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Thursday, Oct. 4th, 1917.

THE SITUATION

The expected new offensive of the British on the Western front is now taking place. It was launched early this morning east of Ypres, and is reported to be proceeding satisfactorily, with many prisoners already taken. Yesterday the Germans made vigorous attempts to regain the ground recently lost in the same region, but without result.

The official figures with regard to losses to British vessels by submarines last week make very encouraging reading. The total was eleven over 1,600 tons, and two under that figure, and is the smallest yet recorded since the Huns started to cut loose with the avowed intention of starving out the Old Land.

The Italians still continue to keep matters well in hand on their front, and to beat off counter attacks of the Austrians.

It is generally felt that the action of Great Britain in placing a complete embargo on shipments to the northern neutrals of Europe will serve to still further enhance the strangle hold upon supplies for the Teutons. The hearty co-operation of the United States is going to help still further in this respect.

The Germans are stated to be experimenting with a big tank in order to try to offset the British variety.

Speaking at the Canadian Club in Toronto yesterday, Lord Northcliffe stated it as his opinion that the submarine menace was still the chief problem, and the need of ships most urgent. He doubted whether even the United States was yet cognizant of the importance of shipping for the transport of her troops. During his remarks he paid a high tribute to the magnificent work of the Canadian troops.

THE Y.M.C.A. CAMPAIGN.

The effort to wipe out the \$45,000 of debt still resting on the Brantford Y.M.C.A. should meet with cordial support on the part of those able to give.

It is just fifty years ago that a branch of this splendid organization was established in Brantford and the amount of good accomplished under its auspices cannot be computed in words.

In addition to other comprehensive operations the association has also been a tower of strength in connection with war activities. The accomplishments of the "Y.M." at the front have received the most cordial endorsement and unstinted praise from generals to privates in the ranks, and the home institutions have thrown their doors and their advantages wide open to the men in khaki. The Brantford branch has especially taken a foremost part in this respect and is still keeping up the good work in an unrestricted manner.

It is worthy of note that while Mr. I. Cockshutt was the foremost figure in establishing the institution here fifty years ago, his son, Lieut. Col. Harry Cockshutt, is chairman of the Citizens' Committee, which is now endeavoring to wipe out the existing indebtedness. With the hearty co-operation of the members and goodwill of the citizens, the ob-

PARIS CUSTOMS RETURNS HIGH

Increase of Nearly Six Thousand Over September of 1916.

WEATHER STATISTICS

Paris Contributed Total of \$600.29 to Italian Red Cross.

Paris, Oct. 4.—(From our own correspondent.)—The remains of Doris Adeline, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Cassidy, Upper Town, were laid to rest yesterday afternoon, in the Paris cemetery. The Rev. R. J. Seton-Adamson conducted the service.

Mayor C. B. Robinson has received a letter from Edward E. Bennis, M. D., Secy-Treasurer of the Italian Red Cross, Welland, thanking the citizens of Paris for their generous donation of \$600.29.

On Tuesday afternoon a military escort from Toronto, came to Paris and took Pte. George McDowell, of the Military Barracks of that city. In June last McDowell deserted from

ject in view can and will be accomplished.

THE REAL RENEGADES

The Peterboro Examiner becomes exceedingly wrathful over a statement issued from Ottawa, that some "win the war" Liberals may be included in a re-organized Cabinet.

It says with reference to names mentioned, that they "are not Liberals, or if they are, they are renegade Liberals, who have denied the faith."

As an illustration of extreme and narrow-minded partisanship, during a period of Empire peril, the remarks of the Examiner certainly take high rank.

That paper seems to consider any move of a coalition nature as a Conservative dodge. In what way? Does the Examiner so regard the act of existing ministers in placing their resignations in the hands of Premier Borden so as to give him clear scope in negotiations leading towards the bestowal of Portfolios upon Liberals? That certainly has not constituted a partisan act upon their part, any more than any one, except of the most jaundiced vision can believe, that any Liberals prepared to join hands on behalf of the great cause are thereby stultifying themselves and their political beliefs.

