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THE SITUATION.

The Germans have inaugurated a great drive in an effort to reach and to the Imperial reservists, who Amiens. Last night's reports show formed a part of the "old contemptthat the Allied lines held true on the right and in the centre, but to traced the vicissitudes of the men the left troops were pressed back of the first contingent during their for a short distance. To-day it is stay at Valcartier and at Salisbury, reported that there has been a further falling back of the British to world's first gas attack, saved the the east. The losses of the foe are day for the Allies and performed a deed which will be remembered by stated to be appalling against the French. One hundred thousand men Were it not for that heroism, Gerwere used on a nine mile front and

the assault was continued in ten waves, but the sons of the Fleur de vaders, but also gained a little ground

Armenians are commencing to give the Turks a serious time in that country.

A despatch from Zunich states Czernin and President Wilson. This is most important, if true, for signs have not been lacking that the Aus- other side, were Fritzes in disguise, trians are tired of their German Alliance.

A JUST TRIBUTE TO THE RE-TURNED MEN.

Brantford in its time has been the scene of some notable banquets, but never one of the deep and thrilling significance which attached to that given by the city last night to its give vent to an adequate expression returned heroes from overseas.

Here were men who had dared to do and voluntarily jeopardized life itself in the cause of Empire and of human liberty. Men who had left home and their dear ones, faced stern discipline and disease, fought heroically in water and vermin infested trenches, or gone over the top amid a deadly hail of bullets and machine gun fire, holding their own personal safety as nothing in the balance as compared with the great cause and of a very truth in honoring them the people of this municipality have honored themselves. There is nothing too good for them, , and he would be a po indeed who should fail to recognize that they have rightly earned full and complete recognition pressed down and running over. There they were, nearly four hundred strong, deservedly the recipients of all that appreciative words could say and feelings express and in gazing upon Who that band of proved valiants one could not forget those others rest-Soldiers. ing in that last long sleep over men should be more than mere lip yonder, their lives made forfeit for service, and should be extended to the guaranteed safety of all the rest the adoption of the principle that or us and those who shall come nothing is too good for the returned man. The speaker expressed strong af.er. And among the throng there hope for increased pensions in the was a small crowd of veterans who near future. emmplified the fact that in all gen-Passing to the subject of the fallen heroes, Mr. Raymond held that they crations Britons have always rewere never dead, so long as their sponded to the call of duty even as spirit animated us, even as the spirit of Drake and Romney and Nelson, "They will never die," he declared, now. They included one man who had fought with Roberts at Kan-"be it our shame if they are ever dahar and others who had been allowed to do so." participants in world over struggles. A Brutal Job. That all the recipients appreciated Britain and her allies to-day were to the full the earnestness and the fighting against the most cowardly and brutal foe known to the world whole-heartedness of their reception was made abundantly apparent by a fee who had not hesitated to use their comments upon dispersal after spread disease germs, poisoned food this most notable of all evenings. and water used poison gas, killed Mayor MacBride presided in a women and children in churches, maimed and wounded in hospitals, concerned deserve to be most heartily congratulated upon the unbound-"He has sworn implacable hatred el success of the undertaking. to us, has the blood begotten hound There was not a hitch anywhere and of hell, the thrice accursed Hun,' the catering under the auspices of the Women's Patriotic League was would be visited upon us and our homes if he once broke through memorable day when our first voluneverything that could be desired. homes it he once broke through memorable day when commanded by The speeches were all of a not- most pitiful and miserable sight in able and timely nature and Mrs. the world, 'to see millions of the I ivingston, as representing the German people willing tools to such cause and the effort of women in this struggle, deservedly received an us from that cause; we welcome you home, and we look forward to that contion. Citizens and the veterans them-day, we hope not far distant, when geives were surprised to see so large we shall welcome home all our boys, gathering of returned men. Still crowned with victory."



most speakers, whose sloquence was seldom outpoured to better effect than on this occasion: W. G. Raymond.

"When we think of you who have come back, who have fought our diers" was proposed b. Mr. W. G. battles and placed the same of Canada on the flag of gloy," he de-clared, "when we think if what you have done and suffered, we are swept by feelings to which we cannot give proper expression. It is

impossible properly to convey to you our gratitude, appreciation, admiration and sympathy, it ordinary words or terms." Mr. Raymond gave spacial praise

to the men of the first contingent ibles" and balted the German advance at Mons and the Marne. He at Ypres, where they held the line against the foe in the face of the

all who love liberty and democracy. many would have taken Calais. Canadians to Fore.

