

THE COURIER

Saturday, Dec. 22, 1917

THE SITUATION.

The news from Italy is much more heartening. General Diaz assumed the offensive between the Brenta and Piave Rivers and made seven assaults upon the Teutons. These were successful to the extent of regaining quite a lot of ground previously lost. A few more days and weather conditions will also help to bring the work of the invaders very much to a standstill.

From Great Britain comes the announcement that it is the general feeling that the growing menace of the Germans on the Western front must be met by increased demands on the man power of the Allies. Meanwhile the statement is made that arrangements have been completed whereby the Allied forces on the front named, can rush troops to any threatened point without restriction.

It would seem to be evident that in Russia the Bolshevik Government is about to go the way of the Kerensky ditto. The Ukrainians are reported to have joined the Cossacks in opposition to the German peace proposals and it is said that Grand Duke Nicholas is once more looming up as a powerful figure.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council has just closed a very strenuous year and the members deserve to be heartily congratulated upon the amount of excellent work accomplished, chief among which must be classed the inauguration of the county roads system. For patriotic purposes the handsome amount of \$38,500 has been voted and paid without the floating of debentures. In fact Brant County always pays cash for everything, even with regard to items of capital account, and the finances are in first class shape.

Warden Rose has made an excellent and hard working occupant of that position, in fact the office has never been better filled. It was characteristic of him that he should give up the annual Warden's banquet in order to devote the amount usually so spent to some worthy object.

County Clerk Watts was the recipient of hearty commendations at the closing meeting, and he thoroughly deserved them. His sound sense and excellent advice are recognized by all of the Council's year after year as a tower of strength.

A LAURER RUMOR SPEEDILY DENIED.

Somebody or other started the rumor that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was to be asked to become a member of the Union Government Cabinet. The very suggestion was on the face of it, too grotesque for belief, and yet it seems to have found credence in certain quarters.

Laurier was asked by Sir Robert Borden to co-operate with him many months ago and emphatically declined to do so. More than that, he forced an election on the very subject with regard to which his help had been requested, and refused.

Under such circumstances, the statement is made that Sir Robert Borden and his associates have had no thought whatever of making the advance named, and it is altogether unlikely that Sir Wilfrid would accede if they did. With his eyes wide open, the Liberal leader chafes at the Quebec demand and attitude, as against the rest of the Dominion, and he must now abide by the fact that in so doing, he has alienated just about all of his former followers of any moment and has in the eyes of the world, lacked the part of true statesmanship at a time of great crisis.

It is announced that in order to give further Liberal and Labor representation in the Cabinet, Hon. Mr. Burrill and Hon. Mr. Crothers may step out, also that despite the solid Quebec vote, French Canadians will be duly represented.

All these things, however, are likely to await the receipt of the overseas soldier vote, which will not be counted for some time yet.

THE CASE OF KITCHENER.

The change of name has evidently not in any sense changed the heart of the majority of the people in the Ontario city formerly known as "Berlin." That fact was demonstrated when Premier Borden was sought to address the electors in public meeting, and it has been further emphasized by the result of the voting on Monday last and the subsequent conduct of some of the opponents of Union Government.

The vote and the sentiment was anti-Canadian and anti-British not alone in Kitchener itself, but also throughout the County of Waterloo as will be seen by the following table of the majorities cast for

Euler, the Laurierite candidate:	
Kitchener	606
Waterloo	357
Wellesley Township	547
Elmira	39
Waterloo Township	371
Woolwich Township	469
Total	2333

The vote polled by Euler was 5,303 and that by his Unionist opponent, Weichel (former member), 2,914, so that the latter lost his deposit.

After the returns were in Euler, during the course of an interview, openly boasted that his supporters had "registered their objection to the conscription act." In other words, that they had proclaimed themselves as favoring the betrayal of the Canadian soldiers in the trenches and placed themselves on record as against any further Canadian war effort.

Mr. Weichel, ex-M.P., seen at the same time, said: "Had the electors of North Waterloo a true conception of the position in which their representative was placed, and what a firm stand on all war legislation by their member meant to this riding, would again be their representative."

"Falling to grasp this truth they have voted North Waterloo into isolation. As I feel I did my duty for the riding as a British-Canadian I have no regrets. Having done my duty, even though that duty was misunderstood by a majority in North Waterloo, leaves me proud in the knowledge I was true to my country and myself."

