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THE SITUATION.

Matters still remain comparatively quiet on the Western front, but there is every indication of preparations for another big drive on the part of the foe. In this regard, it is said that Austria has been called upon to furnish assistance in men and material and a call in this respect in reality means an order because no one now doubts the complete vassalage of the Dual monarchy to the Huns.

In Palestine the British have withdrawn the advanced troops which were holding Es Salt and forces have been established to guard the main crossings of the Jordan. In the recent operations one thousand of the enemy have been taken prisoners and much material secured.

The Canadians have taken on a new sector. They still hold the front from Hill 70 north of Lens, and will now look after a new front near Arras.

MR. W. F. COCKSHUTT, M.P., AND THE IMPLEMENT DUTIES.

On Thursday night last in the Dominion House Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., as reported in Hansard, made a slashing speech towards the close of the debate in which he took to task those members of the Opposition who were agitating for free implements and reaffirmed that it was the understanding before the last general election that all differences of policy were to be buried and that "the one and sole purpose" was to win the war. He made particular reference to a three and a half hour harangue by Mr. McKenzie of Cape Breton, North, who left a position on the bench to run for the House. Of him Mr. Cockshutt said:

"My hon. friend was surely trifling when he wished this House in war time to come down to such small talk as the greater part of his speech consisted in. I must say that for a man who has occupied a seat upon the bench the frivolity with which he can debate public questions for such a length of time, is surprising. Mr. McKenzie—"The hon. gentleman is possibly looking for another invitation to go outside."

Mr. Cockshutt—"If my hon. friend is ready, I am quite prepared to accept an invitation of that kind, although I do not think that such a spectacle would be fitting in the case of a judge."

The following are further extracts from the speech of the member for Brantford: "My hon. friend from Brome, and, I think, most of those who took exception to the implement business being protected, say it is a mere handful of men that these duties are being exacted for. To all who hold that view I say, it is not the manufacturer who, I admit, is a negligible quantity, but all his workers who must be recognized as manufacturers and as master builders. Regardless of the opinions of those who may differ from me, I believe the workers in the factories of Canada work as intelligently and as hard, and put in as many hours, too, in the year, as do those of any other calling."

"I want to approach this subject, not from the position of a few manufacturers who control the capital, but from the position of the manufacturer and all his assistants, because the man behind the gun is the man that makes the factory, and the product cannot be turned out from the factory unless you have the men, as everybody knows. We have in the factories to-day probably six or seven thousand workmen, as intelligent as any in the world, who are producing per man as much as any country in the world barring only the United States, which exceeds us by a small amount."

"I only regret that my hon. friend from Kent (Mr. McElroy) is not in his seat. I wanted to hand out a small bouquet to him. I look upon him as a 'seven by nine' statesman, that is, a man of very narrow breadth who cannot see beyond the water-ditches of his own country either in peace or war. Yesterday that hon. gentleman made an attack on the implement men who are just as good as standing firm as high in the community as does my hon. friend. I want to ask him: What about the price of beans? Let him tell us what he charges for his beans, and we will give our prices on agricultural implements. He accused a company of which he says I am a member—he used my name very freely—in advancing their price 25 per cent. over others, and he quoted a firm in St. Thomas manufacturing noughs—and he will excuse me, I hope, if I say that I never heard of them before. Upwards of 75 per cent. of the ploughs manufactured in Canada are manufactured in the city of Brantford. They are not made by the Cockshutt firm alone, but by other firms in that city, and we think we have the business down to a science. Since the National Policy was introduced, the price of these implements has been more

than cut in two. That is something to say, but the hon. member for Kent who pointed out such terrible overcharges with regard to agricultural implements, is prepared to sell for seven or eight dollars a bushel of beans that cost \$1 to \$1.25; I have bought hundreds of bushels of them myself for that price. The same is true in regard to his corn. Let my hon. friend look to his own. In the county of Kent before he begins to thrash the manufacturers of agricultural implements. We would think that we were robbing the people were we to ask the advances that his people—and I understand he is in the business—are making out of their beans and pork. We base our costs entirely upon the cost of production, that is the basis upon which our sales are made."

Mr. Cockshutt said that he for one was only too glad to see that the farmers were prosperous, but it should be remembered that the prices of farm products now were higher than those of any manufacturing goods proportionately to the cost of production.

The member for Brantford is certainly on sound ground when he says that the implement duties should be left alone. With their removal there would come a sad blow to Brantford and all implement centres. There would be many men out of employment and others with wages lessened, while the farmers home market would also suffer severely.

CANADA'S FIRE LOSSES

At a meeting of the Fire Insurance Inquiry, J. Grove Smith of the Conservation of Commission, read a paper on Canada's fire losses.

Since Confederation there has gone up in smoke property to the value of \$700,000,000. Fifty per cent of this was buildings and the remainder caused by forest fires.

In addition the Canadian public has expended \$150,000,000 on fire fighting equipment and \$197,000,000 on insurance premiums. Thus the total cost to the country on account of fires has been more than one billion dollars in fifty years. Nearly enough to pay the national debt.

