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**THE SITUATION.**

The Gulf of Riga, in which the Germans are at present operating, is an inlet of the Baltic Sea, and at the entrance of it are Oesel and other islands. The seaport of Riga is one of the most important belonging to Russia, a large trading and shipping centre. The Germans seem to be experiencing very little difficulty in landing on the islands, but Petrograd states that they have met with more opposition on water and that two German torpedo boats have been sunk. Speaking generally there does not seem to be much to prevent the Germans from attaining any objective they may go after in this region. The effect may act as a bracer to the Muscovites, but there are a whole lot of loose ends to be gathered together before any kind of resistance may be anticipated. Meanwhile the Hohenzollern outfit will harp on the success of this Baltic offensive in order to "back" up the people of the Fatherland, who are becoming thoroughly sick of hostilities. Evidences continue to multiply in the latter regard. The latest testimony is from five Canadian soldiers who have reached the Old Land, after escaping from Germany. They give it as their opinion that the country is on the verge of a revolution and that the people are hoping for an armistice by Christmas. It would also seem to be certain that the peace desire is commencing to divide the Central powers and that the Kaiser is actively endeavoring to combat that feeling.

On the Flanders front raiding operations constitute the present activity, although it seems to be considered in some quarters that another British drive will not long be deferred. Around Verdun there has been some severe fighting, but no action of a decisive nature.

Allied armies have made observations which constitute absolute proof that sand sent through Holland has been used for military purposes by Germany.

Over the Courier leased wire today there comes the announcement that Germany may soon declare the coasts of the States, Canada and Cuba to be war zones. This, of course, means subject to submarine activity, but in view of the lack of any bases for such purposes, the whole affair wears the attitude of bluff.

**HARBOR IMPROVEMENT AT PORT DOVER**

That an undertaking of the above nature is of vital importance to this and adjacent counties does not admit of any question. All that is needed is the necessary dredging and the installation of suitable piers in order to see a beneficial renewal of the traffic which used to take place across the lake in former years. The Port Dover Board of Trade, headed by its able President, Mr. John I. Martin, has enlisted the assistance of the Boards of Trade and Manufacturing Associations in the towns and cities on the E. E. & N. north, as far as Elmira, and as the result of the visit there yesterday of the various boards, a strong delegation will go to Ottawa to ask for relief from the present conditions. In brief, they will ask the government to assume the harbor lease, now held by the Grand Trunk Railway, and that the harbor be improved so that freight boats of deep draught may enter. The contention, which appears reasonable, is that the improved harbor would permit of a car ferry service from Pennsylvania. This, it is claimed, would mean that coal could be delivered to the towns and cities in this section of Western Ontario at less cost owing to the short haul and consequent greatly reduced freight charges. The harbor at Port Dover is acknowledged by experienced lake captains to be one of the best natural harbors on the north shore of Lake Erie. Should the delegation be successful, as it should be, not only would freight distribution be more easily handled by the two roads now entering the Port, but the shorter haul would of necessity release freight cars more quickly and thus help to a certain extent to relieve the continual car shortage.

The Government, when Hon. Mr. Rogers was Minister of Public Works

made an initial grant in the matter, and had it not been for the war and the curtailment of public expenditures, improvements would no doubt have been now well under way. If not completed.

Hon. Mr. Carvell, the present Public Works Minister in the Union Administration, should certainly have his attention called to this enterprise as a move of vital necessity for several important communities.

**PREPARATION FOR AFTER THE WAR.**

In Great Britain the problems of reconstruction after the war are receiving considerable attention and consideration. Dr. Addison, the Minister of Reconstruction, is conducting a campaign of education. In brief his advice to the people is not to place too much dependence on what can be done officially. The motto he has adopted is that the people must for the greater part rely upon themselves.

Speaking recently at Huddersfield Dr. Addison laid down among conditions as representing the primary needs of the nation in order to recover from the effects of the war: Better co-operation between Capital and Labor.

Better conditions of life. Better industrial methods. Better training.

