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**THE SITUATION**

Still the Germans continue to fall back before the British on the Western front and still speculation exists as to why they are doing so without offering more resistance. Haiz, forces have occupied three more villages, together with intervening defences and are now within a mile of Bapaume which has been their objective for months. It is not like the Teutons to thus easily abandon their trenches and dugouts and what is the plan back of it all? It may be that they are saving all the troops they can pending what they hope will be the starvation of England by their intensified submarine policy, and then again, as before noted, the whole movement may be a concentration for what they may believe will prove a decisively important blow.

Meanwhile the subs had an off day yesterday. For the first time since the "U" boats got busy there was not the record of a single vessel sunk during the twenty-four hours. The British admiralty has also issued reassuring figures with regard to the total of incoming and outgoing mercantile vessels.

Owners and men continue to have the ships ply between ports just as if no such things as undersea craft existed. A vivid contrast to the number of U. S. vessels hugging their own home ports.

The British still continue to advance along the Tigris and a flying column has overtaken the retreating Turks and is attacking them on three sides. The sons of Islam are good fighters but they are on the run now with a vengeance and this purpose is on to Bagdad with splendid prospects of success.

British casualties for the month of February as recorded in last evening's Courier show a much lower total loss despite increased activities on the Western front, albeit the toll among the officers is far heavier. This is regrettable but the inevitable result of the fact that those in command of British troops never spare themselves. Since July 1st last, total British casualties have been over half a million.

Over the Courier leased wire, today there comes the report that Washington is stirred to the very depths over the disclosure that the Huns were dickering with Mexico and Japan, for an attack on Uncle Sam's domains, the moment our neighbors got out of the neutral class. This ought to serve as another eye-opener for them as to the treacherous nature of a people with whom they have been dickering far too long, and fighting with long range notes.

**NOTES AND COMMENT**

Perhaps President Wilson might personally view the dropping of some zepp bombs on the White House as an "overt" act, but then again he might class them as love taps.

No doubt they will change the marriage service to read, "Will you take this voter to be your wedded wife."

Conservative spouses who are united to Grit husbands will kindly kill his vote. Liberal wives joined to Tory hubbies will kindly stay at home.

There isn't much Turkish delight kicking around the Kut-el-Amara region just now.

The Ottawa Journal Press, remarks that there is "still silence at Washington." That is quite a habit with silence old top.

The ordinary voter is an innocent little thing alongside of the brand Uncle Sam was hugging to his bosom in the shape of Bernstein.

Maria Ertesvaag, of Volden, Norway, has issued a writ against the British Columbia Packers' Association for the death of her son on the fishing steamer Onward Ho.

For what is believed to be the first time in the industrial history of the province a shipment of machinery will shortly be sent from Vancouver to Durban, in South Africa.

**MR. HAM ORATES**

The local Grit organ contains the report of a speech which Mr. J. H. Ham, M.P.P., made in the Ontario House some days ago.

One of the strong points which our cotem apparently thinks Mr. Ham made, was in likening the Hearst government, in the matter of the abolition of the bar, to an alleged dog which climbed an alleged tree. The yarn was just as absurd as the contention, and that is saying a good deal. When the Liberal party held office in this Province, they used to talk temperance and stand in with the liquor men. They allowed license laws to be almost openly disregarded and Saturday night and Sunday selling were common. Moreover, hotel men were levied on for contributions to the party fund under pain of losing their licenses if they refused. Then a referendum was framed, and the dice loaded in the interests of the liquor men. In other words, the temperance people were hounded. In this city alone, by Grit juggling, seventeen hotels were kept going for years on sixteen licenses authorized by the city council. It was the same kind of thing all over. When the Conservative attained power, after the disgraceful Ross regime, they saw that the license laws were enforced. There was no favoritism, and bars had to close on time. As public opinion became educated, other steps were taken, and finally Hearst deemed the time ripe to put the bars out of business altogether. Mr. Ham may talk all he likes about dogs climbing trees, but he cannot get away from these facts.

