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THE SITUATION

The Tontons are continuing with success their campaign on the Moldavian frontier, and in Northern Dobruja. They yesterday took the town of Filipesch, and powerfully defended heights on both sides. It is said that an invasion of southern Bessarabia will be next in order. This is a government in the south west of Russia on the Roumanian frontier.

British forces are vigorously continuing the campaign around Kut-el-Amara and are evidently encircling the foe.

On the Somme front matters remain comparatively quiet although Haig's men have been successfully raiding many trenches. If captured Hunns can have any faith placed in their utterances, the matter of efficient reinforcements is becoming a problem with the foe and the men in the trenches are overworked.

Germany's answer to Wilson's note should lead him to realize how ardently the Prussian outfit will twist his course to their own ends in all probability to the future detriment and embarrassment of himself and his country.

It is officially announced that the British government has called for an Imperial Conference at which the Dominions are specially invited to be present. War, peace and other problems are to be discussed. This is the first outgrowth of the fact that the war is bound to lead to much closer Imperial relationship in the future.

THAT NOTE OF WILSON'S

The more the note of Wilson to the Allied powers is considered, the more the thing ripples in the minds of Britishers everywhere. Nostalgia is known as a severe and sometimes fatal form of melancholia. Nostalgia is a new disease developed by the present occupant of the White House and it should be known as a severe form of inkalogia. The Kaiser, having sent as a present to Wilson a set of Christmas books, one U. S. paper suggests that he had much better have forwarded a gold fountain pen, or a hammered brass desk. Woodrow evidently thinks that he can settle everything and everybody by cashing off an epistle, and he apparently expected that the war would come to a more or less sudden stop when he slung some ink in that direction.

He says that he proposed to act before the Bedin note was promulgated, and that the latter had no effect on the course he followed. Be that as it may, the Huns do not conceal their delight over his action, and it was certainly taken at a time calculated to back them in their so-called peace talk at the moment of their own choosing and on their own terms.

Everybody is still in the dark as to just why Wilson acted. Had he taken the step prior to the recent Presidential contest, the move would have been regarded as a political dodge, but with four years more of office recently assured, there was nothing to be gained in that respect. The thing which annoys most, is that the head of a great Republic, whose very foundations are supposed to be based on the God-given tenets of human liberty—they have a statue at the New York harbor entrance, Liberty enlightening the world—should ask in effect that both sides state in plain terms what they are fighting for. Ye gods, what a query for a supposedly intelligent man to put.

Meanwhile it is eminently satisfactory to notice that all of the Allied powers are treating Woodrow's unwarranted and ill-timed interference in the same spirit as that displayed towards the so-called peace offer of the Huns, and that from the blood-stained trenches themselves, the word comes, "Flight on."

A HEAVY VOTING PROGRAM. Brantford ratepayers have a heavy voting task ahead of them in the approaching municipal contest and it is in this respect fortunate that the ballots are to be cast on New Year's Day.

There is a contest to settle for the mayoralty, the water commission, and the street railway commission, the school board, and for aldermen in each ward. In addition property holders will be called upon to record their verdict with regard to a couple of bylaws.

One of these measures is with re-

ference to Hydro Electric and the question is asked:—

"Are you in favor of having the municipality develop or acquire through the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, whatever works may be required for the supply of electric energy or power in addition to such electric power as is already obtained under the existing contract with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario?"

The above is somewhat nebulous but the plain meaning of it is a first step towards having the municipalities shoulder Hydro Electric enterprises themselves, with the Ontario government excluded in the matter.

The second bylaw has reference to the gas matter and the query is put:—

"Are you in favor of having the municipality construct and maintain a municipal gas plant?"

That the people of Brantford have been long suffering with regard to gas matters, there is no need to affirm. The sulphuretted article, in particular, has been pumped into our homes to the great prejudice of health and comfort, not to mention the damage to material things.

There is no reason for this as citizens are quite prepared to pay legitimate charge for a proper article. If the answer to the bylaw query is in the affirmative then enquiry can be made into the practicability of civic ownership.

Laid at Rest

Mrs. MacCammon.
The funeral of the late Mrs. MacCammon took place Saturday afternoon from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Alex. Markie, 197 Erie avenue, to Mount Hope cemetery, the services being conducted by the Rev. D. E. Martin, pastor of Wesley Methodist church. The pallbearers were Messrs. P. Fischer, C. Fischer, Holmes, Littich, Synington, Weaver.

Mary Ann Barry
The funeral of the late Mary Ann Barry took place this morning from her late residence, 105 Albion St. to St. Basil's Church, where the last rites were observed by the Rev. Father Burke. Interment took place in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mrs. Fred Guilfoyl
The funeral of the late Mrs. Fred Guilfoyl, formerly of this city, lately of St. Louis, Mo., who passed away in Ayr, were brought to this city this afternoon, interment taken place in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Rev. Snell of Ayr, officiated. She leaves besides a son, Mr. C. Guilfoyl, three sisters and three brothers. Mrs. Chas. Roberts of Ayr, Ont., Mrs. H. Dupka and Mrs. W. A. Davis of Buffalo, N. Y., W. P. Dowling of Los Angeles, Cal., Thomas and Alfred Dowling of this city. The pallbearers were, R. Wiles, H. Mulligan, H. Weeks, J. H. Ham, J. Kaufman, A. Tuck.

