

THE COURIER

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THE SITUATION

The Russo-Rumanian troops have evacuated Dobruja, save for a small strip at last accounts held temporarily by a Russian rear guard. The evacuating movement is stated to have been carried out without loss. On the other hand on the Carpathian heights, near Botochu, Rumania, the Russians are evidently meeting with the advantage. Petrograd reports that after a stubborn resistance the Czar's forces broke through the enemy position and captured six hundred prisoners together with a quantity of war material. The weight of the Russian forces is clearly now commencing to tell as never before and their presence is manifestly saving the Rumanian army for re-organization. Very important developments would seem to be on the tapis in this region of the fighting.

In East Africa, British forces on New Year's Day assumed a vigorous offensive south of the Ulugura Hills against strongly entrenched lines of the enemy. Heavy casualties were inflicted and several guns and howitzers taken. Pursuit of the foe continues.

It is officially announced that there are now two million British troops in France. The "Contemptible little army," to which the Kaiser made sneering reference at the commencement of hostilities has certainly developed into giant proportions, as the figures are exclusive of John Bull's forces employed in seven other spheres of action.

The sinking of the British transport steamer Ivernia, in the Mediterranean, emphasizes anew the marvellous success with which myriads of old country troops have since hostilities started, been transported without mishap.

Some of the Belgians enslaved by the Huns have been returned home to seek for further work for their task masters. As expected they tell terrible stories of their maltreatment. The Berlin yarn that the course pursued was for their own good has been demonstrated to be yet one more arrogant lie on the part of these Ravishers and Despoilers.

The Greek situation is reported to have become more critical. There is a growing tendency to ignore the Allies terms, and the native press is said to be growing openly more hostile.

PLAIN TALK BY A U. S. PAPER.

It sounds incredible, but is nevertheless a fact, that there are people in the States who seriously think that it would be a good thing for Uncle Sam to join forces with the Teutonic powers. The Buffalo Express in a recent issue reads a very plain sermon to these jingoists. It says in part:—

"It is a good time to clear away some of the fog of politics and demagogism, and look facts in the face. The most glaring of these is that if war were declared between the United States and the entente allies, all foreign trade of the United States, except possibly with South America, would stop instantly. We are already cut off from trade with the central powers, and our entrance into the war would not change that condition so long as the Anglo-French fleets dominated the sea. The loss of German trade threatened us with business disaster in the first few weeks of the war, but it was quickly overcome by the heavy demands of the entente. We are now selling abroad more than we ever sold before, and nearly all of this trade is going to entente countries. The instant they became enemy countries, that trade, even though the routes were open and the goods desired, would become criminal. It would stop in a flash. The effect would be particularly disastrous in the South, which would find itself ruined overnight. Not a pound of its cotton could be sold except for needs within the United States. Even American mills would not buy cotton to manufacture into goods for export. Yet it is among the Southern politicians that we see the most recklessness in dealing with the international situation."

"The business calamity would be so inevitable and so far-reaching that one would expect its danger to be unanimously recognized by politicians and public men. That, however, would be only the opening. Americans must remember that war with the entente would be war with Japan, which is one of the allies. Japan's army and navy have not been drawn upon, except for the short campaign against Kiao Chau. If the United States were to allow itself to blunder or to be deceived into war with the entente, therefore, the powers would not be un-

der the necessity of making any withdrawals from European fronts in order to deal with us. They would merely bring up the Japanese reserve—1,500,000 trained men. Whatever the ultimate result after five or six years of fighting, we could not possibly hope at the outset to hold any of the Pacific Coast, California, Oregon and Washington, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines would be overrun within a few months, and we should need two years, at least, to organize our strength sufficiently to win them back. That, too, would be a calamity not to be invited ignorantly and recklessly. Yet it is among the politicians of California that the most recklessness is seen along this line."

The Gazette goes on to speak of the state of affairs that would arise along the northern border of the United States. "It certainly would be the correct move for Canada to attempt to seize at the outset such points on the American side as would best contribute to her own defence. Two of those points, of course, would be Buffalo and Niagara Falls, on account of the railroad junction, lake terminal and electric power. It is unnecessary to go into the local danger, however, beyond pointing out that Buffalo would certainly be the scene of battles and bombardments, making business impossible and filling the city with all the visible signs of the sufferings and the horrors of war."

NOTES AND COMMENT

It is quite a popular impression across the border that John Bull is a slow going old gentleman. Yet when tenders were opened in Washington yesterday for sixteen and fourteen inch armor piercing projectiles for the U. S. navy, the figures of a British firm were over \$200 per projectile less than the nearest American competitor, with delivery in half the time. Uncle Sam needs to wake up.

