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Monday, March 20, 1916.

The Situation.

The German offensive at Verdun has not only been checked for the present, but it is further announced that the French have assumed the offensive north of the place. It is estimated that the latter have over half a million men on the job, and the task upon which the Huns entered with so much assurance has now become stale on their hands. If they cannot take Verdun after so much systematized preparation, the Kaiserite leaders in their hearts must commence to realize what the inevitable end is going to prove.

Berlin claims that ground has been retaken by them from the British which they lost east of Vermelles, on March 2nd, but the official despatches from the Fatherland have commenced to become exceedingly unreliable. They recently claimed that they had secured possession of a portion of Dead Man's Hill, but that assertion has since been proved to be a downright falsehood.

The retirement of Von Tirpitz from supreme command of German navy affairs is commencing to prove a sensation in Germany. Ill-health is given as the reason of his withdrawal, but nobody seems to believe it. There is a quite general impression that the continued inactivity of the German fleet has had something to do with his supersession.

The Russians have started a big offensive against the Germans on the Eastern front, and with regard to their Turkish operations have again resumed their march towards Sivas. The latter is an important city of Asiatic Turkey and capital of the region in which it is situated.

It is semi-officially announced that Roumania is likely to join with the Allies in May. There can be little doubt that ultimately the country named will be in line as stated.

The Huns have been doing some more murderous work in connection with air raids in the Old Land. Sir Conan Doyle recently urged that for every such raid there should be two over German soil, that such a thing would not be so much revenge as a salutary lesson in kind. He concluded: "The Hun is only formidable when he thinks that he can be frightful with impunity. Blood and iron is his doctrine so long as it is his iron and some one else's blood." Most people will be inclined to agree with him.

Since the above was written word has come over the Courier's leased wire of a successful airship attack by the Allies on Zeebrugge.

Manufactured Gas.

Natural gas is a commodity which only lasts for a certain time in connection with the effective supply of any community. For this reason, it is interesting to note what Indianapolis is doing with regard to a manufactured article.

The service in Indianapolis is supplied by the Citizens Gas Company, and the price charged is 55c. per 1,000 cubic feet. To consumers taking more than 50,000 cubic feet, a reduction is made, and to those using 100,000 or more, the price is only 40c. per 1,000. As against the price of 55c. charged in Indianapolis, a Chicago company, with ten times the number of meters in use, charges 80c., or twice the minimum figure charged in Indianapolis. The Indianapolis company has not only to fight the influence of companies in other cities, but has just emerged successfully from a tussle with another large company in its field. Nevertheless, it has been able to pay 7 per cent. in dividends and to accumulate a surplus of about $300,000 in a few years. Of course the selling of coke and other by-products has much to do with the fixing of the price of the gas, and in Chicago the problem of disposing of the coke to advantage is a serious one. In addition, the price in Chicago is 80c. all the way round, whether a large or a small quantity of gas is used. A suggestion has been made that the price should be lowered to larger consumers, as in many other cities. In this way the more general consumption of gas for commercial purposes may be encouraged and the conditions brought about under which the cost per 1,000 feet may be reduced.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

All fears with reference to the ice crop ended some three months ago.

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Chief of Police Killing of Woodstock has enlisted. Pretty good name that to take to the front.

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After kicking Von Tirpitz down the backstairs the Kaiser has sent that worthy and his flowing whiskers a deep letter of sympathy.

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The sheriff may seize the cemetery at Windsor. If so, he will have a grave seizure on his hands.

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It will be difficult for those who know Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., to associate him with anything of a "whip" nature. However, that is the job with which he has been entrusted at Ottawa, and there can be no doubt that he will fill the position in a most kindly and able manner.

GERMAN ATTACK WAS A FAILURE

Paris Announces Defeat of Hun Assault at Cote de Poivre.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, March 20.—German forces have bombarded Malancourt, and an attack made by them on the French positions of Cote de Poivre has resulted in failure, according to the announcement made by the French war office this afternoon.

There has been an intermittent bombardment in the region of Vaux.

The text of the statement follows:

"To the west of the River Meuse, the enemy has delivered a bombardment of considerable violence in the region to the south of Melancourt. To the east of the river, after a preparatory fire from the German artillery, the enemy delivered against our positions at Cote de Poivre a small attack which resulted in complete failure. There has been an intermittent bombardment in the region of Vaux.

"In the Woevre district the night passed quietly with the exception of a fairly spirited cannonading at Les Eparges. There has been nothing else of importance to report from the remainder of the front.

