

## THE COURIER

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## The Situation.

According to present indications, the Russian forces operating in and around Vilna have successfully evaded Hindenburg's net. They were threatened on three sides by the enemy, but have not only made good their withdrawal, but in addition, at one point, are actually threatening some of their pursuers.

All doubt has vanished with reference to the fact that King Ferdinand has allowed Bulgaria to become a pawn for Germany, and the excuse that the only action taken is one of "armed neutrality" is too thin to deceive anyone. It is very evident that the Kaiser and the would-be Czar of the Balkans are working hand in hand together, and the alliance is all the more cold-blooded because Ferdinand owes a large part of what he is to Russia. What will be the outcome as regards the other States in that area? They had a league together against Turkey which Bulgaria broke, and just

what the Greeks and the Roumanians will now do is still problematical. Will they take sides or remain neutral? Whichever course they adopt, it can be taken for granted that material advantage will be the one consideration.

The Berlin official report states that "in the Souchez-Arras section the French artillery is keeping up a strong fire almost uninterruptedly," and that on the Aisne-Marne canal blockhouses have been abandoned according to plans. This tells the story of how vigorously Joffre's forces continue to hammer away. They have also succeeded in crossing the canal, and if they can keep hold, have made an advance at this point of great importance.

Sir John French reports increased German activity along the British front, and also records the fact that Empire troops replied effectively.

## Hydro-Electric in Toronto.

That great undertaking for the people introduced by the Whitney Government—Hydro-Electric—continues to make good everywhere. Toronto is the most recent illustration.

The first epoch, so-called, because still lower charges are now to be introduced, has ended in a most gratifying manner.

In order that the new rates may be given every chance, the commissioners have taken especial care to clean up all possible charges against previous years and have devoted \$69,536.10 to this purpose, thus reducing what would have been a surplus of \$70,419.34 to a net final surplus of \$883.24.

With rates less than half of those formerly exacted by private companies,

the following items have been fully met:

All of the operating and special charges to 31st December, 1914.

All interest charges for operating period to 31st December, 1914.

All sinking fund charges for operating period to 31st December, 1914.

An adequate depreciation reserve fund of \$450,000.00.

And \$34,000.00 on account of sinking fund charges accruing to previous construction period.

The report sums up the achievements of the first epoch as follows:

"At this, the close of the first epoch, it may be of interest to point out that the old rates, established at the inception of the undertaking, and continued in force until December 31, 1914, covering a period of a little over three full working years, resulted in net earnings, after meeting all operating and special expenses, to the amount of \$1,261,718.78. The sum so earned is the equivalent of the whole of the interest chargeable against revenue, the whole of the depreciation reserve fund set up in respect of the general system, the whole of the sinking fund charges attributable to the opening period, and \$33,914.54 on account of the sinking fund charges attributable to the construction period. Not a dollar has been charged to capital account that should have been charged to revenue; the enterprise has therefore fully paid its way and earned a surplus, after dealing in the most conservative manner with its accounts."

The following as to rates will prove of interest:

Residence lighting—Former non-competitive rates K.W. hour, 8 cents; new reduced rates K.W. hour (average), 4.00 cents.

Commercial lighting—Former rates, 8, 10 and 12 cents; new rates, 2.85 cents.

Commercial power—Former rates, 2-3 to 6 cents; new rates, 1.31 cents.

It was the enlightened course of the Whitney Government which has brought such things about in the

Queen City and other centres, not forgetting also rural districts.

## The British Budget.

The British war budget deals with astounding figures. It is the greatest in the history of the world, and shows that the war is now costing Great Britain about \$25,000,000 each day.

As one of the outcomes, in order to secure more revenue, the Free Trade flag has had to be hauled down quite a bit. At the same time, said term of "Free Trade" has always been largely a misnomer as applied to the Old Land.

For instance, during the last recorded year John Bull received from taxes on sugar \$15,000,000, on tea \$30,000,000, on tobacco, etc., \$75,000,000, on cocoa and coffee \$2,500,000, and so on. These things are classed by Free Trade fanatics as luxuries, but they have become so part and parcel of everyday life as in reality to rank as necessities. Now they are all to bear an even larger duty and new taxes are to be imposed upon motor cars, bicycles, picture films, clocks, watches, musical instruments, plate glasses and hats. In addition there is to be an advance in the income tax, the halfpenny postal rate is abolished, and telegraph tolls are increased. In the matter of the income tax the man earning \$650 a year is to be levied on instead of the minimum of \$800 as formerly. War profits are also to be levied on, and this will probably be the most popular feature of the entire deliverance.

