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The Situation.

Matters with regard to Greece are still reported to be in the undetermined class. King Constantine is said to have received a threatening message from brother-in-law William, and to be wobbling at the knees once more. He is certainly in a difficult position, but he might as well realize that if he thwarts the Allies it will be all day with his dynasty.

Berlin makes the announcement that the Serbian campaign is ended; that they set out to crush that people and have done so. They thought the same thing with regard to Belgium, but there is still resistance there, and so there will be with regard to Serbia, until both have been freed from the hands of their devilish oppressors. A veil of mystery rests over what the Allied troops in this region have been doing. The Huns claim that they are in desperate case, but there is nothing definite to back this assertion.

The Italian offensive continues to progress surely if slowly, and most of the pep seems to have been taken out of the Germans in the Eastern theatre.

The Grain Seizure.

The announcement that the Dominion Government had commandeered from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels of No. 1, 2 and 3 Northern wheat, at the head of Western wheat, came as a great surprise. As a matter of fact, that is just the way in which it should have come, for if the intention of the authorities had been known a disturbing and speculative element would have been introduced.

The Ottawa authorities took this step at the instance of the British Government. The result will be that the grain so taken will be paid for at a fair price and leave that much more of a demand for grain now held.

The result, as far as the farmers are concerned, will be beneficial rather than otherwise, and a valued Empire service will be rendered. More than ever it becomes plain that the right course was taken in urging agriculturists to produce more abundantly of this cereal, an appeal which met with such a splendid response as to notch a record crop for the Dominion.

The argument for preferential trade within the Empire will quite probably receive an extra fillip because of the manner of this grain purchase.

Canada and Russia.

The United States has loaned the Allies \$500,000,000, and preparations are being made for a further advance of \$150,000,000, in addition to which innumerable credits which the public never hear of, have been granted, and \$750,000,000 worth of goods have been supplied.

These statements were made by Mr. C. W. Barron, President of the Wall Street Journal, the Boston News Bureau and other United States publications, in an address to the Canadian Club at Toronto. He added that through the federal reserve act of the United States credits of \$4,000,000 were available should United States bankers wish to make further loans. Indeed, \$2,000,000,000 of credits were available without utilizing the privileges of the act.

Mr. Barron thought that the greatest material benefits which would accrue from the war would be to Canada and Russia. The Russian Empire and the upper part of the North American continent, he said, were the only parts of the world where great wheat growing lands were still open for development. Canada had the splendid advantage of railways already built, and of a fine form of government, and was certain to attract men from all over the world to develop her great resources. He felt convinced that the development of Canada during the next thirty years would exceed any developments which had ever taken place in any similar period of the world's history. Canadians sometimes thought that they had already too many railways, but as a matter of fact they did not have enough to take care of future developments.

He had no doubt as to Great Britain's ability to finance the war. They would find, he assured the gathering, that the cost of the war would not be so crushing a burden as was popularly supposed. On the contrary a period of inflation in wages and in prices generally would set in, production

would be stimulated, and the British Empire might actually find itself richer after paying its war debts.

Asked as to how long Britain could continue to pay \$25,000,000 a day for the expense of the war, Mr. Barron replied: "As long as you and I back them up." When he was in England recently he had been discussing with a nobleman the great increase in income tax, and the latter had stated: "It is not begrudged. They can have everything but our bread and butter."

As to Britain's ability to pay the bills, "there will be no diminution in that cruse of oil," he declared. "So long as Britain's name on a scrap of paper is made good by her blood and treasure before the world, you can put no commercial value or limit on Great Britain."

Germany was actually starving, he was certain of that; her home production was exhausted, and everything she purchased abroad had now to be paid for in gold, so that in finances also she was fast approaching a period of exhaustion. He did not believe that Germany could hold out another winter.

Three factors would cause the collapse of Germany. These were shortage of men—the Teutons had lost 1,000,000 killed and 4,000,000 in casualties; shortage of food; and failure to finance—nations sending supplies to Germany were now demanding cash with the order, "and cash means gold."

FINE OPENING AT ECHO PLACE

Women's Institute There Held Meeting Thursday in Their New Rooms.

The Echo Place Women's Institute opened their new rooms in the Echo Place school Nov. 25th.

These rooms are so nicely arranged they make an ideal place in which the Institute may not only have their usual monthly meetings, but for an evening entertainment they are ideal.

The large room to the north makes a splendid auditorium, while the smaller room to the south, with fine windows on south and west provide good light for those on the platform. The folding doors between these rooms when thrown open, makes them one large room. The trustees very kindly arranged large gas lights and built a platform for the use of the ladies during the many entertainments and pleasant social evenings they hope to give to the public during the winter. The ladies are to be congratulated for having trustees so kind and accommodating. With the co-operation of the trustees of the school and the help of the Improvement Association, the Institute hope to make these rooms, as a social centre, such a success that our young people will feel that Echo Place is just "the place" in which to have a good time.

