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**THE SITUATION.**

Matters in Russia are going from bad to worse, not only from the standpoint of the Allies, but for the people themselves. Led by the Socialists who have the backing of the German Socialists, the people threaten to throw away all that the successful revolution should have properly meant for them and their country. Kerensky, a leading Socialist, frankly stated at a conference of delegates from the front: "We have taken our sip of freedom and it has somewhat intoxicated us." He might have more correctly said "Blind with drunkenness." Another manifestation of the disruption of the army is to be found in the fact that the Council of Soldiers and Workmen's delegates have warned commanders against threatening to turn the artillery on troops who fraternize with the enemy. This, of course, refers to the Russian soldiers at the front who have lately been chumming with the Huns. If they cannot be brought to account for that, they cannot for anything, and discipline would become a joke. Unless some strong man develops capable of bringing order out of the present chaos, the last state of Russia will be infinitely worse than even under the weak and easily influenced Czar. Meanwhile an unconfirmed dispatch makes the portentous announcement that Berlin feels so sure that Russia has ceased to be an aggressive factor, that half a million men have been moved from the eastern to the western front.

After days of severe fighting, the British have taken the village of Rouleux, and north of Gavrelle have pushed their line still further forward. The struggle at Bullecourt still continues.

On the French front, artillery engagements still occupy first place. In Mesopotamia, Russian forces are retreating, and Maude's campaign is hampered to just that extent.

**THE PREMIER RETURNS.**  
 Sir Robert Borden has returned home after three months spent in the Old Country, in conjunction with other Overseas representatives regarding war co-operation and other matters.

As might have been expected it is the testimony on all hands that he added still further to his already high reputation as a sane and clear sighted statesman. Now that he once more has his hand on the helm of affairs at Ottawa, he will be faced with the necessity for some action to speed up Canada's man supply and the food problem will also, without doubt, engage his attention.

**THE Y. M. C. A. APPEAL.**  
 In these days of Empire stress it is not only a personal but a patriotic duty to give to all the causes which have the one object for their common end. The Y. M. C. A. is many things but not beyond the actual needs. In this regard the appeal of the Y. M. C. A. is one which challenges public sympathy and support.

In Brantford during to-morrow and Thursday the contribution of \$10,000 is asked and should be met. It is the unreserved testimony of all who have been at the front that the efforts and achievements of this splendid organization on behalf of the soldiers are beyond all praise.

**METHODIST CONFERENCE.**  
 The quarterly conference of the Methodist District was held to-day at Wesley Methodist church, a large number of delegates being present in presentation for the Methodist convention to be held here the last week of this month.

Fireworks! Fireworks! at Wick's opposite Post Office. Stricken with heart failure, Thos. J. Humphrey, of North Oxford, a cheesemaker, died suddenly. Samuel North, aged 20, was killed in Rawdon Tp. when knocked down while leading a spirited team. Anthony Douglas, a farmer, 21 years of age, was killed suddenly in a runaway accident at Petrolia.

**BALFOUR AND HIS MISSION.**  
 A correspondent of the Financial Post, writing from Washington, gives what is so manifestly "inside information" on the above subject that The Courier feels sure that its readers will appreciate the following somewhat lengthy extract: "The coming in of the United States, on the side of the Allies, and the visit of Balfour, to Washington will go down in history as the two greatest events in the English-speaking world, since the American Revolution. Balfour's mission has been a tremendous success; a glorious triumph in every way; personal as well as political. So important was it that anything less might have meant the defeat of the Allies. It may now be frankly admitted, that when Mr. Balfour and the Anglo-French Commission arrived on this side, the situation was not only bad; it was desperate.

