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THE SITUATION.

To all appearances the Allies have at last definitely brought King Constantine to time. He has freed the arrested Venizelists, and this step may be regarded as a definite indication that he realizes that the jig is up as far as any independent action on his part is concerned. It is now intimated that the Allies will shortly announce that military necessity will lead them to disembark troops at Itea for passage by railway to Saloniki. This Greek business has presented many critical and disquieting features, but the upper hand has now evidently been attained.

The Russo-Romanians still continue to hold the offensive and it is clear that their forces have been greatly strengthened, both in men and munitions. It is even said that the Teutons are commencing to evacuate Brasilia, but this does not seem to be at all likely.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that masses of German troops are concentrating near the Swiss border. In this respect it is quite generally regarded that the Huns may resort to raids on neutral countries in order to relieve the desperate food situation in the Fatherland. That they would not hesitate to take such a step is amply proven by their devilish treatment of Belgium. The raid on Roumania did not yield the produce expected and the value of the oil wells had been previously destroyed by a British expeditionary force. All the indications show that the condition of the common people in the land of the foe is becoming more and more desperate, and when hunger rages, any populace anywhere is difficult to hold. An increased campaign of submarine frightfulness seems to be the main thing now, upon which the Kaiser and his advisers are basing their hopes.

NEW ZEALAND LAND SCHEME.

New Zealand has evolved a scheme whereby soldiers, who have returned home maimed or constitutionally wrecked, may become owners of small holdings. So successful has this scheme been that in August, 1915, the first men returned to the Dominion were on their sections dairy farming and supplying milk to the local factories. There is no doubt about the success of the whole scheme. The land settlement scheme in New Zealand is peculiarly adapted to the taking up of small holdings by these returned men. When a block of suitable land has been surveyed and sub-divided it is allocated by ballot to applicants. Preference in all these ballots is now given to representatives of soldiers at the front or in camp. If successful, these relatives or representatives work the land until the return of the soldier. The New Zealand Government has set apart 400,000 acres of Crown land and has purchased approximately 100,000 acres for agricultural or pastoral purposes. The purchased land was bought at from £2 to £30 per acre.

Any soldier who desires a section acquires the Land Department and states which branch of farming he wishes to take up. It may be sheep farming, dairy farming, fruit growing, agriculture, or he may require a suburban section on which to start a poultry farm. The Department then tries to meet his request. If there is a vacant section he gets it, but if several applicants come forward it is allotted for. The unsuccessful applicant waits until the next ballot, perhaps in a week or a month's time. New Zealand is divided into districts controlled by Land Boards, and these Land Boards see each applicant personally and weigh his qualifications. If he is without sufficient capital, but the Board think he is energetic and industrious, they are empowered to lend him up to £500. This money is to be spent in building a cottage for stock, sub-division, and fencing. He is expected to pay interest on this sum at 5 per cent., but he is not pressed for the rental or the interest until he has settled down. It is expected that 5,000 soldier settlers will be placed in small holdings of their own.

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It does not matter in what force they have served, whether in the Imperial Army or the forces of the other Dominions. At the same time men with capital will be welcomed, and there will be land enough for many thousands more. If it is found that men are going out from England and more land is wanted, the Government will acquire it. Another difficulty facing the New Zealand Government, but not common to it, is the disposal of the discharged soldiers who do not wish to go on the land. This also has been well dealt with. The men are all met personally and interviewed on board the troopships by which they return. The physical condition of the soldiers at the time of his discharge is, of course, a factor of great importance in determining the class of employment he is capable of taking up. A report as to his condition on arrival in New Zealand is supplied by the medical authorities, who examine him before disembarkation. A complete record of the man's physical condition at different stages is kept by the Defence and Pensions Department, and is found of great assistance in deciding his employment.

To meet the case of soldiers who have had no previous experience in farming arrangements have been made with the Department of Agriculture to undertake the training of a limited number of men at the various State farms, in general farming, dairying, fruit farming, poultry raising, bee culture, and any other branch with which these institutions deal. Of the men who have been placed in employment a considerable number have gone into Government service. Employers are earnestly appealed to and asked that they should in all cases where it is possible give preference to discharged soldiers. After 10 months of war the number of cases dealt with by the Department was 4,375, and of this number those placed in employment, returned to military duties or their old employment, or not wanting assistance, amounted to 2,952.

