

THE SITUATION.

The Russians admit that matters just now are in bad shape for them, but they point to the fact that for months they have borne the brunt of a large part of the fierce fighting, a claim which is undoubtedly well founded. Lemberg has not yet been evacuated by them, but few can doubt that it will be within a few hours. The effect of the remarkable forward movement recently achieved by the Austro-German forces in Galicia will be chiefly felt in the impression created upon the Balkan States. They are ready to enter the fight all right, but have not yet decided upon which side their bread is likely to be the most buttered after hostilities have been ended. Meanwhile the Russian army will still remain on deck with reserves of men to draw upon such as possessed by no other power. If their ammunition lack could only be made good—and late reports are of better prospects in this regard—they would be on the offensive again with as much spunk as ever. In the interim, as before noted, it looks as if Germany will soon be able to let loose a lot more men for work in the western theatre.

The French continue to do well in Alsace and Lorraine, and they have evidently made quite good use of that opportunity while the enemy have been so busy with the forces of the Czar. Now there is Italy also to be reckoned with, for which devout thanks. Had she stayed with the Triple Alliance the outlook would have been considerably more menacing, but even then not in any sense a forlorn hope.

The Dardanelles job is proving quite as tough as expected, and perhaps a little more so. Always fearless fighters, the Turks with German aid are putting up a most stubborn resistance.

The British House of Commons has given the Government a blank cheque with regard to the amount to be borrowed for war purposes. The Government can go to any limit which they deem necessary. These hundreds of millions she proposes to borrow from her own people on attractive terms, which should, and no doubt will, lead to habits of thrift in order to take advantage of them during a period of much higher wages than the average. It was John Bull who was able in the main to take care of the financial end for the overthrow of Napoleon. Now he is able and willing to do a like service for the Kaiser.

THE DYNAMITING OUTRAGES.

There can only be one conclusion as to the partial wrecking by dynamite of a Walkerville factory engaged on a British war order, and the discovery of the same explosive under the Windsor armories. Both events are simply one more manifestation of German activities of the kind everywhere, although hitherto not in Canada.

The last time there was anything of the kind in this Dominion it took the form of an assault upon the Welland Canal, but the perpetrators were caught and landed behind prison bars in short order.

Hon. I. B. Lucas, Attorney-General for the Province, has announced that nothing will be left undone calculated to bring the perpetrators to justice, and that he will at once institute most thorough and far-reaching enquiries. It is also understood that the Dominion authorities will heartily co-operate to this end.

There have been people who have rather decided the guarding of armories, that at Brantford included, but such a course from the very first has been fully warranted. In addition it is quite clear that those Canadian concerns having war orders should also be placed under special surveillance. These precautions are all the more necessary now that the enemy for the time being is recording so much of an advantage over the Russians.

BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The disclosures in connection with the Manitoba enquiry are daily becoming worse, if, indeed, such a thing could be possible.

Everybody remembers the suddenness with which the Roblin Government gave up the reins, as it afterwards turned out, because of the tentacles closing around them with reference to an investigation into wrong doing. Members of the fallen ministry have since, in the box, testified that the grave improprieties charged had gone on without their knowledge. Believe that or not as you like, the unquestioned fact remains that the men at the top should have known and must be held to account. Without such a responsibility on the heads, the whole fabric of every day life would come tumbling to the ground in all directions.

Hardly had the sensational resignation of the Administration become known ere the statement was whispered about that the Liberals had also received a big contribution for campaign funds from the same firm, stated to have figured in the miserable business. They evidently considered it a good plan to stand in with both sides.

On top of this, as announced in last evening's paper, over the Courier's special leased wire, Mr. C. P. Fullerton, K.C., of Winnipeg, created another sensation when he asked permission from the commissioners to show that there had been collusion all through between the heads of the two parties, and cash paid in connection with the Roblin government resignation for the purpose of a stifled enquiry. He stated that he was acting on behalf of fourteen Conservative members of the Legislature who had known nothing whatever of what had transpired, and naturally wished to have their own skirts cleared.

The commissioners declined for the stated reason that they did not think their scope of enquiry extended that far, but it should most undoubtedly be made to do so. This paper still holds to the opinion previously expressed in these columns, that no matter whose head may fall, Conservative or Liberal, this thing ought to be pushed to the bitter end without false regard for anyone and suitable punishments result. Wrong doing is just as much that in high places as it is lower down.

Mrs. Rose McGuire of Seymour township died in her one hundred and third year.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

General De Wet will be kept out of de Wet for a few years anyway.

Judging from all reports, the proper name for it should have been Scenral School.

It is rumored that some people in Windsor are now so nervous that they can scarcely dynamite.

