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THE SITUATION.

The Russians are continuing their heavy attacks on the Austro-German lines in Eastern Galicia, and the number of Teuton prisoners taken in two days has totalled 18,360. Austria officially admits the reverse on the score that "superior forces" were launched against her soldiers. The main feature of the Allies of course, is that the bear has come to life again, and that the new offensive does not savor in any sense of a spasmodic effort.

Powerful German attacks on a front of over ten miles in the Aisne sector, have been completely repulsed by the French.

The official report of British shipping lost last week, as the result of submarine activity, shows a gratifying falling off. The total was fifteen vessels of over 1,600 tons, and five under that tonnage. The figures once again arouse the hope that the menace is getting in hand to a better extent.

The fact that three German airplanes were brought down as they were returning from yesterday's raid will cause general satisfaction.

Under pressure of the British, the German force in East Africa has been driven back nine miles and there has been a general retirement of the enemy in all fields of operations in the Colony.

The Germans made a raid on the Canadian lines, but were repulsed with small losses to our boys.

QUEBEC RAVINGS

It is difficult for the ordinary observer to understand the intense venom of the French-Canadians with regard to Dominion aid in connection with the war. The fact that the Hun, for no valid reason whatever, is endeavoring to bleed their Mother Land white does not seem to make any appeal to them whatever, and as for the menace which is involved to their own great freedom under British auspices, that also does not seem to enter into their small-souled calculations for a minute. In short, they evidently regard the Union Jack and the Tri-Color as a couple of rags not worth bothering about.

Here is a sample ebullition from "Le Bulletin," Montreal:— "This year more than any other French-Canadians are threatened in their existence by the federal power, cowardly insulted by Ministers of the Crown, and in a ministry comprising two French-Canadians who sit at Ottawa by the side of the persecutors of their race and of the French tongue, and who have not the courage to tear themselves away from the ministerial trough, where they drink together with Borden and Crothers, French-Canadian blood. We should unite this year more closely than ever, which from to-morrow may count amongst the most bloody in the history of civil wars. Let us leave aside the sheep, the emblem of peace and mildness as the time of concession has passed. Let no one be provoked, but let us organize and be ready for the worst in defence of the most sacred cause. Are you the descendants of the heroes of Chateauguay, and of the martyrs of 1837? Do not provoke, but French-Canadians be ready."

Bourassa (he ought to have been arrested as a traitor long ago) says in his paper, "Le Devoir":— "What is the way out for the numerous electors who are opposed, not only to conscription, but to all additional efforts for the war? Or, again, to those who, although, generally favorable to the war policy of the Conservative Government, are opposed to conscription alone? Another combination has been mentioned; coalition, general election, then conscription if the coalition cabinet is maintained. It would be a most odious compromise. To express their opinion, the only resource of the anti-conscriptionists would be to have everywhere candidates opposed to both parties. The want of previous organization preventing them to do so in lots of counties, the "national" government would take as favorable to conscription a verdict extorted by the most ignominious of frauds. If this abominable tactic has been really thought of in the official circles, let these words be carefully weighed: It is a formidable and definite invitation to insurrection. Let it be seriously considered before reducing to exasperation thousands of honest people who ask only to express freely and peacefully their opinion. The measure of dupery is full. Do not make it overflow.

"For my part, and for all those who have confidence in me, I do not care to clear our responsibility. We have succeeded to calm the effervescence of the last days. Whatever happens, we shall do everything to maintain public order, but if the autocrat politicians, getting mad, do not take any account of the dis-

interested advice which come to them from everywhere, we shall be as powerless as they are to check the popular wrath; and it is not amongst the true Nationalists that the rioters will be found.

"Let us put in a few concrete sentences the political situation and its exigencies. "All coalition of parties at the present moment would be useless, dangerous and immoral." "Parliament must be dissolved. Parliament is not only dying, it is dead morally speaking; jam faetet." "Parliament, present or future, must not vote conscription; it cannot in justice and with prudence impose it upon the country without the consent of the people; and plebiscite."

"The language is more polite than that used by "Le Bulletin," but it is just the same a direct declaration of civil war in Quebec if selective conscription goes into force. The only answer is, of course, that Canada will do a plain duty, and if Quebec gets in the way, well, then, so much the worse for the people of that province.



