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THE WAR SITUATION.

Once more we are told that the resumption of the German offensive is only a matter of days or perhaps hours. The correspondents are still guessing, however, and only the Germans know when the blow will fall. The delay has enabled the Allies to strengthen their defensive, and they await the issue with confidence.

The Russian situation is still so unsettled as to give rise to all sorts of speculations. One correspondent believes the Russians may still become a formidable factor on the side of the Allies if the right policy is pursued by the latter. Another suggests that the question of the relation of the Allies to Russia be left to President Wilson to decide. There is a suggestion that Japan should be invited to take an active part in resisting German aggression in Russia. There is still no central authority in the latter country, nor any leader around whom a majority of the people would rally. It appears, however, that there is a growing resentment towards Germany, and this may in time take shape as a concerted movement with Allied encouragement and assistance, to lift the German heel from the necks of the Russian people.

If the German drive on the western front is now resumed, the Americans will play a more important part than in any previous struggle. The delay has enabled the Americans to get more men in the front line, and to enlarge their reserves. The Allied armies are made up of French, British, American, Belgian, Italian and Portuguese forces, and they are under one supreme command, which is a great advantage in a struggle along a line so extended as that from the sea to the Swiss border. Whenever the blow falls it will find Gen. Foch ready to take a terrible toll before he yields an inch of ground, and to dispute every inch with a strength and tenacity which it is believed will prevent the enemy from gaining his objective. The next few days will be days of great anxiety, but there can be no doubt as to the final result. Whatever temporary gains the enemy may make, the United States with its great reserves of men holds the balance, and with the increasing control of the sea which is now so marked a feature of the situation the problem of transportation grows ever less serious. However much Germany may boast we can readily understand with what anxiety her rulers look to the future.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

The housing problem has become so acute in Toronto that both manufacturers and the district labor council are moving for action, the former by federal, provincial and municipal authorities, and the latter by the city council. In a series of resolutions adopted by the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association last week it is set forth that "a serious situation exists in Toronto and other industrial centres in Ontario because of the lack of adequate housing accommodations at reasonable rates, creating conditions that menace the industrial, social and political welfare of the whole country."

It is further declared that private initiative does not meet the requirements, and that "in all the principal countries of Europe, in Australia, and in Ontario, government responsibility for the improvement of housing has been recognised by legislation providing for the advance of the public credit in various forms and in varying degrees in furtherance of improved housing undertakings, and in the United States the national government has recently appropriated \$100,000,000 to provide for housing for shipyard workers and those engaged on war contracts."

It is further pointed out that "Great Britain for generations has led the world in housing betterment, and, recognising that adequate housing is essential to industrial efficiency, has spent since the war began \$800,000,000 in providing the most approved housing for war workers, and as a part of its reconstruction programme after the war has planned for the erection of at least half a million houses."

Directing attention to these facts the Association goes on:

"Therefore, the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association beg to submit that it is urgently incumbent upon our municipal, provincial and dominion governments to seriously consider the whole question of housing reform, in order that plans may be laid for the provision of adequate housing facilities looking towards the increase of home ownership, and that measures be taken for the early realization of these plans. Furthermore, we beg respectfully to submit to the Dominion government that immediate progress can be made by enlarging and emphasizing the work of the Housing and Town-planning Branch of the Commission of Conservation, and to the provincial government that arrangements should be made to hold a provincial housing conference at the earliest date possible for the assembling of information and the consideration of ways and means with regard to the whole question of housing betterment."

The District Labor Council, whose attention is confined to the city of Toronto, points out that there is a scarcity of houses of the right size and with the proper conveniences for workmen's families, and it therefore asks the board of control to consider the advisability of submitting a debenture by-law to the ratifiers at the next municipal elections to provide money to permit the city council to buy land and erect workmen's dwellings. The city council obtained legislation in 1914 permitting the corporation of Toronto to buy land and erect workmen's homes, if the money by-law is approved by the ratifiers. One of the speakers said the scarcity of houses was introducing other evils. He pointed out that real estate men had stated that houses valued at \$3,000 and \$4,000 were bought by workmen who could only pay from \$200 to \$300 as the initial deposit.

"The owners of the houses know they will get them back because these workmen cannot keep up their payments," said the delegate.

The interesting fact in connection with the Toronto agitation is that both capital and labor hold the view that the municipal or other authorities must come to the rescue, and this view is strengthened by the action taken in Britain, the United States and some other countries. The housing problem in St. John is acute, and will be far more so if steel shipbuilding is established here. Hence it is necessary that attention be given to it here as well as in the cities of Ontario.

The House of Commons at Ottawa, in a thin house at an early hour this morning, voted down Mr. Copp's motion for an enquiry into the charges he made in regard to the soldier vote in the general elections. The minister of justice, however, announced that certain definite charges made by Mr. Archambault would be made the subject of a judicial enquiry. With regard to Mr. Copp's charges, Hon. Mr. Doherty said they were indefinite and unsupported, and the majority in the house sustained that view.

Tomorrow the people will enjoy the first real holiday of the season, time-honored and timely. Many will go to suburban resorts and work in their gardens, and the work will not make it less a holiday. At school we were taught that:

"Absence of occupation is not rest; A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed."

The couplet expresses a significant truth.

