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**THE SITUATION**

The victorious Italians are now storming Monte San Gabriele, which is the last great stronghold barring the way to Trieste. Gen. Cardona has manifested made it a point to generalize in his reports and his despatches and purposes certainly do not need any censorship for he keeps details to himself. In this regard it will be remembered that there was no inking whatever of preparations for the offensive now so effectively under way.

The news with regard to Russian troops is still bad. As reported in the Courier leased wire service of last evening, an entire division yesterday abandoned their positions without offering any opposition to the Teutons, and it is very plain that the canker of insubordination continues to be rampant, and will require a very drastic operation, indeed, for removal.

A continuance of rough weather on the Western front serves to still hamper activities but Haig reports the taking of a strong point south east of Langemarck. A special despatch to the London Times asserts that Germany is now rushing large numbers of troops to the Belgium frontier.

The official report shows that during last week fifteen British vessels of over 1,600 tons were sunk by submarines and five under that figure. This is an increase, over the previous week, of three in the first named class and two in the latter. The menace is still a very real one but it has not in any sense lived up to the schedule, which was that the undersea craft would place Great Britain hors de combat in the matter of food supplies by July.

A high British official is reported as saying that if a big and important military victory can be achieved this autumn that fact will precipitate a serious political crisis in Germany. It is certainly to be hoped that both will occur.

**TWO DESPATCHES**

A couple of despatches are worthy of more than passing comment.

One quotes from an article in a Berlin paper during which the statement is made:

"The Russian peasant has to bleed at the government's command without knowing the government's aims. This is the freedom which the revolution has given the country."

Talk about Satan reproving sin! Of all people in the world it is the Germans who are bleeding without either knowing the aims of the Government, or having been consulted in the smallest shape in the matter. As for freedom they do not have and have not for years known what the word means.

The other despatch states that the Austrian Minister of Public Works started the Chamber of Deputies when, in announcing that miners had been brought from the front to help relieve the coal crisis, he added that they were so under-nourished that they were unable to do hard work and that they must be "accorded extra rations even at the expense of other classes of the population." This is an official all-round admission of the desperate condition of affairs in the dual kingdom.

**ITALIANS AND**

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"There was active artillery fighting on both banks of the Meuse (Verdun front). German attempts north of Caullieres wood and against our small posts north of Vaux-les-Palameix met with a complete check."

**Italian Official**  
The Italian official announcement follows:  
"On the Balzains plateau and east of Gorizia, the enemy attempted by counter-attacks in force to retake positions recently captured. He was driven back everywhere. Our lines were held firmly and advanced at some points. We captured 560 prisoners."

**British Official**  
London, Aug. 30.—The enemy artillery was active during the night in the Nicourt sector," says today's war office statement. "The weather was stormy and wet."

**THE LATE MR. TODD.**

It is parting with an old friend to record the death of Mr. Martin Todd, of Galt. He had been well and favorably known to many Brantfordites for years, and still more generally so since he became Manager of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway. He was a man who measured up splendidly in all relationship and under all circumstances. His was one of those cheery personalities which count for so much in this workaday world, allied to keen business acumen he was the possessor of large hearted generosity both in thought and deed. His activities were many and the responsibilities which devolved upon him were throughout most efficiently discharged. In his home he was a prince among hosts and as a citizen most loyal.

The Courier begs to join in the many expressions of sympathy which will be extended to the bereaved wife and family in the passing of such a true-hearted man.

**BORDEN THE MAN**

It is difficult to imagine how anybody who has carefully and dispassionately watched the course of Sir Robert Borden during these trying war times, can fail to realize that Canada has indeed had devout cause for thankfulness that he should have been at the head of affairs during the existing ordeal. The responsibilities and the duties of the first minister are always exceedingly heavy and multifarious and when on top of these there has come the war burden, the task has assumed proportions of tremendous scope. Moreover, he has not had, as Asquith and then Lloyd George have enjoyed in England, the hearty co-operation of political opponents and there has been much heckling and unworthy effort to thwart his purposes. Throughout it all he has steered a clear and unwavering course on behalf of the cause of Empire and human liberty, and in not one instance since hostilities started has he indulged in recrimination, although greatly provoked, or made one political appeal. For the Dominion to do her share in the most effective way has manifested been his one desire and aim and the extent to which he has gone in this regard with reference to the formation of a Union Government is now a matter of common knowledge.

