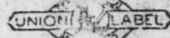


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THE SITUATION

The fighting on the Tigris still continues to be of an intense nature. The Turks have come back with such large reinforcements that British troops have been forced to withdraw from some of the positions recently attained by them. In the Kut region, however, they continue to make progress.

Enemy submarines yesterday only had a bag of four steamers, two British, one Norwegian and one Spanish. The tonnage represented was about 10,000. It is announced that the well known Furness line is building two ships for each one.

It seems to be generally considered that Great Britain from this on, will in the main, bear the great brunt of the fighting on the western front. The French will be on hand to an important degree of course, but there is likely to be a change in the relative responsibilities of the two forces.

Berlin has admitted that the Zepplins have practically failed to achieve the devilish work expected of them. As engines of terrorism and vital destruction, they have proved a failure, not, be it noted, from any lack of intent upon the part of the ruthless Hun, who, without question is sorely disappointed over the fact that these engines of devastation have not come up to expectations.

The British Victory war loan is estimated to have reached at least two and a half billion dollars, and will probably go a good deal higher when all the return are in. It is by all odds the most remarkable response of the kind ever recorded. In this regard, it is pointed out that of John Bull's last loan, it was necessary for the banks to take one billion dollars, and also that in connection with previous issues the sums offered represented, to quite an extent, realization upon foreign securities. This time the sum has been made up without either. The stupendous and magnificent total represents the offerings of a resolved and united people.

U. S. UNPREPAREDNESS.

Wilson, waiting for an "overt" act, has become just about as big a joke as his note writing. In both cases, it seems more than likely that the President has adopted delay tactics, because he realizes how absolutely lacking Uncle Sam is in the matter of war preparedness.

Mr. H. Reuterhadal, an authoritative U. S. writer on such subjects, does not hesitate to put the truth very plainly, making mention of the fact, in so doing, that the Kaiser and his advisers are without doubt thoroughly well aware of it.

He points out that during the recent threatened trouble with Mexico, notwithstanding a supreme effort, it took months to get the small force of 158,000 men to the border, and that in the matter of land forces there is practically nothing to fall back upon, let alone send away overseas. In this regard, he says that it would take a very lengthy period to train even the semblance of an effective army.

With regard to the fleet, he states that there are some fine battleships, but that there are no cruisers to constitute a fast wing, or fast scouts, to act as "eyes"—both absolutely essential necessities in modern sea fighting. There is in addition a deplorable shortage in men and officers, while in the matter of air machines the total is only nineteen.

These things naturally account for the high-handed manner in which the Kaiserites refused to make reparations for the Lusitania and other outrages, and for the indifference with which they regard the possible entrance of the States into the actual fighting.

GUARD STATE PROPERTY.

By Courier Leased Wire. Boston, Feb. 20.—Seven companies of the National Guard began guard duty to-day over Government and railroad property in various parts of the state under orders from Adjutant-General Pearson. This action was taken, it was explained, to relieve state and local police, who had been assigned to such duty shortly after the break with Germany, and not because of any threatened danger. The guardsmen are equipped with service rifles.

DISCRIMINATING AGAINST SOLDIERS.

The statement is made that in Alberta, the Provincial Government, (Liberal) feeling that it cannot refrain from according the vote to soldiers helping to fight the empire's battles at the front, proposes to do so in such a way as to prevent the effect of their ballots upon various constituencies.

There are nearly 35,000 brave Albertians in khaki and the scheme is to have them elect two representatives. This works out at one seat to 17,000 soldiers as compared with one seat for 7,000 civilians.

If any such dodge is attempted it will be one of the most infamous things ever recorded in Canadian political history.

Of all the citizens of Canada none are more entitled to the untrammelled exercise of their franchise than the men who are risking life itself for the cause of liberty.

The British Columbia government recognized this and the Ontario government is also preparing to do so by the terms of a measure brought about this session.

If the Alberta outfit is afraid of the soldiers vote that fact in itself must show that they realize themselves to be an exceedingly rotten aggregation.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to Montreal upon raising \$4,000,000 for the Patriotic Fund. When it comes to downright wealth, the settlement on the St. Lawrence is the cross of all Canadian cities.

