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THE SITUATION.

Over the Courier's leased wire the news comes to-day that the British have taken the crest of the ridge across the Gallipoli peninsula. This is an important piece of news, and is evidence of a marked piece of progress.

The Kaiserites have not yet entered Warsaw, although the preparations for the evacuation of the place have been thorough.

John Bull, as an answer to the submarine menace, has developed new motor patrols. The underwater craft have most decidedly not succeeded in starving England, the job to which they were assigned at the start-off, and with the extra precaution named they are likely to do even less in the future.

Meanwhile the British submarines have been doing good work. A German torpedo boat destroyer is one of their bag, and a Turkish steamer another.

Very little light has been let in with regard to the fighting between the Italians and the Austrians, but a special despatch in this issue demonstrates that it has been of unexampled severity.

A CLARION CALL.

The campaign in Brantford to raise \$20,000 or more for machine guns, ambulances and other war appurtenances, has been splendidly launched.

There is no need to dwell upon the worthiness of the cause or the need of it.

We all realize now, even if not previously, that the Allies are at death grips with the most powerful and most completely-equipped foe of whom history has any record.

Their preparations have been in the making for years; those of their opponents, and especially of Great Britain—excepting, of course, the fleet—have become a most hurried necessity, with that much of a handicap to be made up at the start-off.

John Bull, however, is now pulling himself together in thorough style, and in that job he needs the unstinted help of every one of his sons and daughters throughout his vast Empire.

He has been getting it, and will get more until the last ounce of all that is available.

Brantfordites in this new effort are going to show once more just what they can do and will do.

JUDGMENT RESERVED

In Connection With the U. S. Meat Cargo Cases.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 3.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the prize court, reserved judgment in the meat cargo cases when the hearing closed to-day with the conclusion of the summing up of the case for the crown by Sir Frederick C. Smith, the solicitor-general. The case affects the disposal of the cargoes of the Norwegian steamship, Alfred Nobel, Kim and Bjornstjerne-Bjornsen and the Swedish Steamer

Friedland, consisting of farm produce, mislaid with the one object of rousing the people at home and meat from the great American packing houses and lard, which have been detained by the British Government.

Sir Frederick claimed that the entire cargoes should be condemned on the ground that they had been intended for Germany; that the claimants had failed to prove their innocent destination, and he alleged fraud on the part of the American packers.

The solicitor-general pointed out that it was only by accident that the crown was enabled to obtain a gleam of light through the interception of telegrams which had found their way into the hands of the British censors because the messages were obliged to traverse the cables passing through this country.

There had been a vast system of communication, he said, which had not come within the reach of the censors, and he asserted that the claimants had persistently refused to produce any documents.

To The Editor

A WORTHY APPEAL

To the Editor of the Courier: Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to trespass upon your valuable space to say a few words about the appeal for machine guns which is being made through the Board of Trade.

Of all the requests which have come from headquarters, or otherwise, since the war began, it strikes me this is the sanest, most practical, and from every standpoint, most humane. The only fault that can be found with it is that it did not come sooner, thereby lessening the demand made upon our resources for hospitals and Red Cross supplies.

However, I shall say nothing about the failure of the war department to realize and make known to us at an earlier stage of the war, wherein lay the great and greatest need of our soldiers at the front. We have tried to do what we could and give what has been asked for, but surgical supplies, cigarettes and "comforts" will not cripple the Kaiser and knitting needles never saved a nation! These certainly have their place and have been appreciated by the men, but I, for one, believe in the policy of putting "things first."

Our brave fellows on the "far flung battle line," are no more anxious to die a hero's death than you are, dear reader. A grave in Flanders which may be ripped open by a German "Jack Johnson" a day or an hour after one's burial is no more attractive to them than it is to you or me! What they do want, however, is a proper and effective fighting equipment that will enable them to speedily finish the job they have set out to do, bringing to a victorious end the most horrible war on record, and returning safely to the companionship of loved ones and the "comforts" of home in a land of peace and plenty.

Now that we are permitted to know what is actually needed to hasten that glad day—we are made to share the blame and responsibility for every life lost and every day that the war lasts, if we fail to do our plain and full duty at this time of real national peril. It would be well for every Canadian to read and take to heart what Kipling and "Ralph Connor" have said recently about the present situation. They speak the plain, unvarnished truth from their smug indifference and selfish apathy.

