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THE SITUATION.

The British have taken possession of still more enemy trenches in the region of Bullecourt, the pressure having proved so strong as to force the enemy to withdraw at several points.

The Italians continue to hold out in excellent fashion. The official report from Rome states that strong Austro-German attacks were yesterday repulsed on the northern mountain front between the Brenta and Piave rivers, and that the Teuton losses were very heavy. It begins to look more and more as if the invaders have been halted, without hope of much further progress, although it would not yet be safe to regard the position of affairs as entirely cleared. Each day however is that much gained until the help of Allied forces can be fully felt.

General Allenby reports from Palestine that the Turks at many points continue to manifest more resistance than formerly, but British troops are now three and a half miles west of Jerusalem and the fall of that city will apparently not be long deferred.

Theodore Roosevelt in a characteristic speech, which he made in Toronto last night on behalf of the Victory Loan, said:—

"Mr. Chairman and you men and women of Toronto, I feel it a high honor to come and speak before you this evening, and friends, I want you to remember one thing: I have not wanted to come before you in order to speak well of you. It has been my pleasure and my pride for over three years to hold up in my own country the example of Canada—as an example for us to follow."
 And that example, he it noted, is one which will be both dishonored and spat upon, if the elements now seeking to defeat the Union Government succeed.

KITCHENER REMAINS MULTIFARIOUS

The claim that it was a bunch of irresponsible who howled down Premier Borden at a public meeting in Kitchener has already been disproved by no less a body than the City Council of that place.

At a special meeting it was suggested that the following message be sent to Sir Robert:—

"We, the members of the Council of the city of Kitchener, assembled in special session, desire to tender you an expression of our sincere respect on account of the disturbance which occurred on Saturday evening last, by which the citizens of Kitchener and adjacent municipalities were prevented from hearing the message which you had so kindly prepared to deliver at great personal inconvenience. We desire to offer you our most sincere apologies, assuring you, at the same time, that the elements of the population, referred to above, which joined in the interruption, did not represent the sentiment of the people as a whole, but only those of the ill-informed and prejudiced. Please accept, honorable Sir, our assurance that we deplore what has occurred. We hope for your consideration and forbearance and trust that you will consider the possibility of a return to Kitchener before the elections are held. Every means will be taken to give you a royal reception."

This constituted a fair and honorable proposal, but the majority of the Aldermen would have none of it. By a vote of 7 to 5 they put themselves on record as averse to the expression of any regret, and thus as representatives of the people declared that the disgraceful episode was neither to be condemned nor repudiated.

Their course in this regard gives official approval to the Pro-German demonstration, which took place and emphasizes the significance of the fact that in one of the centres of this British Province of Ontario traitorous and enemy action stands uncondemned by the elected representatives of the populace.

Let it be repeated once again, that the entire incident again brings into forceful prominence the fact that the Laurier cause stands for all that is inimical to the welfare of Canada and the Empire, together with the base betrayal of the brave men who are fighting for us and our liberties at the front.

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THE ONTARIO VOTE.

In the present electoral contest the vote of Ontario will have to offset that of Quebec.

Can this Province do that? All the indications point to this conclusion, although plenty of hard work will be necessary to achieve the result.

The total number of Ontario constituencies in which a Laurier man is not running is 67 out of 82.

In Glengarry, McMurray, Lib.-Unionist, was elected by acclamation.

In West Hastings, the Con-Unionist Government candidate, E. Gus Porter, is opposed only by R. J. Graham, Independent, who appeals as "an independent supporter of the present Government to win the war."

In North Grey, W. S. Middleboro, Con-Unionist Government candidate, is opposed only by Dr. Dandard, Independent Lib.-Unionist.

In North Oxford, E. W. Nesbitt, Lib.-Unionist, the Government candidate, is opposed only by Col. Sutherland, soldiers' candidate, who would support the Union Government.

In South Toronto, Dr. Charles Sheard, Con-Unionist Government candidate, is opposed only by David Carey, Laborite, who would support Union Government.

