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TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 15.

The President's Attack on Autocracy.

President Wilson's reply to Germany's acceptance of proposed acceptance of his terms of peace is of a character which will thoroughly satisfy every friend of humanity and democracy. In the first place he tells the Germans frankly that any cessation of hostilities will come through the commanding officers in the field. Marshal Foch, as we stated yesterday, is the sole authority on the question of an armistice.

In the second place the awful wickedness of the acts of their army and navy is placed squarely before the German Government. They cannot expect peace, he reminds them, while they continue to commit outrages, no acts of war, which appal humanity by their cruelty and horror.

In the third place he states that no step will be taken that would in any way weaken the present supremacy of the allied armies in the field.

But perhaps the most striking feature of the new message is the passage in which Mr. Wilson "very solemnly" calls the attention of the German Government to a portion of his speech of last Fourth of July, when he declared that no arbitrary authority which by secret conspiracies menaced the peace of the world could be permitted to continue in existence unless robbed of its potency. That, he points out, is one of the terms of peace which the German Government has professed to accept.

It is the kind of arbitrary power which plunged the world into war, and which it is within the choice of the German people to alter. This is a challenge which cannot be ignored. This is where the dragon is hauled out of his den and destroyed, or his slaves retire into the den along with him. The latest reports from Germany indicate that a strong and influential party exists ready to depose the Kaiser should his presence stand in the way of peace.

This challenge explains the whole meaning and drift of the president's communications with the German Government. Their diplomacy, if it has any sinister intention, is entirely frustrated, and the whole German nation becomes aware, perhaps for the first time, that the author of all their woes is the All Highest Criminal Wilhelm, who, with his court and his staff, planned the most iniquitous plot against humanity with the most diabolical developments of fiendish malevolence to support it that human depravity could devise. The German people, as a nation, are given the opportunity to wash their bloody hands of this guilt and to oust the arch-traitor from his throne and power.

President Wilson's campaign is therefore one directed against the autocracy of Germany, with a view to arousing the latent democracy of the people. He leaves the military situation in the capable hands which have created its present status.

The Glen Road Delay.

Mayor Church's decision to reconsider the Glen road crossing plans is well taken. When the board of control meets this morning we understand that the plans prepared by the commissioner of works department, following the first representations of Messrs. Carrick and Sykes, are likely once more to be authorized, so that the work may be proceeded with immediately and the crossroad car service on the Bloor-Danforth level, which means so much in the relief of the congestion of traffic generally, will be put in operation.

The cardinal point to be kept in view is the fact that the elevated crossing is purely a temporary measure. It follows that it should be constructed in an economical way as possible. The object of having it at all is to expedite service. The third plan which Messrs. Carrick and Sykes have asked for means a serious increase in the cost of the temporary structure on account of the increased length of the span across the road, whereby special girders must be constructed. In the present state of the steel market, with munitions and war material a first consideration, this means delay until the spring at least.

Why Messrs. Carrick and Sykes should wish to increase the cost and delay the construction of the overhead grade and so retard the use of the big viaduct is best known to themselves. The controllers, who represent the public, will be well advised to have the cheaper and more expeditious plan, which is a compromise between the first and the third, pushed on with all haste, and the viaduct made available for full service.

Venerable Diseases.

For a year past the advisory com-

mittee on venerable diseases, No. 2 military district, has been carrying on a campaign in the city and province at the private expense of some of the members, which has brought this important matter before the public generally. A portion of the press has given hearty support to the work. Another portion has refrained. The work at the best has been carried on under considerable difficulty, and but for the whole-hearted devotion of Captain Gordon Bates, secretary of the committee, assisted by a few more, the important results attained would have been impossible.

It has been proposed that something of a wider character be done to further the aims the committee has in view. There is not the slightest doubt that national action is necessary, and the example of the United States in this respect appeals to all who sympathize in the work. A sum of \$5,000,000 has been voted in Washington to do that for which Ottawa, so far, has not dedicated one cent directly. In the United States administrative measures have been adopted under the army medical department, the public health service, the war department commission on training camp activities, the civil authorities and the non-official agencies. Anything that has been done in Canada has been subversive to other activities in departments already overloaded, and but for the action of the province Ontario would have made no progress in the matter, and the legislation obtained has been largely the result of the work of the advisory committee.

The United States plans are comprehensive and highly effective. They embrace law enforcement measures, instruction in social hygiene, recreation measures, and protective work for girls. These include a score of sub-departments.

Canada has failed to establish a real federal public health service or department of health, and has no department of venerable diseases in the army. There are no large hygiene associations, nor any great plan for public control. In view of this it is proposed that the formation of a national committee for combating venerable disease be discussed. It should be supported by voluntary subscriptions to the extent of \$200,000. The committee would do for Canada what has been done locally in Toronto, holding meetings and disseminating literature. A war service commission is also suggested. This, of course, will not be less necessary after the war is over. This committee would be unpaid and be drawn from representatives of the militia, the D.C.M., the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., the national committee for combating venerable diseases, the National Council of Women, the National Mental Hygiene Association and the Knights of Columbus.

Of necessity the military authorities have been laudably active in the work, but it has been repeatedly shown that the civilian sheet is much blacker than the military one. The vote by the United States of \$5,000,000 for the control of venerable disease in the republic indicates the importance attached to the movement by those who understand it.