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**GIVE THE RETURNED HEROES A BOOST**  
The returned soldiers have proved themselves thoroughly worthy of the whole-hearted recognition of their fellows. Without any selective conscription or any pressure, save the dictates of their own loyal hearts, they voluntarily offered themselves and their lives on behalf of the cause of the Empire and human liberty. The fact that they have returned, while so many other brave comrades have fallen, has been one of the fortunes of war and does not in any sense lessen the incident that they also placed themselves in a position to make the supreme sacrifice. Many of them have been wounded and maimed, and all possibly have had their chances of life lessened by the rigorous ordeal through which they have passed. They left this city amid the shouts of approving throngs, and now that they have returned from duty splendidly accomplished, these plaudits on their behalf should be changed into action. A man can be applauded by actual deeds of recognition just as much as by the vocal variety, and the result is much more practical. The boys want a "Returned Soldiers' Home," and it is a very natural ambition. Citizens of all classes should see that they get it. As an aid to this end, Saturday next will be "Maple Leaf Day," when citizens will be tagged with such emblems. At night there will be a concert in the Armouries, with the pro-

gram furnished by returned veterans. There should be a liberal, ungrudging response in both respects. These men volunteered themselves and their services on behalf of those of us who have stayed at home, and the very least we can do is to make a wide-open response on behalf of the present object they have in view. Let all classes help to honor them in their endeavor, and in so doing they also honor themselves.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**  
The Russian Bear is again using his paws in a way also to give the Hohenzollern outfit pause. When it comes to hanging on to his job President Hung, of China, didn't live up to his name. Uncle Sam was able yesterday to celebrate the Fourth of July with a great deal more self respect than on any other Fourth since the sinking of the Lusitania. Getting on speaking terms with those Galician names is about as satisfactory as trying to chum up with a barb wire fence. A publisher in Illinois, desiring to go to the front, advertised as follows: "Wanted—A printer to take entire charge of my weekly paper

while I go to war. Job may be permanent." Here's hoping that his form doesn't get pied. The letter from Major Jordan, on page 9 of this issue, not only tells in a most interesting way of the departure of the last draft of the 125th for the front, under his charge, but is also exceptionally well written. **WANT HELP.** A number of applications for help have been made at the office of the Secretary of the Board of Trade by farmers from Brant County, who are beginning to feel the labor shortage more acutely as the busy season approaches. Mr. T. Y. Thompson, local government employment agent, has been instructed by the department of public works to co-operate with the Brantford Greater Production League and the work being carried on by that organization will henceforth be on a more efficient and effective basis in the future. **LADIES** White Pumps and Oxfords in great variety at Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne St.

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**IRISH INDEPENDENCE**  
By Courier Leased Wire London, July 5.—Darell Figgis, one of the prominent Sinn Feiners lately released from prison, said in a speech at Killaloe, Ireland, that steps to achieve Irish independence were being thought out, and that the full policy would be disclosed at the proper time. Meantime, he said, the Sinn Feiners would not be idle. They would appoint a constituent assembly and appeal to the peace conference.

"Hear the Galt Kilties Band at the Military Concert in the Armouries Saturday night. Special musical numbers will be contributed. See details of program in another column."

LOCAL

**BOYS' CAMP.**  
Fifteen strong, under the leadership of the Rev. J. W. Gordon Boys' Club of St. Andrew's church have gone into camp on the front, on the farm of Mr. John ... Two weeks will be spent in outdoor life at the camp, which has been named Welcome Inn.

**POLICE COURT.**  
The pugnacious tendencies of Alton Sackler and May Higgins, the subject of a warning order handed down in the police court morning by Magistrate W. C. Livingston, who dismissed a charge of assault preferred against the lady, William B. Burritt, who the past few weeks has been making sewer connections in accordance with the Public Health Act was given another week in which to complete the work.

**GRADUATE NURSE.**  
The following is taken from a Chester, N.Y., paper: "At the commencement exercises of the Nursing Training School of St. Mary's Hospital, held on Tuesday evening, diplomas were awarded to eleven young women who have completed the prescribed course. The graduates went for an automobile ride in afternoon and in the evening a banquet was held. Sister Clement awarded the diplomas. Following the list of graduates: Frances Whitmore, Florence M. Faughn, Caroline Burke, Justine M. Cunningham, Bernadette H. Disett, Helen Ryan, Agnes D. Fox, Madeline Brohman, Genevieve A. Conrad, E. esha H. Eick, Morine M. O'Sullivan. The Miss Brohman above referred to is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brohman, this city."

**HYDRO FOR TOWNSHIP.**  
The first of the meetings to be held in the suburban districts to discuss the proposed introduction of hydro electric into the outlying districts of the city was held in the Bellamy school last evening by the ratepayers of Parkdale. Addresses were delivered by Councillor James A. Se and several ratepayers, all expressing approval of the measure. Another meeting will be held to-night in Farrington schoolhouse, while residents of Echo Place will consider the question on Friday night. Tuesday has been selected by Grand View as the most opportune date for the meeting in that section. The vote on the matter will be taken on July 11th.

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