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The Situation.

Russia has asked permission from Roumania to send troops through that country to the aid of Serbia. This is putting matters up to the Roumanians in straight fashion. She may protest, but so did Greece, and all the same the troops of the Allies were landed at Salonika. A like thing may happen in this instance.

Sir John French has reported the strengthening of the British position, and the French have recaptured some trenches in Lorraine. The Germans report two gains.

Reports show that the British submarines are masters of the situation in the Baltic. Their latest exploit is to sink a German destroyer and a German torpedo boat. Ships loaded with enemy cargoes are also scurrying for cover.

The Russians continue to keep Von Hindenburg on the defensive, and they are manifesting a sustained comeback which is little short of marvellous.

The heavy losses in the Dardanelles as given in last evening's Courier, again show the tremendous nature of the fighting there and the heavy tribute entailed for the amount of foothold thus far gained.

Prevention of Zeppelin Raids in the Old Land and reprisal raids upon German centres are still the main topics of discussion in Great Britain, and there has been much criticism. A more barbarous form of murder it would be hard to imagine, and it is only natural that reprisals should be urged.

French calculations place the expenses of Germany at the present time at about 120 million pounds a month, at the very lowest estimate, and the average since the war began at about 100 millions. The Paris correspondent of the "Standard" writes—

This is without taking into account the advances made to Austria and to Turkey, which amount to about another 150 millions. Consequently, Germany would have spent by the end of May, without reckoning the loans to Austria, about a billion pounds sterling. Therefore, by the end of November, 1916, the expenses will have reached the enormous total of £3,160,000,000, and it is scarcely conceivable that after ten Germany can stand the strain very much longer, financially.

Red Cross Work.

Particulars have already been given in these columns with reference to the scope and the activities of this splendid institution but the fact that a special and Dominion wide appeal is now before the Canadian public will make some further details opportune.

Base and general hospitals vary in size, the largest unit containing over 1,000 beds. As there are approximately 100 of these in France and England alone, they must contain at least 50,000 beds. To these must be added the hospitals in Egypt and various parts of the Mediterranean, in Mesopotamia and in every part of the world where British forces are fighting. If, therefore, the Naval and Military hospitals to be supported by the British Red Cross be alone taken into account, and the hundreds of voluntary hospitals in England be regarded merely as auxiliaries, the cost of keeping up these hospitals, in salaries for doctors, nurses and stretcher bearers, ambulances, hospital trains, etc., must be enormous. The ambulance and motor lorries require elaborate blacksmith and mechanics shops all along the way, to keep them in repair, and, in fact, the more one looks at the actual operation of the Red Cross activities the more wonderful they appear and the more remarkable is it that voluntary subscriptions can keep up such a huge and complex organization.

It is very difficult to get at the exact cost of all these activities, not because this is not reported in the British Red Cross reports, but because of the difficulty, in the time at disposal, of going through these reports for our present purpose. We know beyond doubt that the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John have

spent, up to date, all the money raised through the "Times" fund, namely \$8,000,000. To this must be added contributions from the British Dominions the Canadian Red Cross alone having contributed \$125,000, besides relieving the British Red Cross Society of the care of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. These figures take no cognizance of individual gifts which have been made to the Society direct, of which we know there have been several of very large sums. We may, therefore, state, knowing quite well that the figure is far below what a detailed analysis of the reports would show, that the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John have spent up to date upwards of \$10,000,000, and the demands which they have to meet are just beginning, for, with the offensive movement of the Allied Forces, the casualties must increase enormously, and with these the demands made upon Red Cross agencies. In appealing for help from the citizens of the Empire the world around, the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John have done the only thing that they could possibly do, and we in Canada, and particularly in the Province of Ontario, should recognize that the obligation laid upon us is particularly heavy. When we consider that the income tax in England, high before the War, has been enormously increased, we can readily recognize that the possibility of voluntary subscriptions to the Red Cross Society is thereby largely reduced. Our War taxes in Canada up to the present time are trifling compared with those in the Motherland, and our resources have as yet hardly been touched. Patriotism and humanity must together urge us to consider the debt we owe to those who are fighting our battle. To a certain extent our obligation cannot be measured in terms of money, for, when we recognize that our sailors and soldiers are fighting for our honour, for our freedom, for what we justly prize as British justice and fair play, together with all that flows from our British connection, we must feel that on the one hand is all that we hold as of absolutely first importance and on the other the comparatively few dollars which at the very utmost we would be able to give were we to give all we have. The appeal of the British Red Cross Society thus gives us an opportunity to show in a peculiar way the value which we put upon British citizenship and institutions, and while other appeals may perhaps give us an equal opportunity we should not allow this special one-day offering, to pass without seriously considering the many obligations of which it makes us mindful.