ITALIAN PUBLIC THINKS GUARANTEES NECESSARY

Washington, Oct. 14.—An official despatch from Rome today says while the Italian public knows the allied governments adhere in principle to President Wilson's expressed program of peace, they have opinions of their own clearing up Wilson's principles on specific points of national interest. If President Wilson thinks the reply to his inquiries makes it possible, the Italian press thinks he now will, in accordance with the allied, establish conditions for an armistice which should comprise all indispensable military guarantees.

STRONG COUNTERS FAIL AGAINST U. S. POSITIONS

Washington, Oct. 14.—Repulse of strong and repeated enemy counter-attacks upon the newly won American positions on the both sides of the Meuse, and continued participation by American divisions in successful operations by the British south of Le Cateau and the French in the Champagne is reported by General Pershing in his communiqué for Sunday.

OPEN HUNTING SEASON IN THE HIGHLANDS NEAR, AND PROSPECTS GOOD.

Probably the best hunting districts in America are located in the Highlands of Ontario, and that section of the province opened up by the Transcontinental Railway. The immense virgin area offers unlimited opportunities to the hunter for moose and deer. The open season for the Highlands of Ontario district is from November 1 to November 15, both days inclusive. In some of the northern districts of Ontario, including Timiskaming, Pimicking and the territory north and south of the Canadian Government Railway in Ontario, the open season has been extended, and is from October 1 to November 30, both days inclusive. A synopsis of the game laws is contained in the G. T. R. publication, "Playgrounds." Full information on application to agents Grand Trunk Railway System or Mr. C. B. Horning, district game warden, Union Station, Toronto.

SHORTAGE OF HELP HANDICAP.

Chatham, Oct. 14.—Shortage of help is likely to interfere with the sugar beet campaign which the Dominion Sugar Company's plant on Tuesday. With the acreage greater than ever, labor is scarce, and it is feared that if men cannot be secured considerable of the crop will go to waste.

IS HE DOING HIS SHARE?



IDA AT THE CITY HALL

By IDA L. WEBSTER.

A few days ago a man came to us and told us that he had been ordered by the city to make some changes in his place of business, that is, in the building, or he would have to shut down, because, as the place stood at the present time, it was a fire trap. The inspector who spoke to him about it evidently did not know just what he should do in order to make it fireproof, or if he did he did not bother explaining, merely gave him the message and departed.

The citizen hid himself down to the city hall and to Mr. Pearce's department. After half an hour there he was not one whit wiser than before he took the time and trouble to go; in fact, he was less sure what was being expected of him. However, he hired himself an architect and they adjusted the building in the only feasible way, to their mind. A couple of weeks later he was again visited by a city man, and still the building did not suit him, but he was not able to say what should be done. This sort of thing went on for some considerable time, with every few days some one arriving upon the scene from the City of Toronto and demanding that the citizen get busy and repair his place.

In the meantime he went to the city architect's department half a dozen times, but upon each appearance he was given the same advice, and that was: "Oh, just fix it up." Not once did the young man, or the various young men, who answered his request enlighten him as to how he should "fix it up." If they knew they did not care, in other words, that was his hard luck, and why should they worry about it?

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FOSTER SENDS MESSAGE TO SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—On commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the landing of the first Canadian overseas forces in England, Sir George Foster, acting prime minister, has called Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie as follows: "On this, the fourth anniversary of the landing of the first Canadian overseas forces in England, I desire, on behalf of the Government and people of Canada, to send you a message of sincere congratulations and deep appreciation. 'The high courage and steadfast valor displayed by the Canadian troops in their initial combats with the enemy on the fields of Flanders and France have continued ever since to characterize their successive and arduous combats, and have been gloriously rewarded in these later wonderful and splendid achievements at Lens, Amiens, Drocourt, Cambrai, which have covered their brave divisions with an imperishable glory in which we are all proud to share. To yourself, their trusted and indomitable leader, and the brave officers of all grades by whom you are so ably served, I tender the grateful thanks of our young nation, in whose high cause you are so valiantly fighting. Standing as you are, now in the clear light of well-earned success and in the full promise of a coming complete victory, I am glad to go to you and your incomparable comrades in arms."

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THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

Ruth is Disgusted With Claude Beckly and His Familiarity

CHAPTER LXII.
As a rule Ruth played a very good game of bridge. But she was so disgusted with Claude Beckly, who annoyed her by calling her "Ruth," that she could not put her mind upon what she was doing, and made many blunders. Consequently, Mollie and Brian won very easily.
"What ailed you? I never saw you play such a rotten game," Brian said as he gathered up the cards after their guests had left.
"The very idea of that Beckly calling me 'Ruth'! I nearly died!"
"Would you have felt the same had your boss, that Mandel, called you 'Ruth'?"
"He wouldn't do such a thing. What has that got to do with it, anyway?"
"Oh, nothing, only I was wondering."

"Do you mean, Brian Hackett, that you think it all right for Mr. Beckly to call me 'Ruth' when I have met him scarcely half a dozen times; and when he spends his breath telling me how nice I am because I let you and Miss King do as you like and don't make a scene? He's common, vulgar! I don't see how you stand for such people."

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