The Germans now have about 1,500 submarines. They are sending them out in squadrons. If one misss a ship or ships another will get them. They have been destroying tonnage at a rate that meant disaster to us. There is no use in hiding the facts. A silly censorship, and cabinet ministers, who thought the nation could not be trusted with a knowledge of actual conditions, has been one of the fatal mistakes of the war. Ships are being sunk at a far greater rate than the combined shipyards of the allies can build them. It was given out from here last week that Edison and some others had invented something that would effectually counteract the submarine. There is no truth in the story. Arrangements were made, however, that, if effectively carried out by the British and United States navies, will eventually subdue this, the greatest of German menaces. In the meantime we must be prepared for greater losses. The Germans are building their standardized undersea boats in pairs all over the empire. They are assembled at various ports. There is no scarcity of men. They have a large, well-trained navy to draw from. They are said to be turning out two to three boats a day. Lately they have been coming from the Dardanelles in large numbers.

This was the situation when the Balfour-Viviani mission arrived. Joffre was the popular hero. Balfour's modesty, charm of manner, perfect frankness, and his action in always giving the place of popular honor to his distinguished French colleagues, captivated the American politicians and newspaper correspondents. He has been played up to the remote corners of the Union, and it has been made easy for the United States government to develop and adopt plans for united action without making public the details in order to secure support.

United States military and naval authorities have recognized the seriousness of the situation and have for a long time been rushing preparation with the result that they are in a much better position than is generally believed.

The cabinet and the legislature, as is the case in all democratic countries, failed to grasp the situation. They minimized the representations of their naval and military advisers. They saw no serious dangers ahead. The censored Allied news gave the impression that matters were progressing favorably. But Mr. Balfour presented the real facts; and he did it so earnestly, so frankly, so convincingly that they at once realized the extraordinary gravity of the situation. It is so grave that for several days a feeling of intense depression prevailed in inner political financial and business circles, that can be likened only to the sensations of that awful Sunday in England when the news of our terrible defeat and retreat from Mons, was making out, and was magnified into a story, that our splendid little army had been annihilated.

It was frankly admitted here that the submarine campaign was becoming so successful that the Allies were facing eventual defeat. Records showed 400,000 tons one week, and perhaps there was 100,000 more not recorded. It did not take the Americans long to see that, with the Allies starved, and bled to death financially, a peace would be quickly concluded which would leave the Germans free to extract, their indemnity from the United States and Canada, where they say that a world would be. They say that a German fleet and 500,000 men appearing before New York, Boston and other seaboard cities, would have this continent at their command. Americans believe the German-Japanese-Mexican danger is very real; that if the Allies are defeated the Japanese may attack on the Pacific.

The Republican leaders have given enthusiastic support to all arrangements with the British, and the action of the British in the Spanish war is now frequently mentioned. The late President McKinley frankly admitted that, with their navy unprepared and with obsolete coast defences, the Americans were placed in a very dangerous position when

Germany led a concert of European navies to support Spain. The British government told Germany if she were to attack the United States she would find the entire British navy ranged up alongside the Americans. Canada in particular has benefited from that incident. A complete change in the attitude of the United States governments dates from that time. Shortly after the United States took steps to settle amicably all disputes between the two countries. Elihu Root, who is reported to have said that the United States had always treated Canada brutally, made the differences between the two countries his special work. Before going out of office he saw it practically completed.

It is very remarkable how enthusiastic the Americans are over the Canadians.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**  
 The proposal to extend the power of voting to all soldiers, no matter what their age, should be endorsed. Any man deemed fit to fight for the franchise of liberty, should also be regarded as equally fit to exercise the ballot franchise.

The longest day will soon be here under the present schedule. But if the United States adopts daylight saving, as seems likely, then Canada will have to come under the more common sense and saving plan.

It is not safe to eat bread upon the waters these days. The price is getting to be so heavy that it would sink like a stone.

Part of the race track property near Windsor has been handed over for food production purposes. That is a mutual form of benefit likely to result in much better results than the other kind.

The continuing rise in the price of the cereal, with still higher rates threatening, is going to take a good deal of the eat out of the wheat.

It is reported from Paris that all French armed merchantmen attacked by submarines during February, March and April were able to make their escape. The lesson is obvious.