"At about four o'clock this morning English, French and Belgian aviators bombarded the aviation field at Houttave; to the east of Ostend. Nineteen French aviators took part in this expedition, and all of them returned to their base."

GERMANY DIVIDED

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time ago had an open breach with Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, is the leader of the opposition In parliament, and is expected to make the principal speech upon resolutions demanding the unlimited use of the torpedo in the warfare on commerce.

ADMINISTRATION IS SOLID.

On the other hand, the elimination of Admiral Von Tirpitz seems to have brought the administration solidly behind the Imperial chancellor, the Bavarian ministry, the influence of which is second only to that of Prussia, having twice taken occasion to express solidarity with the chancellor through publications in the official Bavarian Staats-Zeitung. The latest of these publications reads:

"The proposals evoke regret in the widest circles in Bavaria, too, in-so-far as by their form they might awaken the impression that in the midst of the world war in which the German nation is struggling for its existence, attempts are being made to infringe upon the prerogatives of the military command. We express the expectation of the entire German people in saying that the Reichstag, in the immediately impending budget debates, in speeches and resolutions, will certainly omit everything, which, if discussed in the present parliament form, must work to the detriment of the Fatherland."

NO CHANGE IN SUB-CAMPAIGN.

The parliamentary opposition makes more certain than ever, what the representative of the Associated Press was able to state from the most authoritative source upon the day Admiral Von Tirpitz retired, that a change in the ministry will not involve any abandonment, or modification of the marine campaign against commerce, neither a weakening of the declaration of a regular submarine offensive, under which all ships, neutral or enemy, plying to and from England, would be subject to attack.

This idea of an unlimited torpedo campaign again for which Count Von Reventlow and others have been contending for weeks, was being used, it is declared, to weaken the imperial chancellor's influence and prestige. The chancellor and Herr Von Jagow, the foreign minister, at the ultimate moment met the campaign with a bold decisive gesture which forced a choice between themselves and the opposing faction, and apparently restored homeogeneity in the government.

Admiral Sir Stanley Colville hoisted his flag at Portsmouth recently as Commander-in-Chief in succession to Admiral of the Fleet Sir Hedworth Meux, M.P.

In order that she may act as an instructress, Lady Harlech is learning to make fancy leather goods. She is receiving practical instruction through the Rural League.

EIGHT THOUSAND

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dicate their peculiar organization. As to their training, however, there was every evidence. To the lay mind, they excelled them all. They even exceeded slightly, ever so slightly, but nevertheless exceeded, the 84th. Their whole bearing and discipline was magnificent.

With the passing of the 98th Welland and Lincoln Co. Bat., the 47th battery and 120th City of Hamilton Batt., which marched without rifles, came the Brants. Bandmaster Bertram had his men performing the liveliest air, and the men of the 125th swung past without a hitch. "Who are those fellows? Where did they come from?" asked people in the crowd, and Brantfordites and Brant County persons present made haste to tell them. They were a fine looking body of men, and marched right up to the mark.

The coming of the Scottish 173rd and the skirling of the pipes brought forth cheers, and the men from the land of the heather had plenty of encouragement on their march. There were men in the regiment who are not out very long from the land of the heather either, as the "eyes right" and "eyes front" of some was very Scotch indeed.

The militia regiments also were cheered. They seem to sit closely in the affection of Hamilton people, and moreover the fact of Sir John Gibson heading the 13th Regiment during the parade was heartily applauded. The veteran old statesman and soldier marched as briskly as any of them, and when he turned in to the reviewing stand, he was rewarded by much cheering.

It was the Home Guard, however, which went to the hearts of the people. The home guard has no uniform; its officers pin stars on their sleeves to show their ranks. Old men are there, young men physically unfit, all sorts, sizes and conditions of men, marching briskly along, each carrying his rifle. They marched well, too. Their lines may not be perfectly straight, but each and every one was alert and untired to the very last step of the parade.