Capt. Chas. Bathurst, M.P., on becoming Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, has relinquished the post of organizer of the Land Settlement Scheme for ex-Servicemen which he has held under the Board of Agriculture in an honorary capacity for the last eight months. The duties have been taken over by Sir R. Winfrey, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

"Avoid waste" is the latest slogan but it will have no effect upon the young man who has the courting symptoms.

Harry Lauder has subscribed \$250,000 to the new war loan. It is not often that the issue of notes brings about such happy results.

At the opening of the Dominion House yesterday, black rod did the usual kowtowing stunts. Just what would happen if he didn't is enough to cause the average intelligence to reel in a dizzy swirl.

John Bull is going to issue a war loan for an "unlimited amount" in India. The response will serve to still further enlighten the Kaiser upon what he didn't know with regard to the feeling in that country.

The Toronto Globe characterizes as a "lying pretence" the assertion that the Liberal Party of Ontario is in alliance with the liquor interests. Of course not. All that they did was to gladly accept the co-operation of said interests in Perth and for

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Dewart's election in one of the Toronto's.

The note which foreign secretary Balfour sent to President Wilson in amplification of his desire to know just what the war is about, contributes another masterpiece on the part of this distinguished statesman. By common consent he measures up in brains with the best of the Cecils since the time of Elizabeth and what more could be said?

The British foreign office has made the official statement that the Deutschland on her first return voyage did carry one "small" shipment of nickel. "This got through owing to a breach of faith by an American firm. No Canadian firm is involved in this breach, and steps have been taken which ensured against repetition."

Hartley Dewart and the rest of that outfit had better do some more bowling.

THOUSANDS IN SYRIA STARVE

Terrible Hardships Endured by Christians in Turkish Domains

By Courier Leonis Wire. Rome, Jan. 19.—Five hundred and ten thousand people have died of starvation in Syria, according to information received by the Corriere d'Italia. Lebanon is said to have suffered particularly, while at Beirut inhabitants are said to have been picked up on the streets nearly dying of hunger. The number of suicides is increasing to appalling proportions. Similar horrors are reported as occurring in Palestine and parts of the interior inhabited by Christians.

When your child suffers from a cold, don't wait; give the little stomach, liver and bowels a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When cross, nervous, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

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Every baby born in Illinois this year will receive an engraved birth certificate from the State, and the parents will be given the latest edition of the State Board of Health baby book, "Our Babies."

Advertisement for Purity Flour. Text: "What's in a name? Ask the cooks who use PURITY FLOUR. MORE BREAD and BETTER BREAD." Includes logo for Purity Flour.

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LOCAL

BOARD OF HEALTH. The inaugural meeting of the Board of Health for 1917 was held in the City Hall to-day.

RE-ELECTED. At the annual meeting of the Board of Trade to-day, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt was re-elected on the executive committee in honor which has been upon him for many years.

125TH MAN WOUNDED. The G. B. Ramsay, of the 125th Battalion, was officially reported wounded this morning, is the second of the 125th Battalion wounded. His home is a street, and he is 32 years of age, Scottish by birth and man.

OFFICIALS' SALARIES. A special committee of the Council of Galt, has been to take up the question of salaries paid to city officials. The committee has reported to the Council that the salaries of the City Clerk, Leonard, and the City Clerk Leonard, are regarding the salaries paid to officials here.

GIFT TO CHILDREN'S S. The Sunday school class of Devereaux and Miss Deag Avenue church, last night at the Children's Shelter, gave a very pleasing evening's entertainment of songs, recitations for the children. At the programme, Mrs. Devereaux, who has been the executive of the Shelter since the money that was expended on Christmas gifts for the class, an unsolicited gift, which merits great credit, and which is deeply appreciated by the officials of the Shelter.

FIRST RECRUITING MEETING. It was decided at a meeting of the Executive of the Boy Scouts Recruiting League held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. to-day afternoon, to hold a recruiting meeting on Sunday evening, the first of which will be held on Sunday, January 28th. The plans already suggested for the meeting, the ministerial of the city have been of the executive of the League have given their hearty cooperation.

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