**LOCAL NAMES ON HONOR ROLL.**  
 More Brantford Soldiers Mentioned in Latest Casualty Lists

Mrs. Pinney, Brant Avenue, yesterday received a cablegram announcing that her son, Pte. Harry Pinney was admitted on May 5 to the Tenth Stationary Hospital at Calgary, British Columbia, National Service, made a vigorous demand for the exclusion from the franchise of all citizens of divided allegiance.

**PTE. BRIBRELY.**  
 Norman Bribery, reported as killed, was a former resident of Terrace Hill, whose family resided there and where he was born. The family left for Woodstock a couple of years ago. He was a single man, well liked, and many Brantford friends will be sorry to hear of his death. Mrs. Fountain, Terrace Hill street, is a relative.

**LT. CATTELL.**  
 A cablegram received in Paris on Saturday, announced that Lieut. R. P. Cattell, M.C., who went overseas with the 71st battalion one year ago, has been killed. Three months ago Lieut. Cattell received the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery on the field.

**PTE. L. P. HAINER.**  
 Mrs. J. A. Hainer, 125 Alfred St., on Sunday received a telegram from attending church, received a telegram notifying her of the death from wounds, of her son, Private Lorrie P. Hainer. Pte. Hainer was a single man, aged twenty-five years, and unattached with the 125th battalion, going over to France from England with the first draft. His parents were informed a few days ago of him being wounded, and the tragic news of his death followed on Sunday.

**LT. C. W. MCKISSOCK.**  
 Flight-Lieut. Carl W. McKissock, son of Thomas McKissock, of 966 Bathurst street, Toronto, has been missing since May 2. Lieut. McKissock trained as an aviator in England and went to France on active aeronautical service on April 27. He was formerly superintendent of his father's garage and motor supply business. Two brothers are on active service, one of them from P. W. McKissock of the 216th Battalion, well known in this city, where he was engaged in recruiting a year ago.

**PTE. H. E. TIMLOCK.**  
 Mr. R. E. Timlock, 71 William street, yesterday informed by an official telegram from Ottawa of the wounding of his son, Pte. Herbert E. Timlock, who was admitted on May 3 to No. 30 General Hospital, at Calais, shortly injured. Pte. Timlock was another member of the 12th Battalion.

**CAPT. LEE.**  
 Toronto Globe: Major Gordon B. Lee, killed in action, was leading his company, which had made an advance of 1,000 yards, when he fell.

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On May 3, Major Gordon Lee had been in khaki since he was sixteen years of age. He joined the 74th Wentworth Regiment as a private six years ago. When the war broke out he took a course at Niagara Camp, where he qualified for the rank of Captain in July, 1915, and was given a commission in the 84th Battalion. After a few months in England, he was promoted to Captain in a Toronto unit. He served with honor in the Somme fighting and sustained his first injury on November 2nd, 1916, by gunshot in the leg. Upon his return to the front in January Capt. Lee was promoted to the command of his company. He was twenty-two years of age, and was taking a course at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph when the war broke out.

**EXCLUDE ALIENS FROM FRANCHISE**

Proposal in Parliament to Deprive of Vote All Citizens of Divided Allegiance

Ottawa, May 14.—Something like a bombshell was dropped in the House tonight when in the middle of a rambling debate upon the extension of the franchise to soldiers irrespective of age, R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, Director of National Service, made a vigorous demand for the exclusion from the franchise of all citizens of divided allegiance. Mr. Bennett's speech put in definite terms a suggestion made earlier by Donald Sutherland, of South Oxford, that the national interests made a change in the Dominion franchise desirable. The Calgary member declared, amid applause, that he would give a vote to naturalized citizens, to those classes of citizens, to those who had gone overseas and offered their lives in defence of the State, to those who were British born subjects, and to those who were naturalized within the State, and had the requisite training to assimilate some of our traditions, to have a vote for our citizenship and our history. He was ready to go further and shut out from the franchise every man who was a citizen of a foreign State.

