

## THE COURIER

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## AFTER THE WAR MATTERS.

The armistice with Germany expires on Dec. 17th. There has been some vague talk that Germany might not after all accept the Allied terms but there need be no fear as to that. The historic message of Admiral Beatty "The German flag is to be hauled down at 3.57, and is not to be hoisted again without permission" has been fully complied with and Field Marshal von Hindenburg has informed the Berlin Government that the army is in no position to renew fighting. Under these circumstances the only possible thing for the Hun to do is to take matters out in bitterness against Great Britain and in this regard from all accounts the previous "Hymn of Hate" will have to be revised and brought more up to date in order to accord with the present intensity of feeling. The peace conference it is stated cannot in view of the many preliminaries convene before the early part of January, and the conference it is anticipated will last for some six weeks. It is said that in the matter of indemnities France will file a damage claim of \$68,000,000,000 and other countries will also have like bills in proportion. Canada should, and no doubt will, also be represented in this regard.

Well authenticated stories continue to accumulate with regard to the maltreatment of British prisoners. They have been sent on their way home without food, clothing, or guides and have been subjected to shocking indignities. A commission is to be appointed which will examine secret documents in Berlin in order to bring home the guilt of the war and the responsibilities for violations.

Great preparations are in progress for the proposed visit of King George to France when he will convey officially to the President hearty congratulations upon the successful termination of the war and the glorious part played therein by the republic.

Amid the tottering crowns manifestations continue in the Old Land, that King George and the members of the Royal family remain in high regard.

## FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

There can be no question that Germany hopes for trouble between Great Britain and the United States when the question of the freedom of the seas comes to be settled.

Upon the recent occasion when Governor Williams of New York and Governor Cox of Ohio delivered addresses in Massey Hall, the Cabinet at Ottawa was represented by Hon. Mr. Rowell and he is thus rebored:

On behalf of the Dominion Government, Mr. Rowell welcomed the visitors to Canada, and referred to the contributions made by the two States they represented to the public life of the country. In 1914 Canada and the United States were preparing to celebrate one hundred years of peace between the two countries, said Mr. Rowell. Instead war had broken out and the peoples of the two nations stood side by side. This action would constitute, he said, a monument to the glory of the people of this continent. Any chance of further war was removed on Thursday when the German fleet surrendered to Admiral Sir David Beatty, he said, amid applause.

"We may differ about the 'freedom of the seas.' We shall not enter upon a controversy on that matter," said Mr. Rowell, "but I may be permitted to point out that while your nation consists of a great number of States, closely knit together by transportation systems, our commonwealth consists of a great group of States or free nations, bound together by the oceans of the world, and our lines of communication are upon the high seas. Just as you will insist upon maintaining control of your lines of communication, so we demand the right to maintain our lines of communication," declared the President of the Privy Council amid prolonged applause. "The freedom of the seas which has been assured during the last four years has been largely preserved, not only to Britain and Canada, but to all free people of the world, by the patient, silent, courageous, unselfish service of His Majesty's sailors upon the high seas, magnificently backed up by the American navy." (Applause.) Mr. Rowell put the matter in a very apt and common sense way.

It is in fact inconceivable that Uncle Sam when the subject is considered on the basis named, can come to any other conclusion than that advanced.

## BRINGING HOME THE SOLDIERS

The military side of demobilization of Canada's Army overseas has been completed and is ready to be put into operation immediately peace is declared and the Higher Command of the Allies consents to the withdrawal of troops. The Department of Militia and Defense authorizes the following:

The question of precedence for the returning Canadian troops has been carefully gone into by the special Canadian committee on demobilization, which has been working in England and Canada since 1917. At first sight it would appear that the first battalions on active service should be the first to be demobilized but it has been pointed out that all these old battalions have received new drafts and the proportion of service in say the First Division is little different to that in the Fourth Division. Every battalion in the line has been reinforced to at least five times its original strength.