That the people of the tight little islands will cheerfully bear the additional levies is without question. They have the consolation, at any rate, of

knowing that British resources can stand the strain, whereas in the case of Germany, cut off from all trading with the rest of the world, the demands must pretty soon begin to enter upon the phase of exhaustion. They are even now figuring on war indemnities as an offset—indemnities which they will never get.

## Notes and Comments.

The Huns are reported to be shy of jute. So they are of morals.

Bulgaria calls all her men from harvest fields in order to arm them, and then wants the world to believe that these preparations are for a pink tea or something of that nature.

The citizens' movement in connection with the making of Brantford a recruiting depot has started off in excellent style with a first-class representation of all classes, and first-class results are bound to ensue.

Capt. Von Papen, German military attaché at Washington, wrote some of the letters found on the man Archibald, and in one of them he speaks of "the idiotic Yankees." This constitution of all classes, and splendid feathers of the American eagle.

To assure itself of a million population in 1920 Cleveland is willing to spend \$10,000 on a census now.

Buffalo police are going to clean up the low drinking resorts frequented by youths and young girls.

Fifty Against Two. It is not reasonable to expect two weeks of outing to overcome the effects of fifty weeks of confinement. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla along with you. It refreshes the blood, improves the appetite, makes sleep easy and restful.

## SEVENTH AVENUE CAVE-IN CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE

## Three Surface Street Cars Fell Into Hole in New York Thoroughfare.

By Special Wire to The Courier.

New York, Sept. 22.—Seven persons were reported by the police to have been killed and more than fifty others seriously injured to-day, when a dynamite explosion in the excavation of the Seventh Avenue subway caused a cave-in which engulfed a surface car and numerous pedestrians. The accident occurred shortly before 8 o'clock and more than half the injured were women and girls on their way to business.

There were 78 passengers on the trolley car which dropped 15 feet into the subway excavation when the entire block on Seventh Avenue, between 24th and 25th streets, collapsed. Although the car remained upright, it was partially buried under an avalanche of concrete, rails, timbers and earth, and many of the passengers were severely crushed.

Persons who were in a large office building close to where the car went down, said there was a great roar as the pavement and portions of the sidewalks sank. This was followed a moment later by the cries of the partially entombed passengers and of pedestrians who were either thrown into the excavation or knocked down.

Within an hour more than fifty injured persons had been removed from the cave. Two of these, a man and a woman died on the way to hospitals and another woman was reported dying by surgeons. A short time later

the rescuers reached the worst part of the wreckage and the first dead body was recovered. Police and firemen later reported finding five dead from the cave-in.

Rescuers found numerous sticks of dynamite scattered about in the subway excavation and a foreman for the United States Realty and Improvement Company, contractors on this section of the subway said much blasting had been done this morning.

E. A. Little, general superintendent for the contractors, said:

"The disaster was due to a small explosion of dynamite, which caused a number of street props, or shoring, in this section to give way. The charge which actually caused the accident was a regulation dynamite charge, and the cave-in was not due to any carelessness on the part of our employees. Rather, it was due to the crude, loose formation of the dirt, which we unexpectedly came across."

Mayor Mitchell, after an inspection of the cave-in, said that it was too early to suggest criminal responsibility, but that all subway construction work in the city will be inspected at once.

## METAGAMA WITH CANADIAN TROOPS SAFE IN OLD LAND

By Special Wire to The Courier.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 22.—The troopship, Metagama, which sailed from Canada, on September 11th, has arrived in England. She had on board the following troops:

Infantry drafts from Alberta, 25 officers and 1250 men.

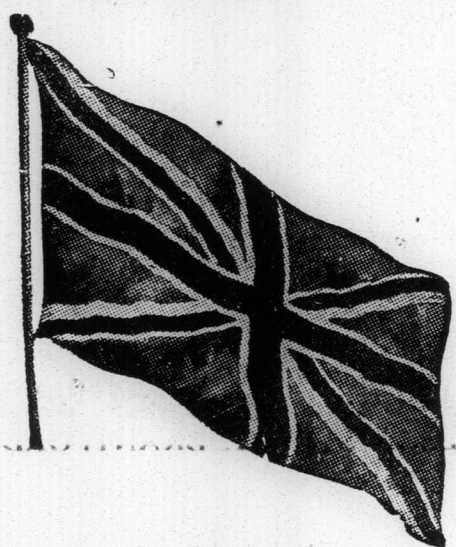
From Manitoba, 5 officers and 250 men.

Army service corps, 5 officers and 100 men.