The demand for a change in the franchise laws, which is everywhere understood as a move chiefly directed against the Indo-German vote in the West, brought instant dismay into the Liberal ranks. Under the cloak of defending provincial rights, the Liberal members of the House became immediately indignant. F. B. Carvell, of Carleton Place, declared that people from all over the world had been invited to come to Canada and had complied with the law requiring three years' residence as a condition of naturalization. It was a monstrous proposition, now that they were British subjects, to talk of taking the franchise away from them on some excuse or other. Dr. Stoeke's resolution giving all soldiers of Canada, one of the first men from the Brant district to lay down his life was Lieut. Braant, an Indian, and a descendant of the famous John A. Macdonald of the British in 1812. From the Six Nations Reserve over four hundred men had enlisted.

Dr. Michael Clark, of Brantford, and George Elliott, of North Middlesex, followed with equally emphatic support of the resolution. Then came Hon. William Fugatey, who endorsed the proposal but could not resist the opportunity to point to the Conservative members that though they favored the extension of the franchise to all soldiers, they had not done so two years ago, and had, in fact, voted against it when the Liberals pressed for just such an amendment.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

**DEVOTION OF INDIA TO BRITISH EMPIRE**

Striking Declaration by Great Ruling Prince Now in England

The Maharajah of Bikanir landed at Port Said recently and proceeded to Cairo, thence to England. In view of the Maharajah's visit to England to take part in the Imperial War Conference as the representative of the ruling chiefs of India, the following extracts from a letter, dated from Bikanir, of a special correspondent of the Associated Press have especial interest: "The charges that the ruling princes of India are loyal to the king-emperor solely because of self-interest, and that they are ready to break away from the British Government at any moment when they believe they can enlarge their own powers by so doing, are either wicked and malicious falsehoods, or are the product of people who do not know whereof they speak. Native India is unshakably loyal to the core."

Such, says the correspondent, was the declaration made to me by His Highness the Maharajah of Bikanir, one of the greatest of the ruling princes of India, in discussing at the palace the statements published at various times since the beginning of the war to the effect that the princes were lukewarm in devotion to the British flag. The Maharajah spoke during the conversation leaned forward and, voice vibrating with emotion, said:

"I love the king-emperor as the representative of sovereignty, power, and I love him as a man. There is no sacrifice which he might ask of me that I would not make. My resources, my life, and the lives of the men of Bikanir belong to him. I myself am a ruler, the descendant of sovereigns who have held this land for centuries. We are a proud race, but I would gladly kneel to His Majesty were he but to command, though I would do that for no one else in the wide world. That is how I feel personally towards the throne, and I speak with the authority arising from close association with my brother rulers, when I tell you that they love their king-emperor, and will follow where he leads, through thick and thin."

Speaking of the loyalty of other Indian rulers the Maharajah said: "Take the case of my relation, the young Maharajah of Jodhpur. When the war broke out his highness was only 16 years old, and since he has not yet come to the throne, he has not yet been selected for his active service. But the Maharajah wrote a personal and voluntary letter to the Viceroy, beseeching his excellency to let him go to France, and spiritively adding: 'I have two younger brothers, so what does it matter if I am killed?' The earnestness of his highness prevailed, and he got his way. Was this selfish or true loyalty? If this does not demonstrate our deep and inborn loyalty to the emperor, I don't know what does. We are absolute loyalists and our people are a military race."

"We hope, of course," he concluded, "that before long the rulers will be given seats in an assembly such as a council of princes, which shall have a voice in the Government of India, in matters relating to our States, our people and ourselves. We look forward also to the time when the people of British India shall have prepared themselves to take a greater hand in the affairs of State. I feel sure that these things are coming, for the signs all point that way."