Three great dairies have just effected a merger in London. The new corporation, to be known as the United Dairies, has a capital of \$5,000,000 and will control the trade in London and the surrounding district. According to the big dairymen, the combination was made necessary by the strength of the farmers' organization, which fix the wholesale prices which the dairy companies must pay for the milk. These farmers' societies, which are banded together in a strong central body, have recently been considering radical changes in the milk contracts. It is expected that they will fix the wholesale price of milk at 29 cents to 33 cents per gallon.

Their Majesties, although spending so much time in visiting hospitals and touring the provinces, have kept their attention fixed upon the needs of individual soldiers who, when on leave, pass through London on the way to their homes in the country. Poor chaps, few, if any, of them know which way to turn. A score of these temporary waifs are now taken in nightly at the Royal Mews, and start for home next morning fortified for the often long and tiring journey by a good breakfast. And when their friends put the inevitable question "Where did ye stop over night, lad?" what pride in the ready answer, "Where? Why, at Buckingham Palace—leastwise the Royal Mews—as the King's guests."

Sir Alfred Mond, chairman of the Free Trade Union, is heading a movement against what he says is protection in the new budget. Certain of the uncompromising Free Traders in the House of Commons are disgruntled with the new import duties proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, basing their opposition on "the violation of the principles of free trade" and the "infinite small returns which the taxes will yield."

A campaign for \$7,500,000 is to be instituted by the Canadian Patriotic Fund succeeded in raising \$5,350,000, year ending Sept. 1st the Patriotic Fund succeeded in raising \$5,350,000. Some 20,000 families are now being assisted.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Elliott of Huntington, W. Va., who hit Billy Sunday's trail in their wedding presents, are seeking divorce.

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Ontario Leads in the Red Cross Campaign

Government is Active in the Empire-Wide Collection

A CALL from the Motherland, an appeal from the British Red Cross Society. For the first time in history this age-old institution is in need of help and is looking to the daughter nations of the Empire for relief. Great Britain is entering upon the most serious stage of the war. The demand on the British Red Cross Society for medicine, hospital supplies, and equipment for the succor of the wounded sailors and soldiers is taxing the resources of the Red Cross Society to the utmost, and if the noble work is to go on unimpeded more money must be available.

Lord Lansdowne, President of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John has called an appeal to the Governors of all states in the British Empire, an appeal that is eloquent in its simplicity and convincing in its earnestness.

"The money from this appeal," reads the cable, "will be devoted entirely to relieving the sufferings of our wounded soldiers and sailors, from home and overseas, at the various seats of war, from all parts of the King's Dominions. We have already received generous assistance in our work, but with the increase of British Overseas forces at the front there is a corresponding increase in our expenditure, and we shall be truly grateful if you will help us by organizing an appeal and sending the proceeds to us for the objects I have named."

What will Ontario's answer be? Sir John Hendrie, Lieutenant Governor, sends this message to every man, woman, and child in the Province—

"This is the first appeal of the Motherland to Canada in this present war. It calls upon our humanity as well as our loyalty. The collection will be made upon an historic occasion. October 21st is the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, and the British navy to-day is abundantly worthy of the great traditions bequeathed to it. It is possible to know to the most remote corner of Ontario that October 21st is "OUR DAY" for Soldiers and Sailors, and the people of the banner Province of the Dominion will be able to show their appreciation for the men who are fighting for Britain's integrity on the most "far flung battle line" of all ages.

