

## THE COURIER

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## The Situation.

Matters with regard to Greece, or more properly speaking, King Constantine, are still in a very doubtful state. There is the assertion that a German-Austro commission is at Athens to conclude a formal agreement, that Kitchener is also on the scene, and so on, but there is no news of a definite nature either one way or the other. Italy taking a hand in has given Constantine excellent cause to still further hesitate before he openly throws his lot in with the Kaiser, as he had without doubt hitherto intended to do. The Serbians still continue to fight with great tenacity and pluck and the Allied forces in this new theatre of the struggle are commencing to make themselves felt.

The Russian position in the Eastern theatre is now in a far more satisfactory condition than seemed at all possible a few weeks ago. General Ruzsky, who has been fighting against von Hindenburg, in an interview, says:—

"We are now guaranteed against unpleasant surprises on the part of the Germans. The time for surprises is past. The Germans are still strong, but not so strong that we need fear them."

These are reassuring words and would appear to be thoroughly well supported by the facts of the case.

In South Africa it has been decided to attack German East Africa and the result may be counted upon as one more loss to the German colonial possessions.

## The Death of Dr. Montague.

The tragic death of Dr. Montague removes a somewhat remarkable figure from the public arena. He first came into public notice in 1887-1890 when a bitter political duel for the Dominion House took place between himself and C. W. Colter, in the neighboring County of Haldimand. Montague won in 1897 by a small margin. The parties set aside the election, and he was again successful in the bye-election by a small margin. Once more he was unseated, and in 1899, Mr. Colter won after a very close finish. He, in turn, had his election voided, and Montague triumphed once more in 1899, and held the seat until 1906. He had not been long in Ottawa before he was made a member of the Cabinet, and he was always more or less a storm centre.

The Doctor had very few equals in Canada as a stump speaker. Older Brantfordites will recall the manner in which in 1896 he literally saved a Conservative meeting at the Brantford drill hall. Sir Charles Tupper, whose death has also just been announced, received some very disturbing news on his arrival in his special car at the Grand Trunk depot, and he was altogether not himself in the address which he delivered. There were a large number of Liberals in the gathering, and they had practically collared the meeting when Montague rose to speak, and in a very few minutes had captured the crowd, holding their breathless attention until the

end. A more notable achievement under the circumstances was never recorded on the public platform.

With his defeat and that of his party in 1896, he disappeared from Dominion politics, only latterly to be a member of the Roblin Cabinet in Manitoba, and to become the subject of charges still pending against members of that Administration.

## The Churchills.

The first Churchill to reach prominence was John, afterwards Duke of Marlborough, who was born in 1650, and was the greatest general and one of the first statesmen of his time. The family affords one of those rare instances of genius descending through generation after generation. Lord Randolph Churchill, among the others to attain great prominence, was one of the most brilliant public men of his day, and without doubt did very much to revive the fortunes of the Conservative party. In 1886 he was made Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Salisbury Cabinet, and suddenly threw up the post, for the quite generally believed reason that he hoped by the step to create a party rumpus, which would lead to his preferment as leader. Instead, Salisbury quietly accepted his resignation, put Goschen in as Chancellor, and matters went on as smoothly as if Lord Randolph had never existed. The blow was a very severe one to himself and his pride, and he never regained the eminence which he had previously occupied.

The career of his son, Winston has in many respects, been equally notable. Soldier, author and statesman, he has achieved fame in all three directions, while he still may be regarded, as such things go, as a young man. He has been no more dependable than the rest of them, and did not hesitate to abandon one party for another when he thought his self-interest rested in such a course. That the splendid preparedness of the British navy was, in quite a large measure, due to him as First Sea Lord, is generally admitted, but it seems to have been generally felt that he was mainly responsible for a couple of unfortunate moves since the commencement of hostilities. Now, true to the traditions of his race, he has offered his services at the front—he had previously had experience in the Boer war—and if he should safely emerge from the conflict, there is every reason to believe that he may again become a factor in the councils of the Empire.

## OUTLINES

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vilage of ruling over them, even if liberated by other hands. The German fleet should be rendered and either sunk or divided up among the allies. All Zeppelin or zeppelin hangars should be burnt. German colonies worthless in themselves, must remain as trophies for the nations who conquered them—South Africa, India, Australia and New Zealand.

"On some such basis European peace might be secured. The terms may seem unduly favorable to Germany, but no German would be left ruler by or subjected to another race, and no other race would be ruled by a German. Nationality would be vindicated and only by nationality being vindicated is there hope of peace."

