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THE SITUATION

The Teutons are short on psychology, or, in other words, the science of the human soul. This lack has led them into a great many errors of judgment, and continues to bring about a great many more. At the commencement of hostilities, they so misunderstood the soul of the British Empire, as to believe that the overseas dominions would welcome a chance to break away from the Mother Land, that Ireland and India would rise in open rebellion, and that John Bull would have such a disrupted empire on his hands that he would be crippled as a war factor. In like manner, the soul of plucky little Belgium was to be speedily crushed under the Prussian juggernaut, and also that of Roumania. In like regard they imagined that Russia had so far lost her soul, that she would submit to any kind of peace terms, but once again the Huns have suffered an awakening, and they find that the people of the new republic, are not yet entirely lost to self respect.

The announcement that there is to be compulsory rationing in the Old Land, will not come with any surprise. It is satisfactory in this respect to note the assertion of Lord Rhonda, Food Controller, that there is no cause for alarm, but simply one of careful precaution.

It is now officially announced that the Canadians are back on the Lens area.

A German drive is expected in the iron district of Lorraine.

A British battalion in Italy made a successful and difficult raid across the Piave front, taking prisoners and inflicting considerable damage.

COAL SHORTAGE

Lack of sufficient fuel for citizens continues to be most acute here, as elsewhere. The shortage is not local, but general throughout this Continent, and any one who claims that some mysterious supply can be had, is not only going outside the facts, but doing a cruel thing as well, by raising hopes which cannot be implemented. Those in charge are doing their best, and word from the States is more hopeful. Meanwhile, the Courier is of opinion that for the general good, many of the churches should decide on an edifice for each denomination, and that the trustees should maintain the closing of the schools. Time thus lost could be made up in the summer months when coal is not a factor. At any rate both these suggestions would seem worth looking into.

QUEBEC TALK

The following are sample despatches received by the Courier with reference to the present attitude of the sister province.

London, Jan. 2.—Le Canada publishes a letter of J.G. Savignac notary showing how Quebec can get even with the province of Ontario, which he designates as "our enemy."

It is a secret for no one that industrial Ontario, especially subsists on their customers in Quebec. The province of Quebec is particularly industrial and commercial, so why should not our own province with all her wealth also become an independent commercial and industrial, centre like Ontario? There must be no longer any hesitation, but we must at once engage in battle.

Boycott Ontario business in our province, he says. From this our French-Canadians should deposit all their savings in French-Canadian banks, which offer quite as much guarantee and security as the banks of Ontario, which have branches in the province in Quebec. Let our departmental stores in French-Canadian centres install without delay a mail order department, like certain stores in Toronto and distribute their goods by mail all through the province. Why send our money and our orders to the Bosses of Ontario and receive in exchange insults and injury.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—La Croix, a paper circulating largely among Catholic clergy in Quebec and which argued in favor of the rupture of the confederation pact before the election, declares in its last issue that the idea of a new lower Canada composed of Quebec and the three lower provinces is making good progress throughout the country. It asks Sir Robert Borden, now that he has the brutal force to do so, if he will put into execution his war program? He was authorized by the last parliament to send 100,000 more men to the European butchery, will he still ask for more blood when this is all shed on the battlefields? It is to be feared that he will.

"There is, however, a way of preventing this awful work," adds the newspaper and that will be to exact the separation of lower from upper Canada and to raise up a con-

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stitutional wall between Ontario and Quebec by allying ourselves to the Maritime provinces whose heart beats in unison with our own and who will join us in kicking out the fresh ones lately arrived from the slums of London and from the other side of Ottawa who seek to destroy us like the hideous serpent, which after being warmed into life raises its head against its benefactor.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—L'Action Catholique, the organ of the church in the city of Quebec, discussing the vote of this province in the general elections, says:

"Have the French-Canadians been isolated. If they have been will be dangerous. Let us look back, for instance, and look over some of our historic pages since 1759 and we will see that we have always been isolated. We were isolated after the treaty of Paris, when a handful of bureaucrats hastened from London to monopolize power and patronage. Then again in 1791 in what is called our first parliament when the English speaking members formed a bloc against us at the first session. We were again isolated in 1812 when we were left alone to defend Quebec, the last English bulwark in the country and also thirteen years later, when out of twenty-seven bills adopted by the lower house, the British side of the upper house rejected twenty-seven. Also in 1832 when there were but forty-five functionaries of our race out of a French population of 600,000 souls while the English had sixteen hundred and a population only of 75,000. We were also isolated in 1849 when the Tories of that day spoke loudly of Canadian independence and annexation to the United States. This isolation, however, did not prevent us from being the chief artisans of Canadian liberty and from the commencement of the new regime our intellectual formation placed us in a better position than our oppressors to understand British parliamentary traditions. There is, in fact, never any real danger in remaining isolated in justice, in right and in common sense."

