

THE COURIER

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THE SITUATION

One of the most significant features in connection with the notable success recently achieved by Nivelle's troops on the Verdun front is the undoubted fact that the Hun morale has been greatly broken. A total of over nine thousand prisoners is something which did not begin to happen in the earlier stages of hostilities. The conclusion is inevitable that officers and men are surrendering much more easily either because they are becoming war weary, or else for the reason that a crimp has been put in the cock sureness with which at the start of the expected to ride roughshod over all opposition. Not of course that any "give up" spirit is likely to become general but that there is not the same tendency with regard to a great many of them, to die fighting to the last gasp. That sort of spirit spreading among any troops is one of the most menacing that can be encountered. As for the plucky French they have added somewhat to the extent of their first drive and are holding all the ground won.

The British continue their advance toward Kut-el-Amara, and are now only three quarters of a mile from there. The heavy fighting will occur when an effort is made to take the place which is strongly held. The outlook for Roumania is manifestly going from bad to worse. The Roumanian-Russo troops are being forced back further and further each day and it is evident that the forces at their disposal constitute no match for the invader. These wisecracks who wondered why Allied troops from Greece were not detached to help King Ferdinand's sorely pressed people, must now realize that every man jack of them was absolutely needed in Saloniki and neighborhood to help hold King Constantine in some sort of check. Although he has not yet actually challenged the Allies that unscrupulous monarch by his devious and tricky actions has been playing the Kaiser's game to good effect.

A NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK
The present tour of Premier Borden is in behalf of stirring up the men of Canada, yes, and the women too, to a greater realization of the need of national service in connection with the war. Always an exceedingly busy post, that of First Minister has become doubly so in connection with the many added responsibilities arising from our part in the great struggle but the Premier has not hesitated to assume the still further burden of making sincere and convincing appeals from the rostrum.

As part of this needed propaganda, the first days of the New Year are to be directed to a "National Service Week," under the auspices of "The National Service Board of Canada." The aim is to secure nation wide information which will enable the best possible readjustment of service not alone in aiding on behalf of actual hostilities at the front, but also with reference to the highest possible contributions in men and munitions and produce. As before related in these columns the Post Office department will be used as the medium for obtaining the necessary data and there should be the heartiest co-operation and promptness in filling in and returning the post cards which ask a series of questions whose answer will aid so materially and effectively in a Dominion wide tabulation.

There are many who do not even yet take this war seriously enough and it is time they woke up. It is only by a geographical chance and because of the British navy that Canadian shores have not already been devastated and the fate of this Dominion is most vitally at stake in the outcome. The offhand idea, "the Allies are sure to win," will not do anything to bring about such a result. All those in a position to know are agreed that the task ahead is still a very hard one and that it will involve the straining of every nerve and every resource before such a victory is achieved as will bring the Hun to proper terms, including reparation for the devastation he has caused.

NOTES AND COMMENTS
Another Hohenzollern has been born into the world just as if the universe wasn't cursed enough already with too many of them.

Instead of nibbling the French are commencing to take large chunks, at each successive helping.

The Pankhursts have been pretty good since war started but Sylvia couldn't stand being out of the lime light any longer so she started to pose as the high zuloosera of a peace demonstration. In the end she and her associates had to be defended by the police. Had it not been for the bobbies this particular

Pankhurst might have been the last part of her name.

Sir Max Aitkin made a large fortune in early life, then was given a knighthood and now becomes a peer. There will be a general query in the Dominion as to the cause of it all.

MARGARINE IS NOT FAVORED

Minister of Labor Writes to City Clerk on High Cost of Living Question

That the efforts of the committee appointed by the local council to investigate the high cost of living has attracted the attention of the Dominion government, was demonstrated today when the following letter was received by City Clerk H. F. Leonard from the Hon. Mr. Crothers, Minister of Labor for the government.

Ottawa, December 15th, '16
Dear Sir:
I thank you for your letter of the 14th instant, concerning "part of a report of the special committee appointed by the city council to look into the high cost of living, and adopted by the council."

ters referred to have already received consideration.

