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THE SITUATION
 By an unexpected hammer blow, the Italians succeeded in making notable gains on the enemy positions east of the Brenta River. The Italian losses are stated to have been severe, while many prisoners were taken, together with quantities of war material. It is further announced that many Austrians are deserting to the Garibaldians, as they cannot endure the winter in the mountains. It is regarded as quite likely that the Allies will launch a series of attacks in the Italian area, as the Austrians have been sending many of their troops to the western front. The Canadians have been busy once more in the Lens sector, and made two successful raids on Hun trenches.

Austria is making a bid to secure a separate peace with Serbia, but her advances have not met with any encouragement. The message of the British Labor party, in which endorsement is given to the Russian proposal of no annexations and no indemnities, together with the self-determination of all peoples with regard to the future form of government, cannot be regarded as otherwise than a move of importance. Much discussion with reference thereto is bound to result. It will be noticed that the crushing of militarism is also insisted upon. British air men have made another successful raid on Germany. This reprisal method will accomplish far more good than protests in the name of humanity, for the Hun mind does not understand the latter. The indications continue that the military forces in the Fatherland are still paramount with regard to annexations.

PATRIOTIC FUND
 It has been decided that Brantford shall again aim this year for the sum of \$150,000 in connection with the Patriotic Fund, and the figure should more than be met. The pledge to the brave men going to the front, that their families should properly be looked after, as a matter of plain duty, still holds, and all classes must realize their deep sense of obligations in this respect. At the meeting last night, Mr. Norman Somerville of Toronto, dealt in a most effective way with the claim, in some quarters, that the Dominion government should levy the funds and take entire charge of their administration. In this regard, he pointed out with great cogency, that the spirit of personal touch and personal giving would be obliterated, something which is most certainly not at all desirable. The local association is well and efficiently run, with a factory men's committee giving splendid aid, and with excellent administrative officers headed by Mr. John H. Spence, Mr. H. T. Watt and Mr. F. W. Thompson.

Citizens should, and will rally to the call in the same whole-hearted way as the boys in khaki have also responded.

REVIVAL OF CANADIAN SHIP-BUILDING.
 The revival of shipbuilding on her lake and ocean shores has been an outstanding feature of Canada's industrial achievement during the past year. Wood as well as steel has entered largely into individual vessel construction, the former constituting the hull material not only for auxiliary powered schooners, but for ocean-going steamships propelled by standard type marine engines or steam turbines as well. Needless to say, the revival is entirely due to the necessity of our aiding to offset the losses arising from German submarine activity and the otherwise abnormal demand for tonnage to maintain the world's commerce and to keep the allied fronts supplied with both men, munitions and merchandise. Many new shipyards have been established, all of which together are taxed to capacity with orders at least twelve months ahead. Complete returns are not yet available of the year's output, nevertheless, although it will not eclipse the banner year of 1874, the tonnage for which amounted up to some 190,000 tons for 487 vessels, a reasonably close approach to that tonnage will be the ultimate record. Marine engine building, ship deck

and engine room auxiliary machinery manufacture are lines of endeavor to which Canadian metal working plants have applied themselves as a result of the shipbuilding activity, and in each of these spheres perhaps even greater success has been achieved than in the purely ship construction feature, due to the fact that many plants specializing in more or less similar equipment for stationary or land requirements found little difficulty in meeting the specification demand for boardship installations. Schooner construction continues to be actively prosecuted in Nova Scotia, some twenty-five or thirty little shipyards being engaged in the building of that type of craft in tonnage ranging from 150 to 1,000 tons gross.

The placing in the early spring by the Dominion Government of contracts for a large number of trawlers and drifters in wood and steel, and steam engine propelled, intensified the otherwise briskness that had begun to make itself felt in shipbuilding and marine engineering circles, especially as deliveries of these craft were called for in all cases before the season of navigation closed.