Hon. George Brown, when it came to the Confederation issue, sunk his animus towards Sir John Macdonald. He resumed it later, it is true, but he was big enough to merge his political prejudices in view of a great national undertaking. The present life and death struggle transcends by far anything which has ever previously faced Canada, or the Empire, and to that much greater extent mere partyism, as such, should be obliterated. They have done that in the Old Land, and why not here? But, perhaps, the Examiner thinks that Balfour, Bonar Law, and other Conservatives have agreed to serve under a Liberal Premier because they also have some diabolical party plot in hand.

To call such men "renegades" would be an insult, and it is equally an insult to apply such a term to men in the Dominion, who are sincerely anxious, regardless of anything else, to have Canada maintain her proper part in the vital fray.

As a matter of fact they are the patriots while those of the Peterboro Examiner type belong to the renegade class.

LAURIER TO RETIRE

Premier Borden has labored long and earnestly to bring about a fusion government at Ottawa on a "win the war" basis. Failing in the first place to secure the co-operation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he at once opened negotiations in other directions meeting with more than one rebuff, but still adhering closely to the object he had in view. As the outcome Lt.-Col. C. C. Ballantyne, a prominent Montreal Liberal, was yesterday sworn in as Minister of Public Works, and Mr. Guthrie, M.P., also a Liberal, is likewise to enter the Cabinet.

On top of this there is the announcement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is more than likely to retire from the Liberal leadership. The Toronto Globe, in connection with such an event, says a "united Liberal party is now in prospect," but that is not the point to be emphasized. It is that political opponents are joining hands in an administration to deal with the present great Empire crisis.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

That Burford outfit would have made a success of a fair even if held during the weather which led Noah to build the ark.

The Turks these days are spelling it Mesopotamia.

A Winnipeg battalion, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment for same. After doing two months his sentence was remitted and he was sent to Camp Borden in August. After a short time he deserted from there. Chief Rutherford, learning his man was at Hagersville, accompanied by Provincial Constable McCammon, went there and arrested McDowell and brought him back to Paris, where he was held for the military authorities.

Observer John Kay's report on the weather for September shows that the highest temperature was 85 degrees of September 14th, and the lowest 34 degrees on September 10th. The maximum temperature was 71 degrees and the lowest 44.

The following is the customs receipts for the month of September: \$14,523.33, as against \$8,602.31 for September, 1916, an increase of \$5,921.02.

Pte. C. McGuire and Pte. W. Cross were among the returned soldiers who returned to town yesterday. Pte. McGuire went overseas with the 213th Battalion, but was over the age limit.

Mrs. L. J. Ken is visiting with

LAURIER ANXIOUS TO RESIGN LEAD

Liberal Chieftain Would Remain in Politics, But in Minor Capacity.

By Courier Leased Wire
Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has notified a number of prominent Liberals his desire to be relieved of the office of leader of the party, which he has held for thirty years. He is, however, still leader and has not insisted upon the acceptance of his resignation immediately. Before he makes his final decision he will consult party associates in the Province of Quebec and Ontario. He left Ottawa for Montreal this afternoon and will go to Toronto.

Sir Wilfrid communicated his desire to retire to a gathering of party friends at his own home last night. The party included P. P. Pardee, M.P., the chief Liberal whip in the Commons; E. M. Macdonald, M.P. for Picton; E. B. Carvell, M.P. for Carleton, N.B.; and Hon. James A. Calder of Saskatchewan. These gentlemen were present at the meeting of Liberals called by Sir Wilfrid and held in Montreal last week. At that conference plans for the approaching election were discussed. On his return to Ottawa, however, Sir Wilfrid called Messrs. Calder, Carvell, Macdonald and Pardee to meet him in the capital.

The Liberal leader, it is stated, frankly discussed the situation. He did not, however, offer his resignation of his office as he did after the defeat of his party in 1911. He expressed a wish to relinquish the leadership of the party, but to be a candidate at the coming election and later to serve as a lieutenant to a new leader in the House of Commons.

