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THE SITUATION
Russian troops in the Gallican fighting forced the foe from two villages and also captured a height north east of Czernowitz, but neither event can be regarded as having any marked effect on the general position of affairs, which may be described as still bad.

The official report of British shipping losses last week, as the result of U-boat activities, records twenty-one of over 1,600 tons and two under that figure. This is a slight increase over the previous week.

In Palestine, the British are conducting an intense bombardment of Turkish trenches on the road to Jerusalem.

The selective conscription bill has passed the Senate with a few minor amendments, and when those are ratified by the Commons, the measure will become law.

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION

When a convention of the Liberals of the Western Provinces was called to take place in Winnipeg, there were loud and pronounced statements that there would be a break away from the existing Dominion party leadership as non-progressive and in particular not up to the requirements in the matter of the prosecution of the war.

Up to date the proceedings have consisted mainly of violent resolutions in condemnation of the Borden Government, while Oliver and other manipulators have been busily engaged in the work of swinging the delegates behind Laurier.

They do that while loudly proclaiming that the boys at the front must be reinforced to the last man, and all the while are pulling the strings on behalf of a leader who is against conscriptive measures.

If they succeed the Winnipeg convention will be known as the greatest blow hot and cold farce ever chronicled in Canadian political history.

Moreover, the participants will demonstrate that they are prepared to bow the knee to Quebec, and to accept the humiliating dictation of that province.

Oliver and the rest of the manipulators seem to think that in such a program they can carry the west for Sir Wilfrid, but the people there will have something to say in the matter at the polls. There is a large win-the-war element out there which is more than liable to upset the plans of crafty politicians, who are thinking only of the sweets of office in this crisis.

DIDN'T LIKE BORDEN'S MESSAGE

The following is a characteristic effusion on the part of a French-Canadian paper, Le Progres, Chicoutimi: "On the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation, Mr. Borden thought it proper to address a message to Canada, as would a mere president of the United States to his own people."

"The message has the breadth and strength of the Prime Minister's speeches before the House of Commons since his return from England. It is devoid of sense and wretched as to style. Once again Mr. Borden has tried to divert the attention of the people from the problems which all serious minds are trying to solve. In a dithyrambic worthy of a school boy, extolling the very confederation he is preparing to destroy, he has wildly waved before the eyes of the nation, while betraying her most sacred interests, the red flag of democracy, of civilization and of the freedom of humanity."

"Mr. Borden dares invoke the sentiment of the Fathers of Confederation while sacrificing on the altar of the liberties of humanity hundreds of thousands of our fellow-citizens whom he purports to force away from their homes to send them to the battlefields of Europe. "What think you of this, Cartier and Macdonald? What think you of

it, Tupper and McKensie Bowell, the last of the Anglo-Canadians who had the heart to remain loyal, at the price of your political downfall, to the principles of justice, liberty and Canadian patriotism which inspired you in 1847?"

"The freedom of humanity! This stereotyped phrase, after going the rounds of Europe and being relished in President Wilson's speech, had also its chosen place in president Borden's message."

"The freedom of humanity! How can it interest a people whose individual and national liberties are trampled upon? Why should it concern the French-Canadian children of Ontario and the West who are denied the right to learn and speak their mother tongue. How can it affect the Catholic artisans on whom Sunday work is imposed under threat of starvation? In what can be interested the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who are dragged to a foreign land to sacrifice their lives for the benefit of the manufacturers of war material? Why should care the millions of Canadian electors arbitrarily deprived of their sacred right to dispose of their lives and means by public vote?"

"Liberty! O the irony of things! While proclaiming this magic word, a criminal hand is forging the fetters. But beware. Violence calls for violence. All revolutions have been provoked by abuse of power. When a government diverges from the ways of justice and ignores the rules of prudence and wisdom; when it is no longer inspired by the interests of the nation, but guided by purposes contrary to public welfare; it is sapping social and political institutions and preparing the way for the worst catastrophes."