Expressing my personal views it is a question, I think, whether the time has not arrived when we should prohibit the export from the eastern provinces of any food stuff, except to the allied nations.

It would be almost impossible to discuss within the four corners of a letter of reasonable length, the matters referred to in the report. Respecting margarine, it has been the settled policy of Canada for thirty years not to permit its manufacture or importation. Notwithstanding the high price of butter at the present time, there is still a very serious objection to changing the law respecting it. There is an enormous demand for cheese for our fighting forces, so that I understand it is selling for green at the factories for 25 cents a pound. It is well known that two or three pounds of cheese can be made from the quantity of milk required to make one pound of butter, so there you have the equivalent of the price of cheese, of at least 50 cents a lb. for butter.

Concerning the Dominion Canners, we will have that matter investigated in due time under the regulation of the Order-in-Council recently passed, a copy of which I enclose you for your information. It is well known I think, that some of the raw materials used by this company were very scarce this year. They were unable to fill more than about 25 per cent. of the orders which they had received. The crop was very poor, and what there was of it was largely destroyed by the early frosts. It will be found further I think, that the high price which

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the products of this concern are selling is not due to the price they received for them. They deal entirely with wholesale people, I understand, and the price paid by retailers includes the wholesaler's profits which probably will be found to be very high.

That the government should fix the prices of these or any other products, as suggested, in said report, is, I think, quite impracticable. Investigation and publicity, I think, would in all probability mitigate prices.

Yours very truly,
J. W. Crothers.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

A GOOD PLAN

Teach the Children to Save

The boy who starts a Bank Account and saves and deposits what other boys would spend, is a boy who will begin active business life qualified to succeed. He will reach manhood with habits and qualities of character essential to thrift, cultivated and developed, and will have his savings and accumulated interest as ready capital.

THE ROYAL LOAN & SAVINGS CO.
38-40 Market St., Brantford
TOTAL ASSETS - - - - \$2,400,000.00

Judge Hough has refused to sustain the main objections filed by the executors of the estate of J. Thompson Morgan, to the bill in the \$185,000.00 restitution suit brought by five of the stockholders against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway Company. The complainant states the causes of the conspiracy in alleged unlawful purchases of various corporations, loss in revenue by injury to freight and passenger business, and expenditure in buying up newspapers, influencing legislative action, etc.

LOCAL

SPECIAL MUSIC
Special musical numbers during the services at Alexandra church yesterday were solo sung by Gomer Thomas and Mr. Gilbert Seaman. A duet by the Misses Grae and Alberta Williams, also an anthem by the choir.

THE H. C. OF L.
The report of the Dominion Land Department gives the average weekly budget for food in a workingman's family in November as \$10.85, an increase of 65 cents over October, or \$2.03 over the weekly cost of November, 1915.

SURPRISE PARTY
A very pleasant time was spent Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Edna Avery, 124 Terrace St., when a number of girl friends surprised her with a birthday party. Games were indulged in, after which they adjourned to the dining room and did full justice to a dainty repast which was served, where Miss Avery was presented with a handsome bedroom clock.

POLICE COURT
Revenue to the extent of six dollars was collected from Dan Egan, Tony Gerold and Peter Lucini morning by His Worship Magistrate Livingston, as the result of the culprits having been caught riding on the sidewalks. The Twenty Century Motor Bus Company was remanded on a charge of a breach of the Bus and Cab by-law.

THE BRAZIER
A copy of "The Brazier," a new sheet published at the front by Canadian Scottish, for the Third Canadian Infantry Brigade, was received at the office of City Clerk H. F. Leonard this morning. In a column devoted to recent awards for distinguished service, mention was made of P. Little of this city, who is listed as having been awarded the military medal on October 6th.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL
In a letter received by City Clerk H. F. Leonard this morning, was a notification to the effect that a reply had been received from the Inspector of Prisons, concerning the case of Mrs. Mary Merlihan, who some time past has been an inmate of the local hospital, although condition is incurable. The lady's question will be admitted to Home for Incurables at Toronto, cost to the city being \$5 per week.

