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THE SITUATION.

Germany has practically admitted that the attempt to reach Warsaw has been halted.

This is breaking the situation as gently as possible to the people of the land, the Kaiser, but the naked and the saucy truth is that of another marked setback to the ambitions of the Kaiser and his war lords.

In Alsace it begins to look very much as if a most important move is about on the tapis calculated to bring a brilliant triumph to French arms, and that the Germans are making desperate preparations to hold what they now have in Belgium is equally clear.

Italy has given Turkey two days' notice to free an imprisoned British consul, and she has taken active steps to prevent Germany from smuggling war material through Italian ports.

Report comes from Washington that Germany has given the assurance to the States that she will not take supplies sent to the Belgians "while the International Commission is sending in food and for a reasonable time after the last delivery."

THE NEW YEAR.

The Dominion enters upon the New Year under deeply enhanced circumstances of Empire responsibility. Not that the feeling of intense allegiance to the Mother Land and her institutions was ever for the shadow of one moment in doubt, but that the outbreak of the greatest war has brought an active and a tense manifestation of the fact that Johnny Canuck, like the Overseas Dominions everywhere, is shoulder to shoulder alongside of John Bull when danger comes.

set towards the fulfilment of much deeper responsibilities in the one case and assured further development in the other.

The Courier heartily wishes its many readers and well-wishers a contentedly prosperous New Year.

THE STATES AS A MEDIATOR.

Our neighbors are already figuring upon their role as mediator in connection with the end of the war, and some of the ideas expressed are about as assertive as if Uncle Sam was going to do the dictating. Well, he isn't. At the same time the United States is the only really great power not affected by the present struggle and that it will be called upon in an umpire sense cannot be doubted.

"If the World's Work wants a contribution to its central idea of enquiring how the United States may best serve the interests of civilization at this period of change and re-definition; how best their immunity may be used; and what is their opportunity, not only selfishly; but altruistically; the only thing I can say is that a great nation standing outside this European conflict should use what influence it can on the side of right against wrong. Perhaps I may explain how impossible it is for a member of a government, who believes that they are fighting for the independence of their country and that all they care for and believe is at stake, to do anything except plead the cause of that country and to ask at least for sympathy."

Count Okuma (Japan): "While it would be unwise and premature to express at this time any opinion as to where and how the present war should be or will be terminated and peace restored, I feel certain, and, therefore, safe to say that the experiences of this titanic struggle will bring most forcibly home to us all a sense of the weighty burdens and the horrible waste of war. There and then will be an opportunity for an impartial wise counsel to prevail. I mean the counsel for a reduction of armament and for the cultivation of the spirit of mutual toleration and esteem among peoples of different races and creeds, with consequent adherence on the part of all nations to the principles of reciprocal freedom and equality in their intercourse with each other. As long as nations of the world live in armed peace, and as long as they permit their peoples to be ruled by social animosities of national prejudices there can be no real peace and the world will have to suffer forever."

"But who is to be the one that shall give such an impartial counsel, and have it listened to? To me it looks as if by Providence the United States is kept apart from the present momentous struggle. I sincerely hope she will remain so throughout it." Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg (Germany): "The people of the United States will best serve the cause of peace and humanity by being not only neutral according to the letter of President Wilson's proclamation, but also impartial in the spirit of his further utterances. This is the only way to gain the confidence of the whole world, and without this confidence the United States cannot hope to render the important services to the cause of humanity which it wishes to render."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Petrograd reports that everything is going all right, by gad.

Quite a crop of citizens will make their mark on Monday.

It is because of the war he has seen that the Kaiser will not see Warsaw.

As far as the war correspondents are concerned, there has not thus far been any general squint.

A despatch is headed, "U. S. Copper Detained." As to that, lots of 'em always seem to be the year around.

One man was heard to declare with great firmness that his New Year's resolve would be to give up giving up.

President Wilson's protest to Great Britain regarding the searching of ships for contraband looks very much like a play to the gallery.

Before attaining twenty-one years of age that figure seems like a peak which would never be reached, and after that it's a toboggan slide all the way, by gosh!

Germany has now issued notice that she will give no more passports into Belgium unless of the military variety. And this, be it remarked, is all that she has accomplished after over four months of fighting.

New Year's as such occurs at this time because Julius Caesar and one of

the Popes wished to adjust accumulated errors with the least inconvenience to the public. To only Protestant and Roman Catholic countries does the year begin on Friday. In Russia the event is celebrated a fortnight later, and in other countries at various times.

Press Comment

PREMATURE CRITICISM

Boston Herald.—It is a little unreasonable to scold Japan for hanging on to the captured German territory. It would hardly restore it to China until the close of the war.

THE ROYAL FAMILY

London Mail.—The nation indeed, has never been more conscious of the identity of sentiment that unites and endears the Royal Family to all of His Majesty's subjects than during the present war.