"Messages such as Mr. Borden's cannot change the situation and blindfold the nation on the verge of the abyss."

THE NEXT HOUSE. For the next Dominion election, which cannot now be very long deferred, there will be quite a few changes in the representations from a majority of the Provinces. In fact only three—Quebec, Prince Edward Island and the Yukon—have their numbers untouched.

Under the terms of Confederation, Quebec always possesses sixty-five members. The total of the population of that Province divided by that figure gives the basis for representation in the others.

By the last census, the residents of Quebec were given at 2,902,712, and this divided by 65, makes the next unit of representation in the Commons 44,657.

On this basis Ontario loses four seats, Nova Scotia two, and New Brunswick two. Saskatchewan and British Columbia each gain six seats. Manitoba five seats and Alberta five seats. Put in table form the thing works out as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Province, Present House, Next House. Ontario: 86 to 82. Quebec: 65 to 65. Nova Scotia: 18 to 16. New Brunswick: 13 to 11. Manitoba: 10 to 15. British Columbia: 7 to 13. Prince Edward Island: 4 to 4. Saskatchewan: 10 to 16. Alberta: 7 to 12. Yukon: 1 to 1.

It will be noticed that the next House will have fourteen more members, and that the Western Provinces will send 57 members, or nearly one fourth of the whole. They will also have nearly twofold the representation of the Maritime Provinces, and will only fall short of Quebec by eight seats.

In the fight which to all intents and purposes, will turn on the conscription issue, Quebec without much doubt will be a solid phalanx against any coercive measure. Ontario should offset that, although there are quite a few constituencies in this Province in which the French-Canadian and Teuton votes are numerically strong, and will be felt.

Supposing, for the sake of argument, that these two break fairly even, that would leave the 88 seats of the other Provinces to decide the issue, with the Westerners having by far the bigger say.

They all of them, possess quite a foreign element, but the British strain is very much larger.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. Not so long ago a number were taking off their coats because of the heat. They can do the same thing now on behalf of garnering the crops.

The suspicion grows that the Western Liberal convention is being engineered for a Laurier boom.

When Grit manipulators out West shout "win the war" with one breath, and "stick to Laurier" with the next, they show that partisanship is stronger than their patriotism.

In Brantford, autos and other vehicles are forced to stop while passengers are entering and leaving street cars. This is an excellent proviso. At the same time, cars on the next track pass standing cars to the constant danger of passengers who

COLLECTING MONEY ON STRETCHERS FOR RED CROSS AMBULANCES.



United States Red Cross men and guardsmen using ambulance stretchers to collect money for the American Ambulance Corps in Russia. The photo was taken in front of the New York Public Library Building at Fifth Avenue and Fourth-Second Street, New York City.

have alighted. The rule should be applied to them also.

The German papers are fighting mad over the latest speech of Lloyd George. They hate the truth with a fervor which is only equalled by the nastiness of their Kultur.

MAYOR INSISTS UPON WIDENING OF WATER STREET

Calls L. E. & N. Company to Comply With Order

Mayor Bowly is highly indignant over the delay of the L. E. and N. Railway in widening the intersection of Colborne and Water streets, near Lorne Bridge, as was ordered some time ago by the Dominion Railway Company. He has written the following forceful letter to the General Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway and yesterday, stated that unless the company complied with the order of the Railway Board immediately, he would take drastic action and again carry the matter to the attention of Sir Henry Drayton, and the other members of the Dominion Commission.

Brantford, Aug. 7th, 1917. To the General Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, General Offices, Montreal, Que. Dear Sir: Many months ago the city of Brantford had a dispute with the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, (your company) over the intersection of Water Street with Colborne Street, near the station of the L. E. and N. Railway.