Numerous contracts have been received during the year by our steel shipbuilding yards from interests unconnected with either the Imperial or Dominion Governments. A number of enterprising Canadian metal-working plants took advantage of what appeared to them an opportunity to participate in the distribution of machinery orders for vessels on the American Government program, and several hundred thousand dollars worth of such business has been secured as a result. At this writing, we are in a position to state that good progress is being made in the matter of this particular equipment output, and little doubt is entertained but that further substantial contracts are likely to be booked from the same source.

IDOLATRY
 "The fundamental evil of Germany to-day is idolatry," said Lord Robert Cecil recently. "They have set up for themselves a graven image, just as truly as did the worshippers of Baal against whom the prophets of the Bible preached. Germany's idol is the state. They place the state above religion, above morality, above all laws of God or man. They believe that any act is justified which advances the interests of the German state, however base that act may be, however immoral, however inconsiderate of the lawful rights of others. Otto Kahn, himself a German by origin, has defined this state-idolatry as 'the demoniacal obsession of power-worship and world-wide domination.' This idolatry is at the bottom of our whole fight against Germany. It is the secret of the whole revolting list of outrages and atrocities which Germany has committed against the civilized world. The violation of Belgium, the Armenian atrocities, the unpeppable horrors of submarine warfare—all these are the outcome of a creed which holds that no laws of morality are binding when the defense of the state-idol is at stake. The results of this violating of the foundations of morality by Germany are bound to be colossal and far-reaching. They mean the degeneration of the whole German structure and the effects are already seen in the wave of crime and immorality which is sweeping over Germany. So long as the governing classes are infected with this doctrine there is no limit to the wickedness and cruelty which will be put into execution. It means the undermining ultimately of the whole fabric of their civilization. This is what President Wilson has foreseen. This is a reason for the determination of President Wilson and the leaders of the Allies on both sides of the water, to carry this war through, whatever the cost, in order that the world may be a fit world to live in. The Lansdowne letter has been thought by some to indicate some weakening of determination on the part of this country, some change of attitude. I believe any such impression is a profound delusion. I know it is a delusion as far as the actual government of England is concerned, and I believe that the British people as a whole, including Lord Lansdowne himself, are more determined than ever to bring the war to a victorious conclusion. I see that it is being alleged with a certain degree of plausibility, that there are many points in which Lord Lansdowne is in agreement with President Wilson's message. That may be so. But in the case of the President's message there breathes through every line not only a determination to win—for 'in that there is no difference between the two men—but also a certainty of victory. President Wilson's message has an inspiration of leadership which Lansdowne's letter lacks."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
 If you've a cold these days the up to date paper is to say that your voice is camouflaged. Allied armies have been dropping copies of President Wilson's recent message among Hun soldiers. Bombs would reach their understanding much better. This is the manner in which a peace loving Prussian clergyman re-

cently delivered himself: "Our Divine Redeemer is a lover of peace. So are we, but the peace that the Lord wants must be a lasting peace, and no peace can be lasting except one that brings us Longway and Brier, and bases for our feet in any event, war with England. The latter our Thripitz, a man after Christ's own heart, can assure us. He may be appropriately styled the Warlike Nazarene, whose ardent patriotism is only equalled by his devotion to his Divine Master." Would it be possible for blasphemy to go further than that? Three hundred tons of onions have been seized in Vancouver by order of Food Controller Hanna. This has nothing to do with the smelt end of the recent fish more. An attempt to defeat suffrage has again been balked in the House of Lords. Opposing Ludships might just as well realize that lovely women has come into her own and is going to stay that way.

HUSBAND KILLED BEFORE WIFE'S EYES
 Armenian Woman Here is a Peniless Refugee from Turks
 In 1914 Johann Bagdasarian and his wife, Armenians, returned to their native land, arriving there just before the war broke out. They were caught by the Turks before they could flee. Bagdasarian had on him two drafts issued here, for fifty and fifteen pounds respectively. The Turks took these on promise to spare his life, but afterwards slaughtered him before his wife's eyes. She with many thousands of others, was driven to the interior by the Turks, and thence made her escape to Russia, finally reaching Norway. She has just returned to this city peniless, and an effort is being made to have the bank drafts refunded to her, as it is not thought that they will be cashed for the Turks.

