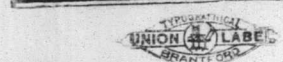


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Monday, March 27, 1916.

## The Situation.

Violent artillery duels are still the order of the day in connection with the Verdun offensive. Time was at the commencement of hostilities when the Huns had a marked preponderance in connection with this phase of operations, but it is not so now, and their big guns are answered in good style. That the Germans are preparing for another massed infantry attack is very certain, and there are many indications that this time it will be on a much larger front.

The Russian official report states that the troops of the Czar are forcing the Germans along the Dwina front. Berlin does not admit this, but concedes that very fierce assaults have been delivered by the foe. It is safe to take the Petrograd version as the correct one. The Grand Duke's forces are also continuing their successes in the Caucasus operations.

The French authorities have no doubt whatever that the Sussex was struck by a torpedo. Americans were among the victims, and some more names from Washington may be expected.

British seaplanes have been busy off the coast of Schleswig-Holstein. This territory was at one time part of the Danish dominions, and was stolen from them by the Huns in 1864.

## Lord Shaughnessy's Speech.

The Courier elsewhere in this issue gives in detail what Lord Shaughnessy recently said before the Montreal Board of Trade with reference to recruiting in Canada.

There has been a good deal of criticism with reference to his utterances, and, the Courier thinks, just criticism.

The President of the C.P.R. is a big man mentally, and has a plus quantity of determination and energy. It is equally certain that he is heart and soul with the Empire in this struggle, but a very great many will take issue with him when he claims that recruiting in Canada should have "moved more slowly." The members of the Central Alliance—every one of them—Germany, Austria, Turkey, Bulgaria—force every man of fighting age into the ranks, and it behoves the British Empire, in all of its wide-flung territory, to see that the response is large, even if there is some dislocation and readjustment. What are those things compared to the fate of the Old Land and the Dominions beyond the seas should the Hun win out? The danger of recruiting, pressed home to the quick, is not to be weighed in the balance for one instant in connection with even the slightest possibility of such an appalling disaster.

Lord Shaughnessy thinks that the Dominion cannot produce the 500,000 men asked for by Premier Borden. Why not? This city and county have already done more than their proportion of such a total, and are now starting on still another battalion. It is true that Montreal, where Shaughnessy was speaking, and Quebec have not commenced to do their share, but that fact should not have jaunted his vision with regard to the rest of the Dominion.

Lord Shaughnessy has proved himself a great business and railroad man, but his call to go slow in the matter of recruiting is, in the opinion of this paper, a jarring note sounded at a most inopportune time.

## The Railway Matter.

In an interview in the Courier on Saturday, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., called attention to a matter of the utmost concern to Brantford. The outcome was the calling of a special meeting of the City Council this morning. The facts are these:

The Canadian Northern Railway are seeking the extension of the line of a charter for a line from Port Colborne to Fort Erie, from Fort Erie to the city of Niagara Falls, from Niagara Falls to St. Catharines, from St. Catharines to Welland, and thence to the city of Brantford, with an extension to the city of Toronto or near Hamilton. They have already spent some \$2,000,000 on the enterprise and, as far as Brantford is concerned, have

acquired the right-of-way to a point not far from Cainsville. Their well-known object is to secure important connections with lines in the States. However, war conditions have resulted in a halt in connection with the operations.

Along comes Sir Adam Beck with a Hydro-Electric Railway scheme, and he wants the renewal of the Canadian Northern charter refused because he desires a large part of the territory covered for his own project. The latter is an excellent scheme, but it ignores Brantford and Brant County in their entirety. The proposed Hydro plan does not touch either one of them.

It is a case of another big railway for Brantford and a large part of Brant County, with this city as the terminus, versus another railway project in which both Brantford and Brant County are left out.

Yet under these circumstances Mayor Bowditch (surely without due consideration) sent word to Mr. Cockshutt asking him to oppose the Canadian Northern renewal, and a night telegram to the chairman of said committee vigorously protesting against the C.N.R. proposal.

