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THE SITUATION.

The French have taken their turn in the big honors in connection with the Western fighting, by striking on a lengthy front and incidentally capturing ten thousand prisoners. The list is not complete and will undoubtedly receive further additions. The smashing blow carried trenches at some points to a depth of two miles, and the Southern portion of the new Hindenburg line is imperiled. Over The Courier leased line to-day a later despatch says that strong trenches were carried for a distance of forty miles, and that the estimated loss of the enemy in killed, wounded and prisoners is one hundred thousand.

Lens and St. Quentin still remain untaken, although their fate is certain. Batteries of heavy guns are preventing occupation, except at a tremendous loss of life, which would not be justifiable. During this hold-up the foe is frantically intensifying his defenses in the rear.

According to most military observers the supreme test of the war is now at hand and the Allies are clearly prepared for the crisis in every department.

Discontent among German workmen, because of a further reduction in food allowances, has resulted in many going on strike. Berlin asserts that matters are now well in hand, but the significance of the uprising cannot be obliterated.

In reprisal for the sinking of hospital ships, British and French aircraft bombed Freiburg and caused many casualties. Reprisal is the only thing which can in any sense bring a Hun to time, and there ought to be more of it.

Austria, in desperate straits, is approaching Russia with regard to peace arrangements. The idea that in this matter she is acting on her own initiative and not at the dictation of Germany, is held by many authorities in London. They also seem confident that Russia will not yield to any blandishments.

President Wilson's appeal to all classes for co-operation in the war is a notably stirring and patriotic production.

AN UNWORTHY ATTACK.

The Expositor does not stop at anything when it thinks it can make some cheap political capital. In its last evening issue the organ editorially tried to stir up feeling among the members of the 215th Battalion by telling them that the cars for their transport from here were a crime and "cattle truck cars."

All that citizens have to do is to pay a visit of inspection to the G. T. R. depot and then see for themselves that there was no warranty for the mischievous attack.

The coaches are undergoing the cleaning necessary after their recent usage and that is only the natural process rendered necessary by accumulations.

The whole record of the Dominion with regard to her soldiers has been one of care and surroundings unparalleled by any other land in the war.

As for the splenetic attack of our contemporary it can most suitably be described as eminently characteristic.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Huns are entering on the last stages of the drama which they produced for their own aggrandizement.

If April would get a cure for her cold feet, she would be a lot more comfortable.

The Turks have suffered still another reverse. It is the British who are in reality the up-to-date Gobblers.

The French, after demonstrating their patience and perseverance at under ground fighting, are now proving that they are still as good as ever in their more favorite method of general assault.

The strike of workmen in Germany over still shorter feed rations is still more evidence of growing discontent in the Fatherland. The Hohenzollerns are on the top of a volcano all right.

WHEAT PRODUCTS ON FREE LIST.

The announcement from Ottawa that the government has put wheat, wheat flour and wheat products on the free list, and that an open market in this respect is to exist between the States and Canada is one of the most important fiscal changes announced for a long while.

Already the Toronto Globe is boasting that the move is an adoption of the Liberal policy of reciprocity and as a matter of course the lesser globules will follow suit.

The same organs it will be remembered, before the 1896 election, clamored for Free Trade and then when Laurier and his advisers swallowed the continuance of protection hokus bolus, gulped down the whole dose without a blink.

The new policy is explained not in itself as a change of view, but as the result of abnormal conditions arising from the war and an emergency step caused by the lessening of British and other markets.

The reciprocal argument of the Laurierites was that taking down the barriers would cheapen food to the consumer. That is exceedingly doubtful and remains to be proved.

SPECIAL WAR TAX RESULTS.

Receipts from the special war taxation, enacted shortly after the outbreak of war, have so far greatly exceeded expectations. Under the Special War Taxation Act the Canadian banking institutions are obliged to contribute one million dollars annually to the country's revenue, and loan, trust and insurance companies are also taxed for substantial amounts. Other special levies such as the postal war tax, stamp tax on drafts and cheques and the tax on railway tickets have also produced large sums for the public treasury.

The Excess Profits Tax has proven particularly successful and returns from this source have been much beyond what Sir Thomas White first estimated. When he imposed this tax the Finance Minister estimated it would produce about thirty-five million dollars during the full period of three years over which it extends—an average of twelve million dollars yearly. The tax being retroactive, this year's taxation was collected upon the accounting period corresponding roughly to the first year of the war. At that time business was very much depressed and dislocated. Sub-normal business conditions notwithstanding it is estimated that the tax will produce for the first year period at least fourteen million dollars, and possibly fifteen millions.

The tax for the year 1916 will yield the enormous sum of between twenty and twenty-five million dollars. The first two years of the taxation will thus produce an amount equal to what it was estimated would be secured in the three years. The third year, 1917, is expected to produce another twenty-five million dollars. The final results will thus be almost double the original estimate.

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NEWS NOTES

Fire destroyed the Gum Mills on Campbell road, Halifax.

Mr. Harry Green, of Summerside, P.E.I., celebrated his 100th birthday.

The drug store of C. Fred Chestnut, of Fredericton, was entered, and \$60 stolen.

Sandwich Council voted \$15,000 toward the Patriotic and Red Cross Fund.

W. J. Wilkinson was elected president of the North Bay Board of Trade.

Efforts are being made in Guelph to form a Five Hundred Club for the purpose of raising money for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Sir Henry Egan, of Ottawa, has been appointed chairman of the Ottawa Improvement Commission in succession to the late Sir Henry Bate.