LISTLESS, PEEVISH GIRLS
 When a girl in her teens becomes peevish, listless and dull; when nothing seems to interest her and dainties do not tempt her appetite, you may be certain that she needs more good blood than her system is provided with. Before long her pallid cheeks, frequent headaches, and breathlessness and heart palpitation will confirm that she is anemic. Many mothers as the result of their own girlhood experience can promptly detect the early signs of anaemia, and the wise mother does not wait for the trouble to develop further, but at once gives her daughter a course with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which renew the blood supply and banish anaemia before it has obtained a hold upon the system. Out of their own experience thousands of mothers know that anaemia is the sure road to worse ills. They know the difference that good red blood makes in the development of womanly health. Every headache, every gas for breath that follows the slightest exertion by the anaemic girl, every pain she suffers in her back and limbs are reproaches if you have not taken the best steps to give your weak girl new blood, and the only sure way to do so is through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Now, rich, red blood is infused into the system by every dose of these pills. From this new rich blood springs good health, an increased appetite, new energy, high spirits and perfect womanly development. Give your daughter Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and take them yourself and note how promptly their influence is felt in better health. You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail, post-paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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White Sale Notes of Interest
 Ladies high neck Gowns, made of good quality Cambric, several pretty styles; Swiss Embroidery trimmed; very special at \$1.43
 Ladies White Cambric Corset Covers, daintily trimmed, back and front, with lace; Sale price, each 50c
 Ladies White Cambric Drawers, trimmed with embroidery flounce, Sale price 69c

GIVE TO THE RED CROSS
 "Wounded men first." Let that be the slogan of the people of Brantford. Everyone knows the story of the British hospital ship that was torpedoed. "Nurses first," ordered the doctors. "Wounded men first," cried the nurses, stepping back. Anyone who subscribes \$25 will be entitled to a life membership Red Cross pin. It is in the form of a shield with a red cross in the centre and at the corners the letters C. R. S. C. At the top is the word "Life," and underneath it "member." Those who have already paid this amount should telephone his or her name to the W.F.L. headquarters at the Y. M. C. A., No. 512. All cheques should be made payable to the treasurer of the Red Cross Fund, or the Women's Patriotic League.

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Not only treasure seeking, but treasure finding, for prices have been lopped off to such an extent that it isn't at all unusual to find splendid coats, whose materials, alone cost by far the greater part of the present sale price. Or Suits with all the marks of fine tailoring, selling at what might be the cost for their making. All wool skirts, now off the market, for a mere song. We can legitimately say that every garment in this Clearance Sale represents a value to be seized upon eagerly. Even if not needed now it is wisdom to buy and store away for another day.

\$7 Skirts \$4.75
 15 only, Pure Wool Poplin and Serge Skirts, made with belts, pockets, braid trimmings, and pleats; all sizes, regular \$7.00 skirts; Sale price \$4.75

\$5 Cloth Skirts \$2.98
 Made with gathered back, belts and pockets, colors are grey, navy, black and tweeds, sizes 24 to 30. These are good values at \$5.00; Sale price \$2.98

\$24 Suits \$14.95
 Eight only Suits, in colors of black, navy and brown, in serge, chevot, tweeds; made in the new fall styles. These were priced up to \$24.00; Sale price \$14.95



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FORMER EMPRESS IS HOPELESSLY INSANE
 Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—The former Empress of Russia, according to German papers, has become insane, and is now confined to a sanatorium at Tobolsk, Siberia. Her condition is reported to be hopeless. The former Empress was reported to be seriously ill last September. She accompanied the former Emperor, Nicholas Romanoff, when he was transferred from Tsarskoe-Selo to Tobolsk. SEVENTEEN AT SAN. During the month of December seventeen patients were treated at the Brant Sanatorium. SALARIES OF POLICE. The city clerk has received an inquiry from the assistant secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners of Niagara Falls, Ont., asking for particulars in regard to the salaries of the local police.

