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THE SITUATION.

In the language of the Russian official report, the fighting in the Eastern theatre still continues to be of a "desperate nature." The Russians are still holding their lines along the Narw River, but the fate of Warsaw may be regarded as certain sooner or later. Mackensen's army are said to have gone ahead of their big guns, so that there will be a delay for them—a striking illustration of the fact that it is up-to-date munitions, and plenty of them, which count for so much on behalf of the Kaiserite successes.

There is still comparative inactivity on the Western front for a reason those at a distance are quite unable to judge, for with so many Germans engaged in Poland the time would seem to be opportune for very aggressive action there on the part of the Allies. However, there is much of the inexplicable with regard to this war which will not be known until the entire catastrophe is over.

The Italians continue to battle bravely along the Isonzo River. They are triumphing over tremendous obstacles.

The following letter received yesterday by a well-known Brantford firm will throw light on one phase of feeling in the States:

A PETITION.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, Executive Mansion, Washington, D.C.

Mr. President—I, the undersigned, a citizen of the United States of America, respectfully petition you, in the cause of humanity and justice, to call an extra session of Congress at once, to invest you with the power to place an embargo on all arms and ammunition and in this way to help to bring to an end the present European war which is rapidly demoralizing our industries and commerce in non-contraband merchandise.

Inasmuch as England is discriminating against the United States in preventing the commerce in non-contraband products between the United States and Germany and Austria going through neutral ports, she is causing enormous losses to the American merchants, while on the other hand, other neutral countries, as Italy, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Switzerland, in spite of the proclaimed blockade of Germany, are not hindered in their commercial dealings with Germany and Austria.

A Swedish merchant, for instance, is in a position the same as before the war, to send merchandise to Germany and to import German merchandise into Sweden, and England cannot prevent these shipments, while an American merchant cannot sell his merchandise to Germany, nor can he import German merchandise into the United States, owing to the English order in council.

I believe that the merchants of the United States are entitled to protection by their government against this unjust discrimination, and I am of the opinion in view of the fact that the protests of the American government are ignored by England, that the most efficient way of obtaining redress would be the placing of an embargo on all arms and ammunition.

Sign (name in full) Street Address City State

THE FIRST HYDRO RADIAL.

The formal opening yesterday of the line between London and Port Stanley possessed more than local interest, for it chronicled the first operation of a road in Ontario by Hydro power. The event was also made the occasion of many hearty and sincere tributes to Sir Adam Beck, and these he has most decidedly earned. He has from the very commencement been the animating spirit of this enterprise. In the early days of the system he had to overcome obstacles and opposition which would have appalled any other man of less bulldog determination, and the final and the proud triumph of the great project in a very special sense belongs to him. During a speech he said that he had hoped for a Government subsidy for Hydro radials, but the war had come along and interfered. He considered that the Government of the day should declare a policy in the matter. Still further, Hydro development was of vital importance to industrial life and development.

"When we destroy Germany industrially Germany will collapse like a house of cards. Germany's very life is in her industries. Destroy them and her life is gone. It will be a long fight, but right will win. We must not die industrially in the meantime. We are not poverty-stricken. With our enormous crops we can keep our industries going to full capacity."

Sir Adam gave a history of the Hydro movement, showing the progress being made. In spite of sub-

stantial reductions, all the municipalities were showing large surpluses. He spoke of the necessity of developing more power, and stated that he would submit a proposition to the Government in a few weeks which would ultimately furnish 600,000 horsepower in the Niagara district. The other portions of the province would be cared for, and there would be plenty of power for all.

The residents of Brantford, and of all the other places which know what Hydro-Electric has meant to them, will heartily wish Sir Adam every continued success in his scheme of Province-owned electricity for the municipalities, the farms and transportation.

FATHER OF THE C.P.R.

The death of Sir Sandford Fleming removes a notable figure from the Dominion. He was the man who first surveyed the line for the Canadian Pacific Railway and proved the practicability of a road from coast to coast, and, like the late Lord Strathcona, also a big factor in that huge undertaking, he was a native of Scotland. All those who have travelled over the Canadian Pacific road are aware of the seemingly insuperable physical difficulties which had to be overcome in the construction of that line. The undertaking seemed too colossal in the first place for even the genius of man to overcome, and even if completed, many agreed with the late Edward Blake when he declared that as a business enterprise the road would not even "pay for the grease on the wheels."