The record population for Ohio penitentiary has now been obtained, it is 2,364.

It is feared that the steamer Chas. A. Luck, formerly the City of Berlin, has been lost, with all hands, on Lake Superior. The freighter P. D. Armour sank in Lake Erie, but the crew were saved.

## ITALIAN OFFICIAL

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, Nov. 14, via Paris Nov. 15.—The following official statement was issued to-day at the headquarters of the Italian general staff:—

"In the Ledro valley from the slopes of Nozzolo, from Montes Pari, Cimadoro and Rocchetta enemy artillery opened an intense fire against our positions, also throwing inflammable shells on Bezzecca and Pieve di Solido without, however, damaging our solid defences.

"On the Tyrol-Trentino front and in Carnia there were no important developments.

"On the Isonzo front our action continued yesterday. We progressed on Javorek, in the Plezzo basin and on the heights northwest of Gorizia.

"On the Carso plateau we have taken strong entrenchments called Delle Frascie to the southwest of San Martino.

"Our aeroplanes on the 12th, notwithstanding bad weather, made successful raids over the Carso. They bombarded the railroad stations at Reichenberg, San Daniele, Sopo, and Drogolno and long lines of trains standing at the stations. Two enemy machines of the Albatross type and one of the Aviatik type, which were met on the way were put to flight. Our machines returned undamaged."

## SOLDIERS' BURDENS

Loads They Have to Carry on March and in Action.

While the rifle of the infantryman of the world's armies has steadily lessened in weight during the last fifty years, and while constant attempts have been made in other ways the uniformed fighter of to-day carries very little if any less than he did a generation or two ago. His gun and bayonet and some other details of equipment that had an exact counterpart in the old armies may be lighter, but modern military necessities have added to his carrying requirements.

He must now face this marching load: Magazine, rifle, bayonet, scabbard, rifle cartridge belt and fasteners, first aid packet, canteen, canteen strap, set of blankets, roll straps, haversack, meat can (used as a frying pan), cup, knife, fork, spoon, one shelter tent (half), one shelter pins, one poncho (rubber blanket), one pair shoes, one housewife (needle and thread), one overcoat, one trenching tool.

These marching loads have varied from 40 to 100 pounds in the past and weigh about the same now. Of course, in going into action much of this load is discarded, some of it never to be possessed by the owner again, even though he escapes the battle.

In the old days knapsacks were always cast off by seasoned troops, who grew calloused as to the hoarding up of little trinkets and mementoes so appeal to the amateur soldier.

After a battle these discarded knapsacks might be recovered, but it was not likely. At any rate, while another knapsack might be issued, it would not be the one possessed by the soldier before the battle.

## Wacousta Sunk.

London, Nov. 15.—The Norwegian steamer Wacousta, 1988 tons, is reported sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved. The Wacousta sailed from Pictou, N. S., October 19, for Vladivostok.

Over 50,000,000 lbs. of degeables have been bought around Rochester, N.Y., by a Belleville, Ont. firm to feed French soldiers.

## Gossip of Notables.

If E. S. Willard, whose death is reported from London, fell a little short of the greatest heights in acting, he was among the most remarkable performers of modern times, says the New York Evening Post. He excelled in many departments of the drama. His life work was completed some time ago, and his passing, therefore, does not inflict any new loss upon the theatrical stage, but it will cause profound regret in the hearts of thousands of his admirers. He was still in the later prime of life, having been born at Brighton, in England, in 1853. It was as the second officer in "The Lady of Lyons," as lowly a beginning as could be wished, that he made his first appearance before the footlights. Then followed a long course of hard labor in the provincial stock companies, which he produced so many able players, until he reached London in 1875.

After attracting some attention by a performance of "Armando," "The Merchant of Venice," in which his noble voice and fine delivery made him of great service to him, he returned to the provinces, appearing as Edgar in "Lea," Eugene Aram, Robert Folliott in "The Shaughraun," and other characters. Soon he advanced to more ambitious efforts, acting as Dubosc and Lesurques in "The Lyons Mail," Macheath, Claude Melnotte, Sir Peter Teazle, Sir Harcourt Courly Benedict, Charles Surface, Ham and Peggotty, and other parts.