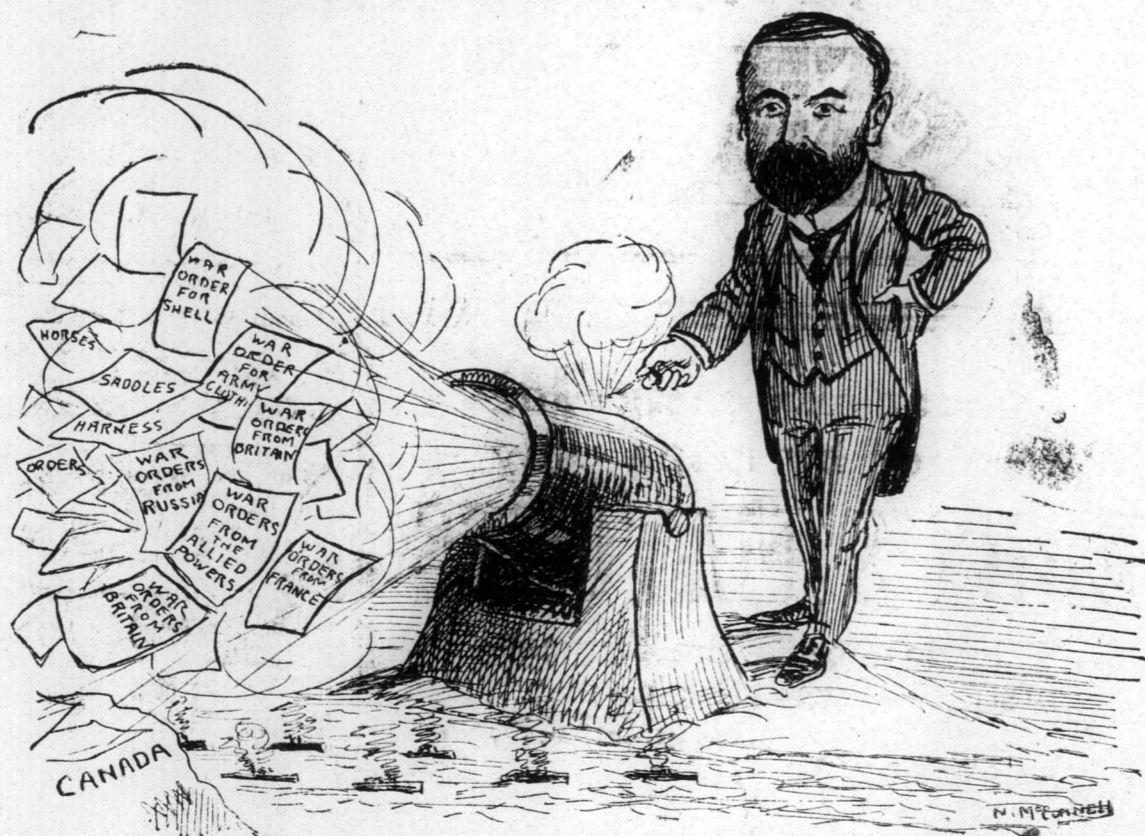
Let me say in closing that in the opinion of the writer, every citizen of the city and county should be asked and expected to contribute to the "Machine Gun Fund" in proportion to his or her property and income, assessment as provided for in the municipal assessment act, excepting those who have enlisted, or intend to enlist for active service.

Of course no obstacle will be placed in the way of the scores of our citizens who wish to, and are anxious to offer individual gift guns. The more the better. Just think of the brave defenders of our homes and Empire and the great and righteous cause for which they are suffering untold hardships and death itself, and then let us do our duty.

Respectfully yours, I. N. S.

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To The Editor

Nina Corvese, aged 19 months, fell three storeys at Providence, R. I., from a piazza and was unhurt.

Vernon Castle says he will aid his country, Britain, in the war as an aviator.

Howard Davis, 14, Upland, Pa., fell from a tree towards some concrete but saved himself by dropping on his chum.

A turtle appeared at Vieland, N. J., to Joel Langley, with the names of two men known there, dated 1873, on its shell.

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