The only other point emphasized by the member for South Brant was a dissertation on land values. In this connection he asserted that workingmen were kept away from building in suburbs by land capitalists and lack of transportation, and alleged that the families of wage earners in cities where "living in homes where the sunlight never penetrates to the interior on account of crowded conditions." Had Mr. Ham hearted in his minds eyes—Brantford whose suburbs are filled with splendid homes owned by workmen, whose families enjoy sunlight galore? Surely not, or London, or Hamilton, or Woodstock, or other industrial Ontario centres. Toronto, perhaps, has some of it, but so do all large cities, and none more so than those in Free Trade England. In the same regard, Mr. Ham had a plaint that a vacant lot in a city bought for \$250 might become worth \$1,500 owing to others upbuilding the neighborhood and bringing improvements. He seemed to think that it was the workingman who got it in the neck in all such instances. What about the case of a wage earner owning the \$250 lot in the first place and having its value enhanced, a thing which has often happened here and in other communities? The fact of the matter is that Mr. Ham was touching the fringe of a big and complicated question not to be lightly handled within the scope of a small address.

Another of his incidental statements was this: "We want more reform, and the getting away from the old Tory feeling of the past that the right policy is to keep a man down when you have got him down."

The Tory record in this country for generations has been one of broad minded national expansion and the upbuilding of communities and men. It was through their auspices that the great scheme of Confederation was launched and this country enabled to reach the status of nationhood. It was through their auspices that the Canadian Pacific Railway was built despite the bitter opposition of the Liberal party, and vast and virgin territories opened up for the benefit of the populace. It was through their auspices that the national policy was inaugurated, that policy which saved the industrial classes from the soup kitchens and distress which prevailed under Liberal rule, and proved a big factor in the establishment and upbuilding of Mr. Ham's own business. In so far from keeping "men down" it is in reality the Conservatives who, by progressive legislation, have afforded to the people of this Dominion all of the chances of expansion and progress, and individual advance. As for the Liberal record in the same respects it is an absolute blank.

Provincially speaking it is to the Conservatives that the people owe such forward measures as Hydro Electric—and the abolition of private monopoly—destruction of the Grit school book ring, prison reform, the removal of the bar, the enfranchisement of women and a score of other advanced steps, to not one of which there can be found a parallel during the over thirty years that Liberals held the reins of power in Ontario.

Mr. Ham does not speak often. He should speak even less rather than give utterance to such views as those calling for this criticism.

**ANNUAL RE-UNION HOSPITAL AID**

Proves to Be the Usual Big Success  
Large Attendance From Both City and County

The annual re-union of the members and friends of the Women's Hospital Aid took place yesterday afternoon from three until six o'clock in the Conservatory of Music hall and proved to be the usual pronounced success.

A very large number of citizens visited the function during the hours named and there were splendid representations from Paris, Cainsville, Mt. Pleasant, Tutela Heights, Echo Place and other County points.

The ladies receiving were Mrs. Schell, President; Mrs. F. D. Reville, Vice President; Mrs. Livingston, Second Vice President; Mrs. G. Watt Treasurer; Mrs. T. S. Waag, Secretary and Mrs. J. J. Hurley, a member of the executive.

Very dainty refreshments were served under the auspices of a committee composed of Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Colquhoun, and Mrs. Feldcamp. Mrs. Cummings Nelles and Mrs. Julius Waterous poured tea and the table was most prettily decorated with flowers. Members of the Junior Hospital Aid made charming waitresses, as follows: The Misses Sanderson, Mildred Cook, Helen Kippax, Winnifred Ryan, Gertrude Brohman, Frances Mitchell, Edna Preston, Winnifred Palmer, Muriel Whitaker, Tomlinson, Pearl Brown.

During the proceedings a delightful musical program was rendered under the auspices of Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Thomas; piano selections, Miss Evelyn Briggs, Miss Baird, Miss Newham, Miss Somerville, Miss Lyle; Vocal solos, Miss M. Bennett, Sergt Oldham; violin, Miss Edith Sanderson and Miss Alice Brooks.

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Mr. Reville during the course of his remarks referred to the fact that in earlier days twenty patients in the hospital at one time was regarded as a large number whereas now there were often over a hundred. "This was not because there was more sickness but for the reason that the hospital institution enjoyed the greater confidence of city and county residents, a fact largely due to the excellent work of the W. H. A. He congratulated the ladies upon securing the franchise and said that the splendid work of their association demonstrated that they had never been in the hands of the men in the matter of administration. He conveyed from Miss Ford, hospital superintendent, her sincere regret at inability to be present owing to a serious illness.

