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**THE SITUATION.**  
 Hindenburg is making tremendous efforts on the Western front to break the lines of the Allies. Without regard to human life, which even in war time is usually conserved as much as possible, the German commander is having masses of men hurled at the foe and they are being mowed down like grain before a reaper. Yesterday after a heavy bombardment of trenches on both banks of the Scarpe, a powerful counter attack was launched. Forward positions were taken in the first onrush but speedily regained by Haig's men. At Roex and Bullecourt the struggle is particularly severe. However, the British made some progress northeast of the last named place and have strengthened their hold around Lens.

On the Saissons-Leon road the French were also subjected to heavy assaults. At one point their line was gaged by a brilliant counter assault. Hindenburg is calling on his reserves each day to an ever increasing extent, but the Hun initiative in this theatre is clearly a thing of the past.

The Italians in their new offensive are doing well. Action on their part was long delayed but it is to be sincerely hoped that they have now awakened to persistent endeavor. They have secured strong positions, taken 3,375 prisoners, and captured a mountain battery and thirty machine guns.

The official record with regard to the submarine toll of last week shows a gratifying decrease. British merchant vessels sunk totaled eighteen or over 1,600 tons, five or less than that, and three fishing boats. Grant total 26 as compared with 52 for the previous week. The figures certainly give reason for the hope that the menace is commencing to become more in hand.

The most significant thing since the war of Independence, as far as the States and Great Britain are concerned is the fact that a squadron of American torpedo boat destroyers has crossed the Atlantic and is now helping to patrol the seas in war service of the British coast. The commander of John Bull's flotilla as soon as they have in sight of Queenstown sent a wireless "When will you be ready for business" and the answer was promptly returned, "We can start at once." That's the kind of talk. Later the commander inspected the newly arrived craft and found them to be in excellent shape and remarkably well suited to the requirements across Briny. Meanwhile in the U. S. Senate President Wilson and his cabinet were yesterday criticized by some of the members for too much secrecy in the conduct of the war and with not pursuing an energetic enough policy.

British gains continue on a wide front in Macedonia and heavy Bulgarian losses are reported.

In Russia the formation of a coalition government proceeds. With what success, of course, still remains to be demonstrated, but there can be no doubt that a good deal of the former keenness for the war has disappeared.

**NOTES AND COMMENT.**  
 Ethna Root is the U. S. envoy to Russia. It is to be hoped that he will be able to do something with the root of the trouble.

In the Dominion House the members returned hearty thanks for the new mace sent over as a gift from the city of London. If the big stick served to lessen the number of speeches it would be a good thing, but it won't.

The wise men came from the East but the Y's men are doing splendid work at the front, north, south, west and east. That's why Brantfordites should make a generous response to the appeal for funds.

It is a pretty safe guess that there will be no Dominion election this year.

Paris dressmakers are on strike. As to that their creations have been striking for some time back.

**AN ELOQUENT APPEAL BY MR. FISHER, M. P.**  
 The following is the official report from Hansard of a speech recently delivered in the Dominion House by Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., regarding the suffrage for all soldiers:

Mr. J. H. Fisher (Brant): I have listened with great interest to the remarks of this resolution that have fallen from the lips of the Hon. member for South Perth (Mr. Steele). I am glad to have the opportunity of saying a few brief words in support of the resolution which I trust will commend itself to the House. In round numbers, probably 400,000 of the men of Canada have enlisted for active service overseas. A considerable percentage of this number is possibly composed of young men under the age of 21 years, who, therefore, are not entitled to vote. Many of these young men, some to my personal knowledge, had taken an active part in all matters relating to the welfare of Canada previous to their enlistment. In regard to their loyalty, there can be no question. The way in which they rushed to enlist at the beginning of the war makes it clear that every one of them is intensely loyal. Many have returned to this country maimed and wounded, many have laid down their lives, and many more to-day are fighting our battles in France. It seems to me that if there is any one class in this country who are entitled to a special right to be consulted, and to express their views on the affairs of this country at the present time, it is these young men who so willingly volunteered, and were ready to lay down their lives for their country. More particularly, it seems to me, at a time when we are confronted by great war problems—and after the war these problems will be even more difficult than they are now—should these valiant young patriots have some voice in the settlement of these questions. If they are old enough to fight, and if they are old enough, if need be, to die for their country, they are old enough to vote. These young men have matured, not by age, not by years, but by hard and bitter experience; and I think it would be a hardship of the worst kind not to allow them the right to exercise their franchise when they return to Canada.

