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Monday, January 15th, 1917.

THE SITUATION.

Mackensen's troops successfully assailed the Russian forces on a ten mile front along the lower Sereth and captured the town of Vadani, only six miles to the Southwest of Galatz, an important Roumanian port on the Danube. As an offset to this it is reported that the Russo-Roumanians have repulsed strong attacks of the enemy at other points. Dr. Philip Newton of New York, who has just returned after ambulance service in this portion of the struggle states that there are now five million troops of the Czar in the field, with a reserve of nine millions. He avers that the Roumanians have proved a disappointment as fighters.

On the Somme the Germans forced their way into a British position but were speedily ejected. Haig's men also did some raiding on their own account with good results. These events, small in themselves, demonstrate that the British forces are alert and full of the resource which comes from confidence.

The Italian official report announces the capture in the Adriatic of two submarines, which the German navy department ceded to Austria.

On the Riga front the Russians repelled an attack in force made by the enemy.

The destruction in harbor of a Japanese battle cruiser, cost the lives of 153 of the crew. The explosion, which caused the catastrophe, is ascribed to accident, but not a few will think otherwise.

London is stated to be filled with optimism over the magnificent reception of the "victory war loan." All needs in this regard will be manifestly more than met without any resort to confiscation.

SLACKERS BECOME RENEGADES

It is naturally only a small part for certain Canadian slackers, young enough to fight and fit to fight, but who have crowded under the barn instead of listening to the call of duty, to add still further to the contempt in which all true men and women hold them, by running away. Their thick skins have withstood the scornful glances of their fellows, but when it came to a national registration the circumstance commenced to look too much like business and a large number of them have become suddenly interested in taking up residence in the United States. In December it is reported 1941 persons crossed over from Sarnia to Port Huron, at Sault Ste. Marie 1292 in the last few weeks have hiked across the border and even more at Niagara Falls and Windsor. It is recorded that more than half have been men (so called) of military age, and that many made the frank admission that they were leaving the Dominion because they feared conscription. The Canadian exodus last year to the States totalled 17,631, by far the largest number in Canada's history. It is to be hoped that those of them who are eligible are proud of their spineless makeup, and also their relatives for them.

One Detroit paper in referring to the figures, says:—

"We welcome these 17,631 Canadians, mostly white, independent, educated, aggressive, combative, up standing young men."

The average individual will most decidedly have great difficulty in identifying these skulkers with any such description as that.

A splendid contrast to the degenerates who have thus run away from Empire service, is afforded on the other hand by the number of Canadians already settled in the States, who have returned here to don the uniform. They are like a fresh and tonic breeze after a malarious wind which has passed over a miasmatic region.

HORSES WANTED

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A NOTABLE MINISTRY

Venerable Archdeacon Mackenzie preached his last sermon as Rector of Grace Church on Sunday, and despite the fact that he is in his eightieth year, it was a notable deliverance apart even from the personal interest which centered in the unique occasion. The Psalmist sang, "The days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they are four score years yet their strength is labor and sorrow." Those words most emphatically do not apply to the venerable, yet still alert man who occupied Grace Church pulpit yesterday morning.

For thirty-seven years, the reverend gentleman has not alone been the honored head of his own parish, but has also been deservedly revered by the members of all other denominations. When the Archdeacon first assumed the rectorship, the city had a population of 10,587, a good deal less than half its present size, but as the place grew, with broad-minded vision and purpose, he established missions which have since become separate parishes, while with these added responsibilities he did not for one moment neglect the interests of the parent church. Who shall compute the value of his ceaseless ministrations during these thirty-seven years, the kindly words of advice, the messages of comfort to those bereaved and in other distress, the ever generous and open hand, and the loving pointing of the way towards salvation? Such things are beyond human reckoning. Through it all, he has had the affectionate and untiring aid of Mrs. Mackenzie, who in every way has proved a veritable help meet.

Citizens generally will unite in the fervent hope that Archdeacon and Mrs. Mackenzie will still have many years of helpfulness together, and all classes will rejoice in the fact that the ministrations of both will still be available, not alone in Grace parish, but also as heretofore, far beyond these confines.

A COLD DOSE FOR THE MUCK RAKERS.

Sir Charles Davidson, who was deputed to investigate a number of charges has recently submitted his report. After travelling over the Dominion and instituting an impartial probe in every direction with regard to the public servants of the country, he says during his report.

"A sentiment of considerable proportions, and which might not be improperly described as public clamor, would have it that our public services are intensely tainted with grievous malfeasance. It is cause of great pride to me as a Canadian and as Commissioner, to be able to assert that the result of my labors leads me, as regards the scope of my commission, to a strongly contrary belief."

"But my cumulating impression as the work of the commission progresses, and the final convictions which result from essential and analytical perusal of the thousands of pages of evidence on record, lead me to applaud the faithful work and day by day, overwork, of the military officers; the zealous performance of their duties by public officials, and more important than all, the honesty of their performance."

The insinuation so prone among a certain class of Liberals that a majority of the men in the employ of Conservative Governments are grafters not alone for themselves, but for those higher up, is no new thing. It takes an investigation like that of Sir Charles to demonstrate just how utterly malicious and foundationless such insinuations really are.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Courier does not hesitate to say that it thinks the new Postmaster General has made a great mistake in allowing postal matter addressed to Berlin, to be delivered at Kitchener.

The annual reports of the Women's Hospital Aid, as usual, tell in vivid style of the splendid work of this magnificent institution, in which the ladies of the city and county alike, join forces so loyally and effectively. Mrs. Schell, the president, and all concerned, deserve to be most heartily congratulated. To Mrs. T. S. Wade, the hard working secretary, a special word of praise is most decidedly due.