THE PARADE ORDER

Lieut.-Col. Wylie, the orderly officer led, with Brigadier-General Logie, O.C. of the division; Lieut.-Col. Bickford, G.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. Labatt, G.S.O.; Col. S. C. Mewburn, A.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. Henry Osborne, A.A.A. and Q.M.G. and Capt. Howlands, D.I.O. Lieut.-Col. W. C. Brooks was too ill to take charge of his regiment and Major Gordon J. Smith was in charge. Following the C. M. R. came Lieut.-Col. W. T. Stewart and the 84th of Brantford; Lieut.-Col. W. W. Stewart, and the 86th Gun Battalion, Hamilton; Lieut.-Col. H. A. Rose and the 98th Welland and Lincoln Battalion; Major W. Field and the 47th Battery, Toronto; Lieut.-Col George D. Fearman and the 120th City of Hamilton Battalion; Lieut.-Col. M. E. B. Cutcliffe and the 125th Brantford Battalion; Lieut.-Col. W. E. S. Knowles and the 129th Wentworth Battalion; Lieut.-Colonel Percy Domville and the 164th Halton and Dufferin Battalion; Lieut.-Col. W. H. Bruce and the 173rd Highlanders of Hamilton; Lieut.-Col. R. R. Moodie and the 205th Hamilton Tiger Battalion; First Field Troop Canadian Engineers; Lieut.-Col. R. A. Robertson and the 13th Royal Regiment; Lieut.-Col. E. M. Dalley and the 91st Highlanders, and Major C. H. Powis and the Hamilton Home Guard.

The militia units and the Home Guard did not fall in until about half the course had been covered. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John S Hendrie received the salute on a specially erected platform on the south side of the Gore Park extension. Among those at the saluting base were Col. William Hendrie, Lieut.-Col. C. Caldwell, R. O. C.; Lieut.-Col. Alex. Fraser of the 12th York Rangers, aides to the Lieutenant-Governor; N. W. Rowell, K.C., the Liberal leader of the Opposition; Hon. Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., Lieut.-Col. Harry Cockshutt, Major H. E. Snider, Capt. E. W. Sweet, Q. M. Ferguson, all of the 215th and others.

NEWS NOTES

After spending twenty years in the heart of Formosa, engaged in missionary work for th Presbyterian Church in England, Dr. J. W. Landsborough, accompanied by his wife and child, are in Victoria en route to the East.

The Public Works department of Vancouver proposes to build a bridge over the Nechaco at a point between Prince George and Central Fort George.

The London County Council Education Committee has received the estimates for 1916-17. It is proposed to economize by over $3,200,000. Maintenance estimates show a decrease of $1,815,200, and capital estimate $1,394,900.

Lord Lewisham, who represents West Bromwich, and is now on active service, has intimated that he does not intend to receive his salary as a member of the House of Commons under the present conditions.

Lent was ushered in in British Columbia by such a downpour of rain that traffic was held up in many places and lots and basements flooded by the downpour.

Waldo Presbyterian Sunday school has 60 scholars enrolled. This is one of the few churches in Kootenay that has met all its financial obligations for 1915.

The death occurred recently of Mrs Agnes Irvine of B.C., well known and very highly esteemed in Victoria. The late Mrs Irvine came to British Columiba 68 years ago with her parents, her father being connected with the Hudson Bay Co.

All public buildings owned by Birmingham Corporation have been insured against damage by enemy aircraft, the total of insurance being nearly $16,250,000.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD OF THE BRANT PATRIOTIC AND WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION ON SATURDAY

Treasurer's Reports Presented and Adopted—Officers Chosen For the Ensuing Year—Factories Will be Asked to Choose Six Representatives to Act on the Executive.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Patriotic and War Relief Association was held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Public Library. The Treasurer's statement of the first campaign was submitted and adopted. The balance shown was part of the Social Service Relief fund and it was decided to hold that in reserve for the present.

The report of the campaign of last month was presented and adopted. It showed cash payments already in to March 15th, totalled $48,808.64. A supplementary statement, was also presented, showing the total amount to date forwarded to Ottawa, the amount on hand, and also showed that the total cash amount collected for the Patriotic Fund to-date since inception of the Association amounted to $95,396.44. It also showed the amount paid out to soldiers' dependents.

The election of officers for 1916, next came up and the following resolution moved by Rev. G. A. Woodside and seconded by Reg. Scarfe carried unanimously, "that the officers and executive of last year be re-elected and that as an association we ask the factories of the city to appoint certain delegates who shall meet and from their representatives elect six members to this executive." That will mean that the new executive will be composed of the last year's officers, and in addition six representatives chosen from the factories of the city. The last years officers re-elected are:

The Mayor of City, J. W. Bowlby
Hon. President, J. H. Spence
President, Lloyd Harris
First Vice-President, Reg Scarfe
Second Vice-President, Frank Cockshutt.
Honorary Secretary, C. H. Waterous.
Honorary Treasurer, W. F. Cockshutt, M.P.
Secretary-Treasurer, H. T. Watt.

