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THE SITUATION

When the Canadian Finance Minister, Hon. W. T. White recently declared that the British navy ever since war was declared had won a daily victory, the statement was pregnant with truth, and was something which Britishers, if there are any with weak hearts, should never forget as long as present conditions last.

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There are suggestions of peace in the air to-day and there seems some basis for these suggestions. Reports indicate that Germany is in a suppliant mood, all of which may be quite true. The average Britisher and the average Canadian, can paste this in his hat, however, that there are no peace-at-any-price people just now in the British Empire.

"SHOP EARLY." The wise merchant has his Christmas goods in early, and is now advertising and displaying them. The wise buyer is on hand as soon as they are on display.

Buying under such conditions is torture. Selecting gifts under such conditions is little less than insult. The Christmas spirit should not be confined to the giving of gifts. It ought to show itself in the buying and to overflow in consideration for the overworked girls behind the counters.

NOTES AND COMMENT

Reports tell of submarine raid on Dover—only the reports though, not the Admiralty.

Amongst the "best sellers" in current fiction, the official White Paper of Germany claims a high place.

Frequent reports come in to show that Turkey's entrance into the war has presented the British navy with a bigger target.

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Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, received to-day a message of congratulation from M. Auguste, French Minister of Marine.

Naval experts say that the sea fights during the present war demonstrate that defeat, under the conditions of modern naval warfare, means virtual annihilation. While equal forces have not yet engaged in a test of strength, it is evident that a one-sided engagement leaves the enemy little hope of escaping.

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GERMAN SOLDIER'S TRIBUTE TO TOMMY

Westminster Gazette—"People at home," said a German Lieutenant (on November 4) to a relative in Germany, "seem to have false ideas about the fighting value of our opponents. The English are the pluckiest and bravest enemies that we have. Every single man who has not been captured quietly goes on shooting, and the long-trained men shoot well. When a position is stormed with cheering, the Englishman remains quietly in his trench." This is a notable appreciation, though it is little surprising that the British Army should by its deeds have earned the respect of enemies who are in a position to estimate soldierly qualities.

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WAR PENSIONS.

London Chronicle—England, that "great rich country," as Captain Scott called her in his appeal from the Antarctic death-tent, is not blind to the sacrifice which men make who die for her, nor yet to that which women make whose husbands die for her. She would like to be even generous as well as just.

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WHY GERMAN FLEET STAYS AT HOME.

New York Evening Post—"We confess that we cannot see wherein the possession of Dunkirk, Calais, or even Boulogne would alter the naval situation. Indubitably, it would intensify British anxiety, but so long as the English navy held control of the sea, the German fleet could not find its way to Calais without facing a general engagement. It would be much better frankly to admit that the German fleet stays at home because it is numerically so inferior to the British that the odds are at least two to one against it. Of course, no invasion of England is possible until the British fleet is completely destroyed; and that is unthinkable at this stage of the war.

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LOCAL

GAVE LECTURE. The Pathfinders' Class of St. Church, were the guests of F. G. 1 class in the latter's class on Charlotte Street last evening. Mr. W. G. Raymond delivered an address on the war. A lecture a social evening was given.

DUSCHLAND UBER ALLE. A German, employed by one of many firms from the city, anxious to leave his present position and go over to the States, perhaps get back to the Fatherland, the rural gentleman met him go.

Major Genet last night, in the recruiting for an active company, stated they had the company by a show of hands, it quite possible he would get from 'G' Company, or at least quote of them.

ELECTED OFFICERS. At the annual meeting of the County Medical Association today, the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Dr. President, Dr. Logie, Paris; President, Dr. Secord; Secretary, Chapiro; Treasurer, Dr. Gair.

APPOINT OFFICERS. The Armenians held another successful drill last night at the city, when four sergeants and a man captain were appointed. Interim charge of the company was given to Sgt. Major Ostraby took drill last night, and Cadet and Vaughan, Sweet and Rye took a hand in affairs.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. At the regular meeting of the Musical Club, the evening spent in the study of the Chopin and Haydn. The programme was given by Miss Elsie I. Senn; Paper, Miss Pearce; vocal, Miss C. Chav; Miss Grace Chav; paper Nolan; vocal, Miss M. O'Grady; Miss N. Hartgrave; vocal, M. Secord; piano, Mr. D. L. Wright.

LIFE UNDERWRITERS. On Monday afternoon, the life underwriters held their monthly meeting in the office Northern Life, and discussed of importance to the association. Those present were: President, Reid, L. C. Schmidt, L. W. Thomas Henry, L. E. Perc Dutton, John Burbank, John low, F. J. Ritchie, W. H. H. Thomas Henry, F. J. Reid, and Percy state, when they had the meeting of the Guelph Association on November 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Burbank also visited London association on December 1st. A very successful meeting was held in both places, and several new members were added to the Association. The Brantford Association is looking forward with a great pleasure to the visit of the Association on January 4th.

Give Her Spectacles! CHAS. A. JARVIS, Opt. D. MANUFACTURING OPTICIAN. OPTOMETRIST 52 Market Street. Just North of Dalhousie Street. Both Phones for Appointments. Open Tuesday and Saturday Evenings.

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Of Special Interest. In order that business may not be stunted in our millinery department we have decided to reduce our entire stock of BEAUTIFULLY TRIMMED MILLINERY to HALF PRICE. Now this special offer is liable to be withdrawn without notice, so we advise you taking advantage NOW. Christmas Handkerchiefs. Ladies' fine quality "Pure Linen" hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs. Special at 25c. Gents' extra fine "Pure Linen" hemstitched and Initial Handkerchiefs. Special at 25c. Ladies' fine embroidered corner and lace edge Handkerchiefs, half dozen in a box. Price \$1.50, \$1, 90c per box. Ladies' fine embroidered lace edge Handkerchiefs. Special 5 for 50c. Ladies' fine lace edge linen and lawn Handkerchiefs. At 60, 50, 35, 25c. See our Large Handkerchief Booth in the centre of the store. THAT VELVET BARGAIN. 40-inch, beautiful chiffon finish, English Costume Velvet, guaranteed quality. There are still a few stockings left. Remember, this is our regular \$3.00 Velvet. SPECIAL SALE PRICE \$1.98

CONCERT WAS GOOD SUCCESS. Footballers Held Festive Night at the Y.M.C.A. A very successful windup to the season was made Thursday night by the Brantford and Paris Football League, when they held their annual concert in the Y. M. C. A. It was a hummer throughout, and augurs well for next season's prospects. Late President J. C. Gowrie opened with some very appropriate remarks from the chair, complimenting the teams upon their excellent showing, both in the field of football and of battle, for local football circles had contributed a generous number from their midst for active service. Wishing them a bright future in the football arena, he called for the opening of the program. Joe Ham, M.P., afterwards spoke to the assembly, and he was followed by Treasurer John Hill, after which Mayor Spence presented the trophy and medals to the clubs and men who

NEILL Saturday. On Saturday, in lines suitable for 9 and 10. Children's patent coats. Men's felt slippers. Suit Cases, 24-inch. Club Bags, new. NEILL BARGAINS. 4 lb. Raisins. 2 1/2 lb. Dates. 1 lb. Peel (sliced). 1 lb. Prunes. 1 lb. Sultanina. OYSTERS 50c QT. OR. BOTH PHONES 5 Geo. E. 199 William St. BOTH PHONES 202.

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