In other words, the messages authorized the knocking of a scheme of very great advantage to the city and county, in order to serve the ends of another project which ignores this city and county entirely.

It is the sulphuretted gas business over again, only in another form.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Kingston has decided on a tax rate for this year of 28 mills. Begins to look, after all, as if the rate likely to be struck for Brantford will be lower than for most of the smaller cities.

Seven allied nations are conferring in Paris to-day. It will now be in order for some crank who delights in such things to claim that Wordsworth had the prophetic eye when he wrote the poem, "We Are Seven."

Help a scheme which ignores this community and knock another which recognizes it, has been Mayor Bowditch's course in the railway matter.

The cowardly attack on the Sussex was fully worthy of the best traditions of Hunism.

## CAPTAIN OF SUSSEX

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## ANXIOUS AT WASHINGTON

Washington, March 27.—Definite information regarding the sinking of the Steamship Englishman and the damaging by explosion of the Channel Steamer Sussex were anxiously awaited by President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing to-day. This information was momentarily expected from American consular officers in England and France.

If it is established that either of the vessels was torpedoed by a German submarine, the United States would regard the act as a most flagrant violation of the rights of humanity, the principles of international law and of the conduct of submarine warfare. Until all the facts do reach here, however, the administration will reserve judgment, although there is no attempt to minimize the gravity of the situation should it develop that either of the disasters was due to a submarine attack and that American lives were lost.

Latest official information at the state department was a despatch from the American embassy at London forwarding affidavits from Edward S. Huxley and Francis E. Drake, New York survivors, swearing that the explosion on the Sussex occurred "without the slightest warning," and crediting the ship's commander with saying that he saw a torpedo's wake.

BITTER COMPLAINT.

New York, March 27.—"Germany's worthless word," is the heading of an editorial in this morning's World. It says:

Is any statement of policy or assurance of regard for law emanating from Berlin to be accepted in good faith. Is the German government or any agent of the German Government to be believed?

The submarine controversy has reached a point where the words of Germany, written or spoken, appear to be worthless. German disavowals mean nothing. German promises are disregarded. German excuses are cynicisms.

By the recent destruction without warning of the channel packet, Sussex and other British, French and neutral liners, every pledge made by Germany to the United States has been broken. There is no pretense that these vessels were armed or attempted escape. Not one of them was stopped and searched and passengers and crew removed. Several of them carried American citizens, some of them lost their lives. Even admitting that mines may have caused a few of them, the presence of submarines in most instances is well established, and, in any case, the mines having been sown by Germany contrary to law, the guilt is the same.

The Times says:

"Self-respect and the imperative law of self-preservation will forbid further keeping up of the ghastly pretense that we are in friendly relations with a power that, notwithstanding our many protests and in violation of its own promises, continues to de-

stroy the lives of American citizens by its assassin practices."

The Sun considers it useless to repeat the "phrases of horror and indignation that naturally come to the lips when each new murder is recorded. The tale of resentment and anger has been repeated so frequently that silence in the presence of renewed outrage is more convincing than the loudest protestations could be," it concludes.

## Local News

## UNIFORMS HERE.

A consignment of uniforms for the 21st battalion reached the city Saturday and is being unpacked to-day. Within a few days the men of the new battalion will thus appear in khaki, and the blue and white armlets will probably disappear.

## CARPETBALL.

In the championship match between the Beavers and the Liberals No. 1 played on the Beaver floor on Saturday night, the home team won by the narrow margin of one point, the score being 138-137. E. Fulcher captained the winners, and A. Ellison the Liberals. H. S. Peirce and Mr. Legacy refereed. The next game will be played on the Liberal floor on Tuesday night.

## STORY HOUR.

The story hours at the Library are at the usual time. The subjects are as follows: Tuesday, "The Biography of a Grizzly," by Seton Thompson. Thursday, "The Lost Prince," by Francis Hodgson Burnett.

## To The Editor

## GOOD SUGGESTION

Editor Courier: Dear Sir—Why is it that at our Canadian recruiting meetings we never hear that classic composition, "O Canada"? It would have been a master effort for the massed bands of the Brant Theatre last evening, and deservedly ranks as one of the finest national anthems ever written. Yours truly,

MUSICIAN.