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The governor-general has forwarded to the king the following message received from Hon. F. E. LeBlanc, lieutenant-governor of Quebec:

Quebec, Dec. 31.—Sir: I have the honour respectfully to request your excellency to convey to His Majesty, the King, on behalf of myself, of my cabinet ministers and of all the inhabitants of the province of Quebec, the expression of our devoted attachment and loyalty to His Majesty's person and throne and our earnest wishes for a happy new year for Their Majesties, the King and Queen and members of the royal family and all his majesty's subjects. On this fourth recurrence during the war of new year's day, I pledge our province once more to continued and determined participation in the struggle for that decisive victory, which will insure to the world the blessing of a righteous and abiding peace. For this we fight and pray, humbly imploring the Great Ruler of Universe, that in His will this victorious peace may come before the end of the coming new year, which will thus be as we pray it may, the happiest of His Majesty's reign. (Signed) F. E. LeBlanc, Lieutenant-governor.

The message to the King has the right tone but unfortunately it is not true. To pledge "Our province once more to a continued and determined participation in the struggle is a travesty of the facts for everyone knows that French-Canadians have done as little as they can and not very much of that.

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mittes of citizens obtaining two or three orders in succession on one day, and unless this practice is stopped, summary punishment will be meted out to the offenders and action lodged against them. An efficient system prevails at the depot for the checking of all orders, and all cases of this kind are known to those in charge. However, these cases are few, and only those ignorant of the severe penalty provided for offenses of this kind are guilty.

COL. H. COCKSHUTT

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North Oxford. It was expected that both Col. Cockshutt and Col. Sutherland would poll a heavy overseas vote, but the omission of their names will no doubt reduce the number. As soon as the omission was discovered friends of Col. Sutherland and Col. Cockshutt sought to counteract the omission of their names as candidates by writing and cabling to all the electors from their district whose

Out of the City.

Lt. Col. Harry Cockshutt, M.P., is out of the city, and it is believed was summoned to Ottawa. Senator Fisher of Paris is also away and is likewise understood to have been called to the Capital.

APPEAL FOR PRAYER.

Quebec, Que., Jan. 4.—His Eminence Cardinal Begin, in conformity with the proclamation designating Sunday, January 6, as a special day of prayer throughout the empire, has made an appeal to the faithful of the diocese La Semaine Religieuse, the official organ of the diocese to unite in a fervent prayer to bring Divine protection on the armies of the empire and her allies.

Free Bible Lecture Are we at the end of the world and Fall of Babylon? S. O. E. Hall, Temple Bldg., 78 Dalhousie St. 3 p.m. Sunday, January 6th.

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and to explore the mercy of God in favor of that peace, which is so much desired.

Mrs. Fred Burnett and Mrs. Carling of Toronto, are visiting Miss Carling 21 Wellington street.

LOCAL

SPRING ASSIZES.

Announcement was made at the Court House here on Friday, that the Spring Assizes would be held on Monday, Jan. 14th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Among important cases heard in the Criminal Court last night were the Fred Masten and the Burton Masten cases, and with the theft of an automobile, while the one of conversion.

VISITOR FOR NIGHT.

Weary and foot-sore as "no home" Tasker wandered into station last night and night's lodging. His grant.

DAY OF PRAYER.

A day of Special Humble Intercession was held in the Brantford Hebrew Synagogue, 33 Palace street, on Saturday morning for the intercession for the cause and its allies will during the hours of the morning.

USE Y. M. C. A.

Already the soldiers the fatigue squad here advantage of the privilege Y. M. C. A. and are found in their institution probable that the same will prevail at the draftees as for the troops been quartered here since break of the war. It is probable that some separation will be shown who will winter in Brantford.

DIVISION COURT.

Has the ratepayer the drain the surface water onto the public highway sequent damage to the interesting point was in test case in the Division morning when the Court and the township of Brantford plaintiffs in an action Howard Vanderlin, who his farm midway between and Langford. Judgment served by Judge Hardy.

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