

THE COURIER

Saturday, May 22, 1915

THE SITUATION.

Italy is not yet officially in the fight, but she is to all intents and purposes. Germany realizes this, as the bitter comments of the papers there fully attest—comments charging breach of faith, which come from a people who do not know what faith means. Austria knows it, for she has been cutting railroads leading to Italy, and the whole world will shortly realize the same thing. No actual hostilities have yet taken place with the men of the land of Garibaldi involved, but they soon will.

Notwithstanding bad weather, Sir John French reports quite a bit of progress near La Basse, and the French official record relates that a temporary German success near Ypres was afterwards retrieved.

The report regarding the Russians shows a little improvement, but the situation is not any too good. Przemyśl seems quite likely to change hands once more. The capture of that place by the troops of the Czar constituted a remarkable achievement.

It was one of the strongest fortresses in Europe, and its investment had occupied the Russians for six months. Its garrison was first cut off in September, but it is believed to have been relieved in October, when the original German advance on Warsaw entailed a Russian retirement in Galicia. Other famous sieges have been:

City	Date	Days	Fate
Sevastopol	1854-5	354	Surrendered
Strasbourg	1870	41	Surrendered
Metz	1870	66	Surrendered
Paris	1870	135	Surrendered
Plevna	1877	105	Surrendered
Mafeking	1899-1900	218	Relieved
Ladysmith	1899-1900	105	Relieved
Pt. Arthur	1904-5	248	Surrendered
Przemysl	1914-15	183	Surrendered

Mr. Hoover, Chairman of the Neutral Committee of Relief in Belgium, and Mr. Franquet, Chairman of the Committee in Brussels, tell us that "at least a million and a half Belgians are now entirely destitute." With the rapid exhaustion of the meat and vegetable supplies, there will probably be, before harvest time, 2,500,000 Belgians who must be fed and clothed solely by charity. The remaining 4,500,000 will get their pitiful daily allowance of bread through the commission.

One of the necessities which have been emphasized in connection with this war is the importance of cotton as a vehicle of explosives.

It is the gun of large calibre which eats up cotton. In the firing of a 12-inch gun 300 lbs. of powder are required. That means 300 lbs. of cotton. One shot of a 12-inch gun requires as much powder as 42,000 shots of the rifle an infantryman uses, or 150 shots from an ordinary field gun. Theoretically it is possible for a battleship in firing all its guns to use 5,000 lbs. to 6,000 lbs. of powder a minute—that is, ten to twelve barrels of cotton.

Speaking generally it may be said that hostilities at the present find Germany unbeaten, and clearly undismayed, but with the allies still full of determination and spirit and with future chances all in their favor and daily growing stronger. It is a long road yet to the end, but the turning corner is very well in sight.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Right now Italy is just as much in the war as if she had said so.

The British are now driving towards Lille. It's a little way they have so to speak.

The members of Brant Chapter I. O. E. have proved themselves to be good Kitcheners.

The West records that all indications are for a bumper crop, while indications tend to another bumper for the Kaiser in Europe.

The Grand Duke Nicholas still continues to be quite optimistic with reference to the situation of his forces in Galicia. Let's hope that the ultimate results will bear him out.

It is now said that work on a new Union station will start in Toronto next month. At which Brantford's City Hall will indulge in a quiet ingrowing chuckle, not too marked or the venerable pile might fall to pieces.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a speech in Toronto last night in which he deprecated a war election and said, "I do not care to open the portals of office with that bloody key." All very well, but why did he allow a vote of want of confidence to be proposed in connection with the Government war taxes and also why did he seek, by every possible device to goad the Administration into an appeal? The truth is that he found the game wouldn't work and is now seeking to stand from under, but the people were not slow to recognize the intent and will remember it.

COL. ASHTON GETS A
CHEQUE COVERING
TWO FIELD KITCHENS

Previously acknowledged \$882.65
Proceeds afternoon tea, Mrs. J. E. Waters (including A.C.H. \$15) prize money ladies 1915 bridge \$9.80, Mrs. Nellie Ashton \$3, Mrs. A. E. Watts, \$5..... 78.71
Officers Mess 25th Brant Dragoons 10.00
Mrs. M. E. Charlton 2.00
W. J. Mellor 2.00
H. C. Thomas 1.00
H. W. Fitton 5.00
Miss Forde 1.00
Mrs. Battersby 1.00
Mrs. Malcolm 1.50
Mrs. J. A. Sanderson 5.00
Total \$991.86

In connection with the above Brant Chapter I. O. E. fund the receipt of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waters, Bonnythorpe, was the scene of a notable afternoon tea yesterday. The spacious grounds with the many spring flowers, looked beautiful, and the residence was a bower of early bloom. Mrs. Waters received the many participants, assisted by Mrs. Gordon Smith (Regent) and Mrs. E. C. Ashton (Honorary Regent), Mrs. Digby and Mrs. Herbert Yates ushered the guests into the tea room, and Mrs. Stratford and Mrs. Mabon presided at the tables.