The four enemy monarchs who are to meet for a conference will find themselves stacked up against a full and undivided house as far as the Allies are concerned.

How about that registration card? If you haven't yet filled in same, do so at once.

It is alleged that secret proposals have reached the White House from Berlin in which the Kaiser and his advisers offer "very liberal" peace terms. It will be remembered that they are also trying to make the world believe that their enslavement of the Belgians is likewise in the liberal category.

This is the annual period in this good burgh when pedestrians crossing the streets have only to shut their eyes and imagine that they are in Venice and have stepped into one of the canals.

Local investigation into the high cost of living shows that the bakers have not been charging too much dough and that they need every cent of the price to keep things going.

The Huns are now stripping the Belgians of kitchen utensils, door plates and door knockers. This is one more proof of the extreme in which they find themselves with regard to brass, copper and tin.

To The Editor

To the Editor of The Courier.

Dear Sir: We the undersigned merchants of the city desire to protest against the treatment received at the police court. Thursday, the 28th inst., which amounts to an outrage. Constable Pickell, who laid the information that caused us to be summoned for not cleaning the sidewalk, according to his statement, inspected the said defendant's frontage at 1 o'clock at night. It is the statement of many of the defendants that they did make a reasonable effort to keep the sidewalk being in a dangerous condition. We protest against the said statement of Constable Pickell, and say that we did not make a reasonable effort to keep it from being in a dangerous condition. We would ask Constable Pickell in all honesty of purpose, how does he know that we did not make a reasonable effort when some of us repeatedly cleaned the snow as many as three times a day. We would also ask is it British justice to accept the word of a Constable against ten or twelve defendants, respectable worthy citizens, who would be a credit to any community. We are sorry we made one mistake we paid the fine consequently we cannot appeal it. We understand the law is for those who willfully break it not for those who are willing to keep and obey it.

John Harwood, J. B. W. Henderson, H. R. Baird, Harry Baltzer, Misener Bros., W. J. Haber, C. Cress.

(Since the result of the police court cases yesterday with regard to similar snow cases the above feel that the fine money should be returned.)

A CUSTOMS RECORD

Hamilton, Jan. 5.—Adam Zimmerman, collector of customs for Hamilton, announced yesterday that the total returns for 1916 were \$5,595,548, an increase of \$1,518,000 over the previous year. This a record, and the total more than doubles the returns for the year preceding the war.

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PRETTY WEDDING HELD AT PARIS

Miss Sara McGill United in Marriage to Wm. Cavan—Other Paris Items

Complaints of non-delivery of The Courier in Paris, should be telephoned to Norman Flahiff, phone 15, who has been appointed The Courier Agent.

Paris, Jan. 4.—(From our own correspondent)—A very pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McGill, "Nithviu," South Dumfries, when their daughter, Sara J. McGill, was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. Cavan of London, formerly of Paris. The bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her father, to the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal chorus, played by Miss Daisy Follister of Paris. The bride was prettily gowned in Alice blue silk crepe, with lace and gold trimmings and was unattended. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a dainty wedding dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Cavan left later on a trip to Detroit, the bride wearing a travelling suit of navy blue serge, with a smart black velvet hat. The young couple received many handsome presents, among them being a cabinet of silver from her young friends. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Cavan will reside in Hamilton.

The funeral of the late Mr. Wm. Failor, who passed away on Tuesday will be held from the residence of his son, Chas. E. Taylor, Banfield street, to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock to Paris cemetery. The deceased was born at Phoenixville Pa. 57 years ago. Last April he took a stroke of apoplexy, and never has been well since, but came to Paris to visit his son Christmas week, in hopes that the change would prove beneficial. A widow and a grown up family survive, namely: Mrs. T. H. Umberger of Philadelphia, Pa., J. Failor of Phoenixville, and Chas. E. Failor, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

On Monday Mr. Bert Loveys received word that his brother, Sapper Arthur Loveys, had met with a serious accident, while carrying despatches during one of the recent battles on the Somme. Last evening Mr. Loveys received another telegram saying that his brother had passed away in one of the Canadian hospitals, from the effects of an operation. Sapper Loveys is well known in town, having visited his brother here. The deceased worked in Toronto, but when war broke out, he went over to England, and enlisted with a battalion there.