Included in the losses recorded were \$16,000,000 worth of food-stuffs destroyed in 1916 and 1917. Fires have increased more rapidly than the population, and the loss per alarm has grown greater.

Seventy per cent of the dwellings, 31 per cent of the factories, and 42 per cent of the stores are insured.

In view of there being an increase in fire losses, Mr. Smith's recommendations will be interesting. He argues that the whole province should be covered by building legislation to ensure proper fire protection. That which he is driving at probably is to have the provincial authorities insist that all new buildings be properly constructed so that they do not become fire traps. In Europe, penalties are imposed on owners and tenants for failure to prevent fires.

In France, when a fire spreads from one burning building to another, the owner of the building in which the fire began is made responsible for the damages caused to his neighbor's property. This law may seem drastic, but it has resulted in lowering losses by fire. Carefulness has become imperative.

Regarding buildings containing as much as \$100,000 insurable value, Mr. Smith asserted that these should be installed sprinkler systems, the fire loss would be reduced 75 per cent. More than 60 per cent of the fire losses in the Dominion are caused by 5 per cent of the fires.

He deplored the fact that it seems impossible to educate the public mind to the seriousness of fires and the losses they entail. Compulsion and education have become necessary. Mr. Smith characterized municipal by-laws as being wholly incompetent to cope with the problem of fire prevention. He admitted that the laws may be all right, but the difficulty is found in having such ordinances enforced by local officials.

DRASTIC ACTION

Taken by Australia With Reference to Fit Men

By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 7.—(Via Reuters, Limited)—The Australian military authorities, says a despatch from Sydney to The Daily Mail, have decided to stop employing on home service, Australians fit as high in the community as does my hon. friend. I want to ask him: What about the price of beans? Let him tell us what he charges for his beans, and we will give our prices on agricultural implements. He accused a company of which he says I am a member—he used my name very freely—in advancing their price 25 per cent. over others, and he quoted a firm in St. Thomas manufacturing noughs—and he will excuse me, I hope, if I say that I never heard of them before. Upwards of 75 per cent. of the ploughs manufactured in Canada are manufactured in the city of Brantford. They are not made by the Cockshutt firm alone, but by other firms in that city, and we think we have the business down to a science. Since the National Policy was introduced, the price of these implements has been more

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Cooper, who were nearly at the century mark, died the same day at Gardenville. A double funeral was held. Wednesday afternoon closing cards may be obtained at The Courier Office at 15c each, two for 25c.



MARLEY R. SHERRIS. Celebrated Toronto baritone who sings with the Adnanac Male Quartet and who will also contribute a baritone solo at the 2nd C.O.R. concert at the Grand Opera House to-morrow night.

TRIBUNAL

His Honor Judge Hardy held "11" class military tribunals at the Court House this morning, when the following cases were heard:

- Thos. L. McSloy, Brantford, allowed July 1st.
Wm. G. Boyle, 173 Albion street, allowed June 1st.
Wm. Wittz, disallowed.
Wm. G. Farr, 82 Brighton Row, disallowed.
Wray E. Smith, 34 Chatham street, allowed June 1st.
Tom Mintern, 143 Dalhousie street, disallowed.
George E. Madgwick, 235 West Mill street, disallowed.
Harold A. Vickers, Middleport, disallowed.
Howard Winrow, Hatchley, allowed Sept. 15th, farming.
Thos. L. Golden, R. R. No. 1, allowed Nov. 1st, farming.
Albert S. Martin, Middleport, allowed Nov. 1st, farming.
Eugene T. Lavole, Paris, allowed June 15th to wind up hotel business. Rehearing requested and granted.

MAKING IT PLAIN

Citizens Should Note These Extracts From an Order-in-Council

That there may be no misunderstanding regarding the Order-in-Council in reference to the hoarding of flour and sugar, the Courier here gives in brief the recent ruling: "No person shall have in his possession, or under his control at any one time, cane sugar (or wheat flour) more than is sufficient for his ordinary requirements for a period not exceeding fifteen days."

The exceptions to the above order are for families living at a distance of two or more miles from a licensed dealer, for manufacturers and for dealers. "No person shall make in Canada for private consumption, French pastries, lead cakes, or biscuits or cakes with icing of cane sugar between the layers, or added to the exterior; and no person shall use in Canada cane sugar for making, for private consumption, what is commonly called candy."

APPRECIATION OF LABOR

Is Expressed in Message of President Wilson

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, May 7.—An appreciation of labor's part in the war was expressed by President Wilson to-day in a telegram to the New Jersey council of defense, approving a plan to hold a conference of war workers at Trenton to-day. "In our fight for the rights of free men the world over," the President telegraphed, "your efforts and the efforts of your fellow citizens are a vital factor. Your determination to perform the necessary labor and accept the necessary sacrifice and the like spirit which has now become manifest throughout our nation, reassures a stricken world that our ideals of justice and humanity and liberty shall in the end prevail."