"At the same time I feel a throb of sympathy for the good people in this constituency for the unfortunate position in which they are now placed."

"The isolation." That is just what it should prove. Meanwhile the Brantford City Council has formally protested against the use of Kitchener's name in connection with any such community and other places have followed suit. A despatch from Hamilton in this regard says:

"Mayor Booker at the meeting of the Board of Control this morning said this city should follow the lead of Brantford and go on record regarding the disgraceful attitude of the pro-German element in Kitchener."

"He thought Canada had been too slack in dealing with alien enemies, and that Kitchener should not be longer allowed to bear the illustrious name it does. Contrary to Jutten thought the disaffected element should be put on board a ship and sent abroad somewhere. The other controllers thought it would be unwise to take the action proposed by the Mayor, but agreed to pass a resolution endorsing any action the Government might take to deal with the disaffected element."

CITY ITEMS

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL. Twenty-eight patients received 321 days' treatment at the hospital during November, for which the city is liable. The account amounts to \$224.70.

POLICE COURT. One adjourned case is slated for the Police Court on Monday. There will be no sitting of the court on Christmas Day.

TEN BIRTHS. There were ten births in the hospital during November, six females and four males.

EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED. On Friday evening the Brantford Laundry Ltd. presented each one of their employees with a check for five dollars, and a letter expressing appreciation of their services.

BLAZE IN BOXES. Empty boxes piled in the basement of a house at 106 Waterloo street, became ignited at 7.15 last night. The blaze was noticed by the occupant of the house, J. Dawson, and the firemen were summoned. Little material loss resulted.

LEAVING FOR OVERSEAS. Militia headquarters' orders today instruct that when drafts are warned for overseas service, arrangements must be made that last leave is completed a clear week before the date of entraining, in order that final medical examination may be made immediately before the draft leaves camp. Approximately there are 17 different documents for each officer and man to prepare before he leaves, and it is impossible to prepare and complete the large number of nominal rolls necessary unless medical examination be held a clear 38 hours before the time of entraining.

MUNICIPAL COAL DEPOT

On Monday morning, from eight o'clock onward, Brantfordites will place all orders for coal through the central committee sitting in the City Hall. The committee met last night and completed its organization. E. Lavery was elected chairman, and H. D. McIntyre secretary. The application form to be signed by all ordering coal, was approved. No one will be allowed to purchase more than a ton of fuel at a time, and no one will be allowed to buy unless the shortage ceases. Preference will be given to families having sickness in the house, or with children or old people needing heat. Otherwise, all classes will be treated exactly alike.

Applicants will be allowed to name the dealer from whom they desire to obtain the coal, but if the latter has none on hand, the committee will place the order with the dealer nearest the applicant's home, in order to prevent long hauling.



Anglican.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH. Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Rector. Dec. 23rd—Sund. in Advent. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. "A War Christmas." 3 p.m. Sunday School and Bible classes. 7 p.m. Evening Prayer and sermon. "The Christmas Message." Luke 7. 19. Christmas carols at evening service. The Rector will preach at all services. Strangers made very welcome.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. Rev. J. Corner Queen and Wellington Sts. A. A. Quick, B.A. 10 a.m.—Sunday School. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. S. W. Hirtle of Waterloo Seminary will preach. Christmas service on Thursday evening at 7.45 p.m.

Congregational

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all from the Congregational church, corner of George and Wellington Sts. Rev. W. J. Thompson, minister. Special Christmas services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning sermon, "The Story of Christmas." Evening sermon "The Splendor of Christmas." Appropriate music. Special soloists. Sunday School 3 p.m. Mr. J. L. Dixon, Supt. Large Adult Bible Class, Mr. H. P. Hoag, teacher.

COME!

Baptist

CALVARY BAPTIST Dalhousie Street Christmas services and Christmas music. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor commences his eighth year, and desires every member and adherent to mark this milestone in the present pastorate by personal attendance. Morning subject, "The Birth of Christ." Evening subject, "A Christmas Talk to You." To these services will you come? Sunday School and Bible class at 2.45 p.m.

