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THE SITUATION.
The latest report is that the Bolsheviks have refused the Kaiser's peace proposals. The German Chancellor, however, made the statement in the Reichstag that he still hoped to consummate an agreement with Ukraine. He did not state on what ground he based that belief, and it is quite likely that the assertion was intended as a sop to help quiet the inhabitants of the Fatherland, who have been building high hopes upon the Brest-Litovsk deliberations. Referring to the recent speech of Lloyd George, the German Chancellor took exception to the assertion that Germany had been guilty of all possible crimes, and then had the effrontery to add, "We cannot understand such feelings." He evidently regards the appalling Hun record of murder, rapine, and so forth, as an exemplification of innocent methods.

The Entons have abandoned quite a large area on the Northern Italian front. This is the sequence of the recent French success at Monte Tomba.
Col. Ripington, who resigned from The Times and has now become war critic of The Post, continues his violent attacks on the war cabinet and claims that Haig has not been properly supported.
Report is made of two German destroyers having been sunk off the coast of Jutland owing to the striking of mines. The whole of one crew perished, while seventeen survived of the other.

THE PRICE OF NEWSPRINT
The cost of everything in the output of a newspaper has gone up by leaps and bounds and the Pulp and Paper magazine reports that during 1917 no fewer than 1,200 publications in the United States and Canada either went out of business altogether, or else formed amalgamations.
One of the departments in which publishers feel that they are getting unduly hit is the cost of newsprint. As the result of protests in this respect the Finance Minister fixed the price at \$2.50 per cwt.

The before the war time average had been about \$2. The time average had been about \$2. The decision of Sir Thomas White was made pending an enquiry to be conducted by Mr. A. Pringle, K. C., who was named as Commissioner. At an early stage of proceedings Mr. Pringle ruled that he could not allow investigation into the existence, or otherwise, of a combine and the representatives of the Canadian Newspaper committee at once voiced their protest by withdrawing from the proceedings.

Now Mr. Pringle comes along with a recommendation for \$2.85, a figure which will impose a very heavy additional burden upon all concerned in the business.

The paper manufacturers have been reaping a rich harvest as all the reports of the company meetings demonstrate and the government should most decidedly not allow the new recommendation to stand. The public are also vitally interested in this thing for no one will deny that the press is an institution of value to the people.

A STANDARD LOAF.
Announcement has already been made by the Food Controller that after January 28 there is to be but one standard grade of flour, advice from Ottawa states that the matter will be pursued further and a standard loaf of bread established. Bakers are to be required to sell their bread based on the price of the standard flour. Notification has not yet been given as to what price the standard flour will sell for. Millers in different parts of the country are of the opinion that the price for the new grade of flour will be from \$11 to \$11.10 per barrel. This is about the price of second grade flour at the present time.

It is only right that the Food Controller should name a maximum price for bread. If the milling concerns are to be subjected to the regulation providing for a standard grade of flour at a standard price, it is only fair that the same rule should apply to the bakers. Of course there is always a difference in cost to be reckoned in the making of bread. The establishment of a standard price should allow a fair margin for the baker and the Food Controller can arrive at this cost by calling to his assistance men who are actually in the business of baking bread.

There are men in the baking business broad enough in their outlook to see that a fair maximum price is established.
The new flour will be of high quality and will be quite as palatable as first patents, so it is stated by the Food Controller. There are now 167 Canadian flour mills under licence. The mills will be compelled to furnish a statement every two weeks showing the quantity of wheat ground and the weight of flour produced therefrom. Profits of the licensed mills have been limited to a maximum average of 25 cents per barrel. A maximum average profit on the price of a loaf of bread will meet with the approval of citizens in general.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
In plain language the snow continuity is commencing to be superfluous.
At the annual meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade, Mr. Kent pointed out that during the summer of 1916 Great Britain saved 300,000 tons of coal by setting its clock ahead one hour, while France saved \$10,000,000 in coal and light by the same method. The advantage of the change, he thought, could easily be offered by the Union Government in Canada during the approaching summer.

Hope still exists with regard to a happy outcome of the Irish Conference. A solution would not be relished by the Sinn Fein outfit, but everybody else would receive it with acclaim. The fact that Lloyd George has asked for a conference with the members has a promising aspect.