In Welland, W. M. German, Lib.-Unionist, is opposed by E. E. Fraser, Con-Unionist.

In Lincoln, the Government candidate, J. D. Chaplin, Con-Unionist, is opposed only by Capt. E. J. Lovelace, who is overseas. The latter favors conscription, and declares Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy inadequate.

In eight other ridings Sir Wilfrid has to depend on Labor or Socialist candidates in lieu of straight Laurier Liberals, and two of the latter whom he has named have openly repudiated his endorsement.

He will admittedly win some sixty seats in Quebec, but Ontario should, and will, take care to offset them.

As for the rest of the Dominion the West will undoubtedly return a majority of Union supporters and the Eastern Provinces look well, especially Nova Scotia, where Sir Robert Borden's efforts in securing an acclamation for Hon. Mr. Fielding have naturally had a most favorable effect.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

The Courier is in receipt of the following letter:

Brantford, Nov. 27, 1917.
 To the Editor of the Courier:

Dear Sir—Would it be too much to ask you to explain to your readers your position on Union Government. This may seem a foolish question as you have already said that you are standing up for Union Government. But when I see that in the riding of Brant that you are doing all in your power through the paper of which you are editor to secure the election of Mr. Harry Cockshutt, it makes one stop a moment to consider whether you are really in earnest.

Everyone knows that the Union Government has named Mr. W. F. Cockshutt in Brantford and Mr. Harold in Brant as the Union Government candidates. The question is then why do you not support Mr. Harold in Brant as well as Mr. W. F. Cockshutt in Brantford. There must be some good reason for this apparent lack of consistent effort on your part and it would enlighten your readers to have this explained.

A child would know that while Mr. Harry Cockshutt is posing as a Union Government supporter that in reality he is putting nails in the Union Government coffin by turning votes from the Union candidate, Mr. Harold, to himself. All of which is making a goodly number of electors wonder just where you stand. Thanking you for this explanation, I remain,

Yours truly,
 JOHN T. SLOAN,
 10 Queen street, city.

The Courier's position on Union Government is well known to readers of this paper for such a form of administration was advocated in these columns long before the same was effected.

Readers of The Courier are also equally well aware of the position of affairs in the north riding, for

MEETINGS IN THE INTERESTS OF

Col. Harry Cockshutt

The Win-the-War Candidate for the Riding of Brant, will be held as follows:—

Grand View School, Thursday Evening at 8 o'clock
 Burford, on Friday Evening at 8 o'clock; Paris, on Saturday Evening at 8 o'clock.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

the paper has previously given them in detail.

In the first place while Mr. Harold was still in the field as a straight Liberal candidate, Harry Cockshutt received a letter from the Premier asking him to carry the Union banner. After that Mr. Harold resigned, expecting to get a Union nomination, but no such gathering occurred and he was then again placed in nomination at a Liberal meeting, but on this occasion as a Unionist.

Then Mr. Cockshutt offered to resign in favor of Hon. Mr. Rowell. Mr. Harold would do the same. The latter refused and thereby blocked the way to such an amicable arrangement. The Expositor in this regard made the statement:—"There is no particular reason for blaming the Colonel in connection with anything that has occurred, and he certainly went a long way in the direction of harmony when he offered to withdraw in favor of Mr. Rowell."

Unprejudiced people will heartily agree with the above statement. Under the circumstances The Courier sees no inconsistency in supporting Harry Cockshutt's candidature.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The brave soldier boys at the front never let up in their efforts. See that you do not relax in yours on behalf of supporting a win-the-war government.

More than one old-time Liberal hereabouts has been heard to say that although in favor of backing the boys at the front, it is hard to vote for a "Tory" government. In this regard, the fact should be remembered that the present administration is genuinely Union, with Liberal leaders holding most important portfolios, and the Cabinet to be on a fifty-fifty basis. It is not a Tory government or a Grit government, but one combined of the best win-the-war men in both parties.

Keep up the good work.

A vote for Cockshutt is a vote to say that Canada should not skulk from the battle field.