HUGH GREG.

Tuesday afternoon the funeral of the late Hugh Greg took place from the residence of his brother, William Greg, 88 Queen street, to Greenwood cemetery and was largely attended. The services at the house were in charge of Rev. J. W. Gordon, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, of which deceased was a faithful member, while at the grave the beautiful burial service of the Oddfellows was in charge of Noble Grand Robert Brown and Vice Grand Ashley Watson of Harmony lodge. The pallbearers were members of Canton Brantford, No. 3, of which organization deceased was clerk and included Chevalliers Thompson Smith, D. A. Noble, George Macdonald, Archie Campion, Blake Kester and Bert Harris.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes were remembrances from Harmony lodge, Brant Encampment and Canton Brantford, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows and A. O. U. W. circles, and Bros. Company, Limited, and employees.

The deceased, who was 38 years of age, succumbed to the after effects of a piece of lumber driven violently against him while he was working in Schultz Bros. factory. He was a man of most exemplary character and disposition and held the highest respect of everyone, in fact there was no more popular member in Oddfellow and A. O. U. W. circles, and he had held many high fraternal positions. The Courier extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

Renumbering City's Streets

The work of renumbering the streets of the city is still progressing. All of Wards One and Two have been completed by the assessment department, as has also all of Ward Five with the exception of those streets running north and south, between Colborne street and the canal. All of the work has been done with the co-operation of Mr. Lee, who has charge of the issuing of the directory of the city for the year 1917, with the result that no changes will be made, that are not listed in the new directory. While engaged in the work, the assessors noted that in a great many cases the house numbers are poorly displayed, whereas they should be placed in as conspicuous a place as is possible. A large number of citizens, however, have followed the example set by the assessors, and are voluntarily changing their numbers, replacing the old ones with modern numbers, placed in plain view.

Only one arrest was made in Hamilton yesterday.

William P. Davis, stockbroker, of Ottawa, son of M. P. Davis, the well-known contractor, died suddenly.

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ELIZABETH ASQUITH.
daughter, of ex-premier Asquith. Her engagement to Hugh B. Gibson, of the American Embassy, is announced.

Collegiate Team in O. B. A.

Considerable interest has been displayed in athletics at the Collegiate Institute since the reopening of school in September. It has now been decided to enter a team in the Ontario Basketball Association as well as in the Interscholastic League. Ross Deagle has been chosen as captain, and a number of other players will be available.

COURTEOUS REPLY

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Austrian Situation Critical
London, Dec. 27.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to the Morning Post from Budapest says: Since the peace offer was made, King Charles has been in almost constant consultation with his advisers. He saw Count Tisza twice. Count Berchtold is almost always in attendance and, as is well known, he has great influence with the Emperor, who considers him the most able diplomatist of the monarchy.

"Among the many and most difficult problems confronting the Emperor are grave internal conditions, the burning question of German power and the everlasting political crisis in Austria.

"In all these super-tasks, the question of peace seems to occupy first place in the best minds of the monarchy at present. Everybody feels that unless the peace movement is successful, the coming military efforts, as well as the sacrifices demanded of the people, will far overtax their strength and resources and will place a burden on the nation, especially as regards Hungary, which it is unable to bear.

"The newspapers are not allowed, although they have tried to say how and why the people long so anxiously for peace. To-day almost every one of the morning papers appeared with the first pages blank, the leading articles having been censored out entirely. But they were permitted to describe the scenes and conversations and these are quite adequate to reveal what the people feel and what they expect.

"It was a common thing a few days ago when the newspapers announced that a peace offer was made, to see people kiss each other in the cafes, while elderly shopkeepers and new-chants broke into tears, sang songs on streets and offered prayers of thanks. They behaved like children of pure happiness in the hope that their tortures were about coming to an end."

URIC ACID IN MEAT CLOGS THE KIDNEYS OWNERS DREAD INJURIES TO MEN

Take a Glass of Salts If Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bother you—Drink More Water.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaker, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets muddy, to cleanse the kidneys and flush out the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of lemons and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.

Baseball Magnates Have Bad Dreams Due to New Player Limit

New York, Dec. 26.—Since the National League voted to establish a 22-player limit and do away with the disability clause, some of the club owners have been having bad dreams. And now the merit of the new rules is being doubted.

"What will I do if injuries to players ever breaks my infield or outfield?"

This is what the club owner in the National League has been pondering on of late. Under the new rule, injured players under contract to a National League club, must be counted within the player limit during the "closed season."

When the old leaguers are in session they are nearly as close with the news as a clam. But since the meeting is over, bits of information have trickled out. One scrap of "info" says that if any club in the old league suffers a streak of hard luck in the way of injuries to its men, the league will make a special dispensation which will enable that club to patch up its line-up, at least temporarily.