Some people, Dr. Addison added, questioned whether there was any need for a Ministry of Reconstruction, but this he pointed out was not the view of the Germans, who have been busy at this work for some time. Amongst the things which they are doing is endeavoring to secure for themselves from different parts of the world the supply of material which the British people need. Their efforts have been still more extensive to obtain control by purchase or in some other manner of great mineral deposits, and they had even gone so far as to try to buy them in England during the war, for the purpose not only of supplying themselves, but likewise to prevent Britain getting them, and, of course, a sufficient supply of raw material is of fundamental importance to carry on any manufacture.

When the war ceased the unemployment outlook ought not to be so formidable as it appeared now; but they should be prepared to cope with the difficulties that might arise. He proposed to consult the different trades as to the best way of remedying the shortage of materials, although the more the trades did for themselves the better he should be pleased. The trades should associate themselves together as far as possible, to help the Government.

Only by increased productivity would they be able to overcome the devastation caused by the war. Labor should be entitled to a share in the benefit of increased output, and be protected against cutting rates. The fear of unemployment was largely responsible for hostility to improved methods, and that had to be removed. Labor should also be brought into council on the general questions of the conditions and hours of labor.

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS**

To-day is the 62nd birthday of Mr. W. F. Cocksutt, M.P., and he has been in receipt of many hearty congratulations.

**RUSS ARMY**

Continued from Page One. Officially announced to-day by the German general staff. The German statement says that Tenthon naval forces had encountered with Russian torpedo boat destroyers and gunboats north of Oesel Island, and in the Bay of Riga, and these resulted favorably for the Germans. The Russian ships were compelled to retire. The German vessels, it is added, sustained no losses. Naval aircraft dropped bombs on Pernau, a Russian port on the Gulf of Riga, where large fires were observed.

On the main fighting front in the east there was a revival of activity. Russian attempts to advance the front were repulsed, but were driven back.

**MILL BURNED**

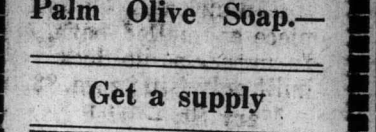
Indianapolis, Oct. 17.—Fire destroyed the flour-milling plant of the Acme Evans Company here last night, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000. The plant has been busy day and night on war orders and when the flames were discovered thirty-five men were at work in the building. The damage is almost entirely to machinery and the building in which was installed large quantities of flour and wheat were stored in an adjacent warehouse and escaped the flames.

MISSION RENEWED. Paris, Oct. 17.—The Journal Official promulgates a decree renewing for another six months the special mission to the United States of Captain Andre Fardieu. The previous authorization expired on October 15.

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**OLD RESIDENT OF PARIS DEAD**

**Mrs. Annie Willett Called By Death At Her Home Yesterday**

Paris, Oct. 16.—(From our own correspondent.)—Another highly respected citizen passed away early yesterday morning in the person of Annie Sexton, widow of the late William Willett. Deceased had been ailing for sometime and death came as a happy release from her sufferings. Mrs. Willett was of a kindly disposition and highly respected by all who knew her, and took an interest in almost every organization that had the welfare of the town at heart. Since her residence in Paris she was a faithful member of the Congregational Church and a member of the Board of Management, and also president of the Ladies' Aid in which she took an active part. Before her illness she was greatly interested in the Red Cross work and the Horticultural Society. She was pre-deceased by her husband thirteen years ago. The funeral took place this afternoon from her late residence to the Paris cemetery. Rev. Mr. D. A. Armstrong conducted a private service at the home. The pall-bearers were Messrs. F. Smokey, R. B. Robinson, Dr. Danton, David Patton, P. Buckley and G. H. Armstrong.