It is never well to despair. Old Probs announces that some more extremely cold weather is on the way.

Great Britain has withdrawn special restrictions on the export of coal to Norway, now that the country in question has stopped licenses for the export of pyrites to Germany. The Huns will have to rest content with their own crop of pirates instead.

DEATH ROLL OF THE DAY

W. L. KERR.
By Courier Leased Wire. Pittsburgh, Feb. 19.—William L. Kerr, aged 70, a prominent local business man and formerly president of the Pittsburgh National League Baseball Club, is dead at his home here following an illness of one week. Mr. Kerr was owner of the Pittsburgh club of the Brotherhood League, which was organized by players who had revolted from the National League until the former organization failed. He then secured an interest in the National League team, disposing of his holdings in 1900.

Major E. Davis.
New Orleans, Feb. 20.—Major E. Davis, for years editor-in-chief of The New Orleans Picayune, and regarded as one of the best known newspapermen of the South, died here last night, aged 87 years. Major Davis was a native of Lynchburg, Va. He attained the rank of major in the Confederate army and was with General Lee at the surrender at Appomattox.

ESPIONAGE BILL PASSED.
By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 20.—The administration espionage bill, providing severe penalties for spying on matters of national defense and punishing conspiracies to violate American neutrality, was passed to-day by the Senate by a vote of sixty to ten.

CAR SHORTAGE BILL.
By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 20.—The car shortage bill, giving the Interstate Commerce Commission in freight traffic emergencies broad powers to suspend all car services and to make any redistribution directions to meet the situation, was favorably reported to the House to-day by the Interstate Commerce Committee.

CITY GETS GROUNDS.
By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Feb. 20.—The formal transfer of the Rosedale Lacrosse grounds to the city for park purposes has been made. It has been the home of the Toronto Lacrosse and Athletic Association for 25 years.

NOT SURPRISED.
By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Feb. 20.—Disclosures about the 228th methods in connection with Oatman and Meeking were no surprise to E. J. Livingstone of the Toronto Hockey club, who declares that he was fully aware of the state of affairs. "It is a complete vindication of my stand in the matter," he says.

The Mayor of Jamestown, N. Y., confiscated three cars of anthracite coal in the Erie railroad yards, and it is being sold in small lots to relieve the coal famine. The natural gas pressure has been extremely low with the mercury from 10 to 20 below zero.

The Supreme Court has given to Mrs. Alice F. Halladay, of Detroit, a first lien upon the million-dollar stamp collection of Gen. H. Worthington, of Cleveland, upon a judgment of \$337,000, and authorizes her to sell the stamps by public auction to satisfy her claim.



WOUNDED SCOTTISH SOLDIERS ATTACK AND BEAT THE BOCHE IN ANOTHER WAY
The patients at the auxiliary hospital of the First Aid Corps in Edinburgh are taking part in the war on German trade, and are becoming skilled toy-makers. The photograph shows the men putting the finishing touches on the stuffed elephants, etc., with the help of the nurses.

SUDDEN DEATH OF GEN. FUNSTON

Commander of U. S. Forces On Mexican Border Passes Away Suddenly

WAS A VETERAN

Went Through Cuban War and Captured Aguinaldo

By Courier Leased Wire. El Paso, Tex., Feb. 20.—Major General John J. Pershing assumed temporary command of the southern department last night, filling the vacancy left by the death of Major-General Funston.

General Funston's body will be taken to San Francisco for burial in the National Cemetery at the Presidio, where a full military funeral will be accorded the distinguished soldier next Saturday.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 20.—Major-General Frederick Funston, commander of the American forces on the Mexican border, collapsed in a hotel here last night and expired in a short time. Physicians who were hurriedly summoned gave the cause of death as acute indigestion. General Funston had just finished dinner and was playing with a little child when stricken.

General Frederick Funston, who was 51 years old, was born in Kansas, and began life as a newspaper man. When the rebellion in Cuba began Funston joined the Cuban army, and commanded General Gomez's artillery with remarkable results. After engaging in 23 battles and being wounded three times, he resigned his command because of guerrillas who had aided the Spaniards were executed against his wishes.