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## NEWS NOTES

One of the largest recruiting meetings yet held in county Kildare, was held at Newbridge, Mr. T. O'Rourke, J.P., chairman town commission presiding.

A telegram has been received in Belfast announcing the death in a hospital in France of Lieutenant Edward Workman, 5th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles.

According to statistics just issued 10,305 Irish emigrated in 1915, approximately half the number of the previous year. Only 25 per cent were of military age.

Mrs. Whalen, Dublin, has received notification that her husband, Sergeant John Whalen, 5th Connaught Rangers, has died of wounds received in the Balkans.

On the recommendation of Sir Agnew Coote, Bart., his Majesty's lieutenant, Mr. William Southern, Esq., has been appointed a magistrate for Queen's County.

The King has directed that the Earl of Donaghmore and Viscount Powis be appointed Knights of the Order of St. Patrick.

Mr. Redmond was present at a recruiting conference presided over by the Lord Lieutenant, held at the Mansion House, Dublin, recently.

Mr. Thomas Saul, R.V.O.C. Donnybrook, has been appointed by the Lord Lieutenant to the Commission of the Peace for the city of Dublin.

The death in action in France is announced of Captain Valentine C. Blake, 1st Battalion Irish Guards, son of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Blake, Dublin.

Miss Mary Katharine Wolfe, of New York, one of the volunteer nurses serving with the American Ambulance in France, has been decorated with the Silver Medal for devotion.

The Rev J. Denham Osborne, D.D., speaking at the Bertrand school, said there were grave fears that the \$200,000 treasury grant for secondary teachers in Ireland will be discontinued.

The large majority of the Presbyteries in connection with the Irish Presbyterian church met recently to make their nominations for the moderator of the General Assembly for 1916-17.

The death has occurred of Mr. Ernest Everest, manager of the Avenue Hotel Belfast, which took place in a nursing home in Belfast after a long illness.

The King, in recognition of the valor of his Irish troops, has placed rooms in Kensington Palace at the disposal of the Irish Women's Association, of which Lady Macdonnell is president.

Captain J. J. Kavanagh, 3rd Battalion, Connaught Rangers, son of Mr. P. J. Kavanagh, has been awarded the Cross of the French Legion of Honor. Only last September he was awarded the Military Cross.

At the annual meeting of the congregation of Christ Church (Presbyterian), Rathgar, a resolution was adopted protesting against Sunday cinematograph performances.

At a united Irish League Convention in Dundalk, Mr. Patrick J. Whitty, Dublin, was selected as the Irish party's candidate for the vacant constituency of North Louth.

A series of shooting outrages have been committed, in Lough George district. Four farmers' homes were riddled with shots in the townlands of Cregmore, Coshla and Kiltrigue.

At the meeting of the newly formed cleaning committee of the Dublin Corporation, Councillor Michael Swaine and Councillor Daniel Daly were elected chairman and vice-chairman.

## Auction Sale

Mr S. P. Pitcher has been instructed to sell by public auction at 236 Darling street at 1.30 sharp.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30,

Parlor: Tapestry carpet, 1 secretary, 3 walnut chairs, 1 walnut easy chair, 2 parlor tables, pictures.

Back Parlor: Countess of Oxford heater, 1 couch, 3 rockers, 1 table, pictures.

Dining Room: Sideboard, extension table, utility gas range, 4 dining chairs, carpet sweeper.

Breakfast Room: China cupboard, couch, table, mirror, carpet. Kitchen: Range, wood range, ironing board, three chairs, boiler, tubs, washing machine, wringer, lawn mower.

Hall: Hall rack, hall chair, carpet, stair carpet.

Bedroom No. 1: Bedroom suite, dresser, commode, bed and springs, iron bed, springs, mattress.

Bedroom No. 2: Dresser, commode, bed, springs, pictures, chair, toilet set.

Bedroom No. 3: Dresser, commode, bed, springs, mattress; carpet, pictures, 2 chairs.