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It was in the great tragic characters that his limitations as an actor were again manifest. He could not rise to the supreme heights of emotion or imagination. But to all the passions of daily life and to all the common joys and griefs of ordinary humanity he was among the very ablest of modern interpreters, and the means by which he expressed them were infinite. Few actors of his day were more free from the bondage of mannerism. His individuality, of course, would assert itself occasionally through the disguise. His eyes and his voice betrayed him. But his methods varied with each new assumption. His execution was informed, sure and delicate artistry. He was, in truth, a well-graced actor. It will be long ere we look upon a better one.

## Corporal Drake

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the ins and outs of a base camp."

"The work is hard, I'll admit, from 5.30 until lights out, and when we get a draft ready we haven't a minute. Received my first paper in France yesterday and you little thought when you saw that map in the Expositor that you were looking over the ground that your hubby has travelled over. From the rail head to our first billets was 15 long French miles, but I mustn't tell you where we went.

As regards the war, it is a known fact, Imperial officers at the front are setting with one another that it will all end, by Xmas. Believe me, I sincerely hope so.

I ever remain, Jack.

## Is Evers to Quit?

It is a very interesting little story, the tale that is leaping from lip to lip among baseball fans in California, and which had its origin two days after Bert Whitting, former Brave of the New York Evening Post, was ex-Red, was traded to a Pacific coast league club by Stallings for an out-er gardener. Whitting very confidently took a sporting writer aside, and told him that Johnnie Evers would not be with the Bostonians next season. He whispered that Johnnie had told him that very thing just before the Braves disbanded for the season.

"Oh, he was serious," said Whitting. "He gave no reason, but Evers was serious, all right, all right." As Johnnie is serious when he is smiling, he may have been having his little joke with the big catcher. It's a certainty that Evers is not going to quit the game. He likes it too well. It is equally as certain that Stallings is not going to take the main prop from under his infield.

Evers may be a "crab," when playing, but he is some ball player and he would be missed. However, it is a pretty safe bet that, when the band plays on opening day in 1916, Johnnie will be at the old familiar keystone sack as of yore."

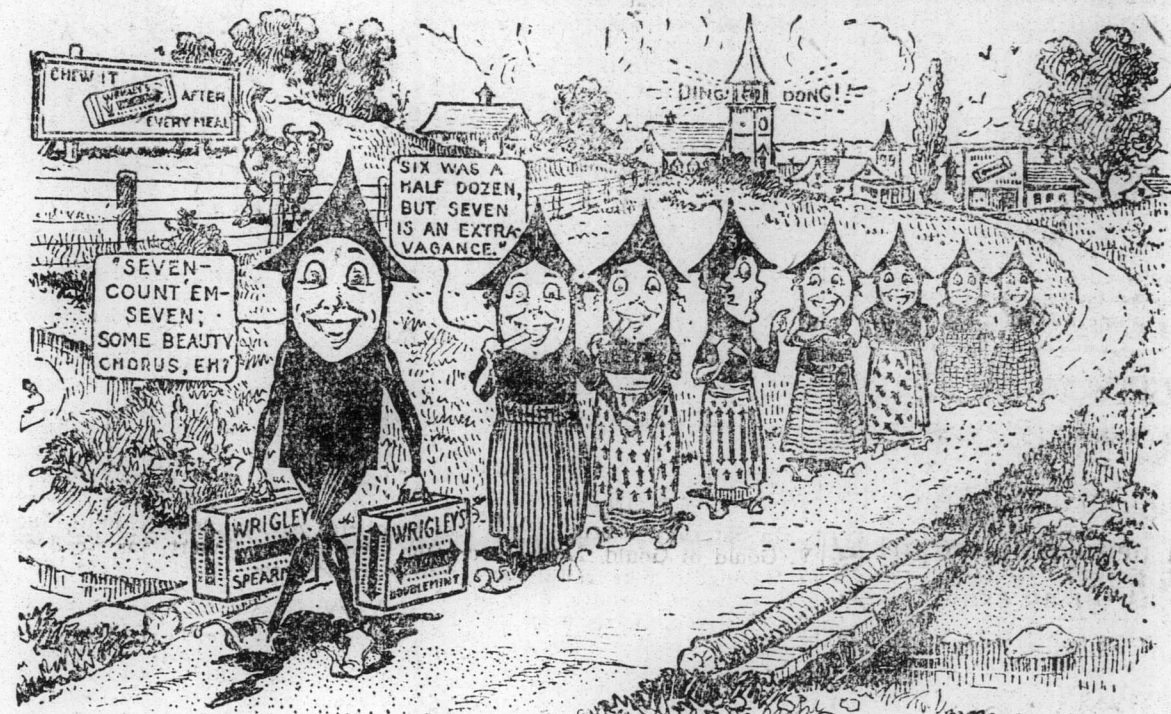
A Dumbarton farmer named Mains, his wife and child, figured in a dramatic train accident near Whitby.

