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The Situation.

All eyes are still upon the trend of affairs in the neighborhood of Saloniki, and, as a matter of fact, there is very little activity just now upon any of the other fronts. Winter conditions undoubtedly have very much to do with this, and most forecasts fix the spring as the period when larger operations will again develop.

Great Britain's response to Lord Derby's appeal of hundreds of thousands of men must be causing something akin to dismay in Berlin. France, of course, has up to date borne the bulk of the fray on the Western front and cannot be expected to do much more than at present.

Checking of the Submarine.

Not so long ago there was a daily list of vessels sunk by German submarines. The Huns had this branch of their offensive perfected as completely as all the rest and made the open boast that they were going to paralyze British shipping.

In the recent complete breakdown of the German submarine attack on merchant shipping we witness another of those silent victories over the German navy of which the present war has been so fruitful.

To what are we to attribute the sudden collapse of the German submarine raiding expeditions? The answer is to be found in the two fields of mechanics and psychology.

Very fruitful has been the study of this problem and most efficient have been the means adopted. Not until the history of the war comes to be written, probably, will it be known which of the defensive measures have proved to be the most successful.

The contemplation of a lingering death in a sunken submarine may well strike terror to the stoutest heart, and the British admiralty have made deadly use of the psychology of

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the situation by refraining from making any mention of the time or place of the destruction of the U-boats. When the disturbance of the floats at the top of a torpedo net showed that a submarine was entangled the U-boat was hauled to the surface, short full of holes and allowed to sink without a word being published of the occurrence.

The psychological effect upon the personnel of the submarine service of this absolute silence as to the fate of the submarines after they have left Wilhelmshaven or the mouth of the Elbe must be simply appalling.

So long as the fate of the U-boats which were destroyed or captured in the earlier weeks of the war was made known, the horror of uncertainty was missing, but during the past few months over half a hundred boats have failed to return.

Von Hindenburg has said that the present contest is one of nerves. If so, it will be a question whether this portentous silence which has followed the passage of the U-boats upon the high seas has not been a powerful factor in breaking down the German submarine warfare.

To The Editor

Dear Sir,—It will be a great favor if you will publish the accompanying open letter in an early issue of your paper. I am sincerely yours, M. MacGillivray, Moderator, General Assembly, Kingston, Ont.

Open letter to the ministers, office-bearers, members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: Although the General Assembly has not given any instruction to its Moderator touching the subject-matter of this brief open letter, I think it highly proper, in the present circumstances of the Empire, earnestly to recommend that, throughout our Church, we devote the first Sunday in the New Year to the service of intercession in behalf of the supreme National and Christian interests involved in the terrible war forced upon us and upon our Allies.

M. MACGILLIVRAY, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Kingston, Ont., Dec. 11th, 1915.

CARPETBALL

Court Brant, C.O.F. Carpetballers went down to defeat last night, the East Ward Beavers doing the trick in a hard fought game. Brant led by one shot on the 18th end and the next two ends the Beavers won, winning out by five shots. The score: Brant, 133; Beavers, 125.

A remarkable story of a five-year old boy's death by drowning was told at an inquest at Castletown, near Sunderland, the other day. The deceased was playing with two other boys at a colliery reservoir, when one suggested to the other that they should push deceased in. Having done so they ran away and never told any one until the next day, fearing that they would be punished. The boy's body was then recovered. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death whilst playing.

The British War Office now solely controls London's air defences.

Rates on the Parcels Sent to the Soldiers

Post Office Department, Soldiers Parcels Ottawa, Canada.

Newspapers are constantly urging the Department, and applications are still being received here to have all parcels addressed to our soldiers in France sent free or at reduced rates of postage, there evidently being the impression that the Post Office Department of Canada has control of this and can do as it wishes.

This is not correct, inasmuch as the transference of parcels depends on a special convention, under the terms of which all parcels are transmitted, and under the terms of which only parcels to be transmitted to England and France. As Canada is only one party to this agreement, it is not possible for her to take independent action and lower the rates.

Application has already been made by the Canadian Post Office Department for a reduction of the rates of postage on parcels posted in Canada and destined for France, and this has been refused by England and France on the ground that the amount of parcels to be sent to France at the present time is such as to strain almost to the breaking point the transport service, and the War Office has stated publicly that it cannot and will not transport more parcels than it has been doing.

This statement was made in the British House of Commons, and the reasons above were given as to why they would not make a reduction in regard to parcels being sent from England. What France and England could not do for their own people, they could not do for Canada, and moreover they have refused the applications of the Department to have this done.

The number of parcels is so many and the strain on the transport system is so great at the present time that the British Government has notified the Post Office Department of Canada that temporarily all parcels are reduced to seven pounds, that is no parcels weighing more than seven pounds will be carried for the present.

The British War Office has notified the Post Office Department of Canada that it is necessary to limit the amount of parcel traffic for the troops during the Christmas and New Year's season, in the interest of military efficiency. The War Office points out that the great bulk of mail matter dealt with in normal times is already a severe tax on the transport service; that the amount which the roads will carry without breaking up is limited; that ammunition, food and stores for the army must necessarily have preference over the mails; that any increase in the volume of mail traffic must cause delay in the forwarding of these necessary equipments for war.

