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THE SITUATION

The Italians occupy the centre of the stage just now. They have entered on the second portion of their new offensive with brilliant success and on a front of nearly ten miles, on the Carso plateau have smashed the Austrian lines. Many important heights and villages have been taken and also some nine thousand prisoners. At one end of their advance they are within ten miles of Trieste. It should be remembered that their troops are for the most part contesting very difficult and precipitous ground and that the physical barriers are extreme.

On the French and British Western front the record just now is one of artillery duels. There has been a revival of some activity at several points on the Russian front but the ultimate outcome with regard to that country is still speculative. It is announced that the Constituent Assembly will soon be summoned and soldiers at the front will participate in election of delegates.

The official report with regard to British vessels sunk last week by submarines, shows that a lessening record is still maintained while the total of ships entering the ports of Great Britain is larger than for some time back.

The torpedoing of the British transport Transylvania with the loss of over four hundred lives is a regrettable occurrence. The incident serves in one way to emphasize the fact that John Bull should be able to continually move such multitudes of troops along the sea paths with so few catastrophes of this sort.

THE SUPREME CALL

Another Brantford home has been darkened by the sad message from the front of the death of a beloved member. The only consolation is to be found in the fact that he gave up his young life while helping in the great battle for the cause of freedom, and that he manfully offered his services, not because he had any liking for military life, but for the reason that he deemed such a course to be his duty.

The Courier begs leave to join with citizens generally in extending heartfelt sympathy to ex-Ald. Pitcher, Mrs. Pitcher and family.

CONSCRIPTION IN CANADA

The Government proposal to introduce selective conscription in Canada, is meeting with opposition, notably in Quebec, and by certain of the labor leaders.

GOLF OPENING

Yesterday morning in Montreal, several thousand men held a parade as a protest against the high cost of food, but it later developed into an anti-conscription demonstration. Banners were carried bearing such inscriptions as, "Down with conscription"; "Give us a new government"; "We want Elections"; "Down with the Trusts"; Derogatory cries were heard with regard to Borden, and other shouts of "Vive Laurier." Those uttering the latter, evidently possess the idea that with the Liberal chief in power, there would be no drastic measure. The whole atmosphere of the city is said to be surcharged with opposition to the proposed method of securing more men for the front.

AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT

Continued from page one. No change of importance is reported from any of the other war theatres. The British are preparing for another drive in the Arras, but reports of bad weather on the front may possibly delay the blow. In Russia, Minister of War Kerensky is vigorously working to restore the morale of the army and is reported to have met with considerable success. Presumably the demoralization in Russia's fighting forces had forced a halt in the British campaign in Mesopotamia as nothing has been heard from that region for some time.

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street corner ignores the recruiting sergeant? It is the intention of the Government to introduce proposals for the compulsory enlistment, by selective draft, of the men required to reinforce the Canadian line and to maintain that section of the Allied front at full fighting strength. No true patriot or friend of liberty will shrink from this sacrifice. Canada can do no less than be true to herself.

It is not often that this paper can subscribe to utterances of The Globe but it does most heartily to the above and it is to be hoped that these words will appeal to those members of the Opposition at Ottawa who seem to be hesitating with regard to taking the necessary step. Sir Robert Borden is a level-headed man. He has returned from his visit of conference in the Old Land, with information which at once led him to take the step under discussion and there can be no doubt that there has long been ample warrant for it, apart altogether from what he learned over there. Canada's contribution in men must be kept. That is due not only to ourselves and the Empire but also to the brave lads who are now out there on the firing line doing their part in a most noble manner and holding the supreme sacrifice a light thing as compared with the great issue of human liberty which is involved.