Grain elevator men ask Washington to allow the oat crop to be bleached this year and add \$75,000,000 in value.

Chicago Policeman M. J. Courtney was indicted for perjury for his evidence against a boy arrested for a \$200 theft.

## CASTORIA

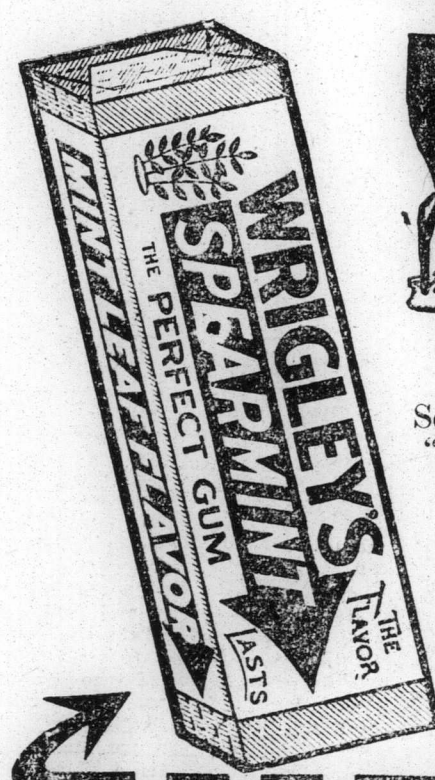
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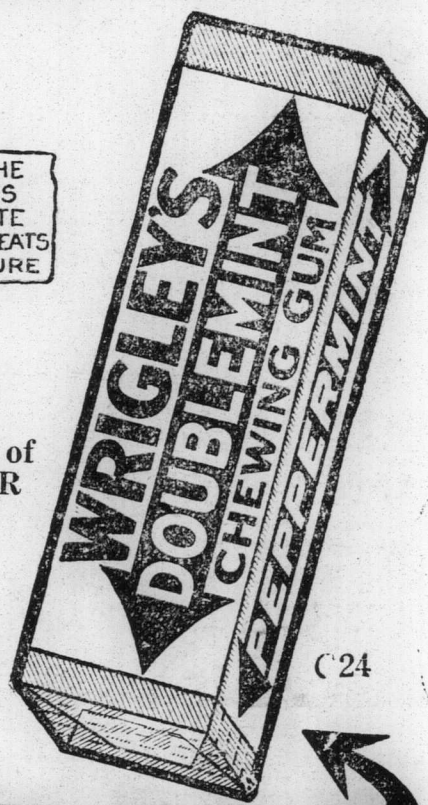
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## LOCAL

LEFT FOR TORONTO. Lieut. Cliff Sleming, attending Toronto University, home over the week end, morning to take an office course in Toronto, dropping university course to do so.

HOCKEY PLAYERS PRACTICE. Practice for the local hockey team will start to-morrow night at 7.30, when the Y.M.C.A. when gym, will be included in to get in all members wishing to make either the senior or junior should turn out.

ANOTHER RUGBY GAME. The latest in local Rugby a proposed game between the local Collegiate and Y.M.C.A. combined and the 84th. It is a two ex-McGill stars of the staff of the soldiers, to pull off the contest some afternoon.

## FOR SALONIKI

Mr. E. B. Crompton is of a letter from his son, D. Crompton, with No. 4 Torontol Hospital unit. He is Malta where they were stationed so en route for Salonika, that the party number four hundred in all—doctors, orderlies, assistants and so

## SMASH UP

A Ford roadster was run down in an accident on street Saturday. It was run the hill past the Prince Hotel when another motor down Brant Avenue, turned. The Overland did clear in time, and the Ford into the back half of it. The damaged, also the fender, headlights broken.

## GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook, lian Street, celebrated the wedding on Saturday last those those from a distance were: Mr. Harry Cook, of Buffalo, sons, and Mrs. Clara, of Simcoe, the daughter, of the happy couple. Local friends also gathered there, and the presents were and very numerous.

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THIRTY THREE GERMAN OFFICERS CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH. These officers were captured during heavy fighting in France. A guard, with fixed bayonets, marches at the head and rear of the prisoners. The build and type of face vary very considerably. The soft hat, rather than the pickelhaube, is the prominent headgear of the prisoners. They are being taken to a prison camp in France.