While a colonel in a Kansas volunteer regiment in the Philippine war Funston performed feats of bravery that brought him his title of brigadier-general. His capture of Aguinaldo and his forcing of the Rio Grande River at Columbus, under the name of "The Punisher," were his crowning achievements.

SALVAGE TUG Believed to be Lost With All Aboard

By Courier Leased Wire. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 20.—The salvage tug Pilot, which was engaged in salvaging the steamer Sesostris off Ocos, Guatemala, has not been sighted since she left Salina Cruz, Mexico, February 1, and is believed by the owners here to have foundered with all hands.

The tug, which is owned by the British Columbia salvage company, of Victoria, left here last summer with a party of salvage experts, the object being to visit the former Kosmos liner Sesostris, for nine years imbedded in the sand at Ocos. Considerable work was accomplished and the Pilot departed for Salina Cruz for additional supplies. After leaving Salina Cruz the Pilot ran into a heavy gale and is supposed to have been wrecked. The run from Salina Cruz to Ocos usually requires only 22 hours. Captain Birss, Second Engineer Patterson and Brennan McLaughlin, all of Victoria, were on the tug the remainder of the crew being Spanish Americans.

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Simcoe, Feb. 20.—From Our Own Correspondent—The Partridge Woodcock cooked the pair of birds which Dr. Piton loosed the J. O. D. E. for the fair at the Armouries recently was sold since for \$15.00, and has gone to New Hamburg. It is significant that the proceeds of the fair amounted to just one hundred times the price for which the bird was sold.

The suit brought by Fred Peacock against the L. E. and N. Railway, has been settled out of court, the company agreeing to pay the plaintiff \$1,750 and costs. T. J. Agar, Simcoe, for the plaintiff, W. S. Brewster, of Brantford for the defence.

There was a very enjoyable hard times social at the Parish Hall last night and not so much evidence of hard times either.

The E. J. E. request us to acknowledge the receipt of the following liberal donations, in hope that others will follow in line.

Miss Mary Donohue, 50c; Mrs. D. A. Bowler, 50c; Misses, for Silver Hill Methodists, package Red Cross material; Ladies of St. Paul's church, 12 dozen pyjamas; Ladies banquet committee St. Paul's cash \$1.00; Mrs. Callings for Langton workers, package Red Cross material; Miss Madden and music pupils cash \$70.30.

Proceeds of sale of fancy quilt, \$51 (The quilt went to Dr. Richardson).

When the Daughters of the Empire here returned to a prominent Tillsonburg firm, hunting used at the fair here, as well rolled up as possible, and smoothed, with acknowledgment of shortage and with damaged parts marked and requesting the firm to submit their bill, they expected to receive the following, but it came, and was nothing to do but take the medicine for the secretary is out of town, and the reply will perforce be delayed.

The Letter.
Tillsonburg, Feb. 15th, 1917.
Dear Madam.—The hunting loaned to Mrs. B. for the Simcoe ladies was returned to us yesterday. We must congratulate the ladies on their measure of success attained in their effort to make this cloth look like the new. As we explained to Mrs. B. no doubt Mrs. B. explained that it was a distinct understanding that when we received the cloth back we were to be the judges as to its condition without any question, and to be permitted to place our own estimate as to its depreciation. We find that one piece is 21 yards short, the balance is damaged with silvers, pins, etc., to the extent of at least one cent a yard. In fact we are afraid that our loss will exceed that before we are able to dispose of it. However, we will pass it at that and have enclosed a statement of the amount of our charges. We trust that you will see the reasonableness of this. It is absolutely impossible to re-fold used hunting and make it first class merchandise, we would not attempt to do it ourselves, and we feel that the merchant should be able to do it better than those unaccustomed to handling the goods.

We would much rather at any time give a contribution of two dollars than loan this amount of hunting. Our loss would be less.

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J. H. RUSH, Manager
The ladies would surely have rushed him had he been within reach this afternoon.

The Statement.
To 21 yds short ... \$1.05
To 12 depreciation for 465 yds 4.65
Total ... \$5.70
Were the chapter able, they would not buy hunting for future use and let Rush out, but it would cost some \$25.00 and they made only \$1500.00 at the fair, and there you are.