There is no need to dwell upon the manner in which all of the prognostications of the pessimists have been utterly confuted. The C.P.R. is today one of the biggest institutions of modern times, and Fleming was a triumph for the enterprise almost beyond compare.

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SWISS ARE READY. Berlin, July 23.—A despatch from Berne, Switzerland, given out by the Overseas News Agency here to-day says that General Ulrich Wille, commander of the Swiss army, addressing a meeting held to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Sempach, said that while Switzerland hoped that the worst would be spared her, the future was still uncertain. It would be unmerited luck, General Wille declared, according to the despatch, if Switzerland should escape in the midst of the storms raging around her.

The heroic assistance which women are rendering the British armies is recognized in a despatch from Gen. French recently published. In the despatch, Gen. French includes among the names of those "so recommended for gallantry and distinguished service in the field," 58 women connected with various branches of military nursing service and the Red Cross.

DECLARATION OF WAR IS PROBABLE

Refusal of Turks to Allow Italian Citizens to Leave Country Causes Ill-feeling.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, via Paris, July 23.—Diplomatic relations between Italy and Turkey, already strained are becoming more tense because of the reported refusal of the Turkish authorities to permit Italian subjects to leave the Ottoman Empire. It is believed here that a declaration of war by Italy in the near future is highly probable.

Reports from Cairo that a Turkish-German expedition has landed on Italian territory in Tripoli has aroused the ire of the Italian press. Rome also has heard that a large number of Italian reservists have been detained at Smyrna on the pretense that passenger traffic has been stopped because of the port being closed while other Italians are similarly detained at various points in Asia Minor, Syria and Arabia.

Though Italy is at war with Austria, there has been no declaration of hostilities against either Germany or Turkey, allies of Italy's antagonist. It has been the belief in diplomatic circles that each side is waiting for the other to take the initiative and thus assume the responsibility for extending the scope of the conflict.

NATIONALISTS INTERFERE.

Montreal, July 23.—Efforts were made by some Nationalists and others, who oppose the sending of Canadian troops to support the war overseas, to interfere with the recruiting meeting held by the officers of the 57th French-Canadians at Sohier Park last night. They were not very successful, however, as after the difficulty at Lafontaine Park on the previous night no chances were taken. Chief Carpenter had sent down a number of men to look after the trouble-makers, and the moment they tried to interfere the officers choked them off. The disturbers seemed to be keen on getting speakers to declare against conscription.

REGISTRATION CLOSES.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, July 23.—Registration of voters for the next general election in Great Britain—whenever that may occur—closes this month. Britons, who are at home, may consult the registry lists which are posted on doors of chapels, churches and public buildings throughout the country and may petition their town clerks for the correction of any omission or mistake. But the thousands of men who are fighting abroad or in training at home, and who, therefore, cannot safeguard their interests, are protected by a special war time act of parliament, which provides that no man may lose his civic privileges through serving his country as a volunteer. Any other person may appeal in his behalf for the correction of errors in the lists, and no soldier may be disqualified during his absence on the ground that his wife or family has received assistance from the local poor relief fund.

TENDERED RESIGNATION.

Washington, July 23.—James M. Sullivan, United States minister to the Dominican Republic, has tendered his resignation to President Wilson and it has been accepted. Mr. Sullivan's resignation is the consequence of an investigation, conducted for the state department by Senator Phelan of California, into the minister's fitness for his office.

The Indian population of New York State has decreased 609 in ten years, it is now 4,451.

Biliousness is Cured by HOOD'S PILLS 25c.

CORNER IN GRAIN

By Special Wire to the Courier. San Antonio, Tex., July 23.—Hunger stricken people in the vicinity of Monclova, Mexico, who discovered a military granary where Villa leaders were hiding 50,000 bushels of corn for use of their troops marched on the place last Saturday and took 5,000 bushels before they were stopped by soldiers. It was reported in despatches received here from Piedras Negras. Women in tears appealed to the small guard for food and the soldiers deserted their posts until hundreds had been supplied.