OFFICERS ATTENDED
The occasion was the handing of a cheque to the 36th Battalion for two field kitchens, and the following officers came up from the Ambitious City: Lt. Col. Ashton, Major Cressey, Capt. Baldwin, Capt. Kempthorne, Capt. Miller, and Capt. Duncan. The presentation took place on the lawn under the shadow of a large Union Jack. After the singing of God Save the King, Miss Nellie Van Norman read the following address:

Brantford, May 21st, 1915
Col. E. C. Ashton,
O. C. 36th Battalion, C.E.F.,
Hamilton, Ont.
Dear Col. Ashton:—The members of Brant Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, have indeed a most pleasurable task before them on the occasion of the visit of you and your officers to Brantford this afternoon.

Many and diverse things have been undertaken by us as a Chapter since our organization in January, 1911, but nothing has given us greater pleasure or met with heartier support or more sympathetic response from Brantfordites generally than our recent appeal for funds to provide you, your officers and men of the 36th Battalion with the two Portable Field Kitchens

which is our gift to you to-day—a gift we consider it a privilege to bestow. Wishing you God Speed, and trusting that this gift will prove a valuable adjunct to your comfort and equipment when the call comes for Overseas Service, and only regretting that we cannot offer you a cook equal to the cook, or go ourselves to provide good cheer for you all along the line. Signed on behalf of Brant Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, the Citizens of Brantford, and others who have so kindly contributed.

Alice Morson Smith, Regent,
Eleanor Van Norman, Secretary,
John H. Spence, Mayor.
After the applause had ceased, Lt. Col. Ashton made a most appropriate and well worded reply. He paid high tribute to his officers and men and said that their one desire was to be at the front as speedily as possible. He dwelt on the great advantage of the field kitchens, and a water wagon also contributed from Brantford, the three with other contributions, including two kitchens from Mr. Penman of Paris, making six in all. Only that day he had received orders to send an advance guard to Niagara, the whole Battalion to be moved there from Hamilton by Wednesday. They all sincerely hoped that this was the preliminary to having their services used in action. He returned most hearty thanks.

Mayor Spence and Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., also made fervent speeches and at the close a group photograph was taken. Officers left amid the waving of hats and handkerchiefs and the singing of "For they are Jolly Good Fellows."

Members of Brant Chapter have certainly done splendid work in raising the sum for the kitchens so speedily amid so many other calls. The members are: Hon. Regent, Mrs. E. C. Ashton; Regent, Mrs. Gordon Smith; First Vice-President, Mrs. Jos. Stratford; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. J. Mabon; Secretary, Miss Van Norman; Treasurer, Mrs. Bruce Gordon; Standard Bearer, Miss Marion Watts; Secretary "Echoes," Mrs. N. D. Neill; Councilors—Mrs. J. E. Waters, Mrs. Harry Cockshutt, Mrs. H. R. Yates, Mrs. A. E. Watts, Mrs. Gordon Duncan, Mrs. J. J. Hurley, Mrs. George Watt, Miss Gilson, Mrs. J. W. Digby, Mrs. E. D. Cameron.

In connection with the kitchen fund the Georgia Minstrels will give an entertainment in Victoria Hall on Thursday night. The proceeds will help to defray many incidental expenses.

Armies Gathering and the
Railways On Frontier Cut

Udine, Italy, May 22.—From the Alps, which are still covered with snow between the fir forests, down to the sea where the grape vines form miles of festoons, the whole vast region has been transformed into a huge military encampment. Everywhere are tents, gun carriages and flags, and at all points in this section there is the intense activity which marks a military camp.

In the extended plains of Friuli, stretching along the sea, Italian sentinels near the frontier can see the ruins of Aquileia, a second Rome, founded by the Romans in 83 B.C. This city, which was 20 miles in circumference and had 600,000 inhabitants, formed a bulwark against the Celts and Istrians. The Italian army officers have great difficulty in restraining the soldiers from crossing the frontier here, the men being anxious to reconquer Friuli, from which came Berengar, the first King of Italy.