The resolution as introduced by the Hon. member for South Perth (Mr. Steele) includes all men of British birth who have enlisted for overseas service, and this, of course, includes the Indians in this country, who have again shown their loyalty by enlisting in large numbers from all parts of this Dominion. From the reserve of the Six Nations, in the county I represent, some 400 young Indians have enlisted. One of the first from the County of Brant to lay down his life for his country was a young Indian, Lieutenant Cameron Brant, a member of the 11th Regiment, and a direct descendant of the great Indian chief, Joseph Brant, and after whom the city of Brantford and the county of Brant are named. As you are aware, none of these Indians are now entitled to the franchise, and it seems to me that it would be a mere act of justice that those at least who have enlisted should be allowed the right to vote. But I would go farther than this; I would say that the Government should, at a very early date, take into their earnest and serious consideration the matter of restoring the franchise to the Indians of this country, the franchise which was given to them by a former Conservative Government and which was taken from them by the late Administration, for some reason, but for what good reason I cannot imagine. I do know this, that there are no similar numbers of white men in this country or in any other country who would exercise the franchise more intelligently or more honestly than the Indians of the Six Nations reserve, and I believe that what I say in regard to the Indians of the Six Nations will apply also to the Indians of all other reserves in this country. I should be very glad to know that the full franchise was to be restored to them. But in any case, I trust that the franchise will at least be given to those who have enlisted to apply to these brave young Indians who have gone forth to battle for the Empire, the words of the late gifted Indian poetess, Pauline Johnson, herself one of the Six Nations. In a poem composed by Pauline Johnson, the following words occur:

Few of them have the blood of kings,  
 And few are of chivalry birth,  
 But none are vagabonds or rogues,  
 Of doubtful race or worth,  
 And each has one credential,  
 Which enables him to brag,  
 He fought for right and Canada,  
 And upheld the British flag.

I should be remiss in my duty if I did not say a word in regard to the splendid work that has been done along patriotic lines by the Indian women on the reserve. I would simply say, in a word, that the work they have done has not been surpassed in any part of this Dominion, and I trust that when women's suffrage comes, as I have no doubt it will come, the Indian women on the Reserve will be accorded equal rights with their white sisters. They are well deserving of it, and I believe they will exercise the franchise just as well as the white women could or will. I am quite sure that this resolution of the hon. member for South Perth (Mr. Steele) will commend itself to the members of this House, and I also feel quite sure that the Government will give it their very earnest and careful consideration.

The Ottawa Journal, in referring to the above eloquent and appealing address, says:

"What a fine voice J. H. Fisher, of Brant has, and what an impressive speech he can make. Yesterday



Convalescent Tommy—(Taken to a picture gallery instead of the anticipated picture)—"I thought she said she was going to take me to see the pictures."  
 By Will Owen in London Sketch

he made an appeal for fair treatment in the matter of the suffrage for the Indians, and he commanded the close attention of the House throughout.

He is one of that strong band of Conservatives that Sir James Whitely had with him in the Ontario House. Quite a number of these men are now in the Federal Parliament, and they have the reputation of being unswerving from what they think is right.

The countless friends of Mr. Fisher, not alone in the two Brants, but also elsewhere, will heartily endorse the above.