The following officers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, Brantford Branch, were also re-elected. This executive will also include the six representatives to be appointed from the factories:

The Mayor, J. W. Bowlby.
President, John H. Spence.
Vice-President, Lloyd Harris.
Secretary-Treasurer, H. T. Watt.
Assistant Secretary, E. Van Norman.
Executive committee—Frank Cockshutt, Rev. G. A. Woodside, R. Scarfe, Dean Brady, Adjutant Harry Osbourn.

To show the distinction between the work of these executives it was explained that the Brant Patriotic and War Relief Association collects the funds and remits them to the Canadian Patriotic Fund at Ottawa. The Canadian Patriotic Fund, Brantford Branch, draws from the central fund at Ottawa and disburses the money to the soldiers' dependents in the city and County of Brant. The County re-imburses the local branch for the amount paid out to dependents' of county soldiers.

It was decided not to publish the names of the subscribers to the fund in the last campaign, as it was felt that the cost for clerical help preparing the lists for publication, and the cost of printing would be too high to warrant the expenditure.

It was moved and adopted that the secretary send votes of thanks to the following: A. E. Day, for free use of typewriters; Bell Telephone Co., for free phone; C. J. Mitchell, for use of headquarters; to the clerks of the Imperial Bank for their services in checking up the work and keeping track of the subscriptions, and also to the Brantford Courier and the Brantford Expositor for the amount of generous publicity given during the campaign; also to the employees of the factories for their splendid donations.

Mr. Lloyd Haris telegraphed his regrets, being detained in London on Military Hospital work.

The following are the reports in detail:

RECEIPTS.

Campaign collections	$56,119 73
Interest	290 40
Returned by Can. Patriotic Fund, Ottawa, re City of Brantford payments to solders' wives	2,444 90
Recovered campaign expenses	64 70
Sundries	18 75
Total receipts	$58,938 48

DISBURSEMENTS

City Officials' refunds	235 80
Campaign expenses	579 23
Canadian Patriotic Fund, Ottawa	29,206 09
City of Brantford, payments to soldiers wives in hrst cont., refunded	4,889 80
General Expense	161 32
Belgian Relief Fund	500 00
Women's Patriotic League Axford and Hargrove, investigating 1st contingent	200 00
	70 00
Social Service League	13,000 00
Social Service Park Drive	3,106 80
Social Service River Dyke	500 00
Sundries	51 66
Total debts	52,500 70
Balance on hand	6,437 78
	$58,938 48

Brantford Branch, Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Forwarded Ottawa to date	$91,996 44
On hand (about)	3,400 00
	$95,396 44
Payments to Soldiers' wives to Feb. 28th	$68,437 24
Est. to March	5,500 00
	$73,937 24
At our Credit to March 31st (estimated)	$21,459 20

Receipts and Disbursements, 1916, Campaign to March 15th, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Collections to date	48,388 64
Sundries	20 00
Total receipts	$48,408 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Subscriptions refunded	17 50
Campaign expenses	1,069 83
Canadian Patriotic Fund, Ottawa	45,000 00
Postage	10 00
Total debits to date	$46,097 33
Balance on hand	2,311 31
	$48,408 64

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Local News

ON STAFF

Capt. Burton Wilkes, son of Lieut.-Col. Wilkes of this city, is on the medical staff of the Granville hospital at Ramsgate, bombed by German aircraft on Sunday.

WAS GATHERED IN

A man who had overestimated his drink capacity, let his horse run away on Market St. Saturday, and the cutter upset at the Colborne St. corner. The police gathered him in.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Brantford District Epworth Leagues and Sunday schools will be held in the Wellington St. Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 21st. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions and many interesting features.

INQUIRIES FROM JAPAN.

The Secretary of the Board of Trade has received letters from Kyota (Japan), and Yokohama (Japan), anxious to open business connection with Brantford with a view to business in (1) Japanese goods, and (2) canned crab, shrimp, fruits, vegetables, etc.

GOOD SERVICE.

The officers of the 125th Battalion are loud in their praise of the service given the Battalion by the T. H. and B. on Saturday. Not only were sufficient coaches provided to enable every man to secure a seat, but the entrainment was accomplished in remarkably short time, and the service throughout was of a most highly satisfactory nature.

