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The Situation.

The Courier, in the matter of its bulletin service, as in the case of its news columns, exercises every possible care to give only authentic news. For that reason the bulletins of this paper on Sunday did not contain the assertion that the French had recaptured Fort Douaumont. Nothing at all came through warranting such an assertion. The French official report was somewhat vague, but nothing of the kind could be read into it. There seems to be every reason to believe that the Germans still hold the fort and that the struggle at this point has not abated one whit in sanguinary violence. Moreover, it is clear that the Kaiserites are finding themselves subjected to very hard pressure indeed.

On the rest of the fronts matters are comparatively quiet. The loss of ten ships within a few hours serves to again illustrate that by very far from the last has been heard of the floating mine and submarine menace.

The Impudent Globe.

The leading Liberal organ is all the time declaring against political attack during the war period, and constantly seeking to shoot from behind the flag of truce.

A nasty scandal has developed in connection with the Liberal Government of Saskatchewan and charges have been openly made against many of the members of that stripe. One, indeed, has skipped and a warrant is out for his arrest.

The Globe of this morning in a leading editorial headed "Saskatchewan: clean up," says during the course of a characteristic sermon:

"Liberal journals and Liberal leaders in Ontario have learned from experience, and have earned the right to speak out plainly to Premier Scott and his colleagues in Saskatchewan. In this Province the penalty had to be paid for temporizing with the liquor traffic and giving the barnacles a chance. The Liberals paid in full, and have made a new start. The Conservatives, in their turn, refusing to learn from the experience of their predecessors, have now to carry a Government bearing all the marks of moral bankruptcy, black white by the barnacles, and leagued up for years with the degenerate liquor exploiters. Ontario's hard-earned advice to Saskatchewan is, Clean up!"

The Globe hasn't one title of evidence, or of proof, or shred of a basis on which to build its desperate and wholly infamous attack upon the Ontario Government. When the late Sir James Whitney attained office he put an immediate stop to the grating and the ballot box stuffing, and the debauching of constituencies, which had been part and parcel of the Ross regime, not to mention the Minnie M., which with a gang of U. S. pluggers on board, called at lake ports and voted in the names of dead men and absentees.

Things were so rotten that the Globe itself protested, and said that the barnacles should be removed with an "iron hand." The trouble was that the said barnacles were not only all over the provincial ship of state, at that period, but also in command on the captain's bridge. Not one was touched and then the sanctimonious Globe at the following election held up both hands for the administration under which these things took place.

As before related Whitney firmly put his foot down upon all such wrong-doing. He established an absolutely clean administration, and Premier Hearst and his colleagues have maintained that standard without the slightest abatement. The barnacles are a thing of the past, and as for an alleged league with the liquor exploiters, why it is common knowledge that the Conservative Government has administered the laws and introduced restrictions as never before.

When the Toronto Globe seeks to excuse the Saskatchewan orgie by the claim that the Ontario Government is as bad, it is saying something which is absolutely untrue.

CASTORIA

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Consideration of Farmers.

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, has recently demonstrated in two important directions the fact that he has the welfare of the great agricultural industry very much in mind. He has introduced an amendment with regard to the Bank-act which will give further bank credit to farmers. It is as follows:

"That it is expedient to amend the bank act by repealing the provision limiting the time within which chartered banks may lend money for the purchase of seed grain upon the securing of the grain purchased, the crops to be grown therefrom and the seed threshed from the crop; and also by permitting the chartered banks to lend money to farmers and those engaged in raising stock upon the security of their live stock, that is to say, upon horses and their progeny, bulls and cows and their progeny, sheep and swine."

With regard to another matter there is also general approval of the exclusion of farmers from the taxation measures introduced in the budget. The suggestion has been advanced, however, that the provisions should include the farmers, even if on a reduced scale of taxation. It is contended by some that they are obtaining large benefits from present conditions and should assist in making contribution to the expenses of the war.

