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The Situation.

Over the Courier's leased wire today there comes the announcement that there is a much more optimistic feeling in the Old Land with reference to the war. There is good reason why there should be. The magnificent manner in which the French are holding matters at Verdun and the continuation of the Russian successes, are two features which are exceedingly reassuring. Not that the Verdun offensive on the part of the Huns has been finally checked, by any manner of means. It is well understood that during the present lull they are making busy preparations for a renewed assault of probably even greater magnitude than that which has thus far transpired, but the fact has been demonstrated that the great German war machine, at full tilt, can be held in

check as never before. To many the position of affairs looks, at long last, like the beginning of the end—an end not easily achieved, but nevertheless now within appreciable distance.

Reports from Turkey continue to show growing discontent with the turn of events, and the Sultan, becoming alarmed, has ordered the closing of parliament there.

From German East Africa there comes the report that General Smuts has scored a notable victory, driving the enemy from strongly entrenched positions in the Kitovo Hills.

The Result in Manitoba.

By a vote of over two to one the people of Manitoba have carried the prohibitors enactment first drawn up by Hugh John Macdonald some fourteen years ago.

The measure wipes out club, bar and shop licenses, but permits, under restriction, the use of alcohol for medicinal and scientific purposes. The production of alcoholic drinks within the province is not touched, and such things can be imported for family use from outside. This is because the Federal House has the say in these essentials. In this regard opponents of the measure in the campaign just closed used the argument that if same should be carried, the Prairie Province would be "covered with canvassers for outside liquor firms," and that "liquor will thus get into the hands of

the very people who should not get it at all." However, the voters there, in a very emphatic way, have stated that they are willing to take this chance, and they are now calling for a Dominion-wide enactment.

A referendum in this regard was taken some years ago and was defeated by the almost solid Quebec vote.

Violating the Truce.

The Windsor Record (Liberal) contains the following letter from Mr. Oliver Wilcox, member for North Essex in the Dominion House:—

Editor The Record: It has come to my notice that the Liberal party is, in violation of the political truce agreed upon between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, mailing out to the electors of North Essex, under the frank of A. B. McCoig M.P. for Kent, (which is an abuse of the privilege) a series of pamphlets which contain the grossest and most seditious attacks on the government which we cannot now take time to refute.

A number of complaints by letter and telegram which I have received, some of them from Liberals, complain of this breach of trust, especially at this time, in sending out through the country at the expense of the country, such rank misrepresentations, and I fear it will be injurious to the unity that we have tried to have prevail between both political parties in the county, and to recruiting. As a sample of the complaints, I quote you a paragraph from one of the many letters that I have received, from one of our most influ-

ential and best citizens.

February 26th, 1916.  
Oliver Wilcox, Esq., M.P.,  
Ottawa, Ont.

"Political Canadian Monthly" 25 cents a year. Cannot this nuisance be stopped? What kind of a truce is this? Has this Liberal pamphlet the right of being franked through the mails by some narrow minded member of parliament under the leadership of the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier? The Reform member who sends them out must have a hide like a rhinoceros and a cheek like brass with a conscience dried up and seared.

A truce was arranged between leaders on both sides of the house, and the man who franks these documents sends the seditious literature out broadcast attacking the Borden administration, the member who does this must be a sneak and a traitor to all principles of honor.

If Sir Wilfrid does not repudiate such methods, he must be held responsible.

What kind of a truce is this? The above is a sample, which shows the effect of introducing politics. Personally, I pay no attention to these pamphlets. My time is so engaged with bigger things relating to the gigantic task which the state has in hand that I cannot do so, and I ask that my friends, who are many, who have resented this action, to mobilize their energies one and all to help the Government combat the Huns. We will take up domestic questions when that is done.

OLIVER WILCOX.  
Ottawa, March 5.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD PIER NO. 2 AT HALIFAX N.S.

About 1,000 Packages of Goods, Just Imported, Were Destroyed.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Halifax, N.S., March 14.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed an old pier number two, here this morning, and the shipping facilities of this port will be materially lessened thereby. About a thousand packages of goods mostly imported, were in the freight sheds when the fire broke out, and all were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at fifty thousand dollars.

The shipping office of the Nova Scotia branch of the Red Cross Society was in this shed, and Red Cross goods valued at five thousand dollars were destroyed.

Frederick Downey, 18 years old, was drowned at the pier. He was assisting in the work of extinguishing the fire and fell into the water.

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Mr. Lansing Takes a Rest

Washington, March 14.—Secretary of State Lansing was on his way to Pinehurst, N.C., to-day for a week's vacation. For many weeks the secretary has been working steadily in a heavy pressure of diplomatic affairs and feels the need of a rest. Taking a vacation at this time, was regarded

here as indicative of how confidently the state department regards the Mexican situation and that the understanding with General Carranza is complete.

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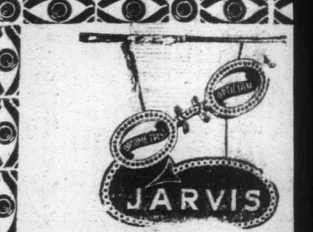
LOCAL

SPECIAL MEETING. The Board of Education special meeting to-morrow consider the estimates for year.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD. One of the most interesting addresses of the given last evening by Mr. M. J. M. on "The Problem of N. in Canada." Mr. Clark J. occupied the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting of the Gazette, the society withdrew the meeting on and attend the S. S. meeting church on that date.

MIDDLE OF MAY. Hon. Mr. McGarry's bill in connection to the tax on amusements will be placed up in the Legislature on Thursday. The one-cent expected, will be general a set, and a graded tax will be resorted to, the maximum may be imposed being 25 cents. It is likely that the new legislation come into force about the May.

MISSION NIGHT. At the regular meeting of borough Street Young People's society the meeting was in the Missionary committee. The lecture was read by Miss and a solo rendered by Miss. Delegates were appointed District convention to be held week in Wellington St. church. The address of the evening pastor, Rev. J. E. Peters, Mission work in Newfoundland most entertaining way. The League is to have a social evening.



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