At four o'clock the beautiful home will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid.

Henry Estate, S. P. Pitcher, Auctioneer.

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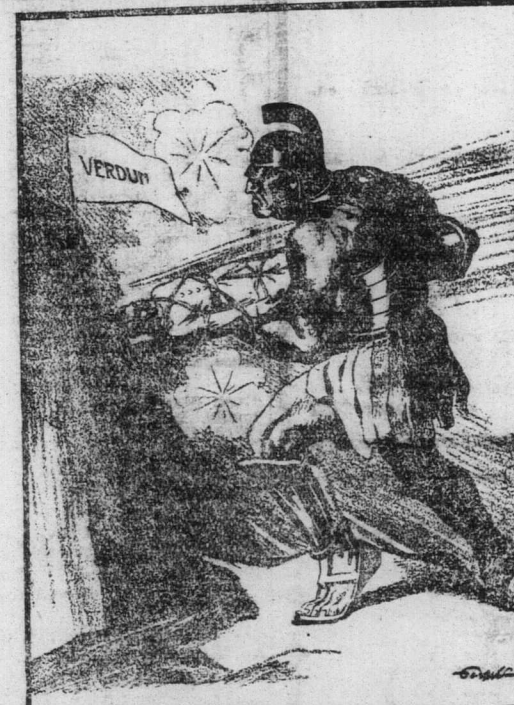
Notice is hereby given that a DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT, on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Company (being at the rate of Eight per cent. per annum) has been declared for the three months ending March 31st, 1916, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company on and after April 1st, 1916. The Transfer Books will be closed from March 21st to March 31st, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

W. G. HELLIKER, Manager.

Brantford, March 21st, 1916.

