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THE SITUATION

The answer of President Wilson to the peace proposals of the Pope, will still further strengthen him in the eyes of not alone his own people, but also of the civilized world. He points out that "every heart that has not been blinded and hardened by this terrible war" must be touched by the moving appeal and he also pays tribute to "the dignity and force of the humane and generous motives" prompting it but at the same time he emphatically declares "we cannot take the word of the present rulers of Germany as a guarantee of anything that is to endure." A more stinging arraignment has never been made of the heads of a supposedly responsible government. Wilson moreover knows whereof he speaks. He has had occasion more than once to realize that the pledged word of the "scrap of paper" outfit cannot for one instant be trusted and that supposedly solemn agreements made by them are ruthlessly broken just so soon as they deem the occasion warrants. Wilson, in refusing to have any further truck with such degenerates, has taken a manly and self-respecting course. All that he will rely upon in the future is "the will and the purpose of the German people themselves." That ought to open the eyes of the populace to the light in which their rulers are regarded by responsible men outside of the Fatherland.

The Italian army still continues to make progress, not in such a sweeping manner as at first but still in a substantial way. General Korniloff told the Moscow conference some hard and straight truths. He emphasized the fact that the situation was bad on all fronts and supplies scarce. He also put stress upon the fact that there must be iron handed measures if any sort of discipline was to be restored within the army.

Heavy rains are falling on the Western front, but despite that fact, there has been some hard fighting on the British lines, Haig's men having completely repulsed two determined German counter attacks.

The Governor-General, who is on a visit to Toronto, last evening signed the Canadian Military Service Bill. There only now remains the formality of the assent of the Senate, which will be given this afternoon.

MEN AT THE FRONT STRONG FOR CONSCRIPTION

A Western member is in receipt of an interesting letter from the front from a prominent Canadian officer who has always been a strong Liberal and has been offered and refused a Liberal nomination in the coming election. He writes:

"I have been taking a very keen interest in the conscription question. Sir Robert's attitude has pleased me immensely. He has taken the bold course and the right one. Private information received over here indicates that he made a very liberal offer to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. This offer, I understand, has been turned down and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the official Liberal party proposed to passively resist conscription; first suggesting alternative schemes and then deliberately opposing the measure on the ground that the plans were not first given a trial.

"If this is the case, my opinion of us will have to break away from the official Liberal party. We will not cease to be Liberals but we will deny the right of the Laurier-French-Canadian group to make use of that name, and we will assert our independence of their leadership. In the meantime if conscription goes through we will give our support to the party which is proposing the measure.

"I cannot see how any patriotic Canadian could take any other position. The feeling out here is very strong, particularly with reference to the attitude of Quebec, and I know from private letters received from the West that a very large proportion of the younger Liberal element holds the same views as those I have just enunciated.

"Conscription is a matter of necessity and of justice. One only needs to spend a comparatively short period at the front to realize this. In former days the voluntary system appealed to me for I liked to think that the British race undertook such tasks as those which grace it to-day because it wished to and not because it was compelled; but I am afraid experience has proved that the British race is not entirely composed of idealists, and that there are many who have to be shown what their duty is and then further,

have to be compelled to do it. "Our duty is very plain; it is to carry on the war to a conclusion, so that the one great element of aggressive militarism in the world will be definitely and finally overcome. This cannot be done except by a stupendous effort, and the obligation which rests upon Canada is as great as that resting on any other section of the human race. Canada has already committed herself, and Canadians by thousands have paid the price. The work that they have done and the suffering that is now being endured by the Canadians at the front demand that those behind continue the exertion until success is secured. The test must lie in this: Can we maintain our proportion of the military effort without compulsory service? That is the basis.

"The next question, which is almost as fundamental, is this: Is it just and fair that the burden of carrying on that effort should rest on the willing and the unwilling should be allowed to remain behind in safety to improve their financial position at the cost of the others?"

"I have no hesitation in saying that we cannot maintain our present effort without conscription, for the supply of recruits has got down to a point where the situation will soon be serious; but even if we were able to maintain the supply justice demands that every man should be compelled to do his duty. It is for the defence of every home in Canada that we are fighting, and consequently every home should contribute its share in human endeavor as well as its share in financial cost. I am to-day an out and out conscriptionist, and I am thoroughly convinced that my position is representative of the whole Canadian corps in France.

