a serious one and it is not beyond the realms of possibility that unless the eastern armies are able to make a stand on the plains of Friuli a further considerable number of the Italians will be captured.

London, Oct. 30.—Italy's soldiers are fighting heroically in the valleys of their own land and this afternoon, according to correspondents at the front, are "paralyzing the enemy's advance groups."

At Arditik furiously repeated assaults were reported which wiped out great bodies of the enemy. Farther to the north in the mountains, the operations are masked in terrible weather. It has been raining and snowing in a continuous gale for several days.

Check Austro-Germans.

Rome, Oct. 30.—The Italian retreat continued yesterday, the war office announces. The Italian cavalry is in contact with the vanguards of the advancing enemy. The Italians destroyed bridges over the Isonzo and fought rearguard actions, by which means they checked the Austro-German advance. The statement follows:

"During yesterday the withdrawal of our troops on their new positions was continued. Destruction of bridges over the Isonzo, effected by our troops, and the successful action of our covering units, have detained the advances of the enemy.

"Our cavalry is in contact with the hostile vanguards."

America To Aid.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The Italian situation was discussed at length by President Wilson and his advisers at to-day's Cabinet meeting, discussion touching immediate military aspects and the extension of assistance by the allies. Furnishing of supplies, especially coal, badly needed for Italian munition factories, is said to be regarded as this country's particular sphere of immediate action.

While the administration shares regret and concern over the initial success of the Teutonic drive, high officials here are said to utterly reject the opinion advanced in some quarters that events in Italy can be come decisive or the war or even an important turning point. It is felt that the setbacks in Italy will act as a spur rather than a discouragement, both upon Italy and the other allies. There is no apprehension that Italy will break down or weaken in adherence to the common cause against Germany.

Further advices concerning the retreat are anxiously awaited in official and diplomatic quarters. Army officials, as well as officials of the Italian embassy, appear to be entirely confident that Gen. Cadorna will be able to hold the Teutonic forces in check on the new line which he has prepared for a stand.

British Save Guns.

Word that the British artillerymen, with the Italian army, had brought their guns through the retirement without the loss of a battery was welcomed to-day as indicating that Gen. Cadorna's men were holding their organization in face of the smashing Austro-German assaults. The British guns are all "heavies," big pieces that it takes time to withdraw. If all of them have been saved American officers think there is every reason to believe that much of the Italian artillery vital to the defense on final stand also has been brought back.

To-day's reports are taken to indicate that the artillery losses of the Italians, claimed by the Germans to be enormous, comprise smaller pieces and mountain guns. On the new line, laid out years ago as the Italian defensive front, there are emplacements, charted ranges and other factors which will aid in stemming the tide of the enemy advance. They British big guns will become doubly useful there.

Washington has approved Paderewski's plan to raise a Polish legion in North America.

Lord Northcliffe will to-day confer the Albert Medal on Orville Wright, of airplane fame.

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