A civilian nation prior to the war Canada's men entered into the fray Lis not only hurled back the in facing the most highly trained military nation in the world. They were told to take the seemingly

hour, the moment fixed, and the ford had hailed her returned men. Canadians had taken Wimy, in the the latter class to reciprocate. that it is believel in Austrian par- most successful piece of organized

> Mr. Raymond excoriated pacifists, declaring that they belonged on the and should be taken out and shot at daylight, he likewise scathed the scandal mongers who sneered in cowardly, paltry fashion at the soldiers overseas, and those who criti

cized an issue of needed rum, while sat comfortably they at home drinking afternoon tea and eating cream puffs. Hypocrites and harisees were terms applied by Mr. Raymond to such, whil he declared that no decent diction ary contained the words necessary to of his feelings upon this subject.

Our gratitude to the returned 8

LT.-COL F. A HOWARD The First Brantford Officer to Vol-

unteer for Service, who was a, thankful that, although far removed from the firing lines, we can still speaker last night render material assistance to those rum ration was issued only at the we love. Women's work has been

discretion of officers in charge, to so well organized, and they have sustain vitality in men chilled become such a factor in this war impregnable Vimy Ridge, and after all preparations had been carefully and cold. He expressed apprecia-made, the show commenced at the tion of the manual in matching apprecia-grant us the franchise. Last summade, the show commenced at the tion of the manner in which Brant- mer the women from all over the

Dominion were invited to come to curtain did not descend until the and gave assurance of the desire of Toronto to discuss that most important question of food con'servaliamentary circles that negotiations have been opened between Count Czernin and President Wilson. This

I do not talk of women's work eons, secretary, who foresaw a great boastfully. We are all so vitally a future for the Great War Veterans' part of this great conflict that linkwhich would soon be needed in Can-ada. He called for cheers for the ladies concerned in the banquet. "it was through a blunder in the banquet." "It was through a blunder in the banquet." ladies concerned in the banquet. munitions, banks, farms. hospitals, and led a party of veterans in the vocational training schools, V.A.D. "Never Mind." Miss work, in fact, any place where wo-

cheerfully given their aid. Brantford's Record.

the three Red Cross nurses present. which was done by hearty applause. of the women of Brantford, just to of the women of Brantford, just to ing. The toast was then given by Lt.-Col. let you know that Satan has not

F. A. Howard. I.T..-COL. F. A. HOWARD of Harking back to the days August, 1914, Col. Howard recalled that in one week after receiving the necessary authority he had recruit-tivities, and it has broadened our lain overseas. He criticized the ined and attested one hundred and seventy-eight mon, which constitu-ted a record for the brigade of Allies, whose countries have been so the Government had been too lentent which these men formed a part. He frightfully devastated.

had yet to blush for the conduct of one of those men; they were heroes all, an ducthing was too good for them. Praises Mrs. Livingston

them. Praises Mrs. Livingston He told of the thrill of pride with which Canadians of the First Con-tingent saluted Canadian nurses overseas. They were the best, the most skilful and devoted. He paid hundred pair of socks a month is the output from the Red Cross supplies, such as pyjamas, shirts, kit bags, Christmas stockings, band-for the sheart of Canada was a country worth tighting for, and a great heritage for those to come. He appealed to the appealed to the appealed to the supplies for the men in the trenches—between eight or nine hundred pair of socks a month is the output from the Red Cross supplies, such as pyjamas, shirts, hit bags, Christmas stockings, band-for those to come. He appealed to the appealed to , high tribute to Mrs. W. C. Living-lages, handkerchiefs, towels, sheets,

them—some place where they might foregather to talk over the great

THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1918.

Ccl. Howard, something was born in cur souls that has grown deeper and

stronger as each company or con-tingent left our city. And we have

endeavored to express that feeling by doing everything possible to send comforts to these men who have gone to fight our battles.

The first impulsive outburst of the

vomen was to outfit a hospital ship.

This project was afterwards aban

dened, but the money collected on that day became the nucleus of the

Ontario Military Hospital at Clive-den. Those of you who had the mis-

fortune to wear the first sox we knitted were too polite to tell us how uncomfortable they were. But we have improved since then, and every

pair of sox is carefully inspected be-

Women's Service Recognized.