At the caucus of Conservative members held yesterday in Ottawa, it transpired that in negotiations with Western Liberals they had stipulated that in the matter of a leader there should be a change if they joined forces on a "win-the-war" basis, with the name of Sir George Foster as the first on the list. True to his previous course, Borden offered to make way for another if that should be thought best, but Foster at once declared that in his opinion the present Prime Minister was the one man of all others to be continued in that post, and all those present unreservedly concurred in this view. It is an opinion, too, which will be heartily shared by Canadians generally.

Meanwhile Sir Robert has asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier to name half of the twenty-four members of the Board of Selection with regard to the appointment of local tribunals under the Military Service Act and the Liberal leader has accepted. In doing so he told the House that the principle of the bill was one of which he did not approve but added:

"I consider that whether we approve or do not approve of its principle, it having become law and having just received the sanction of the Governor-General, it behooves us all as loyal British subjects, to do our part to see that it is carried out as harmoniously as possible."

It is certainly to be hoped that Sir Wilfrid will implement this pledge to the full extent of which he is capable with regard to Quebec.

**LIBEL SUIT DISMISSED**

By Courier Leased Wire.  
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**FAREWELL TO SAMMIES**

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New York, Aug. 30.—The spectacle of 25,000 fighting men marching down Fifth Avenue stirred the great city to the depths to-day. Pride, patriotic fervor and the emotions that go with farewells to a soldier seemed to grip with a common intensity the two million people who watched the rank upon rank of khaki swing by.

The troops, New York States former National Guard, now the 27th division of the United States army, marched, before leaving for their preliminary training at Spartanburg, S.C., so that the city might give them a "send-off" worthy of their ultimate mission in France. The soldiers called forth roars of cheers that were almost continuous for the more than six hours that it took the division to march from 110th street to Washington Square.

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**WILSON'S REPLY**

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Rabbi Stephen Wise, of the Free Synagogue, New York, a well-known pacifist, has declared his opposition to any German peace movement.

Dr. Hovey, who returned with the Crocker Land expedition yesterday, says that valuable mineral finds have been located in the Arctic regions.

Stanley Menken, president of the National Security League, declares that officials are deliberately concealing the gravity of the war situation.

Infant mortality in New York State last month reached its lowest level for a quarter of a century, only 430 deaths being reported.

**SLACKERS' STRIKE IS A FAILURE**

Called In Montreal By Anti-Conscription Organization Today

**OBSERVED BY FEW**

Mass Meeting Attended By Not More Than a Hundred Persons

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Montreal, Aug. 30.—The general strike called to-day by the anti-conscription organization here as a protest against the signing of the military service act was a failure. A mass meeting which was to have been held in Lafontaine Park this morning was attended by only a hundred people, a number of speakers announced to attend, not putting in an appearance. It was raining hard which dampened the ardour of those few who approved of the strike proclamation.

A Labor Day message issued to-day by J. P. Foster, president of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, urges union men here to "agitate, organize and prepare" against capitalism. Mr. Foster says that the year just past has been fraught with many events of momentous and deeply significant interest to organized labor on this continent. Overtaken by the forces of the bourgeoisie, principles violated and measures introduced that are incompatible with the ideals of a liberty-loving and free people. Truly has autocracy apparently supplanted democracy at present political schemers, war profiteers and other exploiters are profuse with promises in order that they may make capital out of patriotism, but for these promises will be forgotten when the needs of the day are gone. Union men must therefore organize themselves.

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**ACTION AGAINST FINNISH DIET**

Russ Troops Occupy Parliament Building At Helsingfors

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Helsingfors, Finland, Wednesday, August 29.—Russian troops occupied the parliament buildings at an early hour to-day to prevent the reassembling of the diet in defiance of the decision of the Russian Government. The city is calm. The Helsingfors council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies has ordered the crews of the warships to return to their vessels.

During the afternoon 100 deputies endeavored to enter the parliament building, but were kept out by the troops. No disorders occurred.

Senator Manners, who sent out the call for the assembling of the diet made a protest to Governor-General Stakovich against his refusal to permit the diet to meet. The government promised to call this protest for a quarter of a century, only 430 deaths being reported.