As I could not deal with the Company on what I regarded as fair terms, the upshot was that the matter was dealt with by the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada at Ottawa, they making an order that Water Street should be widened out to a brick building on Colborne St. on to Water Street, which was my contention. Why the company resisted puzzled me. I expected prompt compliance with this order. I am informed that the Company have acquired this additional land but instead of removing the unsightly advertising boards, fences, etc., they are still there.

I trust that you will see to it, and without delay have them all cleared away, thereby complying with the order of the Board of Railway Commissioners, and relieve me of the necessity of calling for further action of that Hon. Board. A prompt reply hereto is expected.

I have the honor to be, Yours truly, J. W. BOWLY, Mayor of Brantford.

MUSKETRY PRACTICE

Musketry practice was carried on at the Armouries last night, rapid fire and snap shooting practices being taken up. From now on it is the intention to carry on mostly with these practices, as word just received from Headquarters states that each man will be put through classification tests, firing 30 rounds with Service Ammunition on the above practices; and also each Regiment will compete against the other. It is therefore desirable that as many men as possible attend on the regular shooting nights. On Saturday, and Sunday at 1.30 prompt transportation will be provided for all men to go to the outdoor ranges where Miniature as well as Service Practice will be carried on. Good attendances are looked for so that the old 3rd can keep up its good shooting reputation. The N. C. S. O. class will carry on in Musketry practice under Sergeant Monkman to-night.

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SUMMER CARNIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS

Novel Entertainment Staged in Paris Fair Grounds Last Evening

OLD RESIDENT PASSES

Samuel G. Robinson Called By Death In 76th Year

PARIS MAN IS KILLED

Pte. Edward Hutchings, Of 125th, Makes Supreme Sacrifice

(From our own correspondent) Paris Aug. 9.—Robert I. Inksater, skip, Harvey Wilson, Lloyd Thompson, Alf. Garner, all arrived home last night with a broad smile on their faces, and a gain carrying the 58th Stagnin "troop" for the second year, which they had won at Kitchener, at the Waterloo tournament. They defeated a Buffalo team by 15 shots to 5. The town extends congratulations to the boys.

The grand summer carnival held in the Agricultural park last evening under the auspices of the Paris Citizens' Band and Fire Brigade, was a decided success in every way. Shortly after eight o'clock the band and firemen paraded to the grounds, and created lots of amusement for the kiddies with their comical costumes. Mayor C. B. Robinson acted as chairman in his usual good style.

The Scotch songs and Highland dancing by Victor Cann and Leolla Ross brought forth much applause. The prize cake was captured by the Mayor, who paid \$20.00 for same. The band rendered good music during the evening.

Another old resident passed away early this morning, in the person of Mr. Samuel G. Robinson. He had been ill for over a year, and for the past two months had been quite a sufferer. The deceased was in his 76th year, and was born at Black Horse, Washington, Waterloo County. For many years he followed the occupation of gardener and was also the town bell-ringer. The late Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Mary Richter, 4 years ago, who survives, with the following family: Mrs. W. J. Johnston, of Brantford; Mrs. Wm. Glass and Mrs. L. Woods, of Paris; John H. and Samuel, of Paris, and William, of Hamilton. The funeral takes place on Friday afternoon from his late residence, Church Street, to the Paris cemetery. Service at the house at 2.30, and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Wells, of the Methodist church, of which the church the deceased was a faithful member.

The marriage took place in Christ Church, Detroit, on August the 2nd, by Rev. C. C. Purton, of Robert D. Waterland, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Waterland, West River street, to Miss Margaret Kelly, formerly of Paris. The following donations have been received by the Maple Leaf Patriotic Club: \$10.00 from Penman's, Limited.

Rippling Rhymes

PATIENCE. Be patient, though the load you carry grows heavier with every verst; it does no good to raise Old Harry, 'e'en when our woes are at their worst. Once I was prone to cuss and clamor at every hitch in my affairs; anon I'd take the ax or hammer, and run amuck and break the chairs. Whenever Fortune acted dirty, I walked the floor and raised a roar; and so when I was only 30, I felt like one who's reached three score. But wisdom comes as age advances, and I have found that patience pays; and no unpleasant circumstances can roll the current of

INDIANA MAN HAS HEART ON RIGHT SIDE

Fred Mummev Nevertheless Passed Recruiting Officer For U. S. Draft

By Courier Leased Wire.