**OVER FIFTY THOUSAND EXAMINED**

Less Than Fifty Per Cent. of Applicants Are Placed in Class A  
 By Courier Leased Wire  
 Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Twenty-five thousand men approximately have already passed category "A" before the medical tribunals and boards under the Military Service Act. "A" men are those considered fit for general service overseas. Up to the end of last week, men who submitted themselves for medical examination throughout the Dominion, were classified as follows:  
 "A," 24,380; other medical categories, 28,684. Total examinations, 53,064.  
 With the exception of those of Saturday last—when the first proclamation under the act was issued—those medical examinations were entirely voluntary. These figures for last week show a decided improvement over those of the week previous and are considered as very satisfactory. The total of medical examinations last week was 26,065, as compared with 15,951 the week previous. The Toronto military district with Montreal close behind and London third.  
 There has been some questioning why postmasters require that reports of report or claims for exemption shall not be taken away from the post office. It is pointed out here that the regulation is necessary for the keeping of an accurate check of all forms submitted. Every form supplied bears a number. The receipt given by the postmaster is attached to it after the style of a counterfoil and bears the same number as the forms. The postmaster has to account for every form. It is further stated that the provision was made for the protection of the members of the class called out. Under it every man who complies with the law has a right receipt in valid form.  
 It would have been impossible to unobtainable if you were to see the unequalled volume of unobtainable receipts. Major Bishop's total is 47 enemy machines.

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**MAJOR W. A. BISHOP WEDS IN TORONTO**  
 Canada's Premier Aviator Takes a Bride To-day  
 Toronto, Oct. 17.—Surrounded with all the romance of war and showered with gifts as a princess in a fairy tale, Margaret Eaton Burden, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burden, of this city, was today wedded to Canada's war aviator hero, Major William A. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bishop, of Owen Sound, Ontario, home from the battlefields of France with the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order and other honors given him by the king for gallant service. The ceremony took place at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Church, erected here as a memorial to the bride's grandfather, Timothy Eaton, and Rev. Dr. Henderson tied the nuptial knot. There were regular rainbows of attendants for the bride and the church was crowded with prominent Toronto people. A guard of honor composed of officers of the Hussars and Royal Flying Corps as well as a contingent of V.A.D. nurses, furnished the military aspect of the beautiful affair. The bride was dressed in an exquisite creation of white kittens ear crepe, the skirt made full and short, with apron flounce of feature, carriage-across lace. The bodice was in crossover effect with tiny vest of lace and sleeves of net, with trim of lace at the top. After the ceremony and reception Major and Mrs. Bishop left for Washington in the private car of her uncle, Sir John Eaton. Major Bishop has been engaged to British mission for a month. To date Bishop's total is 47 enemy machines.

**MINERS STRIKE.**  
 Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 17.—Approximately 5,500 coal miners are on strike in the district north of here, resulting in 25 mines being shut down to-day, due to the operators refusing to guarantee the increase in pay as agreed on at the recent conference in Washington. The miners assert that Fuel Administrator Garfield has had sufficient time to revise the coal prices in Indiana, but the operators refuse to grant the increase in wages until now selling prices have been announced by the Fuel Administrator.

**NOTICE!**  
**North Brant**  
 A meeting of the Liberal-Conservatives of North Brant and all others is called for  
**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
 At 2 p.m.  
 In the Borden Club Rooms, Paris  
 for the purpose of nominating a "Win-the-War" and Union Government candidate.  
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**CEMETERIES PAY SHEET**  
 The cemeteries pay sheet for 1st of October to the 15th to ninety-three dollars.  
**CIVIC PAY SHEETS.**  
 The civic pay sheets weeks ending on October amounted to \$1721.32. Wrecking the streets and streets department account \$966.90 and the sewers for \$747.52.  
**WOUNDED.**  
 Pte. H. Taylor of this reported in this morning casualty list as wounded.  
**PRESENTATION.**  
 Prior to his departure Flying Corps, Mr. P. A. the Bank of Commerce was recipient of a wrist-watch bank staff.  
**NIGHT CLASSES.**  
 Registrations for the night at the Collegiate have increased so far so far 500 classes having been received. Encouraging the continuation of the classes are practicing already, and it is expected that this week will enroll.  
**BUILDING PERMITS.**  
 Building permits were received from the city on morning to Mrs. Robert 186 Sheridan street for a garage; Stephen Smith, grouped with a \$70.00 and to W. J. Grummett 8 street, for a \$30 frame.  
**CURLING.**  
 At the annual meeting of the Curling Association yesterday, Brantford and Waterloo for the Ontario play to be made at Galt district cup, Brantford and grouped with Hamilton Grimsby and Niagara Falls Hamilton.  
**PHYSICAL EXAM.**  
 Some forty-five boys from 9 to 16 years of age went the physical examination Dr. Fissette at the Y. The best must be all boys before they are the privileges of the physical. The next examination held on Friday.  
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