**CONSERVATIVES WILL HAVE NO PREMIER SAVE BORDEN**

His Continuance At Helm Essential To Nation—Proposal of Western Liberals Unanimously Rejected

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Declaring that the continuance of Sir Robert Borden in the office of Prime Minister of Canada is indispensable to the nation, especially at such a time as the present, the caucus of Conservative members of the Senate and House of Commons yesterday dismissed the amazing proposal of Premier A. L. Sifton, Hon. A. Calder, and other Western Liberals associated with them in the recent negotiations that there should be a change in leadership as a condition of their entry into a union Government. The caucus expressed approval of Sir Robert's efforts to bring about a union of the war parties in the Dominion in support of national war Government. Indeed it gave him a free hand to proceed with the reconstruction of his cabinet. The members, however could not acquiesce in a proposition which involved his retirement from his place as leader of the Government and the party. The caucus was, it is stated, remarkable for the depth of devotion shown by its members to their chief. It came to a close with the unanimous adoption of the following resolution:

**Pledge Support to Sir Robert**  
"We, the supporters of Sir Robert Borden's Government in the Parliament of Canada, record our emphatic approval of that Government's policy and achievements during these three years of war.

"We endorse the earnest and patient efforts of the Prime Minister to bring about a union of all the war forces of Canada and to give to this Dominion in these days of ever-increasing stress, suffering and peril, the advantage of an Administration which would typify that union and speak to the world the answering resolution of our people to see this war through to victory.

"For the purpose of such union we are, one and all, prepared to make any personal or party sacrifice that the occasion may demand.

"We record unanimously our profound admiration of the great work and splendid leadership of Sir Robert Borden. We sincerely believe that no other man can discharge with like capacity the tremendous task of the Prime Minister during this crisis, and that now, of all times, his continuance in the Premiership is indispensable to the nation, and to his leadership we pledge our unalterable support."

**Premier's Statement**  
When the caucus had assembled, Sir Robert Borden reviewed his negotiations for the formation of a union Government and emphasized his earnestness of purpose in those endeavors. He had proposed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the owner of an abattoir named Sekyer, should have sought relief, if he desired it, through the criminal courts by arresting the company owning the newspaper, instead of the president of the company or the paper's editor.

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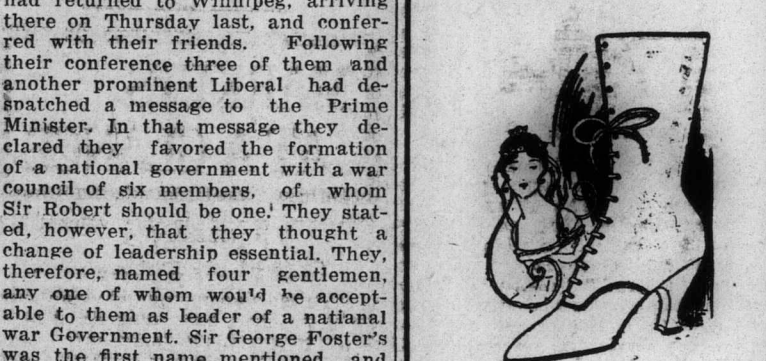
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**LOCAL**

**AT CONVENTION.**  
At the Bicycle Dealers' Convention in Toronto this week, Brantford was represented by Messrs. R. L. Isaacs and E. T. McCutcheon.

**TEAS RECOMMENCE.**  
The Golf Club teas will be the first of September after continued during the month of August.

**ATTEND CONVENTION.**  
Mayor Bowley, City Clerk Leonard and City Treasurer Bunnell are in Toronto attending the meeting of the Municipal Association.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**  
A meeting of the management committee of the Board of Education will be held at the city evening, to consider matters in connection with the opening schools on Tuesday of next week.

**COAL FIGURES.**  
A well known local coal dealer speaking to the Courier to-day that there must be some about a quotation stated he had received in the city of ten for hard coal. He gave to show that same costs \$8.00 mine with \$2.00 freight to and 77 cents freight from Brantford. These figures show the net figures total \$8.22 actual cost.

**LOCAL MAN WINS.**  
In the preliminary heat of the Canadian National Pigeon shooting tournament in Brantford, Col. Page, of Brantford, won the first prize with 97 birds, while E. Brien, of Butte, Mont., was only one miss behind. In the final Col. Page was returned the only missing one bird in white Vance had three misses.

**CLOSE CONTEST.**  
Sixteen men from the Galt yesterday played Brantford in a very close, the Brantford winning out by the narrow margin of 2-1-2 points. There were prizes, Mr. R. H. Revell was the first for the best gross and Dr. Buchanan of Galt. The prize for the best net was taken by Mr. Smith of Galt. Coods for the Red Cross about \$20.

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