Fredericton Mail:—Disastrous forest fires are raging in some sections of Nova Scotia, and already great damage has resulted. New Brunswick has been very fortunate so far this season, but it is most important that settlers, when clearing up land, fishermen and others who go into the woods, should take every precaution to prevent fires.

Halifax Chronicle:—Amid all the multiplicity of counsel about conserving wheat and flour, don't let us forget that it is equally important to "save the forest." In this season of drought forest fires are a very great menace, and eternal vigilance and carelessness are demanded of every person who goes into the woods.

The German airmen have again been bombing hospitals behind the British lines and killing nurses. The British airmen only seek military targets. That is the difference between the Briton and the Hun.

As early in the season as possible, citizens should plan for their next winter's fuel supply. That is the warning given by those in the best position to speak on the subject.

There is now a call for cheer and butter for overseas. The Food Board is therefore endeavoring to expedite shipments. The people must co-operate.

LOCAL NEWS

Did you see Alex. Lesser's opening adv. on page 9?

Men's suits from \$15 up in all styles, shades and qualities at 210 Union street, opposite Opera House. See adv. in page 9.

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SPECIALS. Did you purchase one of those waifs at Alex. Lesser's Cash & Credit Store, 210 Union street? If not, why not see adv. on page 9.

C. P. R. SUBURBAN. On Friday, May 24th, C. P. R. will run suburban train leaving Welsford 8.10 a. m. due in city 9.15 p. m. Will leave city at 10.15 p. m., due Welsford 11.20 a. m., local time.

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NEWS OF SOLDIERS

William F. James, of North End, left on Monday evening for Toronto to join the Royal Flying Corps.

Friend of Signaller C. W. Henderson will be pleased to know that he has been discharged from the hospital. He has been suffering from rheumatism.

Several local young ladies entertained the boys in the Convalescent Home last evening to a musical concert. Those taking part were—Miss deGoyres, Gladys Gibson, Valde Fenton, Miss Creighton, and Miss Anderson.

It has been announced in orders that Regimental Sergeant-Major George Kingsley Shells has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant and is to be attached to the Depot Battalion.

Word has been received that R. K. Nevers of Lower Jersey, a member of the 6th C. M. R., who was taken prisoner on June 2, 1918, is now in England.

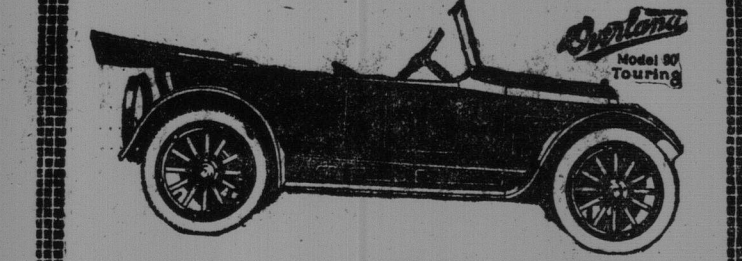
Major C. G. Pincombe, A. P. A., M. D. No. 7, returned from Annapolis county Tuesday evening, after addressing four meetings in aid of the Red Cross drive, now progressing in the United States.

TIMBER LAND PURCHASED. A. O. Seaman of Parrsboro has purchased the timber lands and sawmill of Capt. Eurias Spicer at Mahony's Brook, near Spencer's Island. This property is said to contain the largest and best ship timber on the Parrsboro shore.

A pleasing musical recital was given yesterday afternoon by piano pupils of Miss Dorothy Bayard in her studio, Orange Hall. Miss Bayard was warmly congratulated on the success achieved.

At 12.20 o'clock this morning a false alarm was sent in from box 68 on Erin street.

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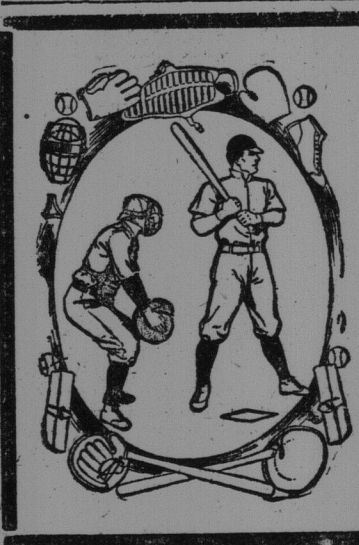
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RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Thomas. The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Mary Thomas, wife of Charles H. Thomas, at her residence, 800 Union street. She was in her seventy-fifth year. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Herman J., who is now in France on the firing line and Francis N., of this city and one daughter, Mrs. W. R. Green, also of this city. Mrs. Thomas was a former resident of Moncton. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

George W. Hoyt of Sussex, formerly of St. John, died yesterday morning. He was employed with the Sussex Mercantile Company. Mr. Hoyt was forty-six years old.

The death of Captain Daniel Holmes of Parrsboro, N. S., occurred recently. Captain Holmes was for many years

home recently. Death was due to heart trouble. The body will be brought to Salisbury for interment.

Miles M. Erb, of Malden, Mass., formerly of Springfield, Kings county, died on May 16. He was fifty years old.

The death of James Duffy of Chipman occurred on Tuesday. Death was not unexpected.

The death of Mrs. Charles Waldron of this city occurred this morning. Besides her parents she leaves a husband, two sons and one daughter.

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