The organization of the Province for this great appeal has been carried out with commendable promptitude by the Government of Ontario. Immediately he received the cable Sir John Hendrie laid the matter before the Premier, Hon. W. H. Hearst, who summoned his colleagues to conference, and later called to the council chamber men of all political stripes and creeds. It was time for action. A general committee was struck, the Premier himself taking the chairmanship. On this committee he associated his political opponent, the leader of the opposition in the Legislature, otherwise active in the public life of the Province came forward to help, and in a short time the big movement was under way. Accommodation was found in Parliament Buildings for Dr. A. H. Abbott, who offered to act as Secretary of the Committee; a staff was procured, and Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, consented to act as Treasurer in respect to the fund. Lord Lansdowne's cable was sent to the mayor and reeve of every municipality in Ontario.

"What has been done is known, what remains to be done shall be limited only by the need," said Sir Robert Borden during that historic session of the Dominion Parliament in the fall of 1914. What has been done by Ontario is perhaps only too little known, and its recital here may stimulate the people to greater achievements for the added burdens which the future holds in store. The gift of 250,000 bags of flour to the Motherland was received with popular acclaim all through the Province, but this was supplemented by cash grants to the Belgian relief fund and the shipment of large quantities of produce to the hard-pressed sufferers of that gallant little country. Foods of all sorts were shipped to the sailors in the North Sea, and the replies that have been received are worth more than all the trouble of collecting the supplies. But while Ontario has given food in abundance the gift of 1,000 machine guns to the Canadian Overseas forces was a further evidence of the loyalty and enterprise of the Provincial Government, and this has been followed by the establishment of a base hospital with accommodation for 1,000 patients at Orpington, Kent County, England.

In a less spectacular way the Women's Institutes, organized by the Department of Agriculture, have done a noble work in collecting funds, providing comforts for the soldiers, supplies for the Red Cross, and assisting to a large extent in local charity. The various experimental farms and demonstration orchards throughout the Province are sending this year the best of their crop. For Ontario, it can truly be said, "what remains to be done shall be limited only by the need."

The weather over the Prairie Provinces and Alberta in particular, is once again unfavorable, and much of the crop may not be threshed.



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COLONEL LOGIE WILL PROBABLY BE PROMOTED

Sir Sam Will Raise Him to Rank of Brigadier-General.

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—Two important promotions will be announced by the Minister of Militia, it is understood, within the next few days. It is said to be Sir Sam Hughes' intention to raise Brigadier-General W. E. Hodgins, Acting Adjutant-General, to the rank of Major-General, and Col. W. A. Logie, commanding officer of the Toronto district and commandant at the Niagara camp, to the rank of Brigadier-General.

Both these promotions will be exceedingly popular in military circles, where these two officers are held in very high esteem. General Hodgins as Adjutant-General has been and is performing exceptionally heavy duties in connection with the war. He is one of the best known Canadian soldiers having been associated for years with the Queen's Own Rifles in Toronto and the Governor-General's Footguards in Ottawa. He was for a time D.O.C. in Ottawa and afterwards officer commanding in London. He left London to take up his duties here as Acting Adjutant-General. Gen. Hodgins was an A.D.C. to Lord Lansdowne and Lord Aberdeen. Col. Logie has been in the militia of Canada since 1883 in Hamilton, and was largely instrumental in organizing the first Highlanders regiment. His work at Niagara in connection with the training of the overseas troops there has won unqualified commendation.

ENLISTMENT REGULATIONS

The orders and regulations as to enlistment in the Canadian Expeditionary force now provide that expert mechanics should be enlisted only in corps requiring their services and that in other cases their enlistment should be referred to Headquarters, Ottawa. The said provisions are in force to be carried out as follows. (a) Upon the application for enlistment by any man who is a qualified mechanic, his enlistment should not be completed but full particulars as to such man should be forwarded to Headquarters. You will then be informed with as little delay as possible as to whether the services of such men are required for the manufacture of munitions. (b) No men who are at present engaged in the manufacture of munitions should be allowed to enlist, but it should be pointed out to them that they are serving the country as well by carrying on their present employment and helping towards a successful issue of the war in another way.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Oct. 16.—French forces have repulsed several counter-attacks in the Lorraine district against the trenches occupied by them yesterday, according to the official statement issued by the French war office to-day. The text of the communication follows:—

"We repulsed last night in Lorraine several counter-attacks against the trenches which we occupied yesterday to the north of Reillon. In the course of these engagements we took 100 prisoners."