The Monetary Times does not take that view. In following the great basic industry of the country, the farmers are materially increasing the volume of production and consequently doing much to improve the national position. Again, the business of farming is to the farmer, not one of great profits. Taking wheat production as an example, the evidence gathered by the High Cost of Living Commission leads the commissioners to report that it is very doubtful whether during the three years 1911, 1912 and 1913 the wheat growers of the West were making much more than good wages. When the crop dropped considerably below so bushels to the acre the farmer was not even making fair wages in the three years noted. Further, this calculation does not take into consideration the fact that every bushel removed from the farm takes from the land soil material having a market value of 25 cents, which includes nitrates, phosphoric acid and potash, and the calculation is based on prices before the war.

Sir Thomas White stated in his budget speech that the settled policy of the government is that in providing their war expenditures, resort will not be had to taxation upon the farms, personal effects or incomes of those engaged in agriculture. There is another important consideration which Sir Thomas also mentioned, namely, that Canada is a country inviting immigration and the impression must not be created that it is likely to become a country of heavy individual taxation.

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PARIS

Funeral of Mrs. Atkins—S. A. Captain Farewells—Death of Mrs. Beatty.

Paris, February 28.—All that was mortal of the late Mrs. George T. Atkins, was laid to rest in the English church cemetery on Friday afternoon. A private service was held at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Edward R. Crombie, "Giltson," and a public service at 2.30 at St. James' church, of which the deceased had been a member for some twenty-five years. Rev. R. J. Seton-Adamson, rector of the church officiated. The late Mrs. Atkins was born in Hamilton and was the daughter of the late Capt. Adam Williston Craddock. A sorrowing husband and a daughter, Mrs. Edward R. Crombie, are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. The pallbearers were: Mr. John Hall, A. E. Finemore, D. H. Downie, Robt. Baldwin, Matthew Marcin, and Dr. Thompson of Hamilton.

Pte. Napoleon Larin's many friends in town will be glad to hear that he is doing nicely after undergoing a very serious operation at Shield's Emergency Hospital, Toronto. Pte. Larin was invalided home in December, after spending several months in a hospital in England. A bullet from a sniper's gun carried away Larin's right jaw bone. In the operation last week a piece of bone was taken from one of his ribs, and inserted in the jaw to form the hinge.

Yesterday Capt. Morgan of the Salvation Army, preached his farewell sermon here. During the Capt. Morgan's stay in Paris he made many friends by his earnest and self-sacrificing labors. Among the soldiers his familiar face and cheery greeting will be missed, and especially so at the armories where he assisted in taking the morning services through the week. Captain Morgan will take a rest for some time at Niagara Falls, resuming any other duties. Captain James Bright and Mr. N. J. Green of Simcoe, assisted at the farewell services yesterday. The Paris band has joined the 173rd Highlanders band in Hamilton. This time it is John Kerr who has donned the kilts, as also Harry Sanders, who for upwards of two years has been associated with the law office of Smoke and Sanders, is leaving Paris and opening up a law office in Toronto. Mr. Sanders has interested himself in good works during his stay in town, being a member of the Paris Musical Society, president of the men's society of St. James' church, as also one of the best of speakers at the "4 U and P" bible class at the Y. M. C. A. Friends are sorry to lose him, but wish him every success in his new field.

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Ptes. Edgar Harold, A. Taylor, Fraser, Hibborn of the Sportsmen Battalion, Toronto, were visiting their parents over Sunday.

PLEDGES ARE NOT REVOKED

By Special Wire to the Courier. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In a note presented to Secretary of State Lansing to-day by Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, Germany assures the United States that it has no intention of revoking the pledges given in the Lusitania case.

The note says Germany can conceive of no reason for changing or postponing the new instructions to her submarine commanders to treat as warships enemy merchant ships armed "defensively," and that special precautions have been taken to prevent ships that are not armed from being attacked. Baron Zwiadinek, charge of the Austrian embassy, followed Count Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing's office and conferred a few minutes. No statement was made as to his visit, but it was understood he told Mr. Lansing Austria's position was the same as Germany's.