This is polling day in the West Simcoe bye-election, and it is quite fitting that it should take place in polar weather.

The Kaiser in his latest piece of blasphemy invokes a continuance of "Holy Wrath" upon the Allies. He probably thinks that the record of Hun devilism in Belgium, for example, should be added to the New Testament.

The latest report of the circumstances attending Hun slavery of the Belgians fully confirms all that has previously been recorded. By these horrors the Kaiserites hope to intimidate, but in reality such conduct only serves to still further strengthen the determination of the Allies.

Dr. Clive McAllister and Mr. Fred McAllister, of Toronto, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hughes, Lorne Crescent.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

RUSSIA HAS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Optimism is Felt on the Occasion of Russian New Year

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Jan. 14, via London, Jan. 15.—The spirit of the Russian New Year's Day gilded the seamy side of politics which has been exhibited for so long in the columns of the press and to-day's newspapers, although pursuing the usual round of political comment, abound in optimistic reviews of the past and forecasts of the future. Leaders of public opinion, such as the Zemsky Soyuz, whose patriotic work in the face of great difficulties has gained the warm support and appreciation of the country, unite in expressing the conviction that the internal affairs of Russia are not beyond repair or so bad as they have been painted.

The newspapers find another cause of satisfaction in the Allies' reply to the American note, and comment on what they term its precision and dignity as contrasted with opposite qualities alleged to be displayed in the notes of the Central powers. The Reich, however, does not lose sight of the political situation or the new strength of the reactionaries as shown in the recent ministerial changes.

"The new premier," says this paper, "has reiterated the many laudable sentiments of his predecessors, but in each of his declarations there is a 'but.' Collaborating with the Duma is necessary—but the government cannot tolerate such events as took place recently. Public organizations are necessary—but only so long as they carry out their duty. Meetings can be allowed—but there must be a reason for such meetings. In other words, everything can be allowed, but everything must be under the supervision of the bureaucracy."

THE OLD TIME RELIGION

Subject of Rev. Dr. Spencer's Address at Immanuel Church Yesterday

Yesterday was a live day at Immanuel Church. It would be difficult to sleep under such preaching. There is lots of pep and attraction in the preaching. The evangelist has a good supply of sanctified common sense, and he preaches with old time conviction, and is not afraid to tell people what God has done for his own soul. In the morning a sermon on the new birth was given, full of Puritanism only, well-drenched in love. A fine portrait-picture of the Jewish Ruler was given, and the Laws of the Spirit of God in the regeneration of the soul were expounded. Christianity was the work of the Holy Spirit in the human soul. Some 40 crowded the building at night and listened to a sane address on Matt. 24:14. "The Signs of the Times," the reliability of Christ's prophetic utterances was proved. The stupidity and vulgar curiosity of some men were held up to scorn. Jesus' utterance was ex-cathedra. "Ye know not the day nor the hour when the son of man cometh." Many had made themselves ridiculous through fanaticism. "War and rumors of wars" would continue to be till the end. This was because human nature was proud, carnal, treacherous and selfish. Armageddon was not yet. The glad tidings were for all the world now. The Gospel was the only cure for sin, and the only hope for humanity. "The sinful pleasures of the world" were like the crackling of thorns under a foot compared with the mystic, wholesome and abiding joys of the believers' soul. The male quartette, Messrs. Hamilton, Fields, Davis and Pickering sang "The Wayside Cross" very beautifully and Messrs. Smith and Eberall also sang a duet sweetly.

Advertisement for The Royal Loan & Savings Co. featuring an illustration of a dog and text describing a legal depository for trust funds and interest rates.

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills, describing the benefits for various ailments and providing contact information for the manufacturer.

LOCAL

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING. There will be a meeting of the Brant County Historical Society at the Public Library on Tuesday afternoon at 4.30.

FIRE AND LIGHT. The first meeting of the light committee of the 1917 council, will be held on Tuesday night in the City Hall.

BY-LAW WANTED. City Clerk D. C. Davies, of ... has written City Clerk H. F. ... inquiring if there are any ... copies of a by-law govern ... cal misdemeanours, and if so, ... that one be forwarded to him ...

JOINS FLYING CORPS. An extract from this ... military orders reads:—Private ... liam Henry Fair, of the ... Officers Training Corps, ... given his discharge for the ... of accepting a commission in ... Royal Flying Corps, next ... well-known local young man ... enlisted in the 215th last sp ...

CAUSING SLIGHT CONFESSION. Merchants offer the suggest ... householders that, where their ... numbers have been changed, ... should be specifically mentio ... asking for delivery of parcels ... slight confusion is resultin ... the changing of numbers by ... West Brantford and East ... a result of changes.

FIREMAN RESIGNS. The local fire department w ... morning deprived of the serv ... one of the best and most ... members of the force, by the ... nation of Mr. "Art" Howarth, ... Central Department, had he ... ed he would have seen 5 year ... vice as a fire fighter, next ... Howarth intends to assist ... prosecution of the war, by ... munitions.

AT ALEXANDRA CHURCH. Mrs. Reginald L. St. Clare, of ... of Knox Church, Galt, cont ... most delightful solos during ... times in Alexandra Church ... day. Mrs. St. Clare's morning ... tion was, "One Sweetly ... Thought," by Hoffman; and ... edding number was, "Lead Th ... On," by Ellis. These number ... greatly appreciated by Ale ... people, also the solo by Mr. ... Martin, who gave a splendid ... tion of the "Penitent." The ... "Rock of Ages," was well ... the choir.

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