Mr. Tailor Dan McCool, the famous checker king of Camp Borden, will be surprised to learn that the shop he occupied here before enlist-

ing is to be occupied and fitted up as a suite of tea rooms by a committee of ladies, the proceeds of the venture to go to the good of the cause.

The special committee of the county council paid a belated visit to the county industrial home on Saturday evening. The chairman was late getting around.

Dr. Chas. Egid sold six fat cattle rising three years, for \$603.

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ASPHYXIATED.
By Courier Leased Wire. Calgary, Feb. 20.—That Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dose, their daughters, Alma, aged one, and Esle, aged six; Minnie Tankrotz, aged nineteen, a sister of Mrs. Dose and Albert Tankrotz, aged two, lost their lives from asphyxiation by gas from an exploded coal stove, is the opinion of Corporal Smith of the Mounted Police, after investigation of a tragedy which occurred near Taber, Alberta.

Charred bones were found in the ruins, indicating that a number of bodies had been cremated in the resulting fire. The family were Germans, who had resided in the district for five years.

GUNBOAT SAFE
By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—via London—A Constantinople telegram says there is no truth in the report that the American Gunboat Scorpion stationed at Constantinople has been seized or sunk.

For several days reports that the Scorpion had been sunk have been in circulation. Apparently they originated in Rome, where they were accepted as authentic by the Press. It was said at Washington yesterday that the report was discredited there.

NEWS NOTES

There was found at the wharf at Port Renfrew the body, presumably of Dan McKay, who was drowned from a survey boat on Feb. 8.

Work on the new car plant of the C. N. R. at Port Mann is progressing satisfactorily, and should be in operation by the end of March.

A hunter who sold a load of fox skins in Kingston lately reports Charles Lorie, aged 79, died in his sleigh while only a few rods distant from his home in Eramosa township.

For the year ending December 31st, 1916, there were 41 births, 21 marriages and 19 deaths in Kingsville.

More than thirty cars of coal were received at Stratford within the past two days, and the many industries that were threatened by the shortage of the power producer are now well supplied.

The temperance act of the province of Quebec is pronounced a good law by Mr. Justice Teller, of the Superior Court in face of an attack on its constitutionality by a hotel-keeper in the city of Sorel.

F. L. Smith, aged 55, suffocated by smoke, scores driven to the streets in night clothes, and a property loss of \$20,000 was the result of a fierce fire which practically wiped out the Belcham Hotel at Sarnia. A Detroit respatch announces that James Crinnian, aged 56, brother of the proprietor of the hotel, shot himself on Saturday, June 21.

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The United States Government will encourage the plan of the Aero Club of America for the establishment of airmail delivery routes throughout the country, and will also co-operate in the \$100,000 trans-continental airplane race, June 21.

At Nassagaweya last week a farewell reception at which 300 people were present, was given to the boys of the 164th Battalion.

The death occurred near Centreton last week of Richard Sadler, an old resident of Haldimand Township aged 73 years and one month.

LOCAL

MANAGEMENT CO.
The school manager of the Board of education to-night in the City.

POLICE COURT
In the police court a charge of selling a license, preferred by inspector R. A. Eackerman Fraser, proprietor of the Mount Hotel, was adjourned.

THE BANTAMS
Sergeant Benning, of his arrival here to the "Bantam" recruit Dalhousie Street was obtaining one man to enlist with the however, unable to requirements and was

FRIGID NO LONGER
The trouble with at the City Hall that the building into resembling that prevalent in the land, has been remedied. The occupants of the offices are able to work under temperature.

UNDER THE WEATHER
The clock on the sun-drenched once again elements and refuses. Jeweler was notified however, and the trouble remedied. The clock night became lodged hands and caused the

NEW ALARM BOXES
Two of the new fire that have been ordered department, have arrived immediately installed in the most modern one will be placed at the and Leonard streets, close to the plant there, and at Norwich and Brantford, where it occurred in the past.

SLEIGH RIDE
The Y. P. G. of the Methodist church in through arriving rather greeting and a splendid them. After the playing of piano dust by and Wallace, solo, Miss and a musical contest was served, and the brought to a close by the National Anthem.

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