SUB QUESTION WILL BE SETTLED DEFINITELY TO-DAY

Count von Bernstorff Will Say Whether Campaign is Postponed.

ARMED SHIPS WILL BE SUNK

Germany Will Not Back Down on That Debated Point.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, Feb. 28.—Germany's response to the request of the United States regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare in the future, is in the hands of Count Von Bernstorff, who was prepared to-day to see Secretary Lansing to-day. The reply is in the form of instructions to the Ambassador and will not be put into the form of a note unless the secretary desires.

The ambassador's instructions were to inform the United States that assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare, given in the Lusitania and Arabic cases, still are binding, but that they apply only to merchantmen of a peaceful character. Germany contends that British merchantmen, armed, ostensibly for defence, carry guns for the special purpose of attacking German submarines and thus show themselves to be peaceful, and subject to destruction. To support this claim the Berlin foreign office sends a list of a score of incidents where British merchant ships have attacked submarines.

The instructions call attention to the claim of Germany that despite the assurances of Great Britain that her merchantmen armed for defence "will never fire unless first fired upon and that they will never attack any vessel," British ships are prepared to attack. Germany claims that her new policy toward armed ships squares with international law inasmuch as British merchantmen violate the law as interpreted by the United States. Germany realizes that it should sink an armed ship, upon which will rest the burden of proof regarding the non-offensive character of the government owning the ship. The ambassador was instructed to call attention to the fact that French ships are not armed, that British ships entering American ports are not armed and consequently the Berlin Government considers remote chances of difficulties with the United States as a result of the new policy of sinking enemy armed ships, beginning to-morrow at midnight.

Laid at Rest

MRS. PATIENCE DRAPER. The funeral of Mrs. Patience Draper, took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 59 Arthur street, to Greenwood cemetery. Rev. Mr. Baker conducted the services. The pallbearers were: Messrs. A. G. Ludlow, D. O'Hanley, Geo. Bickell, F. W. Milburn, H. B. Adams and H. Coles.

INFANT LEGACY. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Legacy, 284 Rawdon street, was laid to rest in Mt. Hope cemetery yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Peters officiating. The floral tributes were: Spray, father, mother and Aunt Kate, brothers and sisters, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warrack, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, Marlboro St. Church, Credit Roll, Aunt Lucy and Uncle Elgin, Cousins Johnnie, Percy and Mina Davis, Dis. of King George School, Mr. Chris Andrews, Grandma Legacy.