On Tuesday evening a meeting in the interests of equal franchise for women was held in the Y. M. C. A. parlor. Mr. T. Scott Davidson, M.P., acted as chairman, and extended a hearty welcome to all, and then introduced Rev. R. H. Spence, of Toronto, who was the first speaker of the evening, who gave a splendid address, followed by Mrs. Arnsby, president of the Equal Franchise Association of Ontario, who made a strong appeal to the ladies to bring about enfranchisement of women. It was decided to try the above here and the women are busy now circulating petitions which will be presented to the Ontario legislature.

Tomorrow evening the High School commencement will be held. A good programme has been prepared, and during the evening the pupils will be presented with their diplomas and prizes. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson and little daughter, of Alexander St., left today for Galt, where they will in future reside. Mrs. P. Koenig, "Riverview" has

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returned home after spending the past five weeks with her daughter at Goderich.

Mr. J. Cullum of Flint, Mich., is visiting with his parents in town.

Rev. Father Cassidy, assisted at the services which were held in the chapel of the Ursuline Convent, "The Pines," at Chatham, when Miss Kathleen Flahiff, now sister M. Adrian, received the Holy Habit of Belgium. Sister Adrian is a daughter of the late Thomas J. Flahiff and Mrs. Flahiff, Jane street.

At special vestry meeting held in St. James Church, last evening, Mr. Harold Brown, has been appointed the People's Warden, in place of Mr. W. H. Patterson, who has been transferred to the Bell Telephone Co. at Galt.

TODAY

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Socialists to Discuss Peace

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Jan. 5.—A Reuter's Amsterdam despatch says that the Socialist party committee has published a statement in The Vorwaerts denouncing the proposed meeting to be held January 7 as incompatible with the unity and organization of the party, and warning Socialists against participating in it. An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that exceptional importance is attached to the meeting, which will discuss peace possibilities. The despatch says that the event may mark the beginning of a complete reversal of the Socialist attitude toward peace, especially as the minority group is preponderant among the Saxons Socialists, in whose headquarters at Dresden the meeting will be held.

FREE

Saturday and Monday, with order—child's Old Dutch Bank, with penny. Crompton Grocery.

Rev. F. E. Barrett and Rev. F. H. Littlejohns, pastors of the Methodist churches at Halifax and Charlottetown, have been invited to fill the pulpits for a fourth year.

Ladies' Hose—Plain Cashmere 60c, 75c and 85c pair

25 Dozen finest imported plain Cashmere Hose, pure wool, seamless feet in all sizes, in three good winter weights, per pair 60c., 75c., and85c
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Boys' Heavy Wool Hose, 25c, 50c and 35c pr.

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White and Natural Vests and Drawers, Swiss ribbed, all sizes, special value each,50c

Ladies' Combination Suits \$1.25 and \$1.95 a Suit

Ladies' Fine Warm Combination Suits, low and high neck, short and long sleeves, special sale price per suit, \$1.25 and \$1.95

Ladies' Silk and Wool Vests \$1.50 Each

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Ladies' Cashmerette Hose 25c and 35c pair

Special Line Seamless Warm Cashmerette Hose all sizes at per pair, 25c and35c

LOCAL

IN TORONTO

Lieut.-Col. W. O. Mc commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, has arrived in take a position on the staff.

HALL OF FAME

The battle flags of the 1st Battalion will be in the new Parliament Building. A place is being made for when the men come back from the front to deposit in the Hall of Fame.

A CORRECTION

A premature announcement yesterday to the effect that Rev. C. Patterson Smyth had accepted a position to Nova Scotia, has been corrected. Rev. C. Patterson Smyth has the offer of a position at the present time but has not yet accepted it.

REWIRING SYSTEM

The rewiring of the city, which is now temporarily halted, will be completed in the near future. Only a section of the city has been rewired to date and the work will be completed before the end of the year.

THE DILUTION OF LABOR

Through the Department of the Imperial Munitions a film prepared to show the actual being done in the dilution of labor in the plants of Canada. The film men at work in the various plants attendant upon the war effort. The picture is shown at Brantford to-day and to-morrow. It will show the conception of the munition of Canada, it will show the revelation, and show by everyone.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The inaugural meeting of the County Council for the year will be held in the Court House on January 10th. On this occasion of their selection of the year will be made. The Council will be made up of the following members: A. B. Rose, of Ontario, Reeve Pitts of Paris. At the meeting the election of the year will be made. The Council will be made up of the following members: A. B. Rose, of Ontario, Reeve Pitts of Paris. At the meeting the election of the year will be made.

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