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PARIS BORN LADY DEAD IN TORONTO

Mrs. Samuel Qua Passed Away; Was Educated in Paris MISSION SERVICES Conducted in Methodist Church on Sunday OTHER NEWS OF PARIS



Paris, April 16th.—From Our Own Correspondent—Word was received in town yesterday of the death of Mrs. Samuel Qua, beloved wife of Mr. Samuel Qua, which sad event took place at her late residence, 52 Brookmount road, Toronto, at 5 p.m., yesterday. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bursnall, she was born and educated here. The late Mrs. Qua was an active church worker, and was always interested in all works pertaining to the Master's cause. She was married in Paris, but of late years has been residing in Toronto. A sorrowful husband and four children are left to mourn her demise, namely, Misses Jean, Margaret and Florence also a son, Corp. Geo. Qua of the special Army Service. In addition, she has two brothers, Richard, of Dayton, Ohio, and four sisters, Mrs. George Qua, Misses Janet, Bella, of Paris and Miss Margaret of Buffalo, survive here. The remains will be taken to their final resting place at the home of her sister, Miss Bursnall, William Street. Service at 2 o'clock.

PTE. HARRY CLARK, West River street, Paris, although a father of seven children, he is now on his way overseas with the 216th Battalion.

mony the guests adjourned to the dining room, where a sumptuous dinner was served, the decorations being in pink and white. After receiving hearty congratulations and best wishes, the happy couple left on a trip to New York State, the bride wearing a reseda brocade suit which she had made in Paris. Beautiful presents were received, showing the high esteem in which the bride was held. Mr. and Mrs. Hickson will reside in Windsor.

BELGIUM PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Montreal, April 17.—Although a large proportion of the Belgian population has been forced into unemployment, the people are by no means wasting their time. Belgian newspapers, just received by the Central Belgian Relief Committee here state that in the intellectual domain the Belgians are showing their moral health and their capacity for resistance. In various townships lectures are being delivered on questions of hygiene, literature, social science, domestic economy, art and history, and are being well attended.

"At Malines," it is stated, "by a piquant irony (God strike England!) the first lecture was a eulogistic study of English architecture, in which the lecturer initiated his audience to the severe beauty of the numerous colleges at Oxford. "Circles of Commercial Studies" are also at work, improving the general education, and there are many professional and technical conferences.

It is also reported that there has been an extraordinary development of the intellect of practically every library. At Antwerp the number of volumes in circulation has trebled during the war, and at Brussels they have more than doubled.

One of the important questions which is also engaging attention is that of a better utilization of the national resources of Belgium, and the more rational employment of the energies and abilities of the people. As an example of what is being done in this respect, at Brussels there has been formed an "Office of Professional Orientation" which will aid young men of all classes, but above all the working class, in the choice of a career suitable to their special abilities. It is also stated that everywhere the Belgians are constructing new schools, to meet the ever increasing needs of those desiring education.

This plucky persistence of the Belgian people in self-improvement and in preparation for the future should stimulate even more active sympathy for them in relieving them of the great hardships imposed by the wholesale robbery of their food and natural resources by the Germans. The whole Belgian nation now knows continual hunger, for the children especially are suffering, and are showing the ill-effects of underfeeding. To make a great effort for the benefit of the children, a special appeal is now addressed to Canadians to subscribe to the relief fund. Descriptions may be sent to the Central Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter St., Montreal, or to any local committee.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE MEET

Communion Fair to be Held Autumn Again Discussed

Brant Chapter, I.O.D.E., held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 16th, at Mrs. Sutherland's, Dufferin Avenue. There was a splendid attendance. In the absence of the Regent, the 1st vice-regent, Mrs. Gordon Duncan, presided. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer were read showing a balance of \$378.43 in the General Fund and \$106.99 in Sanitarium account.

Mrs. Digby, convener of wool committee, reported 700 pairs of socks presented to the 215th Battalion and some 113 pairs on hand, which are to be shipped to the men in the trenches.

The Sanitarium visitors, Mrs. Marquis and Miss Brooke, in presenting their report stated there were now 23 patients in for treatment. They also made mention that the little wool tea cases asked for last month, had not been forthcoming. 3 or 4 only having been sent in, and as one is required for each individual tea pot, the members were asked to complete the number, if possible. In future the Chapter visitors will be expected to visit from the time of one monthly meeting to the following meeting. By so doing, a full report for the month can be given.

Mrs. Hurlay, in the absence of Mrs. Reville, reported for the Red Cross branch of the Chapter's work. The plans were again urged to attend on Tuesday of each week, and if not able to remain and sew at the rooms, to call and take work home with them.

The garden party to be given at Mrs. Hardy's, Hazelbrook Farm, in the latter part of May, if weather conditions are favorable. If not early in June, was decided upon, and profitable, suggested. Tickets will be on sale and the date and full particulars announced later.

The question of appointing a delegate to represent the Chapter at the annual meeting to be held in Victoria, B.C., in May, was brought up. As Mrs. Harry Etches of Toronto was regaining, and other jays who went their ways in anguish were complaining, I'd walk a mile before I smile I'd see upon a critter; all men were sore, and o'er and o'er they cursed the winter bitter. But now I walk around a block on less than earth as when its birth occurred in distant ages; we shed our years and hop like steers or kangaroos in cages. All winter long my works were wrong, and grief in me was reigning; and other jays who went their ways in anguish were complaining, I'd walk a mile before I smile I'd see upon a critter; all men were sore, and o'er and o'er they cursed the winter bitter. But now I walk around a block on less than earth as when its birth occurred in distant ages; we shed our years and hop like steers or kangaroos in cages. 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