At latest accounts they were still bumping the bumps and doing the shoots in Russia.
If the statement is true that horse flesh is being handled by some butchers in the Old Country, such meals will probably be served a la carte.

Mrs. Ralph Smith is a candidate for the British Columbia Legislature in an election rendered necessary by the death of her husband, who was a member of that House. Here are the planks in her platform:
1. Minimum living wage for women workers.
2. Supervision of workshops and factories to ensure healthful conditions for women and girls.
3. Equal pay for women with men for equal work.
4. Pensions for dependent mothers.
5. Education and reform of juvenile delinquents.
6. Organized assistance to enable returned soldiers to become agricultural settlers or to acquire training for technical careers.
7. The bringing into force of the Civil Service Act with provision for enabling wounded war veterans to qualify for indoor positions in the civil service.
8. Proportional representation for multiple constituencies.
9. Strict enforcement of the Prohibition Act with necessary amendments.
10. Provision of an adequate system of technical training to fit young men and women for vocational work.

He ought to spell his name Col. Ripington.
Hon. Mr. Hanna has resigned as food controller. As the reward of his hard and conscientious work he reaped a lot of small-minded criticism and abuse.

OFFICERS INSTALLED
Brant Encampment Held Special Meeting for the Purpose

Brant Encampment, No. 4, I.O.O.F., held a special meeting last evening to install the officers for the ensuing term when a large number was present to witness the work. The installing team consisted of D.D. G.P., C. E. Fallor; D.G.H.P., R. Byers; D.G.S.W., John Newton; D.G. Recording Scribe, John Angus; D.G. Financial Scribe, Ed. Beattie; D.G. Treasurer, Thompson Smith; D.G.J.W., C. Smith.
The officers installed were: P.C., P. Bancroft; C.E., Henry Dawson; H.P., W. J. Almas; S.W., A. J. Banger; Recording Scribe, A. Watson; Financial Scribe, G. W. Darland; Treasurer, J. C. Spence; Junior W., Jas. Fraser; Guide, H. L. Felton; 1st Watch, J. C. Sovereign; 2nd Watch, W. W. Friend; 3rd Watch, G. Adkin; 4th Watch, E. Syrie; 1st Guard of P., E. Hope; 2nd Guard of T., C. T. Lamb; Inside Sen., W. E. Holmes; Outside Sen., S. H. Cole.
The evening was brought to a close with speeches from the D.D., G.P., C. E. Fallor and staff.
The encampment is looking forward for a good winter work.

"Miss Gertrude Wisneger, of Ost-ranger, left on Saturday last for a visit with relatives in Brantford."
"Mrs. Jack Thomas of Brantford is spending a few days in the city this week as the guest of her sister," Quelp Herald.

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If any disease needs curing early it is rheumatism, but there is scarcely any disease that physicians find more difficult to treat successfully. When a medicine does cure rheumatism therefore it is worthy of special notice. Medical authorities agree that the blood becomes thin with alarming rapidity as rheumatism develops. Maintaining the quality of the blood is therefore a reasonable way of preventing and combating rheumatism. That it works out in fact is shown by the beneficial effects which follow the treatment of rheumatism, acute, muscular and articular with that great blood tonic, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

That thousands of people who have taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for their rheumatism have been cured is a fact beyond dispute. That rheumatism does not return as long as the blood is kept rich and red is equally true. If therefore, you are suffering from rheumatism in any form you should lose no time in getting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. A fair trial, Mr. A. E. Hinton, Western Ave., Toronto, says:—"Up to about a year ago, my wife had suffered for nearly three years from rheumatism from which she suffered greatly. She had been under the care of several doctors, besides spending dollars on advertised cures, but did not get any relief. One day she followed a fellow clerk, she said her sister had been cured of this trouble by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Although not feeling very hopeful I took two boxes each that evening and urged my wife to try them. By the time they were used they had done her so much good that she required no pressing to continue the treatment, and after taking six or seven boxes she was completely cured. As I have said this was about a year ago, and she has had no return of the trouble since I tell very grateful for the immense good Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done my wife, and I hope other sufferers will benefit by her experience.
You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail for 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PREMIER GEORGE CALLS IRISHMEN TO CONFERENCE
Government Prepared to into Breach and Force Settlement?