The troops most anxious to fight are the Alpine soldiers, who are of the same type as the French Alpine chamois. These men number 60,000, and they have been chosen from among the strongest and bravest of the mountaineers. They are commanded by a selected set of officers, who know all the secrets of the snow-capped boundaries. The Alpine troops occupy all the passes, their motto being: "No admittance through here." Four of the best known Italian generals commanding the army corps are here working the whole of each day and part of the night with the assistance of their staffs. These men are General Frangoni, who distinguished himself in Libya; L. Zucchi, who is much admired by the troops; Nava, well known for his energy, and Brusati, a brother of Gen. Ugo Brusati, aide-de-camp to the King. Among the others in command are General Resozzi and Bertotti, who have seen service in Tripoli; Reiholi, who is most anxious for a forward movement, and Spacemela, famous for special movable fortification.

CANNOT FORCE ALPS
The general opinion is that it will

be almost impossible for decisive action through the well-fortified Alpine regions of the Province of Trent, where an attack would have as its only object the keeping there of a large contingent of hostile troops. For from Udine, Italy, says that the Austrian military authorities, after returning Italian mail sacks to Italy from the Austrian frontier, cut the telegraph communications and also removed rails from the railroad line.

SERBIA ON THE WARPATH

Simultaneously with the anticipated advent of Italy into the war, Serbia's reconstructed army has fully recovered from the campaign which resulted in the Austrians being driven from Serbia, and well armed and equipped, it is announced has commenced a march towards the Austrian border, bent on another invasion of Austrian territory. Thus Austria is being attacked from all sides and has still another enemy, Roumania, in prospect, for it has been an open secret for a long time that Italy and Roumania have an agreement to act in concert. Roumania, however, is awaiting the conclusion of an agreement with Greece and Bulgaria, which are also expected to join the allies, before she takes up arms.

Switzerland will represent both German interests in Italy and Italian interests in Germany. The two Governments have requested the Swiss Federal council to take charge of their respective affairs, and the commission has been accepted in each case.

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DECISION REACHED

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the view taken of Mr. Lloyd George in the city has changed from one of suspicion and distrust to one of great confidence. The mercantile community, the paper asserts, desires to have retained as chancellor "a man whose courage and effective action at a time of unprecedented emergency kept the financial flag flying." It was the representation of this feeling to Premier Asquith yesterday by a strong deputation of city merchants and bankers which decides the prime minister to retain Mr. Lloyd George in his present office.

CONSPICUOUS ABILITY

Liberal and Radical papers are very outspoken concerning Mr. Churchill. The Weekly Nation says, for example "Mr. Churchill's abilities are conspicuous, but are not of the kind whose loss destroys a strong government. He has no hold on the public and there is no obvious reason why the present end of his career should entail the ruin of his adopted party, or why he should retain a seat in an administration which replaces one he has wrecked."

The newspaper storm centering around the name of Lord Kitchener, continued. The Daily Mail returns to the charge this morning. It declares that when the facts become known to the public it will be found that its charges were more than justified and adds:

"We very much doubt whether there is a single front bench man on either side in the House of Commons who is prepared to join a coalition ministry except upon the express condition that Kitchener no longer shall hold absolute power."

On the other hand, the Telegraph, Post, Chronicle and other papers express confidence in Lord Kitchener and gratitude for his services to the country. They denounced in unmeasured terms the methods of Lord Northcliffe's papers.

AUSTRIA'S ACTION

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capital to-night by the report that Signor Bollati, Italian ambassador at Berlin, had been assaulted while driving in the street. It was learned later, however, that the incident was not serious as it was thought, and that the police had begun a rigid investigation. Letters of regret were sent to Signor Bollati by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Minister Von Jagow.

Officials of the Socialist party met to-day in the deputies' chamber and resolved to rally to the support of the government. A manifesto will be issued urging all adherents of the party to work for the national cause.

TURNED TO ROUMANIA.

Admiral Bettelo, president of the Italian-Roumanian League, telegraphed to M. Filipescu, president of the Roumanian League at Bucharest, saying that on the day Italy would turn to Roumania, counting upon her assistance at a supreme crisis.

In spite of disavowals by high German officials of the attack upon the Italian ambassador at Berlin, Rome newspapers consider the incident a grave reflection upon Italian dignity. The Idea Nazionale declares that the excuses of the German chancellor and Foreign Minister are insupportable and that the insult must be avenged.

LATIN CIVILITY.

The Tribune believes a fitting reply would be for the people of Rome to accompany the German ambassador to the station the day he leaves the capital and "return Latin civility for an act of German barbarism." The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, in an editorial urges a complete union of all Italians and a truce to political passions. It expresses the hope that Italy may be spared the horrors of a long war and that peace soon will be established.