THE BUSINESS MAN ON HIS WESTERN TRIP.

Cannot afford to leave out the cities that handle the crop, Fort William and Port Arthur. Take the Canadian Pacific route to Winnipeg, the way the business travels. Daily service, observation and dining cars, electric lighted equipment. Double track more than half the distance. Comfort, scenery and one management all the way. Dietetic blended meals, the scientific combination of food for travellers. Particulars from Canadian Pacific Ticket Agents.

Advertisement for Broadbent featuring an illustration of an owl and the text: "It's a Wise Old Owl That Knows the Right Time to Hoot". Broadbent has just been fortunate enough to secure part of a manufacturer's "over-make" of fine shirts, at less than it cost to make them. In order to clear them out quickly and give our customers the benefit, we have marked the lot at 88c. THIS PRICE WILL SURELY MELT THE PILE DOWN. BROADBENT JAEGER'S AGENT 4 MARKET ST. Also entrance through United Cigar Stores, Colborne St.

Large advertisement for Ogilvie, Lochead & Co. featuring "INTERESTING WEEK-END ITEMS" and "Ladies' and Misses' Summer Dresses Reduced to Clear". Includes prices like \$3.95 for dresses and \$1.95 for sweater coats. Also lists various other goods like corset covers, middy waists, towel bargains, silk special, hose bargains, men's hose, men's negligee shirts, window blinds, white spreads, dress goods special, parasols, white palette, sheeting bargain, and scotch ginghams.

Advertisement for Neill's SATSPE featuring "LOCAL THE TEMPERATURE Record for the last 24 hours: est 49; highest 78. Saturday: Lowest 63; highest 78. DUFFERIN VS. DRAGON Ficked teams from the and Dragon recruits football game to-morrow at 3 o'clock on Tutela 1. Election will be made, and devoted to the soldiers' TWO FOR DRAGS. Two men joined the 25 yesterday. Their names: Leonard Taylor, 28; aged 20, single. Robert Kyle, Paris, age Yesterday the men had good, stiff razor march miles beyond Cainsville. STILL THEY COME. Those razors for the front are still being left at office in great style. brought in two from a stated his mother had 53 his 31st birthday. "I ne to part with them," he re it is everything now for the front. UNKNOWN SOLDIER. Word was received to in the city that a Brant Saywell by name had just Leicester Soldiers' Hosp record of such a soldier and the Courier would fe anyone knowing such a this city would supply mation about him. AN EXPLANATION. By an inexplicable in funeral of the late John J. lner appeared in Wednesd a duplicate of the item these columns some month copy had, by some strange been destroyed, and got a current item. The Cou ings regrets the inexplic ing, unique, perhaps, in experience. BRANT THEATRE. A good show concludes the Brant. The photo pl teresting, especially the s son drama, "On the Str This reel is in three pa one of the best ever seen good comedy reels are al The vaudeville is of a hig as usual, Frank Estelle black-face comedy and s Knox and La Belle, are t ile entertainers. The U equilibrists, do some sens ancing feats and their ac moving and snappy thro MUCH APPRECIATED. Mrs. Bruce Gordon, Tre the Brant Chapter I.O.O.F. cept of the following: "Dear Madam—We have enclosing cheque for \$100, nation from Brant Chap for the purpose of estab cons at Cliveden Hospita herewith, please find offi for the amount and on be Canadian Red Cross Socie to thank your members splendid gift. Yours Truly, Noah M. Chairman Executive C PATRIOTIC RESOLUTION. At the annual general of the Institute of Chartere ants held in Toronto on the 21st, the following reso introduced: "That this Ins the serious need of p areas service, and apprec value of voluntary over duty, approved, suggests upon its members as we clerks and students that a physically fit should at 6 unless they are prevented domestic ties, and that have to stay at home, he ways; that duty to the B and everyone should resp some future time, but now a copy of this resolution ed to every member of the every Registered Student members of the Chartere ants Students' Association solution was unanimously the annual meeting, and sum of \$1,000, from the Institute placed in the ha council to be devoted to otic use as they might de