Some of those present at the conference took the position that Sir Wilfrid continued in public life and acted as the Quebec leader in the Commons, it would be impossible to install another in the position he now holds. Moreover, it was argued that the arrangement might be construed as simply an attempt to retain the support of anti-conscriptionists in Quebec and to secure that of conscriptionists in other Provinces.

her daughter, Mrs. Kidd, of Fergusburgh.

Miss Inez Olds has been spending a few days at her home in Simcoe. Miss I. Davidson has spent a few days at her home in St. Catharines, after spending the past three weeks with her aunt, Mrs. H. Inkster.

Nuptial Notes

William—Waddington
The marriage of Zion church was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday afternoon when the Rev. G. A. Woodside united in marriage J. Harry William of Montreal and Miss Rebecca Waddington of this city. The young couple were supported by Mr. Harrison Waddington and Miss Ruby Garvin, and after a wedding trip will take up their residence in Montreal.

FIELD DAY

Tomorrow afternoon the annual field day of sports, open to the students at the Collegiate Institute, will be run off at Agricultural Park. The list of entries this year promises to be large and considerable interest is being taken in the event. The field day has not proved as popular in the past with the students as might have been the case, but from year to year a greater interest in being exhibited and the true merit of the day recognized.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Giving Shoes Away—Almost!

During our great money-saving sale, our Shoes will be greatly reduced below their regular price. Reducing shoes now-a-days is something out of the ordinary, on account of the continual increase in leather prices, but you will find our reductions to be genuine—not flukes.

Besides containing the best grades of leather, our shoes are made by some of the best Canadian factories, and by experienced men.

If 20 to 30 per cent. is money to you, buy your shoes during this sale. A few of our bargains are listed as follows:

Men's Shoes, good styles, reduced from \$2.50 up.

Boys' Shoes, a good line—from \$2.00 up.

We specialize in repair work.

S. LEVINE

The Workingmen's Shoe Store
59 Dalhousie Street,
Opposite New Post Office.



"How Many of our Men are Liable to be Drafted?"

The Canadian business man is asking this question often, now that the Military Service Act is the law of Canada. A simple means of answering it at once is being provided.

Medical Boards are in process of formation throughout the country for the free physical examination of all men who apply. The first class liable to call includes all single men and widowers without children between the ages of 20 and 34 inclusive, all men married after July 6, 1917, being classed as single for the purposes of the Act. In a very short time, the average employer may learn how many of his staff are liable for selection. Those adjudged physically unfit will be given a certificate which will secure them exemption from any Exemption Tribunal. Those found physically fit may still apply for exemption on any ground. The employer will be given a chance to decide if he should seek exemption for any employee whose physical condition renders him liable for selection.

This early medical examination, which quickly decides if a man is liable for selection or not, is a feature of the operation of the Military Service Act calculated to appeal strongly to the business community. It assists in definite planning for the future, enabling an employer of labor to learn at once what men will be left at their work and those who may be removed for military service. Haphazard withdrawals, the nightmare of business men of method and precision, are insured against by this timely arrangement.

Every employer of labor will find it to his advantage to note carefully the formation of Medical Boards in his locality and to be sure that his employees secure as early as possible this very important information as to their status under the Military Service Act.

Issued by
The Military Service Council.
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THE FIRST DRAFT

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—The first class of recruits under the Military Service Act will be called up on Saturday, October 13. A proclamation will be issued on that date notifying men in class one that within a specified time they are either to report for military duty or to file a claim for exemption.

Class 1 comprises: "Those who have attained the age of twenty years and were, not born earlier than the year 1883 and are unmarried or are widowers but have no children."

With the proclamation calling up the men will also be published regulations by which tribunals appointed to hear the application for exemption will be governed. There will be between three and four weeks delay, after the issue of the proclamation, in which applications for exemption may be filed. This will bring the tribunals into full operation, it is expected, early in November, and probably by the middle of the same month, the first batch of men—there are many who will not claim exemption—will be with the colors.