Knights of Columbus Held Initiation

May 24, despite inclement weather and other detracting circumstances, was a gala day for Brantford Council No. 1679, Knights of Columbus, when a most successful initiation was conferred upon some forty candidates. Visiting Knights were present from Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Ontario and Niagara Falls, New York. Prior to the initiation, the Knights, at the solemn High Mass in St. Basil's church, the mass being celebrated by Monsignor Mahoney, with Vicar General O'Sullivan officiating. Rev. Father O'Sullivan, officiating as sub-deacon, Rev. Father McReavy of London, preached an inspiring sermon upon the divinity of the Catholic Church, instancing as proof that it stood not upon human power, the humble birth of Christ as well as His sufferings and death at the hands of His foes, and in His choosing twelve humble fishermen to perpetuate His church amongst men. Father Doyle emphasized the conflicts in which the church had been engaged against the power of many a retaining today all her power and glory, and went on to sound the need of the church for faithful sons and daughters, good Catholics, such as those found in the ranks of the Knights of Columbus, to do their utmost to promote the glory of good.

DOWN ON COMPULSION

The second degree of the initiation was conferred by a degree team from Hamilton Council, assisted by E. W. Fitzgerald of Olean, New York, and the third degree by Past State Deputy Daniel O'Connell and staff of Peterboro. At the close of the initiation a banquet and dance was tendered the visiting Knights in the Masonic Hall on Darling St.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN

The reports of the different teams engaged in canvassing for funds for carrying on the Y. M. C. A. work among our troops, received up to this morning showed that up to the date \$8,800 had been subscribed and that \$8,900 at least is expected to be attained when the full returns are handed in.

NOTWITHSTANDING

Notwithstanding the wretched weather quite a lot of golf was played yesterday although the president vs Captain match was abandoned. At noon about twenty men sat down to a lunch in the club house when two most interesting speeches were made by Dr. C. Crompton with regard to Saloniki and Mr. Cook represents a big U. S. concern who has just returned from Russia. He expressed the belief that the country in question would "come back." Other addresses were made by Messrs E. L. Wood, E. H. Webling, E. H. Reville and J. Large. In the afternoon the lady officers of the club were the hostesses at a charming tea which was well attended and there was a jolly dance at night.

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SOME HOT TALK AT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

The recent action of Premier Sir R. L. Borden, in stating before the members of the House of Commons that he was introducing a bill legalising the conscription of from 50,000 to 100,000 men to maintain the Canadian divisions overseas, was thoroughly discussed at Wednesday night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council. There was no doubt as to the attitude of the members of the council in regard to this issue, and they were practically unanimous in outspokenly condemning the measure as it has been suggested. The consensus of opinion of the body was crystallized in the form of a resolution, reading as follows: "That this council do on record as endorsing the action of the executive of the Dominion Trades Congress in opposing the proposal of the Premier as regards conscription."

The master was introduced to the attention of the members of the council by Mr. George Keen, who read some of the opinions on the proposed measure that had been given on Saturday last by prominent citizens, whom Mr. Keen characterized as "a select academy of local intellectuals." He referred to some of these, and said that they ought to be at the front themselves before urging others to be conscripted. Proceeding, the speaker agreed that there was certainly need for more men, but thought that different action should be taken to procure them, he maintained that since the war had commenced, prices of the necessities of life had greatly increased, and that the purchasing power of money was much less than had been the case when the conflict began. It was now exceedingly difficult to obtain men for \$1.10 than had been the case before, for a greater financial sacrifice was entailed than before. As a remedy, Mr. Keen advocated the regulation of prices. Further, he doubted if the government would be judiciously exercised, and thought that party preference and social influence would prove important factors. He also thought that a combination of "the two capitalistic parties would not be at all to the advantage of the working class whom, he believed, would bear the brunt of the project. He advocated rejuvenation and regeneration of the government and if a need for men still existed, the measure could then be decided by a referendum. The government had not been elected to force individuals

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to fight against their wills, and if this policy were pursued, the Canadian Government would be reduced from a democracy to an oligarchy, interfering with the rights and liberties of its subjects. Personally he thought that all incomes from \$1,000 up to \$10,000 should be subject to tax, and that all sums in excess of the latter figure should be appropriated and devoted to a pension fund for the soldiers who are fighting overseas. It appeared ludicrous to him, that the General in command of the Canadian troops overseas, on whom rested the major portion of responsibility for the successful conduct of the war, should be receiving less than some men who remained at home in luxury and peace. There were also a great many men in this as in other cities who employ chauffeurs, and other men for unnecessary tasks, who could better be released for more patriotic work in productive industries.