Similar telegrams have been sent to state councils of defense in all states holding war conferences this month. PRACTICALLY COMPLETE. By Courier Leased Wire. Regina, Sask., May 7.—With the exception of a few isolated points, seeding throughout the Province is practically completed, according to C.P.R. crop reports. All that was wanted was warm rain, and this came, reports indicating that the downfall was general.

Margaret Garrett's Husband

By JANE PHELPS

CHAPTER XLVIII

The End of the Evening

"When I told Bob that I didn't care to meet any more of his friends he looked pained but made no remark, and we proceeded to eat our dinner. It was excellently cooked, but because of the frequent interruptions, nearly cold."

All the time we were eating, Bob was bowing or waving his hand to some one, I was completely disgusted with the place and with him for bringing me to a place which each one who talked to us spoke of as Bohemian. Then the women nearly all were smoking—something I knew was quite common but which I never had been able to bring myself to think was right. As the evening advanced there (I mean in the room) different tables had grown noisier. And I was glad when at last we had finished and Bob asked for his check."

When we rose to go several called after us to come again, which I thought in extremely bad taste. Yet as Bob seemed pleased I said nothing of that; but inasmuch as we were in the bus, which we had nearly to ourselves, I said to him: "You thought to please me, didn't you, by taking me to dinner to-night?"

"Yes, dear. Isn't it a great old place! I've had lots of fine times down there!" "So should judge. But Bob, please take me to some other kind of a place. I do not care for your 'Village crowd,' as you call them; neither do I care to meet a lot of those men who act so free and easy."

"Those men," as you call them, "are some of them known all over the world for their work. It is an honor to meet them," he replied severely.

WIN-THE-WAR MEETING.

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, May 7.—A win-the-war meeting in memory of those who lost their lives on the Lusitania three years ago to-day, will be held in Carnegie Hall to-night. Theodore Roosevelt and Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma will be the principal speakers. A memorial service for the Lusitania dead held to-day at Trinity Church, was attended by delegations from local and state patriotic societies.

CONTROL VENEREAL DISEASE

By Courier Leased Wire. Winnipeg, May 6.—Hon. T. H. Johnson, attorney-general, promised a delegation from the Manitoba Social Hygiene Association on Saturday that a measure will be introduced at the next session of the legislature to prevent and control venereal disease.

COURT OF HONOR.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, May 7.—Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman in the House of Commons, announced to-day that the government proposed to ask two judges to act as a court of honor to investigate the charges made by General Frederick B. Miles, who was recently removed from the post of director of military operations at the British war office.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

By Courier Leased Wire. Bulletin, Lond. May 7.—British casualties reported during the week ending to-day reaches a total of 38,691.

"We are each entitled to our opinions," I returned. "I do not care for either them or the place." "I will not take you there again. I am sorry you didn't enjoy your evening. It has done me good," and Bob relapsed into silence. "Don't," next time we go out to dinner we can have a nice quiet time together, instead of a loud place where we can't speak a confidential word." "We can talk at home." "Yes, and when we go out also, if we go to the right places." "But why is it necessary to talk confidences in public when we are living together?" "Because we love each other; and do not need others to entertain us," I answered primly. "You may not, but I do! I need human companionship; the help and inspiration that being with and talking to real people gives me; people with brains and ideas. Don't you realize Margaret that we will grow stale and horribly uninteresting to ourselves if we never talk to others; never exchange ideas with those who are in touch with the worth-while things of life?" "No, I do not realize that side of the question at all. I have no desire to exchange ideas with any writer or theatrical friends; or with long-haired critics. We are or should be interested in the same things, and I, at least, am content to exchange ideas with you."

"Well I am not; but we won't discuss it. We never seem to agree upon some things so the best way is not talk of them," Bob said very quietly, but I could see he was resisting a desire to reply sharply. "If you wouldn't do them there, I would be nothing to talk of in that connection."

"I shall probably be with my friends occasionally as long as I live. I shall refrain from asking you to accompany me, however." "Do." "Neither of us spoke of the evening again. Not for some weeks, I thought very much about it, however, and wondered how Bob came to know that sort of people so well, and why he seemed so attracted to them. That it was sort of a sinister attraction I really believed. I had had nothing of the sort in my life; and it seemed unwholesome to me. I now realize I was not competent to judge; to separate what was wholly good and thoroughly wholesome from what was, if not bad, out and perhaps unwholesome."

I told mother of the experience, and she replied: "Bob is a pretty level-headed man. Margaret. He surely wouldn't take you to an improper place or introduce you to undesirable people. Better trust him a little, and try to conform to his wishes. I am sure it will be better in the long run than to try to make him over. It will do you good to meet bright intellectual people. Your girlhood was lived perhaps too much in one groove; one strata of society. When one's means are moderate New York is a hard place to meet the right kind of people; now that you are married your husband's friends should be your friends." Then, "I am not preaching, Margaret, but somehow when you talk as you just did I feel to blame; as though I had brought you up rather narrowly."

"You needn't blame yourself. I would rather be narrow and have my husband to myself, than to be broad and divide him with others." "To be Continued to-morrow."

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