LACK OF CONFIDENCE.

London Telegraph.—Some of the most humiliating incidents in our history have been due to lack of confidence in those placed in authority. It must be our aim to avoid such

TO THE ELECTORS OF BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP:

I am again a candidate for Reeve for a second term, and will deeply appreciate your vote and influence.

Sincerely,
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UZZIEL KENDRICK
For First Deputy Reeve

TO THE ELECTORS OF BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP:

I am a candidate for Municipal honors as Councillor in Brantford Township. If elected, I promise to devote my time and energies to the well-being of the farmer and suburbanite alike.

Thanking the electors in advance for their anticipated support.

R. W. HENRY
Mohawk Church.

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

Ladies and Gentlemen: I respectfully ask for your vote and influence for First Deputy Reeve for Brantford Township.

If re-elected I will use my utmost endeavors to serve the best interests of the Township.

Wishing you the compliments of the season.

Sincerely Yours,
ARTHUR JOHN McCANN.

Brantford Township

To the Electors of the Township: I am a candidate for the position of Councillor, and if elected will lend my best efforts on behalf of efficient and economical management of Township affairs.

Faithfully yours,
John R. Summerhays

To the Electors of Brantford Township:

MORGAN E. HARRIS
is running for REEVE

If elected, he will give you his best services and work for the best interests of the Township as a whole.

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

To the Electors of the Township of Brantford:

Having been requested to become a candidate for Councillor, I hereby solicit your vote and influence, and if elected I will endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT GEDDIE

Electors of Brantford Township:

I earnestly solicit the exercise of your franchise in my support as a candidate for Councillor for the ensuing year.

JAMES A. SCACE
Brantford Township.

errors, and in doing so we shall best advance our cause and the cause of our Allies.

PATIENCE NEEDED.

Edinburgh Scotchman.—Russia is more and more asserting her superiority in the East, where the half of the German armies is doomed inevitably to turn into a retreat. But while all the materials of victory are in our hands, and the end is certain, it may be still a considerable time before it is complete. Constant patience and continual sacrifice will bring back days of peace which will be enduring in proportion as it is founded firmly on victory.

THE NEW INDIA

London Express.—It is true, as Charles Roberts said in the House of Commons, that India's magnificent loyalty must alter the angle from which Great Britain regards Indian affairs. The Indians are no longer our subjects. They are our fellow citizens. The new India was born when Germany wantonly invaded Belgium and threatened British liberties. The Kaiser, in trying to destroy the British Empire, has given it a fuller life. The Kaiser will not understand. No German can understand the genius of other peoples.

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LOCAL

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED
Harry Fleming, of the Y. M. C. has, on behalf of the Junior organization, accepted a challenge for New Year's Day, from a group of Catholic hockey stars.

WORK PROCEEDING.
The men's room has been renovated at the Public Library and the reading room is now undergoing a renewal process.

SQUADRON.
Capt. "Dick" Thompson, as he is popularly known in the city, also of his card from Salisbury to Mr. Smith, with good wishes to the officers of a squadron.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
To-night in St. Jude's church will be held a watch-night service commencing at 11 o'clock. This is an old custom, and one held by Anglican churches all the world over.

ELECTED TRUSTEE.
At a largely attended meeting of Grandview ratepayers last night Thos Wood, was elected trustee succeeding Mr. William Eastcott who retired. The trustee board is now composed of William Harris, George Alderson and Thomas Wood.

RATHER SLOW WORK
A Brantford officer, writing to relatives in Brantford from Salisbury states that the health of the troops, excellent notwithstanding the continued wet weather. He states it owing to the million or more men training in England great difficulties is being experienced in securing necessary war supplies. He thinks that unless munitions of war are hurried along much more rapidly than in the past, it will be two months before the Canadian First Contingent will be fully equipped and able to go to the front.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.
St. James Church, Parish Hall, was crowded to the doors Tuesday night at the annual Christmas Tree and entertainment. Tea was served the Sunday School scholars at 6 o'clock and afterwards an interesting program was given. Great interest was manifested in the Sunday School by the large numbers of parents and adults present, and the Superintendent and teachers look for a very successful year's work in 1915. A special service of prayer and intercession behalf of the forces of our Empire engaged in the war, will be held in James Church, Terrace Hill, on Saturday morning next, Jan. 3, 1915.

HOCKEY.
The local junior hockey organizations have of late been putting in a lot of practice, and may be seen most every evening before 8 o'clock working together on the ice at Alfred street rink. Besides the Y. C. A. juniors, the bankers have strong junior team and are showing well. The Tutela boys have entered the field, but have not yet decided on their team. They have lots of talent and a good team could be picked in the city league. They are handicapped with the need of a sheet of ice as Tutela park has not yet been flooded. Another promising bunch are Waterloo boys, who are now practicing at Alfred street. They form a fast brigade.

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