Methodist

COLBORNE ST. METHODIST Rev. Clark F. Logan, M.A., Pastor. 10.00 a.m.—Class meeting and Men's Brotherhood. Mr. John Greet will address the Brotherhood. 11.00 a.m.—Mr. A. H. Wallace. Subject: Points of interest in Christmas Story. 2.30 p.m.—Sabbath School. Gifts for Santa Claus will be presented. 7.00 p.m.—Rev. Wray Smith. Music for the Morning. Special Christmas music: Anthem, "There were Shepherds." (Buck); solo part taken by Mrs. Reaman; solo, "An Old Sacred Lullaby." (Liddle). Mrs. G. E. Reaman; Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." choir.

Music for the Evening (From the "Messiah") Chorus: "And the Glory of the Lord." solo and chorus. "O Thou that tellest." solo part taken by Miss Gladys Garvin; solo: "Night of Nights." (Vanderwater) Mr. G. N. Crocker; solo, "Rejoice Greatly." Mrs. H. E. Reaman; solo, "He shall feed His Flock." Miss Gladys Garvin; chorus, "Hallelujah." G. C. White, organist and choir director.

WELLINGTON STREET. Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Henderson, pastor. 10.00 a.m. Class and Junior League meetings. 11 a.m. public service. Sermon by the pastor. Anthem, "And the Glory" (Messiah). Solo, "Comfort ye, my people" (Messiah). Selected solo by Frank Lesning. Violin and flute by Messrs. W. G. Darwin, city and John Darwin, Kitchener. 2.45 p.m. Bible School for everybody; there is always an interesting program. 7.00 p.m. very special service of praise. During this service the new members will be formally received into the church. The choir and soloists, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Darwin, A.T.C.M., will render the following selections from Handel's "The Messiah." Solo, "But who may abide?" Mrs. Charles Darwin, may abide." Mrs. L. Leaning. Recits. "There were shepherds" etc. Mrs. J. McWebb. Chorus, "Gloria in excelsis." Solo, "Come unto Him." Mrs. McWebb. Chorus, "Lift up your heads," and "Hallelujah." Welcome to one and all.

Presbyterian

ALEXANDRA PRESBYTERIAN 11 a.m.—Brotherhood. 11 a.m.—Rev. H. W. Stillman. Ruskvill, Ill. will preach. 3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes. 7 p.m.—Rev. H. W. Stillman. Everybody welcome.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Brant Avenue. Rev. James W. Gordon, B.A., Minister. 7 p.m.—Christmas service. The pastor will tell to children and

Brant Avenue Methodist Church

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

10.00 a.m.—Brotherhoods. 11.00 a.m.—Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick. Subject: "Wise Men." 2.45 p.m.—Sunday School. 7.00 p.m.—Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick. Subject: "The Unwelcome Guest." MORNING MUSIC, ETC. Carols: The First Nowell. Good King Wenceslas. Good Christian Men Rejoice. EVENING SERVICE Solo: "Have you any room for Jesus." Soloist: Miss Jean McLennan

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER—MR. CLIFFORD HIGGIN.

adults the story of the "Other Wise Man."

3 p.m.—Sunday School. 7 p.m.—"What to do this Christmas Time."

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Darling St. opp. Victoria Park. Rev. G. A. Woodside, minister. D. L. Wright, organist and Choir-master.

11 a.m.—Christmas Service. 3 p.m.—Sunday School. 7 p.m.—Christmas Service. Service Christmas morning, 10.30.

BETHEL HALL

Sunday. 11 a.m.—Breaking of Bread. 3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes. 7 p.m.—Gospel service. Dr. T. H. Bier will (D.V.) speak. Subject, "The Son of God and the Virgin Birth." Come and hear this wonderful theme discussed in the light of the word of God.

The British Sailor's Relief Fund Committee

is appealing to the Patriotic public to support this worthy object.

The following letter from a subscriber puts the cause concisely and pointedly: "We appreciate the fact that we would not be able to do business except for the wonderful work of the British Navy and Marine, and take this opportunity of showing in a small way our appreciation."

Subscriptions may be left with THE EXPOSITOR THE COURIER, or MR. C. COOK, Treasurer.

Back Home Again Christmas Sunday TO-MORROW 11 A.M.