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Preparations for the enforcement of the Military Service Act in Canada are nearing completion. Negotiations are under way. It is understood, between Ottawa and Washington with a view to bringing Americans of military age resident in Canada within the scope of the draft law. Canadians resident in the United States would similarly be affected under the American law.

Families which have lost several members in the war will receive special consideration when drafts are called under the military service act. A definite regulation on the point has not been laid down, but military representatives will be instructed not to oppose a claim for exemption made to a local tribunal on such grounds. No doubt is felt further that tribunals will recognize the validity of a bona fide claim of this nature.

Men of alien birth and still retaining their foreign citizenship will not be required either to report or claim exemption, that is if he comes within the class called out by proclamation. Men of alien enemy origin, naturalized since 1902 are disfranchised and under the same time elections act and under the same act, are given exemption, same, however, must be claimed by filling in a claim in the ordinary way.

EXPECTED HERE

Four soldiers, lately returned from the front, left Toronto early this afternoon for their homes in Brantford. Word to this effect was received by the local branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission. The men who are expected in at 4 o'clock are Messrs Hayhurst, Sharples, Smith and McCracken.

COUNTY AUDITORS

The county board of audit, consisting of Messrs. J. S. Dowling, representing the city, Reeve Scott, of Oakland, representing the county, and His Honor Judge Hardy as chairman, met at the Court House to-day.

Mr. George G. Scott returned from the east this morning, where he had gone to meet his brother, a Canadian overseas officer, for some time a prisoner in Germany.

FEEL FINE! TAKE "CASCARETS" FOR LIVER, BOWELS

Spend 10 cents! Don't stay bilious, sick, headachy, constipated.

Can't harm you! Best cathartic for men, women, and children.

Enjoy life! Your system is filled with an accumulation of bile and bowel poison which keeps you bilious, headachy, dizzy, tongue coated, breath bad and stomach sour—Why don't you get a 10-cent box of Cascarets to-night and enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced. You'll wake up with a clear head, clean tongue, lively step, rosy skin and looking and feeling fit. Mothers can give a whole Cascaret to a sick, cross, bilious, feverish child any time—they are harmless—never gripe or sicken.

NEW PICTURE MOULDING!

We have just received a new stock of picture mouldings.

Let us show you this line before you place your orders.

Our department is on the Second floor.

STEDMAN'S BOOKSTORE

BELL PHONE 569. 160 Colborne Street

Big Bicycle and Motorcycle Races

Thanksgiving Day

MONDAY, OCT. 8th, 1917
Agricultural Park, Brantford

Races to commence at 2 p.m. sharp. Proceeds to be given to Red Cross Society. For entry blanks and information apply to F. R. Mitchell, Secretary Race Meet, Brantford.

ADMISSION, 25c

LOCAL

CANTEEN LICENSE.
A license to conduct from which tobacco may be sold has been a local branch of the their clubhouse on Dal-

PTE. TRUCKLE WOU
Mrs. H. Truckle, 62 has received word that Willie Truckle, is in France suffering from his legs. He left with a talon and went with from that regiment. much heavy fighting. Viny. He was with the Co., Colborne street, at his enlistment.

OBJECT TO FEE.

Another complaint is interated at the office of by Fifth Division, de- sary to the treatment. by the city in making transient trader's licen- ment of \$100 was made. There was first open- then Mayor Bowly in the amount should be. As the firm intend to manently in the city, the sun is requested.

MILITARY DEGREE

Several candidates tary degree will be the that honor at to-night the Mohawk Lodge. The degree team has faithfully and the pre- expected to be most e large attendance and night's program are an

NO TRUTH IN RUMOR

The rumor is bel throughout the city, position to the food that those who sign play the cards, are lik preserved goods, that hand, beyond a cert seized by the food co- less to say, the rumor falsehood, and the m it has been sent from Canada would indicate German origin and de- ger the food conserva- and the people may a cards without any the ridiculous thing happ suggested.

HOLIDAY FOOT

Girls' and Boys' m Thanksgiving. Co. 122 Colborne St.

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