In Quebec, a Union candidate dare not appear on a public platform; in Kitchener, Premier Borden was howled down. The very elements which thus seek to throttle free speech have a flag waving over them under which they claim all kinds of free and traitorous freedom for themselves. Are you, by your vote, going to help that kind into power at Ottawa?

A vote for Cockshutt is a vote for the honor of Canada.

Here are some extracts from Roosevelt's Toronto speech:—"I ask Canadians to take up the Victory bonds for they are absolutely certain. They help themselves buying them, because if ever the bonds of Canada become bad, it will be because Canada has gone, and they there won't be any Canadians here. (Laughter and applause.) And you have got to help your sons and brothers at the front. (Prolonged cheers.)"

"You may have heard the people who say, 'Yes, certainly, we will go to war, but not much. We will fight, but not excessively. It is with a nation as with an individual; never hit at all if you can possibly avoid it, but never hit soft. (Laughter.) Nobody is grateful for being hit a little. (Laughter.) If you hit a man and only hit him a little, he is going to hurt you, and he isn't going to feel sentimental about it. Don't hit a man if you aren't forced to it; if you do hit him put him to sleep. (Laughter and applause.)"

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

To The Editor of The Courier

SEC. BROWN REPLIES TO MR. KEEN

To the Editor:—Dear Sir, I trust you will permit me to reply to Geo. Keen's last letter. In regard to his statement of malicious intent, I beg to insure you many readers, that if there is any malice in this little controversy, it is surely on the part of my opponent, as my feeling in the matter, if any, is one of disgust, for a man who is so blinded by his own self-importance, that he cannot see himself as others see him. Mr. Keen acts very much like a child who is over playing at a neighbor's, and because he cannot have his own way, runs home crying, (publicly) and tells his ma. This Keen-like rule or ruin policy adopted by our would-be friends, is not consistent with the times. He has been, at on four times in succession recently, that I know of, and I would imagine the public would not have more than one qualification to give him the seat of honor in the Labor movement time and time again.

Mr. Keen states in a previous letter that "had he not declined the nomination," etc. As a matter of fact he was not tendered the nomination at all. The secretary of the I. L. P. wrote asking Mr. Keen if he would be willing to allow his name to go before the convention, which he respectfully declined to do.

As for having the honor of the valuable activities of the T. and L. Council commented on in the Toronto and Hamilton Labor papers, I submit that it is very necessary to have more than one qualification to have a well-balanced organization. It falls to my lot, by virtue of my office, to furnish a fair share of executive ability as well as ability to express an opinion.

A person could be quite safe in taking a ten to one shot that Miss Hughes was not desirous of having nor did she intend to leave the impression that Mr. Keen should rush into the papers and pass individual judgment on any person or organization. I believe the public are fully aware of his falling, Mr. Keen, as corresponding secretary of the T. and L. Council, draws the attention of the Federal Judiciary to the case of Isaac Bainbridge of Toronto, that according to "British Fair Play," a man is innocent in the eyes of the law until he is proven guilty. Has our candidate or the I. L. P. been given the same consideration by him? I should say not.

As for Mr. Keen saying Secretary Marks of Toronto made the remarks which thus seek to throttle free speech, it is a deliberate lie, as the finding of the Ontario President and Secretary, published in a previous issue will prove. No one wishes to disgrace the name of Mr. Keen, but of some service to the Labor movement, but I again repeat, he places himself in a similar position to the proverbial cow, who kicks over the pail of milk. Really, Mr. Keen is too inconsistent to be taken seriously.

The energetic secretary of the I.L.P. in conveying my motion, "That Mr. Keen be thanked for his past service to the party and expressed regret in losing him as a member, unduly overstated the mark, the I.L.P. would be sorry to lose any member no matter how great or how small a personage. Mr. Keen's own admission has shown that he is treated with every courtesy until he adopted a rule or ruin policy and I think the public will agree, fully deserves our attitude.