For their entertainment Thursday evening, the Institute introduced a new order by having the chair occupied by their President, Mrs. Burke filled the chair admirably, and we feel that while we have a president so capable, we do not need to call upon a mere man to help us out in that respect.

The evening's program commenced by singing "O Canada," led by the popular Echo orchestra. Mrs. Burke then explained to the public, how the Institute had acquired the rooms, and intended to furnish them nicely, and devote them to the use of the Echo Place people for social gatherings.

After extending a few words of welcome to our guests for the evening, the orchestra again favored the audience with music.

Miss Hilda Hurley, a daughter of one of our members, delighted the crowd with one of her well chosen solos; for an encore she sang "Sister Susie."

After Mr. Myers in a few well chosen words had welcomed the Institute to their new rooms, and assured the President of the willingness of the Board to help them in any way, Mrs. Burke again called upon the orchestra for music.

Miss Mary Edmanson, a daughter of another of our Institute ladies gave a humorous recitation, being the proposal of a busy business man to his stenographer, and his amazement when she quietly put him wise to the fact that they were already man and wife. For an encore Miss Edmanson gave a patriotic selection, emphasizing the fact that Britain's sons, who fight under the red, white and blue fought to show the Kaiser that they meant to keep Britain master of the blue.

The next on the programme was a sweet little solo "How Ireland got its name," by little Miss Alberta Williams, her sister, Miss Grace, playing her accompaniment. When the solo was finished, Miss Whitney presided at the piano, while the two sisters, each in Irish costumes, Miss Alberta as an Irish lass and Miss Grace as an Irish lad, gave an exhibition of an Irish dance. These two talented little maids, daughters of one of our members were very much appreciated.

Mrs. R. Chipman's selections, An old darkey woman on the "Woman's Vote" question was so comical, that it drew forth hearty appreciation. This old lady thought that if Eve had been made from Adam's back bone instead of a rib, she would be holding her own to-day in the political world, instead of sitting calmly be-moaning her hard lot. She also thought that those who held with the Darwin theory that man was descended from a monkey, had very little pride and not much to boast of, as a family tree. This is certainly a spicy little selection, calling upon women to rise up and show the world that their spinal column was a "backbone" and not a wishbone. After encore, Mrs. Chipman gave a good imita-

tion of two little girls' quarrel over their dollies. Mrs. Chipman must have a very retentive memory, for this was real, as you could tell by the bursts of laughter from the younger portion of the audience.

Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the Improvement Association, assured the Institute of the willingness of that body to help the ladies at any time. Mr. Thomas hoped this evening was only a beginning of many such during the winter months.

Miss Marlatt rendered "Roses of Love" very sweetly, receiving hearty applause.

Miss Meyer's recitation, "A Newsboy's Soliloquy" on hearing good music for the first time. Apparently he was a homeless boy, and the effect of good singing was such that he lost his desire to mingle with the toughs of the street, went home instead and pondered the subject was it possible for a poor newsboy on the street to be good. After hearty applause, Miss Meyer gave an Irish lady's recita to a neighbor of what a narrow escape her daughter, Mary Ann, had from matrimony. This was also heartily enjoyed.

The orchestra then played "We'll never let the old flag fall," the crowd standing and joining heartily in the chorus.

Mrs. Gardner of Brantford addressed the Institute members and those present, touching on several very earnest subjects. Mrs. Gardner congratulated the Institute on their progressiveness. She thinks their new quarters are so bright and cheery, they ought to have splendid meetings. She also thought Echo Place should be proud of their talent, especially their musical, and hoped some day to see installed a good library. Mrs. Gardner advised the voters in the coming contest to vote to help their boys and not to hinder them, to vote as they will be glad they voted when they stand before the Judge supreme. She thinks that if women had the ballot they would vote with their boys' and girls' future welfare in mind, and the drink would be a thing of the past. Mrs. Gardner thinks women with her smile will win more than the militant woman. Also she thinks that if this war keeps up for long, women will have to take a larger part in the affairs of the nation, and that when woman gets the ballot the man to be elected will be the man with a clean record behind him and an honest endeavor to do right. Mrs. Gardner's addresses are always so good that they give you food for thought.

Miss Heath certainly received great appreciation when she sang "Keep the home fires burning." In response to the hearty encore received, Miss Heath sang very sweetly "Summer Day Dreaming."