The possibility of bringing Canada's troops back by units was carefully gone into, and it was decided that the practical should be considered with the sentimental. The economic needs of the labor market, and the time of the year, the men would reach home had to be taken into consideration. Another point made against demobilization by units was that since the heavy fighting territorial regiments have lost considerable of their identity having been reinforced by drafts from other districts. Thus a Montreal unit might be returned for disembarkment to that city only to find that a large percentage of its strength, joined by draft after casualties, was from Nova Scotia or British Columbia, and as a result several hundred men would have to be shipped again for other points, causing delay, confusion and undue strain on limited railway facilities.

In the close co-operation between the military side and the economic side of demobilization, it was decided that it would be better to first return men whose trade classification showed there was immediate need for them from an industrial point of view. The question of married and unmarried men was also fully gone into. Preference is to be given to the married men because of their heavier responsibilities. This class, under the scheme, was again divided, and the order of their return will depend on the length of time they have been away from home. Then come single men in accordance with their length of service overseas.

The sorting out of the men according to occupation and whether married or single has to be done at some stage of demobilization and it has been decided, in order to prevent unnecessary cross-traveling in Canada and delay in returning the men to their homes, to do the sorting in France and England before embarkation.

The military scheme of demobilization of necessity comes first. The number of Canadian troops overseas according to the latest figures was 286,304.

An estimate of the number of men to be disbanded, based on the number re-enlisted by provinces, is in round numbers: Ontario, 121,600; Quebec, 49,500; New Brunswick, 12,500; Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, 15,500; Manitoba, 33,500; Saskatchewan, 18,500; Alberta, 21,500; British Columbia, 25,500.

For the purposes of demobilization Canada has been divided into twenty-one dispersal areas and men are to be allowed to return to any area selected by them, regardless of the place of previous residence or enlistment. The rate of return to each area will be in accordance with the proportion that the number desiring to return to such area bears to the entire force. The men will be returned in standardized drafts of 500 of all ranks.

It is the intention of the Militia Department to discharge men immediately on reaching their dispersal area, so that they may quickly return to civil life.

After consultation with the Imperial Ministry of Shipping and the Canadian War Board, the conclusion has been reached that, taking into consideration the available amount of shipping and rolling stock in Canada which can be used for transport of troops, the rate of return at the beginning will be about 20,000 per month.

## INDIANS PLEDGE LOYALTY

The following message has been sent by Major Gordon Smith, Superintendent of the Six Nations Indians, to His Majesty King George:

"The Six Nations Indians in council assembled beg to renew the pledge of loyalty to the British Crown and join with your Majesty in thanks to the Great Spirit for the blessing of Peace.

Gordon Smith, Superintendent.

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Ladies' Fine Llama Imported Cashmere Hose, fashioned legs, double heels and toes, seamless feet, at, per pair \$1.25  
Ladies' fine 1-1 ribbed, all-wool, Cashmere Hose, double heels and toes. Special at, per pair \$1.25  
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Boys' heavy 4-1 ribbed, Imported Hose. Specially priced at, per pair \$1.50  
Boys' pure wool Worsted Hose, 2-1 ribbed. Sizes 6 1-2 to 10. Priced at, per pair, \$1.25 and \$1.50  
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Boys' Black Imported Cashmere Hose, seamless toes and heels, spliced knees. Special at, per pair \$1.00  
Ladies' Tan and Black Cashmere Finished Hose. Specially priced at, per pair \$1.00  
Ladies' Cream Cashmere Hose. Specially priced at, per pair, \$1.25 and \$1.50  
Ladies' plain place, fleece-lined Hose. Specially priced at, per pair \$1.00  
Ladies' black, fleece-lined Hose, ribbed top. Specially priced at, per pair \$1.00  
Children's fine 1-1 ribbed hose, Little Daisy and Boeppel quality. Colors are black, cream, tan and red. Specially priced at, per pair, from \$1.00 to \$1.50  
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