There was another aspect from which the question could be viewed. If our industrial population were depleted, to a greater extent, Canada would be in an inferior position to compete with the industries of the United States, as our factories, already inconvenienced for the lack of help, would be seriously retarded in competition, with the result that the country in general would suffer. Several other delegates were asked to express an opinion, but most of them declined, stating that they agreed entirely with the sentiments expressed by Delegate Keen. Delegate Moreau added the opinion that if the United States raised the same number of men in comparison with its population as had Canada, that they would be sending between 4,500,000 and 5,500,000 men to the field and he thought that if this number were not enough, "for cannon

fodder," that another 100,000 Canadians would be but a minor factor in the winning of the war. He did not believe that this number of men were actually needed. Just as war had been characterized as the Devil's sneer at humanity, so Delegate Kyrle believed that conscription was aristocracy's sneer at democracy. President Noble emphasized the fact that the Ontario young men were deterred to some extent by the fact that so many French-Canadians from the Lower Provinces had come up to Ontario to take the places vacated by our own boys who had gone overseas. Delegate Brown thought that conscription of labor alone was hardly fair, and believed that wealth should be appropriated for the benefit of the state. He did not approve of taking all that a workman possessed—his life, and leaving the wealthy man, who might be unfit for service, to enjoy his wealth. This concluded the discussion, and the above resolution was passed unanimously.

Cigarmakers Controversy. The matter of alleged intimidation of the employes of a local cigar factory in threatening them if they attended an adjourned union meeting, was brought up. The whole affair will be now reported to the Labor departments of the Dominion and Provincial governments, the Dominion Trades Congress, and the story given out to the press. If the intimidation of employes is not already illegal, steps will be taken through the local members to have legislation amended in this respect. Independent Labor Party. The committee having in charge the arrangements for the organization of an independent labor party in Brantford, reported that the Rev. W. E. Gilroy, of Hamilton, formerly of the Congregational Church of this

County of Brant
NOTICE is hereby given that the Sittings of the General Session of the Peace and County Court in and for the County of Brant will be held at the Court House in the City of Brantford on Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 1917, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, at which all Justices of the Peace, Coroners' Constables, Gaolers and all others concerned are required to take notice and attend, to do and perform all duties which appertain to them.

Headquarters 38th Regiment
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Lt. Col. F. A. HOWARD, Commanding
Brantford, Ont., May 25, 1917
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WOUNDED
Mrs. John Stevenson, with street, in morning advice of the admission General Hospital, France, Pte. Walter Stevenson, the fore-arm, Pte. Stey Gvozars with the 12th going to the front with draft.
FORTY HOURS DEVOTED
The annual forty hour at St. Basil's church open Tuesday evening, when R. Doyle, of the Redemptorist preached the first of a series of special sermons. Father Doyle's speaker last evening also preach once more to-night and to-morrow, the Blessing is exposed upon the adoration of the cross.
HEADED CLASS
Signaller Frank Keen, of Mr. and Mrs. George enlisted at 17 years of a first year of the war. Ford's quota of the 13th was much its youngest. Keen passed an examining signal school in France, tion with men drawn from the Canadian of soldiers from the B lar army who had been ing but that kind of wor before the war. Signaller highly complimented on ment in passing the exam the head of the list, as was recorded in the Batt
PROPERTY PURCHASE
The purchase of the rear of Alexandra Se omended by the Board tion, and authorized by passed by the city coun with the necessary comple chase price amounting to The fire insurance poli being arranged for. The are to be vacated by Aug
POLICE COURT
The police report that passed off quietly in the only one drunk was taken fatherly protection of the too hilarious celebration Holmes, the inebriate, in this morning on Colborn five minutes to one, and balance of the night in usual \$10 and costs were from him this morning.
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