Red Cross. A hurry call came from

Paris to London for hospital sup-

n'eeded was delivered at the hos-

So we feel that we are the links

of the army, and we are

in the great chain to keep up the

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nital.

leaves our rooms, so that



around."

juntil years afterward, I should not BOB MAKES A PROMISE paid the bill, and we started out.

Chapter XXII. "If you'll excuse me, I'll not go have been so pleased. After John returned he spoke cf just yet, I told Maud about that He made no reply and we spent Miss Warren, said he would like me manuscript and she is anxious to the rest of the evening playing to meet her. I ungraciously replied: look at it. She is so clever I really chess. That is I was learning to "Sometime I shall be glad to do would like her opinion," and John play. Bob was an expert, so was so, but now I have so many friends keidall shook hands in an absent father, and dad had said to me one whom I have no time for that I as minded way with Bob and me. not care to add to the list." I was so quiet going home day when I was with them in the I was so quiet going home that country: Bob rallied me about it. "You

"You should learn to play chess Bob looked annoyed, but he im daughter. Bob is a cracker-jack at every heel and toe is perfect, and mediately began talking of things in "One would think you had been to a funeral instead of to dinner, but the back to a funeral instead of to dinner, John Kendall followed his lead, and Margaret! you look as solemn as "One would think you had been to a funeral instead of to dinner, it, and he would be glad to have some one always at hand for a game until the coffee was brought on an owl." I'm sure. Women organized all over Canada, both of them exerted themselves to

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Women organized all over Canada, and every city and village has its nearly if not quite restored, when the magnificent supply to all the Canadian hospitals in France and England, and not only these, but France, Belgium, Serbia and Italy France, Belgium, Serbia and Italy own.

"You've had enough for to-night "I'm sorry, Margaret," he answer-I guess," he remarked as I. stifled plies, and in eight hours everything should like to go over again. John ed soberly, as he unlocked the door a vawn. "You did verv well." I hoped to give you a pleasant even-"Do you really think so?"

John did as he was told, but I, de-termined not to be put off in that by ourselves I want you to make "Yes, and if you play frequently enough you will soon play a fair game," he flattered. "When you go me a promise. Bob, that wheneve home play with your father. He's you feel like asking anyone to join a wizard at chess. us you will consult me first. John

"He said vou were a cracke." Kendall and his dry old manusjack," I laughed. "It seems to be a cripts would spoil anything. You mutual admiration society as far as have no thought for me when he is can judge' "Get him to play with you when

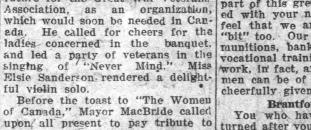
"Why, Margaret, I am surprised I go away the last of the week," ho but-very well, I'll promise. 1 continued as I gathered up the menperhaps took too much for granted. and put the board away. like John enjoy his society and so I made no audibie reply, but to It won't happen again." myself 1 said:

"That's right! we can have a bet-"You are not going away the last ter time by ourselves,' I returned, at once placated by Bob's premise. of the week, young man!

Had I known the mental reservation To-morrow-The Best Laid Plans "All right, Margaret," Bob he made, which I knew nothing of Oft Gang Aglee.

German spy system that we of the ones. A nobler, better, grander class Seventh Division held the line at **A Masterful Speech** than the soldiers' wives and mothers the first battle of Ypres," declared In the course of an address glow men can be of some use they have of Brantford did not exist, nor had Pte. Tom Mason, another of the "old ing with the fervor of patriotic elo Brantford faltered in its pledge to contemptibles." "When we landed uence such as is all too selde heard, Mr. Walter Lowes paid in France, the Germans got hold high tribute to the returned men of it that seven divisions had landed, as well as to their companions now instead of the seventh. overseas and to those who have al-Brantford is the best spot in Canada to return to, according ready made the supreme sacrifice. Sergt. Stanbridge, who put in a good (Continued on page





You who have so recently re-You who have so recently re-turned after your long service might called for their support. The speaker called for three cheers for the Kith

Rev. C. S. Oke. found much mischief for idle Cross days have been held and large sums collected. French, Belgian, Capt the Bar C. S. Olto ment of

"If you don't mind, Margaret,

there's a paragraph here which L

way did not second his efforts; and

gradually we fell silent as we sip

the manuscript, was oblivious.

go!" I repeated severely.