Some of the baseball wiseacres are predicting that when the National leaguers get on a player limit, the rule that will be satisfactory all around there will be a higher limit and also a disability clause, for at least two clubs—the Giants and Cubs—are against the rule as it stands at present.

Knotty Lee is Planning New Baseball League

Founder of Canadian League Would Include Hamilton, Brantford and London With Three Michigan Cities

Knotty Lee, who organized the Canadian League, thinks that the time is ripe for an international league, with three cities in Ontario and three in Michigan, and he will make a trip over the ground after New Year's to try and start the ball rolling. Lee thinks that Hamilton, Brantford and London should be the three cities on this side of the border, but has not decided just what three cities in Michigan should be included. He will confer with some of the men who were connected with the defunct South Michigan League and try to get a line on the best cities.

Ever since he sold his interest in the Hamilton club, Lee has been anxious to buy another club, and it is said that if the new league is formed he will take the London franchise. He figures that, outside of Hamilton, London would be the only Ontario city in the circuit he could get, for

Tom Nelson will be the guiding light in Brantford as usual. Lee has every confidence in the proposed league, and thinks that there will be no trouble in organizing it. Joe Jackson, the baseball expert of the Detroit News, is already being mentioned for the presidency, as he held that office in the Michigan league for years.

OIL AND FIRE
By Courier Leased Wire.
Regina, Dec. 27.—Sachitoe Cornish, aged 6, is dead, his mother is not expected to live, and a younger brother was seriously burned, as the result of pouring coal oil on the kitchen fire.

Don't think because you have taken many remedies in vain that your case is incurable. Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured many seemingly hopeless cases of scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, kidney complaint, dyspepsia and general debility. Take Hood's.

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Natural Gas

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That question suggests itself now that the ratepayers of Brantford are asked to mortgage their homes for the purpose of erecting a municipal gas plant to supply artificial gas.

Tilbury gas is used in great quantities in Woodstock, Ingersoll and many towns and villages west of there. AND THERE ARE NO COMPLAINTS.

WHY? Because the consumers have learned that the efficient use of Tilbury gas depends largely on seeing that the pipe joints are kept tightened and the burning equipment properly adjusted.

The gas consumers of Brantford can do much to solve the problem here by following this example. See that the pipes are in proper shape and the equipment regulated. If all the users of Tilbury gas would do this it would be found that there is little or no cause for complaint.

In connection with the plebiscite YOU are asked to MORTGAGE YOUR HOME to build a municipal gas plant, the product of which will cost YOU nearly three times as much as YOU are now paying for natural gas.

MR. TAXPAYER, DON'T YOU FIND THE COST OF LIVING HIGH ENOUGH NOW? DON'T YOU FIND YOUR TAX BILL HEAVY ENOUGH WITHOUT ADDING TO THE BURDEN.

REFLECT BEFORE YOU VOTE.

Watch This Space To-morrow

LOCAL NEWS

ALDERMEN ATTEND
His Worship Mayor Bowly has requested the aldermen of the city as a body to attend the funeral of the late Flight Lieutenant Harold S. Brewster, on Thursday afternoon. The aldermen are asked to meet at the city hall at 15 minutes to 3, when automobiles will be provided.

MILITARY FUNERAL
The Soldiers' Aid Association requests all returned soldiers to kindly attend at the Drill Hall at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Lieut. Brewster. Officers of the 215th battalion will meet them on arrival there.

XMAS AT HOUSE OF REFUGE.
A Christmas of the heartiest nature was enjoyed at the House of Refuge this year by both inmates and employees, and Mr. and Mrs. Storey are desirous of extending thanks to all who made such kind donations to the Christmas tree on Saturday, when a fine program was rendered and a real Santa Claus distributed gifts to all those present. The meal for the Christmas dinner, served on Sunday, comprised roast goose and dressing, creamed potatoes and hot apple sauce, bread butter and steamed pudding with sauce and fruit and candies.

OFFICERS ELECTED
At the regular session on Friday evening last of Brant Encampment No. 4, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for 1917—C. P. W. Dawson; Sen. Warden, J. Bancroft; High Priest, G. Berger; Fin. Scribe; Geo. Darland; Sec. Scribe, A. W. Treas.; J. C. Spence; Jun. Warden, H. Dawson.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the entertaining of Maple Leaf Encampment of Woodstock who have accepted an invitation to be with us on Jan. 19th to confer the Patriarch Degree and on the same evening Brant Encampment will confer the Golden Rule Degree. An invitation was extended to the Grand Patriarch Jas. S. Locke, of Kitchener, and the D. D. S. R. W. H. Cross, of Hamilton, to be with us on this occasion when a big night is expected.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.
Nominations for the Separate School Board were held this morning in St. Basil's school, all the appointments going by acclamation. Five trustees were to be elected, one from each ward, and the result is as follows:
Ward 1—Thos. Ion.
Ward 2—W. G. Hampel.
Ward 3—Dr. Stinson.
Ward 4—Frank Waller.
Ward 5—B. T. Asselin.

If You Must Wear Glasses

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