MUST CLOSE INCIDENT
Solution Necessary to Cement Friendship With United States
London, Jan. 24.—Premier Lloyd George has invited the leading members of the Irish convention to confer with the cabinet.
The following official communication dealing with the Irish convention was issued this evening:
"At to-day's Irish convention a letter from the premier was read stating that before the convention arrived at a decision on certain issues under discussion he and his colleagues in the cabinet would be happy to confer with the leading representatives of different sections of the convention, should they desire to follow such a course.
"Thereupon it was decided to adjourn the convention, and certain members were selected to meet the premier and his colleagues.
"Sir Henry Plunkett, chairman of the convention, was authorized to arrange the conference at an early date, and immediately thereafter to summon the convention."
Settlement Coming Soon
In connection with the report of the Irish convention, which is expected soon, the Associated Press learns that there are two outstanding features which indicate a settlement on the perplexing question whether or not the convention's report is unanimous. One feature is the appreciation on the part of the British statesmen that a settlement must be reached for the sake of cementing further the friendship with the United States, not only for the present but for the future. The other feature is that the British public has become weary by the present state of affairs.
War Has Made Change
It is pointed out that the war has changed the whole problem. Hitherto the Irish question has been kept alive by parties, but now there are no parties, and all the leaders are agreed that if a settlement is possible it must be reached.
Thus far there is no inkling what the report of the convention will be, but it is believed in responsible quarters that the Government will be prepared to step into the breach and force a settlement, if necessary. If the convention is unanimous in its recommendations, the Government probably will act accordingly, but in the event of a disagreement, the feeling is that the Government will accept the majority report, and put

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Clearance of Dresses
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\$22 Dresses for \$14.75
Silk and Serge Dresses, in all the newest styles, with apron effect; Bolera and Coat styles, fancy braiding; some have pleated skirts. Colors are navy, grey, brown, black; materials are chiffon, taffeta, Duchess Satin, Crepe de Chine, all wool Botany. Former prices up to \$22.00; Saturday \$14.75

\$5 Women's Skirts at \$2.98
Women's Skirts, in colors of black, navy, grey, and colored Tweeds; made with gathered back, belts and pockets. Former prices \$5.00; Saturday special \$2.98

\$7.50 Skirts at \$4.70
Women's Wool Poplin Serge and Taffeta Skirts, in black and navy, silk braided trimmed, pockets and belts, gathered backs; former prices \$5.50 and \$7.50; Saturday, special \$4.75

Women's Blouses at \$3.50
Georgette and Silk Crepe de Chine Blouses, medium and large collars, long sleeves and shades of pink, maize and white pearl button trimmed.

\$15.00 Skirts at \$4.95
Final Clear up of Women's Suits, a limited number only, in colors, black, navy and tweed; several styles to choose from. These are made from quality serge and heavy tweeds, coats satin lined; \$15.00 suits, for \$4.95

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HOW HE SECURED TITLE.
London, Jan. 25.—In view of the New Year issue of "honors" to more or less celebrated men in the United Kingdom and the Dominions, a good story is being related of the way some honors are bestowed. Being asked to justify the award of a K.C.M.G. to a certain individual, a Colonial Office official said the man had been so persistent in his visits to the office that the carpet had been worn out. "We had to give him a title or buy a fresh carpet, so we gave him the title," the official added.

LOCAL
BUSINESS MEN AT
The Business Men's Association of the Y.M.C.A. is now organizing a campaign for the week of C.A. claims to have in its 53rd classes the Canadian city of its size from Hamilton Business been postponed until...

MANY RETURNING.
Secretary G. A. MacSodders' Aid Committee kept busy of late attending to the return of veterans returning to their homes in December, a total of 1,000 veterans were welcomed to the association, and that already been topped up...

ROYANT CONDITION
The bank statement by the Finance Department buoyant financial condition of Canada has largest on record, while usually large withdrawal for victory loans, an increase in demand shown. Loans outside a considerably greater they did in November.

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