SATURDAY'S COURIER

The Courier on Saturday published group photos of the 125th Battalion and both bands, and early in the afternoon the edition was sold out. So persistent was the demand, that additional copies were printed, and the Courier is pleased to announce that a few of these extra copies are now available to those who were unable to get them on Saturday. As these will assuredly not last long, parties desiring copies should phone and have them reserved, if they are unable to call at once for them.

SUCCESSFUL "AT HOME."

The "At Home" given by the Alexandra School League to all its members last Friday afternoon was a very pleasing and successful affair. The school was suitably decorated with white and green, and each member was given a paper shamrock leaf with his or her name on. This being hung to a button made it possible for every one to see who every one else was, and many new acquaintances were formed. The president, Mrs. McFarland, very heartily welcomed all. Inspector Kilmer was asked by Principal Foster to present the Strathcona medals to 17 cadets who won them in the shooting contest last spring. Mr. Kilmer congratulated the boys and reminded them that a member of their corps had won the gold medal for both cadet and ex-cadet this year and last. The boys present to get medals were: Hugh Sisson, Harold Vansickle, Stanley Fowler, Lloyd Cooper, Victor Wood, Kenneth Simpson, Harris Melsom, Gordon Lambert, Ralph Dawson, Wilson Babcock, Alton Hall and Charlie Ellis. The other boys may get theirs from the principal. Refreshments of home-made cooking and tea were served and appreciated. The Board of Education was represented by the chairman, Mr. W. N. Andrews.

The two German prisoners, Heiny Thomas and Von Schweinigchen, who escaped from Dorchester, have been recaptured by Scotland Yard officers in London.

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ACCIDENTS RIFE IN QUEBEC PROV.

Fire in Quebec and Three Rivers—Motor Mix-up in Montreal.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Quebec, March 20.—The town of Bromptonville in the County of Wolfe, near Sherbrooke, Que., was threatened by a bad blaze which broke out in the centre of the town yesterday afternoon, about 4 o'clock. The flames completely destroyed the factory of the Model Dress Company, and also the dwelling of O. Lambert.

The town has a volunteer fire fighting force, but yesterday they had no water supply and had to resort to the bucket brigade.

The loss is placed at $25,000, partly covered by insurance.

Three Rivers, Que., March 20—Fire destroyed the Page Block this morning. The premises of the following concerns were burned out:

Phoenix Club, Dominion Express, C. P. R., the Singer Sewing Machine Company and A. Parent, gents' furnishings.

The loss is estimated at $50,000, partly covered by insurance. The firemen rescued a woman inmate of the block through a second story window.

THREE INJURED.

Montreal, March 20.—Three women were injured in an automobile "skidding" accident, which occurred last night at the corner of St. Lawrence boulevard and Ontario street, and were taken to the General Hospital. They are:

Miss. N. Marsan, 21 years old, five ribs fractured, a possible fracture of the skull and two severe scalp wounds; Miss Tilly Lettler, badly cut about the forehead, nose and mouth, and Miss Juliette Richer, suffering from shock.

The women who, were crossing the street, were jammed against a hydrant by the car, which was owned and driven by Theodore Brauchand.

In Greece the bridegroom is lightly sprinkled with water before leaving the home for the ceremony.

U.S. ASKS FOR USE OF RAILWAY

Want Mexico to Grant That Aid in Chasing Villa.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

El Paso, Tex. March 20—The problem of granting the United States Government permission to use Mexican railways to transport supplies to American troops pursuing Francisco Villa overshadowed everything else in the Mexican situation here to-day.

The reply of General Carranza to the request of the government for permission to use the railroads was expected to be sent forward to Wasangton to-day. A refusal will embarass the operations of the American troops while the granting of the request, t was declared, would be bound to be seriously misconstrued by a considerable section of the Mexican people and to be exploited by the enemies of General Caranza.

The unexpectedly rapid advance of the expeditionary column under General Pershing has forced the railroad question to an issue. Americans familiar with the country into which the columns are now entering, assert that it is imperative that the railroads be placed at their disposal for the bringing up of supplies.

Dr. E. J. Bush, formerly chief surgeon of Maderos army, asserted today the speedy transportation facilities were essential to further progress by the American soldiers.

FRENCH FORCE

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The course of the fighting at Verdun has produced a marked impression on even the most determined non-interventionists and the royalist press is changing its tone in regard to participation of Greece in the war. The feeling of allied diplomats seems to be that if Greece desires to enter the war now she wil have to do so on her own initiative and with no conditions with respect to territorial compensation.

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