I motioned the waiter.

ped our coffee. Bob absorbed in

"I have finished, Bob!" I remark-

He paid no attention, had no

"Bob, I said that I was ready

"In just a minute, Margaret."

When he brought it, I motione

eward Bob, and he laid it in from

worthy of-such husbands and loved

care for them. Since the war, up-

ward of \$700,000 had been subscrib-

"The bill, please," I said.

will talk to you."

CORP. HERB. ORR ore will arrive as the struggle con-After the singing of "For He's trues and then those who become Jolly Good Fellow" and the drink ricased when the fighting is over. Ing of the toast, Mr. James Liddel they will constitute ,a tremendous recited in his best style "The Haggis Lialanx the Dominion over and it is of Pte. McPhee." Corp. Hert Grr. pleasing to know that they will be member of the Mad Fourth battal

an organized body on behalf of the ion, replied to the toast. "In quanity and quality Brant "pbuilding and the conservations of the best interests of this Dominion the best" was the forceful message for no men have a better right than borne by Corp. Orr. He went on to they to have a forcible say in the recall life in England and at the conduct of the affairs of the nation. front, thanking all concerned in the establishment of the soldiers' home

here, which he declared second to Brampton sells \$50,000 of its none in Onturio. Speaking from al High school debentures and \$25,000 intimate knowledge of the men in

of Local Improvement debentures at the trenches, he denied the charges Whose well known cloque par, yielding 6 1-2 per cent, to the made in Toronto by Capt. Bailey, ex. never heard to investor. plaining the manner in which the



gave a clever comedy recitation, the inspiration to provide a home for MAYOR MACBRIDEE 'Encouragement." delivered the Civic Address of Welcome to the Returned

Mrs. W. C. Livingston. When His Worship the Mayor adventures, and although we had asked me to convey the welcome to many discouragements before we had cur veterans from the, women of this scheme launched, success came

Brantford, I felt it was a great re- at last and our Veterans' Home is a ponsibility and a great honor. welcome to you, furnished almost To convey the appreciation and entirely by the different women's ponsibility and a great honor. gratitude the women feel for our organizations of the city and county. returned men would demand the elo- I do not want to weary you with

returned men would demand the élo-quence of a Demosthenes. Words are so poor a medium to express our welcome to you, our warrors tried and true, but the welcome comes from the depth of our hearts. Pa-triotism from a woman's standpoint of view, before the present war, was a beautiful sentiment. We sang "The Maple Leaf Forever" and "O and sorrow, but we have shouldered

"The Maple Leaf Forever" and "O and sorrow, but we have shouldered Canada" with loyal vigor, and we were proud of our fair Dominion with its great lakes, magnificent rivers, huge forests, mineral wealth, and golden wheat fields. But it was only when the first call to arms broke upon our shores we realized our splendid men who have i horne we had our part to play. In those first few days our reservists went away so quietly, only a few hours notice, but they were ready, and without hesitation, left home, wife and children at their country's call. Patriotism Roused.

ycu went away in 1914 and subs quently, our prayers and best wishes went with you. We may never know Then when our own Canadian boys the obstalces you have overcome, the sufferings and hardships you have endured, but we do know, and the whole world knows, what you have done in France and Flanders. Notwithstanding the unexpected gas

attack at Ypres, you held the line and saved Calais, possibly prevent-ing, the invasion of England. You upheld the best traditions of the British army. You won undying fame for yourselves, and crowned your country with a halo of un-perishable glory. We suffered with you in your suffering and rejoleed with you in your triumphs, and now we welcome

your triumphs, and now we welcome you home to a well-earned rest. This little furlough in the happy interlude. The war is not yet over. The curtain has risen on what we sincerely hope is the last act in this great tragedy, and it may be that some of you have still a part to play. We have no fear of the outcome, for we know that the courage that unsheathed your willing sword will sustain you unto victory. Mr Ernie. Moule led in the singing of "Mother Machree" as a response

W. G. BAYMOND

than last

better effect

of "Mother Machines" as a response to the toast. J. H. Spence Mr. J. H. Spence, ex-Mayor, was next called upon, and in a few re-marks recalled the departure of the men of the first contingent, who had proven themselves the equal of had proven themselves the equal of

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