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Lovely and Desirable Christmas Gifts, Sure of Appreciation!

Our Large Store is liberally packed with choice lines of merchandise for the Xmas season. If you want something to give to the men, to the women, to the boys and girls, and for the kiddies, you will find what you want here and at prices which will suit your inclinations.

Dainty Neckwear Makes Ideal Christmas Gifts

Large broadcloth collars and cuff sets, hemstitched and fancy hand trimmed, \$1.25, 1.75 and \$2.25 Ea.

Georgette Crepe collars and Fishu's cape and sailor styles, lace, and hemstitched, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 Ea.

Special Linen Bargains in Leather Hand Bags and Purses
98c and \$1.19

Two very special lines in Leachin Hand Bags, fitted with small change purse, mirror and fancy lined, our Christmas bargain price \$1.19 and 98c Ea.

Pretty soft Mauve Silk Bags, something dainty and prettily lined, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$3.25, \$4.50 & \$4.95 Ea

New envelope purses, fitted with mirror, good quality leather, at 59c \$1.50 and \$1.75 Ea.

Ladies' Silk Kimonos

Long silk Kimonos in flowered and plain colors, Empire style, full gathered skirt in pink, grey, open and mauve, very dainty and beautiful, boxed especially at \$4.50 Ea.

Crepe and flannel, long Kimonos \$2.95, \$3.75 \$4. up to \$6.00 Ea.

Lovely Xmas Furs

Dainty white Thibet sets for children and Misses, fine choice quality, very special value for \$5.50 \$10. up to \$15.00 Set

Natural Coon sets, muff and animal neck ruff, fur on both sides, worth \$25.00 for special Xmas bargain \$19.00

Mole sets, muff and long ties, \$40.00 value, special \$32.50

Natural Wolfe sets, large animal stole and muff shirred silk ends and velvet lining, \$35.00 value, special Xmas bargain price \$25.00

A Large Shipment of Dolls and Rubber Tired Cabs Just Received

100 only large and small dolls buggies with hood and rubber tires. Our prices are very moderate \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.25, \$4.75 and \$7.50

These are very scarce lines.

Warm Winter Coats \$22.00 Values \$12.00

Ladies and Misses new winter coats, in navy, brown and grey, checks and mixed tweeds, all sizes, made with the high convertible collars, full flare and belted shapes, regular value \$18.00 to \$22.00, our special Xmas bargain price \$12.00 Ea.

Mahogany Nut Bowl Bargain \$2.50 Value \$1.49

20 only large nut bowls, with silver plated nut crackers and six picks, regular price \$2.50 each, our Xmas bargain \$1.49 Ea.

Fancy Nachte Paper Baskets, \$2.25, special for \$1.49 Ea.

Military Brushes \$1.25 and \$1.50 per Set

Two very special bargains in ebony military hair brush sets, nicely boxed, at fully 35 per cent. less than value. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Set

Handsome Mahogany Serving Trays

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Dolls China Tea Sets, 35c, \$1.00 up
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Games of all kinds 15c to 25c and 75c
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The World's Mechanical Wonder for Boys, our stock is complete, prices run \$1.00, \$2.00, \$4.00 and \$6.00 per Set

The most popular and best toy for boys on the market. Don't disappoint your boy by being too late to get one.

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Hundreds of them, the real unbreakable kind, at 15c, 25c, 39c, 49c and 59c Ea.

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Very attractive for the little folks, at 69c, 95c, \$1.91 and \$2.95 Ea.

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Fine Art Porcelain LESS Than HALF Price

Every piece is a perfect character scene from either Dickens or Shakespeare, in the finest and most lustrous porcelain that can be bought:

Salad Bowls
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Large Plaques
Fruit Dishes
Milk Pitchers
Tea and Bread plates
Sugar and Cream
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