"Affairs have been going well over here and I have no doubt that they will continue to go the same way. The outcome is inevitable if we continue to put forward the same proportionate effort; but if there is a slackening in the effort or if we waver in our determination we may lose. We must all remember that Germany is not yet beaten, and that from a military point of view many battles have yet to be fought and won before victory is within our reach."

NOTES AND COMMENT

Napoleon Seguin, M.P.P., member of the Quebec Legislature yesterday told an audience in Montreal that the Governor-General was too "clear seeing" to sign the conscription bill. Well his signature has been attached and what is Nap going to do about it?

The death of Earl Grey removes a most likeable man, who, during his regime as Governor-General, fulfilled the duties of that office with urbanity and tact. He paid a visit to Brantford during his occupancy of the post and delighted all with whom he came in contact by his affability and lack of ostentation.

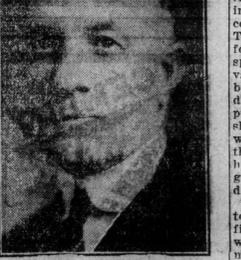
The views which Wilson entertains towards the Kaiser and his outfit are shared by decent people everywhere.

The despatch from an unnamed port says that a schooner is in on her way there under the Captaincy of James Moore of Nova Scotia, who is 97 years of age. Because of the demand for master mariners he offered his services as a war contribution. To cap the climax he should have a few youngsters on board to help him, like Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Postmaster Brown of Hamilton, who are both over ninety and still attending to duty.

COMPLETE

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 substance of President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposal, must be the substance of every reply made by the nations now leagued to uphold human rights against the brutal arrogance of autocracy."

The Providence Journal says the President's note is an epitome of the war aims of the nation; a re-affirmation of the solemn pledge the American people made with themselves when they entered the war; a renewal of their covenant with other peoples to see it through.



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HORTICULTURAL EXHIBIT HELD IN PARIS TUESDAY

Splendid Display of Fruits, Flowers and Vegetables In Agricultural Hall
PRIZE WINNERS' LIST
 Other News From Paris—Old Resident Is Laid To Rest

(From our own Correspondent)
 Paris, Aug. 29.—All that was mortal of Sarah E. Charney, beloved wife of Mr. Alex. Knowles, Elm street, was laid quietly to rest in the Paris cemetery on Monday afternoon. The deceased was a member of St. James' church, and the service at the home and grave was conducted by the rector, Rev. R. J. Simpson-Adams. The late Mrs. Knowles was born in Whitworth, Lancashire, England 57 years ago, and came to Paris with her husband and family about two years ago. Deceased had been ailing since June with heart trouble, but her death was quite unexpected, and it is thought that the worry of having her four sons on the firing line had hastened her death. She was an active worker in the Maple Leaf Patriotic club, and will be very much missed from that circle. Besides her husband, she leaves five daughters and five sons to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. Gertrude Doris, Amey, Minnie at home, and Daisy in England; Sergt. Fred Knowles, who has just been invalided home, and Cecil at home and Albert, Sydney, Percy overseas.

All sons have been wounded, and Edward died during training at East Lancashire, England. Much sympathy will be extended to the bereaved family in their sad bereavement. Many beautiful floral tributes were received, showing the high esteem in which deceased was held by all.

Chief Rutherford is kept busy these days watching the autos and motor cycles around town. Yesterday morning two auto-drivers were fined \$8 each for not having their lights on, and on Friday morning three motor cycle drivers were up for speeding. The police also warns the parents to see that children do not run up and down the streets with their wagons as two people have been seriously hurt lately from careless riding on sidewalks. Word received in town yesterday that Mr. Edwin Hill had passed away early in the morning at his home in North Bay. The remains will be brought here for burial, the funeral taking place to-morrow morning on the arrival of the 10.15 train. Mr. Hill was in his 83rd year, and will be known to many of the older residents around town, as he lived in Paris many years ago.

The Horticultural Society held their annual flower, fruit and vegetable exhibition in the Agricultural Hall, yesterday afternoon and evening. The attendance was very good considering the disagreeable day. The exhibits were not as many as formerly, but those shown were splendid. There was a splendid variety of flowers and vegetables, but fruit was very scarce. A nice display of canned fruit, jelly and pickles were shown. The exhibits shown by the school children, are worthy of mention, but it was thought that more children should have exhibited, as the society had gone to a great deal of trouble in distributing seeds to the children. The garden competition around town is so keen, that the judges are finding it rather difficult to decide who is worthy of the prizes, and are making a second trip around. The above society are worthy of every praise for the interest they are taking in beautifying the town. Wherever one goes they can see beautiful flower beds which is to be kept up by the