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 9.—A man with his heart on his right side was discovered here to-day during the physical examination of men for the selective draft. He is Fred Mummev of River Park. Despite the abnormal position of the organ, it was pronounced normal by the physicians and Mummev passed the examination with flying colors.

\$10.00 from Mr. Bonnar, \$5.00 from Mr. C. B. Robinson. The club have also sent the following to the Red Cross Society, Toronto: 1 dozen towels, 18 pyjamas, 6 hot water bottle bases, 4 dozen bandages, 2 doz. khaki shirts, 18 pair socks, 41 dozen slings.

The engagement is announced of Miss Elizabeth Isabel, only daughter of the late Mr. Henry G. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Wyoming, Ont., to Sheldon Lapierre Smoke, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Smoke, of Paris. The wedding to take place this month.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Aver and Master Teddy, of Galt, are visiting with relatives in town.

Mr. C. Watson of Riverside, California, is spending the summer months with relatives here.

Rev. J. C. Nicolson is holidaying at Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Mrs. S. Woods of Toronto, is renewing old acquaintances in town.

Mr. Frank Brown of St. Thomas, has been visiting in town.

Another Paris man has paid the supreme sacrifice, in Pte. Edward Hutchings. At the time of enlisting he was engaged with the Penman L.I., and went overseas with the 125th Battalion. He had been in France about three months. He was wounded on August 2nd and died from wounds the following Saturday in one of the French hospitals. His two daughters are in England at the present time. Mrs. Hutchings died some six years ago.

TO PROTECT GARDENS

A number of residents along Eagle Avenue whose back yards and gardens extend to the stream of water known as the "tail race," are protesting against the damage suffered by them when the water overflows and floods their properties. A petition signed by fifteen names was filed at the office of the city clerk this morning for presentation at the meeting of the city council to-night, giving an outline of the grievances, and asking for redress. Most of the citizens concerned have cultivated their gardens this year, and almost without exception their crops have been ruined. They desire the council to alleviate this distressing condition, and suggest that an automatic valve be placed in the gates which connect the "tail race" with the river.

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LOCAL
SOCCER
All players and admirers of soccer football are to be present at a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. to night, when business of importance will be discussed and matters of connection with the coming season will be considered.
G. W. V. CLUBHOUSE.
The executive of the Great Veterans' Association have been time been looking over several places that would provide factory headquarters, Y. M. C. A. Grand Valley Hotel on E. Street, which has been vacant several months, and after the building, are favorably ed, and will recommend to a meeting on Saturday night, building be leased. The finances at the disposal of the organization.
CONTRACT SECURED
The firm of P. H. Secord this city, which has been in the construction of new schools and other new buildings in various districts of Ontario, has been awarded a tract for the erection of a school at Dome Mines, Porcupine.
WINS SCHOLARSHIP
In the scholarship examination for the University of Toronto made known this morning, the name of Lewis V. Smith, city winner of a general scholarship. He is a son of Judson Smith, and has been years past a pupil at the C. Institute.
IS A COUSIN
In connection with the late Sir Richard MacBride, ex-Prime Minister of British Columbia, it is noted that Mr. John McLeod, a street in London, Ontario, is a cousin of Sir Richard, who is an old Ontario raised near Kincardine.
CIVIC PAYSHEETS
The clerks' pay sheet for the 23rd of July to the 6th of August to \$122. For weeks ending August the 4th 70 was paid out in wages of men by the street watering department, while the sewer department's pay sheet for the amount to \$656.04. The account of the streets department was the largest of all, amounting to \$1,484.55.