\$10 Serge Dresses \$6.95



Ladies and Misses' all wool Serge and Corduroy Dresses, made in high and normal waist line style; with fancy detachable collar and cuffs. There are some very pretty sample dresses among these. Colors are navy, black, brown and \$6.95 open, regular \$10.00; at \$6.95

Black Velvet Suits \$18.50
 A \$30.00 Black Velvet Suit, fur trimming on collar and cuffs; fancy braiding, nice quality Mantle Velvet.

Cosy Kimonas Underpriced
 Heavy season Blanket Cloth, Kimonas, in lovely combination of colors, comes in grey, navy, fawn and open; regular \$6.00 value; Sale price \$4.75

Some Specially Good Items From Our Staple Section
Dress Gingham 25c
 25 pieces of checked and striped Dress Gingham, perfectly fast woven colors, in fine qualities for children's wear, 28 inches wide; old stock; actual worth 35c and 40c yd.; Sale price 25c
 10 pieces light and dark prints, 32 inches wide; perfectly fast colors; old dye, regular 25c yd.; Sale price 20c

HUNGARIAN CABINET UN-SUPPORTED, QUILTS

Ministry Has Resigned, According to Budapest Despatch, Owing to Lack of Approval for its Military Program—Emperor Vetoes Independent Hungarian Army
 By Courier Leased Wire
 LONDON, JAN. 16.—THE RESIGNATION OF THE HUNGARIAN CABINET ON ACCOUNT OF FAILURE TO OBTAIN NECESSARY SUPPORT OF ITS MILITARY PROGRAM, IS REPORTED IN A BUDAPEST DISPATCH TO COPENHAGEN, FORWARDED BY THE EXCHANGE TELEGRAPH. Amsterdam, Jan. 16.—Emperor Charles, according to a Vienna dispatch to The Koelnische Zeitung, has rejected the scheme to establish an independent Hungarian army, proposed by Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier. It was reported in an Amsterdam despatch on January 8th, that the Austrian ministerial council opposed unanimously the Hungarian Government's army reforms. It was proposed to give the Austrian and Hungarian armies separate identities. It is believed Emperor Charles will ask the Hungarian premier, Dr. Alexander Wakerle, to remain in office and reconstruct the cabinet.

LOCAL
TOWNSHIP HYDRO
 The Township Hydro met last evening in clerk's office to discuss.
WOUNDED.
 Corp. F. S. Wadd reported in the office this morning wounded.
ALL ARE MEMBERS
 In connection with to be conducted for Fund next month, note that the money by the Brantford Canadian Patriotic separate body, the Patriotic and War tion, and that all any sum to the P thereby qualify as association.
WATERFORD CASE
 Mr. Justice Latche has made an order Oddfellows Relief Canada to pay into being two-thirds of out by W. J. Banks in 1893. The quest is entitled to the mone be paid into court, w a later date. There is pite on the question titled to the cash.
RETURNED MEN.
 A party of invalids have returned to Ca steamer Metagama following Brantford me whom have already homes here: Acting S bott, Pte. G. Burke Benning, Sergt. J. C Foyte, Pte. T. Beau Emmett, Sergt. J. H F. Harrington, Pte. Pte. W. Mathews Pte. W. Johnson (S F. Martin, Pte. Robt Pte. F. L. McQuinn.
HOW ABOUT US?
 Nearly eight thousand fish arrived from Lak Toronto yesterday, to Toronto, Hamilton, Woodstock, Ottawa, St Grimsby. This is the ment of Government "the north for several da as the railroad lines a more shipments are ex of the supply apparent for Brantford.
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