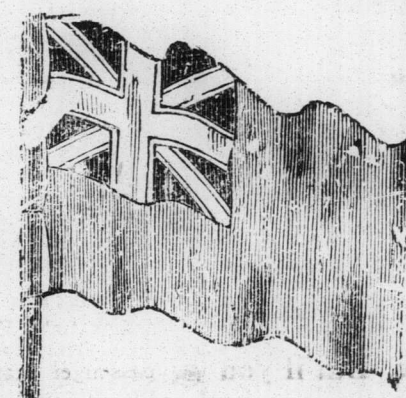
Medical corps, 1 officer and 50 men.

Details (including four Belgian reservists, three officers and six men).

The prisoners of Queen's county jail, N.Y., will build a park on the low land near the Court House.



## CANADA CALLS



## The Empire Needs YOU!

"If we do not do more in the future than we have in the past, we are going to be beaten." These are the words of Sir John Simon, British Home Secretary. We are going to do more and WE WILL NOT BE BEATEN, but Canada must send more men and Brantford and Brant County will continue to do their share. What would happen to the women of Brantford if Britain were beaten? Ask the women of Belgium! They know!

## MEN OF BRANTFORD

Will you let the Hun trample British liberty in the dirt, or will you do your bit? Never mind the shirkers and the won't-works. The women of Canada want you to protect them and fight for them. WILL YOU DO IT?

Brantford has now been made a Recruiting Centre for the City and County and a strong citizens committee representative of all classes is helping

MONTHLY ALLOWANCES AND PENSIONS							
Family Dependent on Soldier	Government Separation Allowance	Additional Patriotic Fund Allowance	Total Allowance	Assigned Pay to \$25.00 per Month	Total Family Income	Pension in Case of Death or Discharge	Sum which at 4 1/2 per cent interest will buy the Pension
Wife only .....	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$16.50 to \$25.00	\$46.50 to \$55.00	\$22.00	\$ 6,000.00
Wife and 1 child...	\$20.00	\$14.50	\$34.50	\$16.50 to \$25.00	\$51.00 to \$59.50	\$27.00	\$ 7,350.00
Wife and 2 children	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$39.00	\$16.50 to \$25.00	\$55.00 to \$64.00	\$32.00	\$ 8,650.00
Wife and 3 children	\$20.00	\$23.50	\$43.50	\$16.50 to \$25.00	\$60.00 to \$68.50	\$37.00	\$10,000.00
Wife and 4 children	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$48.00	\$16.50 to \$25.00	\$64.50 to \$73.00	\$42.00	\$11,300.00
Widowed mother ..	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$16.50 to \$25.00	\$46.50 to \$55.00	\$22.00	\$ 6,000.00

In case of children under 5 years of age, deduct \$1.50 per month for each child. In case of children over 10 years of age, add \$3.00 per month for one child only.

## One Examination Here Will Be Sufficient

Under the new order of things men passed here can rely upon this as final, for there will be no other examinations or any sending back of them.

## LOCAL

## FOR ISOLATION HOSPITAL

The executive of the War Hospital Aid have decided to that the association supply a number of needed articles for the Hospital. During of infectious cases the but been thoroughly overhauled in first class shape.

## LEAGUE MEETS.

On Monday evening the Street Leaguers enjoyed a hour when Miss Markie Lockington acted as lively contest which involved searching of the bible for verses. Both sides worked but Miss Markie's company the victory.

## PRESENTATION MADE

A pleasing event took place yesterday afternoon in Mitchell's the employees assembled and one of their number, P. Barnham, who has enlisted front, with a handsome w. The event was quite unique the recipient but he made happy reply.

## TWO STRANGE MICHIGAN

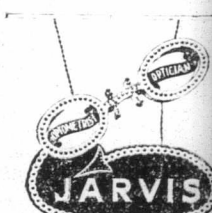
A horse belonging to M. who resides off the Ave. found with its head in the a tree, quite dead. On the a nearby property, a horse the club got so badly injured to free itself after caught in a wire fence that be shot. The loss in both reached quite an item.

## WANTS REBATE

City Clerk Leonard received communication from Harley a barristers for the Trusts of antee Co., the administrative estate of late Mary Elizabeth, stating that there are belonging to the estate on Street and both have been some time. The first instalment has been paid the attorney requests that this instalment be refunded.



Don't read on street cars or trains. Take my advice. But if you won't save your eyes by following my advice, come to me for glasses that will store your impairment.



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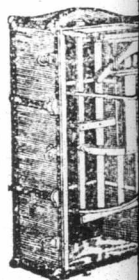
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