The public are therefore appealed to in their own interest, as well as in the interest of military efficiency, to limit the use of parcel post to articles of real utility.

Fruit, perishable articles of all descriptions, bottles and earthenware, jars and like articles are prohibited, and will not be accepted for transmission; and, until further notice, no parcel exceeding seven pounds can or will be accepted for transmission to the forces in France or Flanders.

All parcels must be strongly and securely packed in covers of canvas, linen, or other strong material. Parcels do not comply with these requirements, especially as to their destination safely, and if observed in course of post will be returned to the senders. The name and address of the sender must be written on the outside; and parcels which do not comply with this condition will be refused.

LOCAL OPTION NOTES

What good is a bar-room anyway? Did booze ever get you a job? What has booze ever done for you? What good ever came out of a bar-room? Why is a blind pig like a bar-room? They have exactly the same object—to make easy money by demoralizing and degrading men and by unclothing and starving women and children. There is nothing to choose between them.

If the bar-room is good why are the defenders of it ashamed to come out into the open. Their best policy is darkness and silence. They too well know they cannot afford to attempt any defence.

About the only business which booze helps is the undertaking. Even the liquor traffic to keep up the supply of raw material, you can vote against Local Option.

Every business in town these days is anxious to display its manufactured products except the bar-room business. Anyone desiring to see a display of its finished products should visit the police court any morning at 10 o'clock, or the jail or pauper house, at any time.

If it is a good thing for the individual to cut out the booze and save his money, it is a good thing for the community. We are not after the hotel-keeper or the hotel clerk, or any honest man or honest business. We are after the bar-room dirty, foul, evil smelling, evil producing, filthy in thought, word and deed, reeking of violence and degradation. The booze business. Vote it out.—Advertisement.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

New French Loan.

London, Dec. 14.—The London financial papers point to the new French loan as the most attractive government security that has been launched since the beginning of the war. The price of 88 per cent. of the five per cent. rate means a yield of nearly 3.4 per cent., while the English or American investor, with the additional advantage of an unusual exchange rate obtains a yield considerably higher.

It is interesting to note in this connection what happened to the French loans issued in connection with the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. In spite of the fact that on that occasion France was defeated and was required to pay a heavy indemnity, the loans quickly rose to par. The French loans of 1870 and 1872, bearing 3 per cent. interest, were issued at 82.50 and 84.50. By 1870 they were quoted in the market at as high as 106, and they went on rising until 1880 they reached 120.85, their highest. They were subsequently converted.

Death of Old Missionary.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Rev. David Thompson, one of the pioneer American missionaries to Japan, died recently at his home in Tokio only a few days after he had observed his 80th birthday. For 52 years Dr. Thompson has labored in Japan as a missionary of the Presbyterian

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Church. He was the first clerical mission worker sent to Japan by the American mission board of the Presbyterian society. Dr. Thompson was born in Ohio and was educated at Franklin College and at the Western Theological seminary of Pennsylvania. From 1873 to 1880 he served as Japanese interpreter at the American legation in Tokio. He has done a great work throughout Japan as a missionary and has had a share in the

organization of a large number of native Presbyterian churches. He was a master of the Japanese language, and preached in Japanese with extraordinary facility. Dr. Thompson is survived by a widow and two daughters, one of whom is the wife of J. K. Caldwell, the American consul at Vladivostok.



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Advertisement for 24 inch Costume Velvet. Includes image of a hand holding a velvet sample and text: '24 inch Costume Velvet. Alice, brown, navy, green and soldier, silk finish Costume Velvet, beautiful, deep, rich pile, guaranteed quality. Worth \$1.75. OUR SPECIAL PRICE \$1.25'

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LOCAL

BUSY COURT.

The Court of Revision will consider 596 petitions both the local option and option parties on the coming day.

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB

The high school club hold one of its weekly meetings in the Y.M. today after 8 o'clock.

ROUTINE MATTERS

The manufacturers committee a short business session in yesterday. Only routine matters discussed.

THANKS RETURNED

Supt. and Matron, House wish to thank Supt. and Matron for the kind gift of \$50 for Xmas tree for the home.

MEANT BUSINESS

One of the men who resided in the Brant battalion from the farm on which he played, eighteen miles away to offer his services for the

KOLTS ENTERTAINED

The Dormitory Kolts baseball teams were entertained by the Artemis last evening by Theatre team. Everybody enjoyed himself, and a splendid time was spent.

WARDEN'S DINNER

Mr. George E. Cooke, Warden, Brant County, has issued for the annual dinner, the take place in the Kerby Thursday night, Dec. 23rd, at 8 p. m.

THE MAYORALTY

A rumor was current that Mr. J. W. Bowly might be mayor. Phoned by the Mayor, he remarked, "I can't go a foot without having that query put to me, authorized any such talk, want any office."

JANUARY POLLING

W. F. Thompson having to act as polling clerk in (Court House) J. Hutchins been appointed in his stead sub-division 19 at 145 Peel have to be changed, as there do not find it convenient to have the premises so used.

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