The audience rose and led by the orchestra, sang God save the King, after which the Echo Place young ladies, the future Institute members, who had earlier in the evening acted as ushers, served dainty refreshments. The Institute were more than sat-

isfied with the good crowd, as the place, seating about 250, was filled, and the crowd expressed themselves delighted with the evening's entertainment. Proceeds, which amounted to \$35, will be used in furnishing the rooms.

Big Crowd
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she was disunited. Trouble in Ireland, Suffragettes in England, labor difficulties, vanished at the attack by the Huns.

"There are a large number of young men in every community who would like to go, but can't go. Yet there are a vast number in that class, "Let George do it," I say young man, you are missing the opportunity of your life.

"SIX OR EIGHT YEARS HENCE. "We're are going to win this war, No doubt of it. But the day will come, six or eight years hence, when you'll regret that you didn't go. The people who keep you back, mother, sister or sweetheart, will be your worst enemy. In the fact that our British navy looked for a position you'll be asked 'did you ever go to the front?' If, not, you'll get no position.

TAKE O'NEILL BOYS' PLACE
"Is there anybody here who'll take the O'Neill boys' place, or Corp. Stephenson or Jimmy Lowes? Are you going to let the Indians do the fighting for you? Are you going to let the 'chirpers' fight for you? In the first and second contingents the majority were British born. (Applause.) But now the Canadians are waking up and going.

CANADA AS INDEMNITY
"Some people say, we've nothing to do with this fight. If we lose this war, Canada will figure in the indemnity. It's not now a case of patriotism; it's a case of self-preservation. It's got now that we have to fight to protect ourselves. Were it not for the fact that our British navy looked up the German navy like rats, where would we be? We are to fight for civilization; it's up to you young man to do your share!

"It is the credit of you boys, the wonderful fight they put at Langemarck. The Coldstream Guards laud the Canadians.

"Our Canadians have gone and are going, and will continue to go. We could give you Canadians better rates of insurance if they'd run a little better," said a New York prominent insurance man to the Mayor of Hamilton, "but the trouble is they won't run." I want to see this war driven into Germany. Germany must be beaten and beaten thoroughly. We do not want to buy the enemy out of Belgium. We want to drive him out.

"There's our friend 'tin-can Ford," proceeded the speaker, amidst laughter. "He's going to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas. We don't want to get out of the trenches until we beat the enemy.

"Make up your mind to-night. You've had lots of chances to make up your mind. You may be the very man who may save a situation. We



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"What are we going to do to protect Serbia? I don't know when the Germans will be driven out of France or Belgium. I don't know when the war will be over. I do know this, I know we are going to win the battle, and that will be the last."

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Spence and on the platform, among others were: Rev. Lavell, T. H. Preston, Ald. J. S. Dowling, W. Norman Andrews, Pte. Chas. Bloxham, Lt.-Col. Cutcliffe, and Ald. Bragg.

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1. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford intends to construct as Local Improvements the Sanitary sewers recommended by the Board of Health, contained in the following schedule and intends to assess part of the cost on the lands abutting directly on the work.

STREET	FROM	TO	Estimated Cost.	City's Share
Drummond	Arthur	Victoria	\$ 688.	\$412.
Read	St. Paul Ave.	Leonard	1300.	335.
Jubilee Ave.	West Mill	East of Street	900.	185.

2. The estimated special rate per foot frontage per annum is 10 cents. The special assessments to be paid in 20 annual instalments.

3. Petitions against the works will not avail to prevent their construction.

4. A By-law for the above purpose will be introduced at the Council on Monday, Dec. 6th, 1915.

City Engineer's Office,
Nov. 26th, 1915.

T. HARRY JONES,
City Engineer.

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(Signed) LOCAL OPTION COMMITTEE

LOCAL

IS WELL.
Mr. E. B. Crompton is a cablegram from his son B. Crompton, who is with Medical Corps. It is stated that he is well.

NOT THE SAME.
J. Crank who was sent to police court for selling liquor without a license was not Mr. J. Crank of 23 Brunswick street, under the name of the Massey-Jones.

FLORAL TRIBUTE.
In the list of floral tributes Alex. Butchart in Friday morning should have been from trustees and staff of school, instead of pupils.

AN EPIDEMIC.
Practically all of the men of the 84th Battalion, having been sent to the front in Grace church on Sunday there was one continuing coughing. The change from indoor life is the probable cause.

ELM AVENUE CHURCH.
Mr. Isaac Hewitson of Street Church conducted in Elm Avenue Church, taking his text from Matthew 23, and gave a very able and choir rendered splendid, the leadership of W. Moy.

BOMB THROWING.
A letter received from Cocksbutt states that he is second in command of bomb throwers brigade. He became an expert in England, and his skill guard has led to the pro-

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