**Anniversary of Colborne St. S.S.**

A great success was achieved by those participating in the programme of the anniversary of the Colborne St. Sunday school, last night on the occasion of the anniversary celebration of the Sunday school. The programme was well balanced, and was exceptionally well rendered. There was a large audience in attendance, who thoroughly appreciated the efforts of the artists who provided the entertainment. The programme in detail was as follows: "Primary Department Chorus, 'Little Soldiers of the King'; exercise, 'Welcome, by seven boys'; recitation, 'Dolls'; Ethel Winters, song, 'Bushy'; Elizabeth Baker; march song, 'Open the Gates'; recitation, 'The Knot Hole in the Fence'; Jack Hutchinson; song, 'Lullaby'; seven girls; recitation, 'Her Name'; Helen Elliott; chorus, 'Spring Has Come'; class. Intermediates Drill and chorus, 'Meadows'; Huff and Youngs classes; piano duet, Misses Dutton, Boy's Dozen class; tableau, 'Buds and Blossoms'; Mrs. Vansickle's class; piano solo, Evelyn Dick; Mrs. Verity's class; chorus, 'Cross and Flag'; Madames C. Warner and P. Lisson's classes; duet, Messrs. Young and Fry; Red Cross drill, Misses C. Walton and Bedford's classes; piano duet, 'The Olden Days'; Mrs. Young, Kathleen Smith, Gladys Harris, Lena Church; living songs, Airways Pathfall class; kazoos, Alway's Pathfall class; exercise, 'Father Time Calling the Months of the Year'; Mrs. Louden's class; violin solo, Harold Vansickle, G.R.O. class; men not wanted; H.H. class; recitation of platform, 'Pathfinder's class.'

**FELLOWSHIP**

Fellowship was the topic discussed in the various Baptist Young Peoples' Unions of the city at their meetings held in the different churches last night. At the Calvary Baptist, the meeting was in charge of Mrs. R. Simmons, while the subject was taken by Mr. R. Simmons, assisted by the Misses L. Simpson, H. Simpson, T. Davis, R. Grandell. Music appropriate to the occasion was acceptably rendered by Miss B. Howden, and Mr. R. Simmons. It was also decided at the meeting to organize a tennis club in connection with the church, and officers were selected.

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Delegates from the Immanuel Baptist Church visited Park Church yesterday night last, and Messrs. Charles Lewis and Arthur O'Connor gave interesting addresses on "Fellowship With God." Mrs. D. Alexander, also of Immanuel Baptist Church, rendered a beautiful solo. The subject of "Fellowship" was taken at the Immanuel Baptist Church by the Misses Yule and Bert. These young ladies gave a the Sayles while Miss Sickle gave a solo. These young ladies were visitors from the Park Baptist Church. The chair was occupied by Miss Hannah Metrye of Immanuel Church, who took charge of the gathering in a capable manner.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**AUTO DRIVING.**  
 Chas. Steinhilber has emphatically crossed that common practice of youths and girls under eight years of age, driving automobiles. This is forbidden by section thirteen of the Motor Vehicles Act, and all infringements of the Act will in the future be strictly punished.

**NEED LICENSES.**  
 A final warning has been issued by Chief of Police Chas. Steinhilber, who have neglected thus far to apply for a license. Stern notices will be adopted to enforce this matter if the men question do not heed the Chief's mandate.

**ARRIVES HOME.**  
 Major Coleman has arrived Quebec on his return from the front. He went over as a lieutenant, but by plucky and efficient conduct, speedy advancement and also Military Cross. He is expected to arrive in the city on Thursday.

**GREATER PRODUCTION.**  
 The need for greater production was aptly pointed out in an interesting paper delivered in an able manner at last night's meeting of Young People's Society of Alexander Church, by Rev. Mr. Reg. L. The meeting was in charge of Assistant Chas. Campbell.

**CHURCH SPORTS.**  
 The Recreation Association of Immanuel Baptist Church, an organization for the benefit of the young people of the church, has been organized for another year. Tennis, volleyball and basketball are the sports taken advantage of, and splendid grounds adjacent to the building are utilized for this purpose. A junior class in charge of pastor, the Rev. David Alexander, held every Tuesday afternoon at past four.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE.**  
 "Womansland" was the topic of the Epworth League evening. Two excellent addresses were given by Mrs. E. Alderson, Miss Lorraine Wilkes. An interesting selection by Mrs. How Hopper was much enjoyed. The term was used and a number of illustrated hymns were rendered.

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