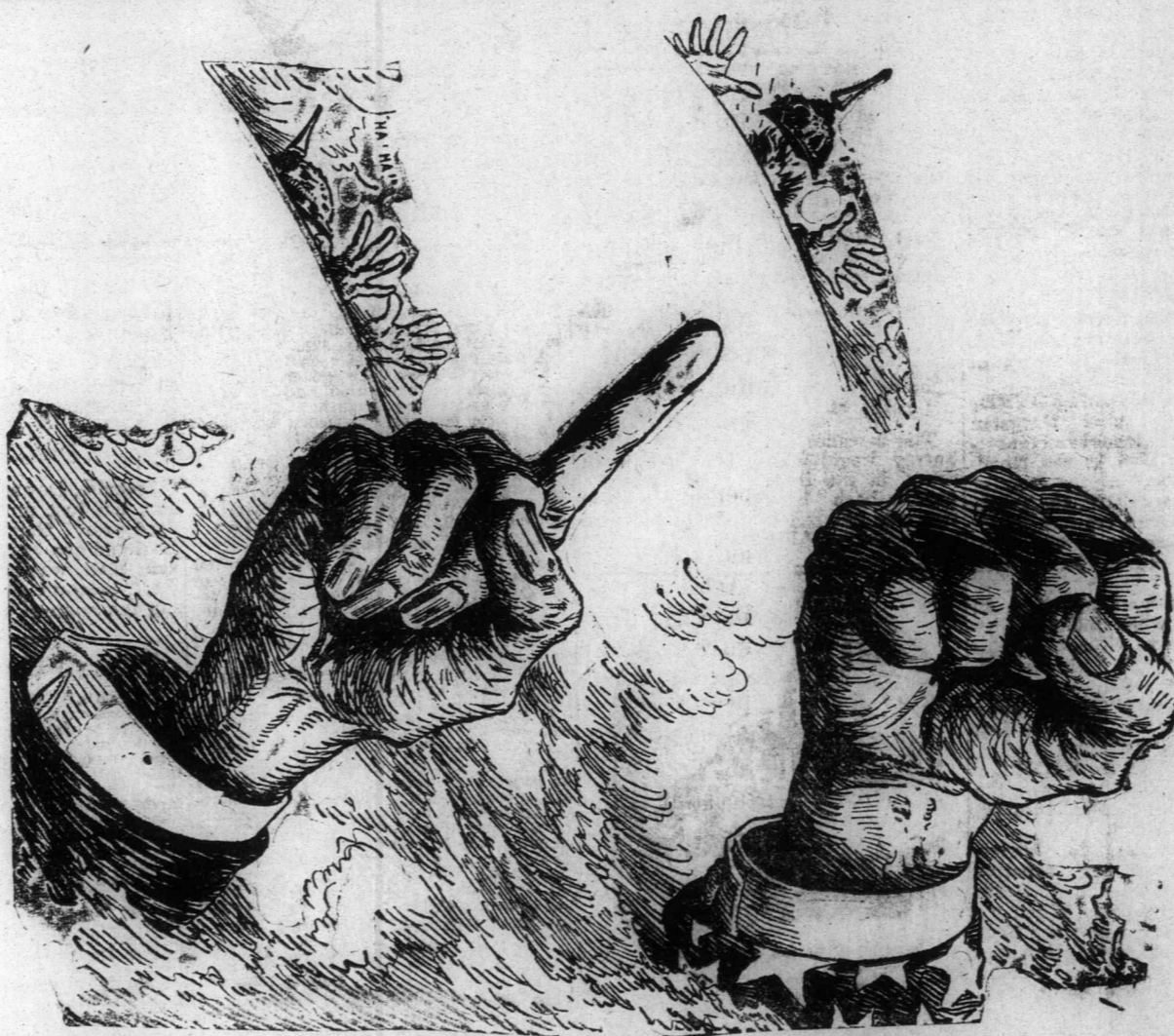
MR. JOSEPH ASHTON. All that was mortal of the late Mr. Joseph Ashton was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Mount Hope cemetery. The funeral took place from his late residence on Sydenham street. The Rev. Mr. Sotley officiated. The pall bearers from Court Endeavor were Messrs J. Fitness, W. Harris, W. Hall, and from Salisbury Lodge were A. J. Stevens, G. Day and W. Welsh. The Sons of England conducted services at the graveside. The funeral was largely attended.

An anti-conscription meeting held in Newcastle under the auspices of the Independent Labor Party, was accompanied by disorderly scenes. The opposition became so great that the doors were burst open and the crowd including over fifty soldiers, swarmed the hall.

With the City Police

Two drunks got a \$3 fine each, and a man for not working was remanded for a week at to-day's police court. A case coming under the truancy act was also remanded for a week.

The Japanese nurses, who for the past twelve months have been doing service at Netley Hospital, have left London for Tokio. There were twenty-two nurses and two doctors.



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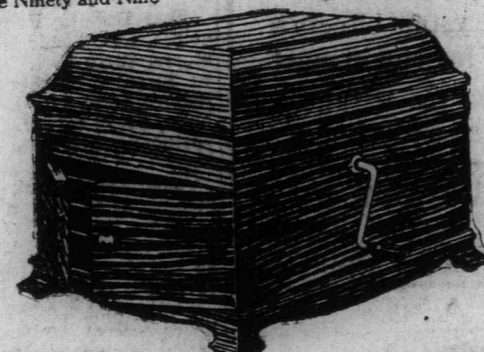
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