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THE MEEK GERMAN.
 "This war," the German statesman say, "was forced on us against our will; we tried so hard to dodge the fray! It grieved our hearts that we must kill. 'Tis true we built a war machine, the greatest ever known to fame; but we contend we didn't mean to use it with a warlike aim. 'Twas just a thing of pomp and state to use upon occasions gay; with it we hoped to celebrate the German Fourth and Groundhog Day. We looked upon the martial psalm as one would look on sounding brass, and Mary's famous little lamb, for meekness, wasn't in our class. 'Tis true our navy grew apace, through many years we built it up; but we were planning for a race with England for a silver cup. We had no purpose to eclipse the British might, despite reports; our only thought in building ships was just to boost all many sports. We only wished to go our course in quietness year after year, and whoop for peace until too hoarse to whoop for anything but beer. But no, they would not let us be, to earn in peace our bed and board; they climbed our frame on land and sea, and so we had to draw the sword. And so we ask the world to note, and to recall on that dread day when we have lost our Wilhelm-boat, that we were forced into the fray."

Horticultural Society, and it certainly improves the town.
 The following are the officers for the year 1917: President, W. N. Bell; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Logie; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. A. Willet; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. O. E. Whitby; Directors, Miss Burgess, Miss M. Martin, Miss S. Ahrens; Messrs. C. M. Heddie, John Lilley, James Sinclair, R. L. Murray and Roy Schuyler.
 The prizes have been awarded to the following:
 Class A. Plants in pots—Asparagus Plumosis—W. A. Richardson.
 Asparagus Sprengeri, W. A. Richardson.
 Begonias, Rex, two varieties, one of each, A. W. Rouseell and Miss Howie.
 Begonias, tuberous, 3 varieties, one of each, single, Miss Howie.
 Begonias, flowering, one specimen, Dr. Logie, W. A. Richardson and Miss E. Kay.
 Coleus, 2 specimens, 1 light, 1 dark, Miss Howie, Dr. Logie and W. A. Richardson.
 Fuchsias, 3 varieties, A. W. Rouseell.

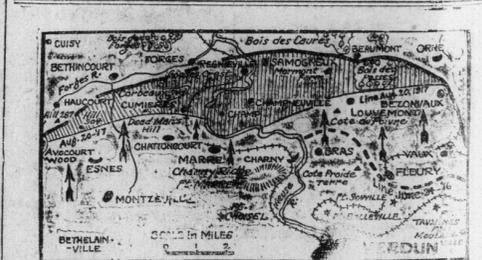
REGENERATION

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 trations of this. On one occasion, he said, when an attack was being launched, the force which advanced was made up of 28 officers, 20 non-commissioned officers and two soldiers. All the others looked on coldly while these heroes perished.
 The general declared it would be impossible to carry on the war to a victorious conclusion unless the strongest possible efforts were made by the provisional government and by the troops themselves to re-animate and regenerate the army.

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LOCAL

IS RECOVERING
 Mr. George Whittell, hurt in the cricket game on Saturday, is around again.

ACTING MAYOR.
 During the absence of Mr. Howley from the city this morning, chairman of the committee, is acting Mayor representing the city at the banquet at the Kerby night.

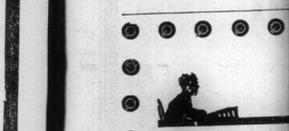
BUILDING PERMIT.
 A building permit was the office of the city engineer, morning to J. H. Simpson, House Street for the erection of a shed and garage to the rear of the property.

MATTY OVERWORKED.
 Always a hard and earnest little Matty Lauer, who was the plate for the Brantford League team, has gone overwork. Until a week ago every game for the Heat of the Blue Ridge League strain has been too heavy for club has been forced to help him other catcher to help him.

RED RUNNING.
 Red Fisher, former Hatcher, who has been caught Elmira team of the New League team this season, regarded as fast in his head on his feet. Last Thursday two bases in a game again and accepted eight chances selective draft should give him will have to waive the employment excuse.

SCHETTLER INJURED.
 Lewis Schettler, who was in the League when he was with was seriously injured in a wreck last week. Schettler, yelling with the Fort Way the General League, when train hit his sleeping car.

WILL PLAY SERIES
 A series of three full games will decide the champion of the city league, the night decided, after the test of the Courage Competition the Dominion Steel's victory Saturday. The first game played on Saturday afternoon the only league game of the second Monday morning of the Day; the third, if necessary following Saturday, the winner of the three to carry off the



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