**To the Editor of the Courier**  
**CHANGING NAMES OF STREETS**  
 Editor Courier:  
 Why should the name of a street be changed that had been named by the City Council of 1830. Let the present Council uphold the act of that Council of 1830. The streets east and west are named after Generals who fought in Canada's wars from 1767 to 1814. Let the people of Brantford uphold the name of the street they live on, especially the centre of the town and not change it. Brantford is a very historical city, both the land and the names of the streets. It would be interesting to know who the streets are named after.

**HISTORIAN.**  
**ENTRUS RUMORS**  
 To the Editor,  
 Brantford Courier, Ltd.,  
 Brantford, Ont.  
 Dear Sir: From time to time rumors and reports come to the Executive Committee of the Patriotic Fund, concerning the conduct of a very limited number of the soldiers' wives.

Prompt investigation shows that in practically every case these rumors and reports are untrue. There is a report going around at the present time which the Committee has thoroughly investigated and has satisfied themselves that there is absolutely no foundation for the report. This condition is much to be regretted. The people of Brantford must know the soldiers' wives and mothers are of the very finest class in the city. At present they are, and for many months past, have been passing through a most anxious time and laboring under a terrible nervous strain. This is no time for criticisms of any kind from any of our people.

The Patriotic Fund appeals to every citizen to co-operate with them in the administration of their trust. If there appear to be any irregularities from time to time these should be taken direct to the Patriotic Fund Committee and the necessary steps will be taken to deal with the case.

We wish to assure our people that speedy action is always taken in matters of this kind and if we are successful in tracing any of the rumors which come to us the originator will be given the extreme penalty of the law.

We shall appreciate it if you will give space to this communication and also express your views concerning the substance of it.

Yours truly,  
 JNO. H. SPENCE,  
 President.  
 H. T. WATT,  
 Secretary-Treasurer.

[In substance and intent there can be no two opinions about the fact that the members of the Patriotic Fund Committee have taken exactly the right course and one in which they should be earnestly upheld by all classes of citizens. By all means see that scandal mongers get the limit.—Ed. Courier.]

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**NEW HOME RULE OFFER**  
 Features Outlined in a Letter Sent by Lloyd George

London, May 16.—The British Prime Minister today sent a letter to John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, outlining the government's project for the settlement of the Home Rule question. He asked Mr. Redmond to state his views on the government's suggestions in order that the government may be able to consider the matter before Monday.

As soon as the Premier's proposals were available the Irish Nationalists met to discuss the document. The Nationalists will hold a meeting on Thursday morning for the same purpose.

The government, the letter set forth, has been desirous of effecting an immediate settlement which will concede the largest possible measure of Home Rule that can be secured by agreement at this moment, without prejudice to the undertaking by parliament of a further and final settlement of the most disputed questions after the war.

Immediate Application of Act.  
 The government proposals provide for the immediate application of the Home Rule Act to Ireland, but excluding the six counties of north-east Ulster, such exclusion to be subject to reconsideration by parliament at the end of five years; a Council of Ireland, to be composed of two delegations, representing the excluded areas as well as the new Irish Parliament; consideration of the bill after its second reading by a special conference under the chairmanship of some one commanding general confidence.

As an alternative, it is suggested by the Premier that a convention of Irishmen of all parties be assembled for the purpose of arranging a scheme of Irish self-government.

**Confirmation at St. Basil's Church**  
 His Lordship, Bishop Dowling of Hamilton visited the city to-day, administering the sacrament of confirmation at the Roman Catholic churches. This morning a class of nearly one hundred, including a number of convert adults, received the sacrament at His Lordship's hands at St. Basil's church, while early this afternoon a similar class was confirmed at St. Mary's, following which his Lordship took a hasty departure for Paris, where he also officiates this afternoon. Both churches were thronged during the ceremony, and his noted eloquence was never heard to a better advantage than in the city to-day.