Mr. George Kippax referred to the institution of nursing (so called) as it used to exist in Sarah Gamp's time and to the fact that not so many years ago in New York women hailed the institution with joy and used to be given their choice between doing time or going out nursing. Matters since these periods had radically changed, mainly owing to the influence of the women, and today nursing was rightly regarded as one of the most noble of all callings. As a member of the hospital house committee he could give unreserved testimony to the value of the W. H. A. It was indeed a credit to the governors as the right arm of the institution.

The twelfth annual report of the association was distributed at the gathering. It told in detail of far-reaching activities with a handsome balance on hand of all branches of the work, totalling \$3,847.

**WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN HOME**

Mrs. Nancy Marsh Discovered by Police, Dead Since Sunday

Breaking in the door of her home at 4 Palmerston avenue, the police of the city at a late hour last evening found Nancy Hartley, relict of the late Jacob Marsh, dead upon the floor in a corridor leading into the lavatory. Death was said by Coroner Dr. Hicks to have been due to natural causes, and to have taken place some days ago, probably on Sunday.

The deceased was an elderly widow of over 70 years, and since the death of her husband some time ago, had lived alone. The anxiety of neighbors became aroused this week when the old lady was not seen about the house, and this, coupled with the fact that papers left at the door were not taken inside, resulted in the sending of a call to the police station last evening. Detective Schuler and Constable Munroe hurried to the house, and upon effecting an entry, found the body of the woman as described above, lying near the door of the lavatory, and bearing evidence of having been dead for some time.

Dr. Hicks was summoned to the scene, and pronounced death due to natural causes, stating his belief that life had been extinct since last Sunday.

The deceased leaves two sisters, Mrs. Bridge of New Durham and Miss Hartley, residing near Paris. Interment will take place in Mount Hope cemetery, the funeral arrangements to be completed later.

**TURKS FLEE FROM KUT IN A MOB**

Remnants of Retreating Forces Completely Shattered by British

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, March 1.—The remnants of the Turkish force retreating from Kut-el-Amara have been shattered completely, according to information given out in the House of Commons today. The Turks, it was said would reach Bagdad only as a disorganized mob.

This information was received from General Maude, commander of the British expedition on the Tigris front, and was announced by Henry W. Forster, the financial secretary to the war office.

Mr. Forster said that more than 2,500 prisoners had been taken by the British since February 24, and that since the commencement of the offensive on December 30, some 5,000 Turkish prisoners had been taken. The total Turkish casualties in killed and wounded was estimated by General Maude at more than 20,000.

The rout of the Turks on the Tigris river north of Kut-el-Amara is expected by the military officials to do much to restore prestige in the middle east.

**ENEMY IS VERY SHORT OF FOOD**

Says Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, in British Commons

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, March 1.—The government has reason to believe, said Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade in the House of Commons today, that there is a serious shortage of foodstuffs and of certain very important materials in enemy countries. For some months past no substantial quantities of goods imported overseas into Holland and Scandinavia had, he believed, come through to Germany and there had been no material overseas exports from Germany.

Recently as a result of negotiations with the Scandinavian countries and Holland, Lord Robert added, the exports of their produce to Germany have been considerably diminished.

**WELCOMED HOME**

Pte. G. C. Campbell, late of the 125th battalion, was heartily welcomed back home last evening when a number of friends gathered at his home on Rawdon street to celebrate his return from overseas. Mr. A. Andrews occupied the chair in a most capable manner, and games were engaged in and refreshments served, the singing of the national anthem bringing to a close a merry and enjoyable evening. Pte. Campbell arrived in the city on Friday of last week.

**ALL SUPPORT WILSON**

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Washington, March 1.—Shocked and amazed by the revelation of Germany's attempt to unite Japan and Mexico to war upon the United States, Congress to-day forgot its differences of opinion and began swinging into line behind the President.