His letter of the 16th of October was read that night at a meeting of the members of the I.L.P., at which Alderman McBride received the nomination, and during the course of his remarks Mr. Keen had this to say in regard to myself, "The other name which I understand will be submitted to the meeting is that of a gentleman who has given many years of conscientious and self-sacrificing service to the cause of labor in this city on the Trades and Labor Council, and in his own union and has never been a conspicuous supporter of either of the two capitalist parties, his labor views have for years been predominant and there is no doubt in my mind he could be relied upon to give unwavering support to the policy of the labor party in Parliament. If no or anyone else whose unselfish devotion to labor political principles is unquestioned, is selected, I will, as a member of the party, do all within my power to secure his return."

It strikes me rather forcibly that he, too, has adopted a very "rancorous" attitude towards such a well deserving mortal as the above quotation would indicate.

I am, Sir, Editor that it will not be necessary for me to waste any more of your valuable space on this matter as my name also could be employed to better advantage now than the I.L.P. have their candidate definitely in the field.

I, too, wish to thank you for the courtesy extended to us to place the other side of the question before the public and allow them to judge for themselves.

A. G. BROWN,
 Sec.-Treas. T. and L. Council.

MASONS HONORED.
 By Courier Leased Wire.
 Plattsburg, N. Y., Nov. 26.—One of the most unusual military masonic events in the history of the order in this country took place at the reserve officers training camp here Saturday and Sunday. In recognition of having been awarded commissions in the army 337 master masons were honored by receiving all the degrees in Scottish rite free masonry from the fourth to the thirty-second, inclusive, without expense.

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MR. ROBERT HENRY

Sends a Congratulatory Letter to Mr. W. F. Cockshutt.

Mr. Robert Henry
 Mr. W. F. Cockshutt is in receipt of the following letter:
 Windsor, Nov. 22, 1917.

Dear Mr. Cockshutt:—After your long and valued services to your constituents as their representative in the Dominion House of Commons, Ottawa, I had the seat by acclamation, but must have a right to gratify their ambition, hence the opposition to you.

The election will be different from any of its predecessors. You will, of course, as you have said, abandon all political issues, you have lost much by sending members of your family to the front, and you are now again desirous of entering the House of Commons, with a view of helping a Government of all parties who are banded together to use every means in their power to win the war, it would appear to me that this must be the desire of every true Canadian.

I wish you every success and remain
 Yours sincerely,
 ROBERT HENRY.

STILL ON THE CARPET

By Courier Leased Wire
 Washington, Nov. 26.—Investigation, by a Senate, privileges and elections sub-committee of the alleged disloyal speech of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, last September, at St. Paul, Minn., before the non-partisan league, was resumed today with examination of witnesses scheduled after an executive session to discuss further procedure.



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LOCAL
BUILDING PERMIT
 A building permit for a garage was issued yesterday at the office of the city engineer to James Irelan, house street, for the \$50 frame garage.
DAD PROMOTED
 "Dad" Stewart, for as and Brantford can has been gazetted lieutenant. A cable was received yesterday by his mother, Stewart, St. Thomas, that Carlton (Dad) Stewart is elevated in rank. "Dad," or as he is known, Lieut. Stewart, went years ago with the Pioneers and has been of the fight ever since.
POLICE COURT
 Mrs. Elizabeth Brophy court last evening her husband, Thomas, with assault. The wife was allowed to remain in the house, the two having agreed. J. W. Cronin, John Gardner with inflicting injuries to a car. The case was remanded to the next day for the civil court.
TRAPSHOOTING
 Traps are being set in the woods near the city council of that city. An edict prohibiting the use of traps is possible, however, means will be made to the equipment outside its prominent trap all parts of Canada. United States have a annual shoot held in the city and the decision of the council, should it venting the sport it would be a serious branch of sport.
COMPILING VOTER
 In other cities representatives in compiling the coming federal list have been made by the through ignorance of regulations have been and in some cases necessary to go over twice and revise the once made up by the officers in the Brampton ridings have registered and the men appointed in the two are working satisfactorily.
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