"The Father Revealed"

A special Christmas Message 7 P.M. "A SAVIOUR BORN" Special Christmas Music at Both Services

THE MUSIC 11 A.M. Anthem: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord" Garrett Offertory: "Christmas" Oesten Concluding Voluntary "Fantasy on Christmas Carols" Blair 7 P.M. Chorus: "And the Glory" Handel Solo: "The Star of Bethlehem." Adams Mr. J. Halrod Solo and Chorus: "O Thou That Tellest" Handel Solo: "He shall feed His Flock" Handel "Come unto Him" Mrs. (Dr.) Nichol and Miss Gladys Halrod Solo and Chorus: "Nazareth" Gounod Solo, Mr. Byers Solo: "Christmas Song" Rotoli Mrs. Secord Chorus: "Hallelujah" Handel Concluding Voluntary "Lift up Your Heads" Handel SPECIAL SERVICE OF SONG AT 7 P.M.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

PARK Baptist CHURCH

Corner George and Darling Sts. Rev. W. H. Wrighton, Pastor

Dr. E. Hooper

will be the preacher for the day. Subjects: 11 a.m. Salvation Began and Completed. 7 p.m. The Advent—the Mystery of the First, the Expectation of the Second.

Bible School and Bible Classes at 3 p.m. Strangers and Visitors Welcome

MORNING MUSIC Anthem: "Christians Awake" Maunder Solo: "The Hush of Night hath Fallen" Spence Miss Grace Powell

EVENING MUSIC Anthem: "And He Shall Reign" Simver Solo: "The Light of Earth" Coombs

W. H. Thresher, Organist and Choirmaster

Non-Denominational

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTISTS. 44 George Street. Service Sunday, 11 a.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Reading room open 2.30 to 4.30 every day except Sunday. Subject, Sunday, December 23rd, "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

CHRISTADELPHIAN Sunday School and Bible classes 3 p.m. Subject, "Britain and Zionism." Mr. Balfour's recent letter to Lord Rothchild—its tremendous significance as a sign of the end of Gentile times. Speaker, Mr. H. W. Styles, in C. O. F. Hall, 136 Dalhousie Street. All welcome. Seats free. No collection.

TRAIN SERVICE TO BE REDUCED

The Canadian Railway Association on National Defence, composed of representatives from all railways operating in the Dominion, has just completed an important conference at Ottawa with the Dominion Railway Board, at which it was decided to make further reductions in the passenger services in order to enable the railway companies to meet serious shortages in coal supplies, which coincides with a pressing need for an increase of transportation facilities for the movement of freight and munitions. Many parlor cars are also to be cut off.

CHIEF UP IN ARMS

Chief of Police Slemin has written the city clerk notifying him that as the silent policemen are the property of the city, he will interfere if the board of works remove them for the winter months.

OPEN HOUSE AT Y.M.C.A.

Arrangements were made at a joint meeting of the Social and Physical Committees for the New Year's Day program and open house of the Young Men's Christian Association.

TURKEYS FOR EMPLOYEES. According to the usual custom of former years, turkeys were yesterday presented to all the employees of the Brantford Roofing Company, Limited. They were fully appreciated.

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LOCAL

FOR RAILWAY BOARD

It was announced today that P. H. Secord would be a candidate for the Street Railway Commission.

A FRAMED BRICK

Capt. Cornelius has just from Mrs. Hurst, of the Place Kith and Kin, a framed brick similar to those sold by the society to raise funds for returned Soldiers' Homes. It hung in the home of the late Mrs. Hurst.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Marlboro St. Methodist Church, held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment night. The superintendent, Lamb, was in the chair, a program consisted of select orchestra, vocal and instrumental music, recitals and tableaux. Mrs. Middlemiss told the Santa Claus in a very entertaining manner. A small gift of every nature was made to all the children, a collection taken for returned Soldiers' Homes amounted to \$13.

W. C. T. U. MET

The monthly meeting of W. C. T. U. was held at Mrs. Wheeland's, Palmerston. A Bible reading by Mrs. Ho was followed by earnest prayer. The superintendent, Lamb, was in the chair, a program consisted of select orchestra, vocal and instrumental music, recitals and tableaux. Mrs. Middlemiss told the Santa Claus in a very entertaining manner. A small gift of every nature was made to all the children, a collection taken for returned Soldiers' Homes amounted to \$13.

CANADIAN CORPS

At a meeting of the Aero Canada a resolution was moved and passed by a large majority, and calling upon the government to give serious attention to the question of the Canadian section of the King Corps, or a Canadian Corps, was adopted. The resolution also suggested that the government should present Imperial government a suggestion that it should train fighting planes in Canada from the front. Flight Lieut. E. T. Jones spoke interestingly of his experiences in England and in the work of Colonel Hamilton, who presided, in furtherance of aviation in Canada during recruits.

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