**U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET JOINS BRITISH NAVY**  
 Greetings Exchanged Between Sir David Beatty and Admiral Mayo  
**FOR FREEDOM OF SEAS**  
 Flotilla of U. S. Destroyers Has Already Been in Action

London, May 17.—The following announcement concerning the arrival of United States destroyers was given out:

"The British Admiralty states that a flotilla of United States destroyers recently arrived in this country to co-operate with our naval forces in the prosecution of the war."

Rear Admiral Sims, U.S.N. is in general command of all the United States naval forces that are sent to European waters, and is in daily touch with the chief of the British naval staff.

**VOTES FOR WOMEN THROUGH CANADA**  
 Ottawa, May 16.—Women in all parts of Canada will be enabled to cast their votes for candidates for seats in the House of Commons at the next general election, if it is possible to enact legislation to give effect to the declaration of Sir Robert Borden in the Commons to-night.

"Women have shown themselves fit to take part in the Government of this country," said the Prime Minister.

He stood, not merely for the extension of the franchise to women in provinces which have already adopted woman suffrage in provincial affairs, but for a measure which would confer the ballot upon women throughout the Dominion. He laid down the principle, and presented a motion calling for the consideration of the question before an appeal was made to the people, but did not discuss the qualifications which would entitle woman to the vote or the details of the legislation which he had in mind. He declined to commit himself as to the desirability of a Dominion Franchise Act and while pointing out that the Laurier Government, in legislation passed in 1908, had created a precedent for such a measure, expressed the hope that one would not be necessary.

The declaration of the Prime Minister was made during the course of a debate upon a resolution offered by Donald Sutherland of South Oxford, and calling upon Parliament to take up the question of extending the franchise to women at the next general election, but declined to state definitely that there would not. During the discussion Liberal speakers, with the exception of Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, and W. A. Buchanan, of Medicine Hat, argued against an amendment, and it was ruled out of order.

Later, when Sir Robert Borden presented his amendment, Mr. Pugsley came forward with a second amendment embodying the suggestion of Mr. Sutherland that the question be taken up at the present session. He suggested that there might not be another session before

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**DEAD DOG.**  
 A dead dog was discovered in a box on Water Street this morning where it had been hidden by some one, who thought that the act would not be noticed. Arrangements were made to have carcass removed to proper place.

**BRIDGE SOLD.**  
 The John Whiting Bridge over Fairchild's Creek was yesterday afternoon sold by Reeve A. J. McColl of Brantford Township, to Geo. Thompson, who resides on the Bradford Hamilton stone road. The purchase price was \$15. The material in the bridge will require considerable work to prepare for use, the structure will have to be taken apart.

**LETTER FROM ENGLAND.**  
 Fire Lieutenant Fred Howland this morning was the recipient of a letter from his nephew, Private Frank Davis, of the 25th Battalion which his writer states that he has been granted a short furlough from England, and is now engaged in sightseeing tour.

**CUSTOM TAILORS**  
 Messrs. Firth Brothers, custom tailors, will open their new cloth store upon Dalhousie street tomorrow, offering to the public an extensive array of first class goods. The quarters of the new concern are handsome and commodious, and fullest courtesy will be extended all upon the opening of the store.

**OPEN AIR RALLIES**  
 The musical committee has decided upon open air rallies on Sunday afternoon at the Brantford Compting Scales Co., when "Concertation Sunday." The scheme is to have five or six groups of children, a locality, join together in the parks and open spaces. The program will be selected by the speaker who will be selected by the concerned. The committee choose the musical program, which will consist of "The Maple Leaf," "O Canada" and children's hymns.

**PRESENTATION**  
 A very pleasing event took place Thursday afternoon at the Brantford Compting Scales Co., when Edna Phipps, bride-to-be, was presented with two beautiful gifts from her fellow workers. Mrs. R. Jenn read an address, voicing the wishes of those who have been with her work of patriotism, at her departure. Miss Vera Brenner presented her with an electric percolator, and Miss Louise Chen an electric toaster. As the time limited, Miss Phipps responded briefly, while all present wished heartfelt success and future happiness.

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