VON BUELOW TO STAY

Paris May 22.—Prince Von Buelow, German ambassador at Rome, will not leave the Italian capital until compelled to do so, according to the Rome correspondent of The Petit Journal. A circumstantial story also is told by the correspondent of a report current in Rome that when popular agitation against former Premier Giolitti was at its height a plot was formulated to kidnap Prince Von Buelow from his residence, the Villa Malta, but that the plan was abandoned when Signor Giolitti left Rome.

The Petit Journal's correspondent is authority for the statement that Prince Von Buelow has inquired his aged mother-in-law, Donna Laura Minguzzi, in the villa Malta in the hope that the property will not be confiscated so long as it is occupied by an Italian woman. He is said to have offered her the use of the villa from the time he leaves Rome until his return.

Rome, May 21.—via Paris, May 22.—Deep regret is felt by Pope Benedict that Italy has decided for a course he, as head of the church, hoped might be averted. Although Italy is involved in the conflict, the holy see will maintain strict neutrality, although no effort will be made to restrain Italian Catholics from following the dictates of their consciences. A papal document outlining this position is expected soon.

It is announced that because of the gravity of the situation, the consistory which was to have been held this month to fill vacancies in the college of cardinals has been postponed indefinitely.

TRAIN SEIZED

London, May 22.—A Rome despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, which reports the cutting of railway communication by Austrians at Udine, states that one train from Milan, going toward Austria, was stopped and seized on Austrian territory. The crew of the train is reported to have been arrested.

ROYAL PROCLAMATION

Rome, May 21.—Via Paris, May 22.—King Victor Emmanuel will issue a proclamation to the people counter-

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signed by all the ministers to-morrow (Saturday). The document will explain how Italy has been driven to take up arms and will appeal to all citizens to do their duty in such a way that victory will be assured. Another royal proclamation will be addressed to the army and to the fleet.

Paris, May 22.—It is considered that Austria's action in destroying the bridges and cutting telegraph and telephone lines at Ponte Caffaro and Lodrone can be held to constitute a casus belli, making Italy free to open hostilities without further diplomatic

formalities, says a Gaulois despatch from Turin.

Ponte Caffaro is a short distance north of Riva, the extreme northern point in Austria on Lake Garda. Austrian troops were withdrawn after the civil population had been forced to evacuate Riva and other sections of Venezia under Austrian rule.

When the Milan express reached a point near Ponte Caffaro, where the line had been cut the train was seized by the Austrians and the crew was arrested. It is supposed the same fate has befallen another train from which

no news has been received since it crossed the Austrian frontier.

Berlin, via London, May 22.—The morning newspapers condemn the strongest terms the attack of youth on the Italian ambassador's evening and warn against the slightest molestation of Italians who remain in the city. The tone of the press, with out exception, is strikingly calm and moderate. In spite of the fact that Italy's course generally is considered treacherous the articles directed against her contain little in the nature of abuse.

LOCAL

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harting the holiday in Toronto.

The many friends of H. H. Nell will regret his departure from the city where he has been training the Bank of Toronto.

Mr. Charles Carling gave a small dance at the Commodore Music on Thursday evening about thirty were present.

Mrs. Alfred Wilkes entertained a small tea in honor of Stratford of Toronto, on when a very pleasant evening was spent.

TEMPERATURE.

Record for the last 24 hours: est. 49; highest 76. Same year, lowest 41; highest 82.

BATTERY PARADE.

The 32nd Battery will give a parade on Sunday the 23rd at 3:30 at headquarters drill order.

COURTS TO OPEN

At the golf club grounds day three fine tennis matches will be ready for play.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE.

There will be a notable service in the First Baptist church Sunday evening.

GAME TO-DAY.

A good game of ball is being played this afternoon at the Agricultural Park between the Brides and Perths of the Central League. Manager of the MacBride team, is looking forward to the game, and that it will result in a victory for the home team.

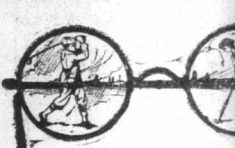
IN MEMORIAM.

On Friday the junior class of the school marched to the monument, which they decorated with flowers. The children sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," after which Miss Shillington read the inscription on the monument. The meaning of the inscription was explained by the singing of the Anthem.

THANKS RETURNED.

The Canadian Red Cross has sent the following letter to the Women's Patriotic League: "I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 18th, and to thank you for the contribution of \$10.00. The letter, the 'Brantford' and the 'Dufferin' respectively. Thanking you for your co-operation in the names of the order. Yours Truly, W. J. Acting Secretary." In with this order, it may be Prof Stephen Leacock, the of Canadian humorist who gave an address in Brantford.

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