**APPLES, ORANGES, FIGS AND PRUNES**

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**CANADIAN HONOR ROLL**

**KILLED**  
Lieut. Colin S. Campbell, Owen Sound.  
**DIED OF WOUNDS**  
Pte. Leith Russell, Walkerton.  
Pte. Frank Colborne, London.  
**WOUNDED**  
Pte. Walter Benford, London.  
Pte. Charles Astles, London.  
Pte. James A. Lee, St. Thomas.  
Pte. Elwood Smith, Port Ryerse.

London, Mar. 1.—Two Londoners, both old 142nd Battalion men, dangerously wounded, and another dead of wounds is the latest record of casualties so far as London is concerned. Two Western Ontario soldiers, Lieut. C. S. Campbell, of Owen Sound, and Pte. Keith Russell of Walkerton, are reported killed in action.

Pte. Charles Astles, No. 823179, who went overseas with the 142nd (London's Own) Battalion, is officially reported dangerously wounded at No. 6 casualty clearing station, on February 26, according to a telegram received today by Mrs. Mary Astles, 957 Hackett Street.

Another 142nd man reported dangerously wounded is Pte. Walter Benford, No. 823142, who is at No. 30 casualty clearing station, Mrs. Hela Benford, 80 Linwood Street, Knollwood Park, was notified yesterday.

The casualty lists contain the name of Pte. Frank Colborne, Engineers, whose father resides in London, Ont., who is reported to have died. Friends in Vancouver are anxious to secure the address of Mr. Colborne, senior.

Owen Sound, Feb. 28.—Ottawa sent the information through to Mrs. M. J. Campbell this morning that her son, Lieut. Colin Stanley Campbell had been killed in action. Lieut. Campbell is the first fatality in the 147th Grey Battalion which went overseas in September. He was the instructor of the famous bayonet team which carried off the championship honors at Camp Boyton last summer. He was an all-round athlete, and a prominent member of the football club. He was 26 years of age and single. One brother, Sergt. Newman Campbell, is in the trenches. Three sisters are Mrs. McKay of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mrs. Cannon, of Chatham, Ont., and Mrs. Wade, of London. His mother is at present with her daughter in London.

Son of Walkerton Reeve  
Walkerton, Feb. 28.—Reeve Russell was officially notified by Ottawa today that his youngest son, Pte. Leith Russell, who was reported wounded a few days ago, had been killed in action. Mr. Russell's other three sons are fighting in France and Leith was the last to enlist. He went overseas with the 71st Battalion.

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IS DISCHARGED.  
Pte. L. Schmitt of the tallion, who recently suffered of two fingers as a result of dental discharge of his rifle discharged from the battery medically unfit for further service.

**HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT**  
In reply to a request of Clerk, E. Shaver, assistant of the Brantford General Hospital, writes, asking that the appropriate the same sum year, \$18,000, for the new hospital.

**VISITED CITY.**  
Major Knobb, of Ottawa, Capt. Conover, of Toronto the city yesterday in connection with the bayonet fighting and training of the 215th battalion.

**BAND CONCERT.**  
The first of a series of concerts was given in the evening by the band of the Major Joyce, of Toronto, from 6 to 7.30, being well and appreciated by all. Music was rendered under the leadership of Bandmaster W. public are welcome and attend these concerts at which they will be continued on day evenings for some time.

**CLOSE CONTEST.**  
In a rifle match between members of the Home Guard following were the scores: Major Joyce, 28; Pte. M. Lieut. Moyer, 41; Pte. M. Lieut. Ryan, 41; Pte. M. Sergt. Watson, 25; Pte. T. Sgt. Matthews, 23; Pte. T. Sgt. Bingham, 41; Pte. M. Sgt. Baker, 32; Pte. G. Corp. Brown, 28; Pte. H. Pte. Simpson, 27; Pte. H. Pte. Smith, 19; Pte. J.

**ENJOYABLE EVENING.**  
Under the auspices of men's institute a most entertaining was given in School House. Rev. G. G. pie the chair and there was attendance. Recitations by Miss Van Valkenburg and from Harrisburg sang, and "Brother Josiah" was presented. Ridge Farmer's was exceedingly well done. Thanks are returned by the of the W. I. to the assistance rendered, which will Red Cross amounted to \$100.

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