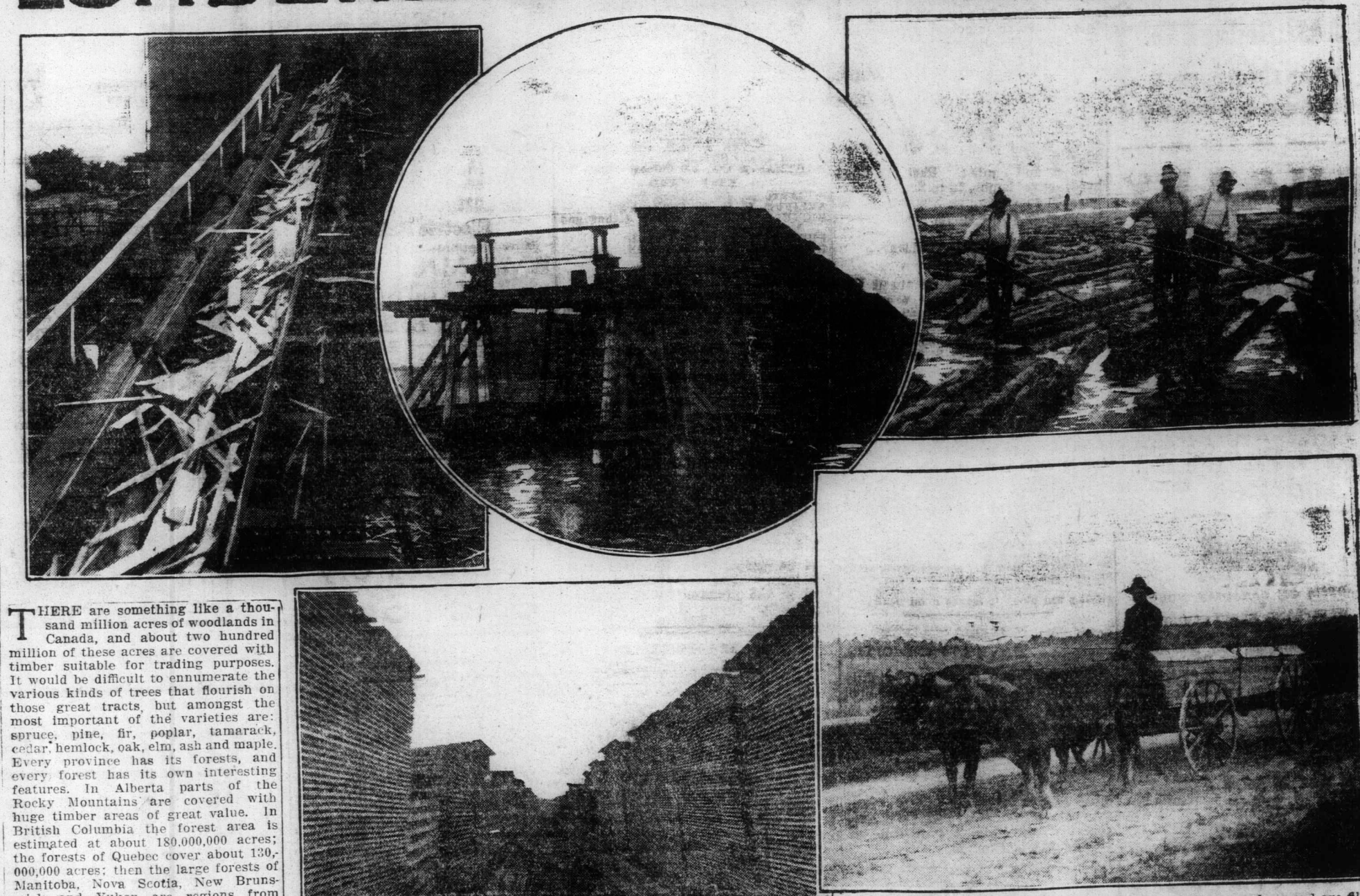
## THE HUMAN BATTERING RAM



—Baltimore American.

The death has occurred of Mr. A. L. Horner, K.C. M.P. for South Tyrone. House passes Hay Army bill, but rejects by narrow margin the Kahn amendment for army of 220,000.

## LUMBERING IN THE MUSKOKAS



cover 102,000 square miles. Amongst them run a network of beautiful rivers and lakes very valuable for the untold power that is in them and for the delight they give to the sight-seeing traveler or fisherman. Through these forests the Canadian Pacific Railway takes its track, opening up the region to the possibility of a great future. As a protection against forest fires in the Canadian Rockies the Canadian Pacific use oil burning engines beyond Field.

The illustrations of "Lumbering in the Muskoka" tell their own story, but it will not be uninteresting to narrate that the lumbering season begins about the time the snow begins to fall. Then the trees are lightened by the loss of their foliage. When the trees are cut down and divided into logs suitable for the length of the boards into which they are to be sawed at the mills, the hollows in the rugged ground are filled up by snow, and the horses or oxen travel freely over paths that in summer would be impassable. Drawn by the horses, or oxen as it may be, the logs slip gracefully along the surface of the snow to a convenient point where they can be easily loaded on to sleigh to be drawn to the mill. But if the mill is far away the timber is often taken to the edge of a river ready for the drive to the mill when the ice melts. In other cases it is piled on the edge of a lake and when the ice breaks is gathered into booms and floated to the mill.

There is an enormous supply of pulpwood in the Province of Ontario, and the district of Patricia, which has an area of 146,000 square miles, has vast timber resources which have not yet been thoroughly examined.

## Loc

THE TEMPERATURE. The thermometer yesterday was: Highest Same date last year, 81; lowest, 19.

SERVICES AT ELN. Mr. John Greet, church conducted the service, taking his text, xii, 16, "The Birthright." The sermon proved eloquent and was much appreciated. F. Craddock sang solo, "What will you Judge appears?"

CALL TO NEW P. At the morning Baptist church yesterday, gation unanimously called to the Rev. W. of Stratford, to be the Rev. Mr. Wright, brightest of the young Baptist ministry. He Godrich prior to Brantford. He has been six years.

REVIEW SERVICE. A very pleasant session was held at school on Sunday. The form of a review G. Road gave a very helpful address on the sessions of the past. Gullen and Miss L. excellent duet which was appreciated, as also was the Sunday school. Several well rendered faithfulness and can not be unduly

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