What with the lions for the new public building and her white elephant in the shape of the City Hall, Brantford will have quite a nucleus for a menagerie.

Traitor De Wet has got off lightly enough. Most people will incline to the belief that this man, overloaded with British kindness and favor, should have been placed with his back to a wall and been afforded a chance to look down some rifle barrels.

Special Meeting

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and Street Railway systems, then it could afford to look after the health of the children. Anyone only had to visit the school to see the conditions. It was only allowed to remain in such a state because it was a public building. It was highly detrimental to the health of the children.

Ald. Minshall asked if the Board of Education was empowered to order such work done and have it paid for in one year, regardless of what the City Council did. The Mayor replied in the negative. Ald. Calbeck said that he plainly saw the necessity for the improvements, but couldn't advise that both be done at this time of the year, when people found it hard to pay the present taxes.

Mr. Bentham stated that not a single dollar more than was positively needed, was included in the total. The plumbing and heating could be installed separately, but it would cost much more to do the work in this way. The total cost, with fees, when the work was done at once was about \$25,000. If this contract was not sealed, new tenders would have to be asked for. Putting it off for a year, would not see conditions financially any better than they are to-day.

A deputation of prominent citizens who have children at that school, waited on him recently and asked what was going to be done about the matter. Measures would soon have to be taken, they said, or they would not allow their children to attend the unhealthy school.

Ald. Calbeck thought that it was only fair that the people should be taken into consideration and acquainted with the facts before any definite steps were taken.

Ald. Cuff asked why the new school had not been opened (meaning King George school).

Mr. Coulbeck said it had not been ready at the first of the year, and since then it was not thought advisable to take the students from other schools and put them under new teachers, just before the exams. It would have been a serious setback for the classes, and classes from several schools would have been seriously affected.

Ald. Suddaby wanted to know what connection the plumbing had to the heating. When a new sewerage system was supplied, it would do away with two flues, thus allowing those flues to be used for ventilation. He was surprised that such conditions were allowed to remain, and was in favor of improving the school. However, he thought the heating system could be left for a while.

Ald. Bragg heartily endorsed all that Ald. Suddaby had said. By putting the school in better shape, it would not cost so very much more.

Ald. Ryerson stated that in considering the matter, if it appeared as if the health of the children of the district was being weighed by dollars and cents. It had been put off while the schools of other districts had been improved, and it is therefore only fair that this district in question should have the improvements made.

Ald. Ryerson introduced the by-law to issue debentures to the amount of \$25,000 for the improvement of Central School.

Mayor Spence stated that 23 years ago, Ward 2 had been given the most attention, while the other schools had had to put up with inconveniences. Since it had been the other wards turn to receive attention.

Mayor Spence asked if the defective heating was because of old, worn out furnaces. Mr. Coulbeck replied that it was, and again urged that all the work should be done at once.

After more talk a vote was taken on the first reading with this result: Yeas—Ald. Calbeck, Dowling, Freeborn, Mellen, Minshall, Secord and Ryerson—7.

Nays—Ald. Suddaby, Bragg, Woolams, Jennings, Pitcher, Cuff, Welsh.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30.

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have been given the man's name and are investigating his movements. Extra sentries were on duty last night at every point where it was feared that further attempts might be made to use dynamite.

The discovery yesterday that more than 200 horses at the Imperial remount station on Dougall avenue, just south of the city limits, were ill, led to the report that an attempt had been made to poison the animals simultaneously with the attempt to destroy the Windsor Armouries with dynamite.

Last evening the story was denied by a man in charge of the depot. Several hundred of the horses are sick, the authorities admitted, but pneumonia, caused by dampness in the stables, was given as the cause.

There are about 5,000 horses at the station now, most of them having been brought from the United States within the past few months. The animals are to be used by the allies.

Lieut.-Col. McCrimmon of the First Division Headquarters at London, Ont., sent word yesterday that he would be here to-day to conduct an investigation into the Armouries explosion.

YANKEE SOLDIERS DRUG EATERS

Effort Being Made to Stamp Out Evil at Panama.

Panama, June 22.—The aid of the Panama Government has been promised by Minister of Foreign Affairs Lefevre to Brigadier-General Edwards, commanding the United States forces in the canal zone, in his efforts to stamp out the use of habit-forming drugs among soldiers on the Isthmus.

President Porras will be asked to issue a decree making ineffective in Panama stringent regulations against the sale of drugs.

This plan is the outcome of General Edwards' recent investigation of the illicit traffic in drugs in the canal zone, and Panama. The inquiry led to the arrest and conviction of several Panamanian smugglers and a number of peddlers as well as soldiers who were drug-users.

Secretary Lefevre has requested General Edwards to assign an efficient American officer to instruct the Panamanian police and act as chief of police.

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