"In the Vosges the enemy undertook shortly after midnight an attack in force between the Lingé and the Schratzmannle. This was pre-

ceded by a severe bombardment and accompanied by a curtain of fire directed against our front lines and our communicating trenches. This attack was completely repulsed by us. There has been nothing to report from the remainder of the front since the issuing of the communication of last night."

NEWS NOTES

Waterloo, Ont., will raise money for British Red Cross work by a house to house canvass on Trafalgar Day.

William Spencer, a lineman at Niagara Falls electric light plant, was instantly killed by his foot touching a wire carrying 2,200 volts.

A man was killed on the tracks in the G. T. R. yards at Simcoe, who is believed to be James B. Hill, an Indian of the Cayuga Reserve.

Mrs. Nellie L. Mc Clung Will Deliver an Address in WELLINGTON ST. METHODIST CHURCH On October 19, at 8 p.m. Under the Auspices of the BRANT COUNTY ALLIANCE SUBJECT: "Prohibition in the Canadian West" Rev. G. A. Woodside will act as Chairman. Collection to defray expenses.

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1815 TRAFALGAR DAY 1915 NELSON'S MESSAGE: "England Expects Every Man To Do His Duty" IS TO-DAY THE MESSAGE OF KING GEORGE TO EVERY SON OF THE EMPIRE A Monster Mass Meeting Under the Auspices of the Brant Recruiting League and the British Red Cross Society WILL BE HELD IN THE Grand Opera House, Thurs., Oct. 21 (TRAFALGAR DAY) Speakers: SIR GEORGE E. FOSTER and HON. C. P. GRAHAM COLLECTION IN AID OF RED CROSS FUND The chair will be taken at 8 p.m. sharp by Mr. Harry Cockshutt, president of the Brant Recruiting League Band of Dufferin Rifles in Attendance

LOCAL

ELECTRICAL PERMIT Twenty-four electric have been issued since good average for one week.

SWIMMING CLASSES The registrations for swimming classes at the coming in well.

PREPARATORY SERVICE A well-attended service was held in Alex last evening, when those privileged to listen to the appropriate address delivered by Rev. W. E. Baker, pastor of St. Methodist Church.

LOCAL OPTION Brantford temperance talking of having a contest next January of the Council not passing on to the people, a petition signed before November 25 per cent. of the last revised voters' list.

TROUT CLUB The annual meeting of the Trout Club was held last evening at the residence of the president, Ald. Bragg. A large number of members were present. A committee to wait on the members Mr. J. H. Ham, Mr. John Fisher, M. P., is stocking the streams with trout.

PORT ELGIN ATHLETIC Port Elgin, Oct. 16.—Football of the Port Elgin North hockey club are not in overseas service. Bobby one of the best defence players in Northern, has joined the Frank Geddes and Roy Taylor with the 22nd Highland and Earl Hendry, the age in camp at London. All born in Port Elgin, and will weaken the team for winter.

L. L. LODGE MEETING A meeting of the L. L. Lodge held Tuesday evening at the residence of Miss Bertha Ballantyne. After the regular business transacted, the evening was given to music and games. The nature of the evening was a race, the trophy for which was the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the residence of the hostess. The next will take the form of a masquerade at the home of the secretary, Fotts, Graham Avenue.

AUCTION SALE OF HORSES Acting under instruction Major General Sir F. Benson, British Remount Commission Union Stock Yards Limited, will sell by auction on Friday, October 20th, at 10 a.m., about 200 horses now army purposes. These horses sold without reserve, as the sell is imperative, and great may be looked for.

BOWLING RESULTS Cockshutt Plover Co. Bow won two games out of three. Keystones in the Bowling League. Foulds featured for stones while Brown won for Cockshutt. After the league game the Keystones hooked up in a friendly game were unable to win from the

GYM CLASSES MEETING The Business and Men's gymnasium classes met day afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. on hand as important concerning class organization discussed.

WANTS REBATE City Clerk Leonard has another letter asking for rebates of the upper story Dalhousie street, formerly by the City Social Club 1000, have been vacant for the months in spite of the attempt on the part of the owner to rent it. Mrs. Hurley and her tenants slipped away by contract expired and left vacant.

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