

THE COURIER

Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1918.

THE SITUATION.

It is announced that there is a disposition in London to view the position of affairs in Russia with a good deal more optimism. The Muscovites, whose new-found liberty went to their heads, have lately been tossing about on such a series of cross currents that neither the outside world nor they themselves could make out where they were at. However, the blatant attitude of the Hungs in connection with peace terms has served to give them a jolt which it is to be hoped will serve to shake a little common sense into them and make them realize the dark nature of the abyss upon the edge of which they have been standing, with the Hohenzollern outfit only too anxious to give them a push over. A despatch from Petrograd now announces that they are again turning to thoughts of war, and that from the armies at the front there have come assurances that the men are again ready to fight. It is to be most devoutly hoped that the awakening will have practical results for the fact that the enemy has lately been so free to move men and munitions from the Eastern front is a very serious one indeed. On the Western front the Germans continue numerous raiding tactics, and there is still the talk of the launching of a tremendous offensive as soon as the weather makes such a thing practicable. Gen. Haig announces a slight advance of the British line south of Lens. This is where the Canadians are again fighting. The Military Service Act continues to work very smoothly and those who have come under its operation are responding with cheerful spirit and in a manly way. They deserve thoroughly well of all of us.

ON YOUR KNEES.

To-morrow, (Sunday) by request of the King, will be observed as a special day of prayer throughout the Empire on behalf of the success of the righteous cause of the Allies in the present great struggle. To those who believe in the power of intercession before the throne of the Almighty, and thank God practically all do in their heart of hearts, the summons is one which will meet with a hearty and ready response. Let each one, in all reverence, get down upon their knees.

LABOR AND THE WAR.

The unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor in the States have promptly agreed to co-operate with the plan of Washington to assign working forces of the country to the jobs where the Government most needs them. In fact, thousands of skilled workmen there have already enrolled themselves on a reserve list, whose members are pledged to do willing industrial service, and conscription of labor, once talked of, is now regarded as having been rendered entirely unnecessary because of the splendid voluntary response. In like spirit, Samuel Compers, the grand old man of labor across the border, and president of the American Federation, in a New Year's message issued to his following, strongly emphasized the obligations which rested upon all of them in connection with the war and dwelt upon the importance of seeing to it that the spirit and methods of democracy were retained at home while the country was fighting to help establish them on the European battlefield. "War means victory for our cause or danger to the very existence of our nation. With our nation at stake, individuals cannot interpose opposition to the war—a war declared by the will of the nation's representatives. Under the exigencies of war, opposition to the war declared by constituted authority becomes treason. The fighting and the concrete issues of the war are so far removed from the people of our country that not all of our citizens have a full understanding of the issues involved. An understanding of the principles of autocratic force, which the central powers desire to substitute for the real principles of freedom, makes clear to all citizens of this republic the effect of our possible defeat upon their own lives and activities."

In the Old Land the industrial classes have also given cordial cooperation in men and work and in Canada likewise they are thoroughly well represented in both respects. It is true that in the recent electoral contest in this Dominion there were quite a few labor candidates in opposition to the Union Government, but even in labor centres they failed of success, mainly because their co-workers felt that the big and vital issues at stake made opposition inopportune. As the final outcome of the hostilities in which they have borne so large a part, there can be no question that industrial conditions will have to be re-arranged to the great benefit of all classes of workers.

ST. PAUL'S AVENUE BY-LAW AND FOOD AND FUEL REFERENDUM

On Monday next the people of this city will be called upon to vote upon the two above mentioned measures. The sub-way under the Grand Trunk tracks at St. Paul's Ave. is something which all thinking people must realize as a necessity. The street, for many reasons, should never have been closed in the first place. Some people entertain the idea that it was part and parcel of the city securing the Grand Trunk main line, but that is not the case—the short-sighted sanction to the railway took place after the main line issue had been settled. As it is, nothing remains but a most dangerous crossing for foot passengers, and vehicular traffic has to use roundabout methods in order to get to the Terrace Hill district, while a most important highway into the city from a large country section is also blocked. Another menacing feature is that a direct route to the general hospital, in case of fire, is absolutely cut off, and that also is a matter which should deeply concern all citizens. The amount asked is \$40,000—the sum decided upon by the Dominion Railway Board as the city's share—and the proposed expenditure is not to take place until after the war. Property holders should most decidedly vote for this measure. The food and fuel enactment will be decided by the voice of all the voters. The question to be answered is as follows:—"Are you in favor of the Municipality entering into the purchase and sale of fuel in cases of emergency?" The proposal is in the nature of a safeguard, and if adopted, would enable the municipality to enter on either of those things on behalf of the general advantage. The Courier believes that the answer in the affirmative should and will be emphatic.

THE COAL SHORTAGE.

Lack of fuel this winter has been most intensely felt. It is not a local condition, but one which obtains all over this continent. In this regard a lot of flapdoodle has been uttered as to what this, that, or the other man could do if he only had the chance. Anybody would imagine from such talk that coal could be turned on in the same way as a waterworks supply and that somebody had smashed the tap with a monkey wrench. As we all know, coal is not a fluid commodity, and it is bulky to mine and bulky to transport, generally over long hauls. The main trouble has been lack of transportation, chiefly owing to the congestion of U. S. railways in connection with the handling of war produce and munitions for the warring nations. Under state control it is hoped to remedy this congestion. The fact should be borne in mind that our neighbors have been suffering as much and in some cases more than ourselves, and in the New England States for instance they have been tearing down fences in order to keep stoves and furnaces going. The remedy cannot come through any one man anywhere. The only relief it will be possible to achieve is by the co-ordinated effort of the United States and Canadian authorities and plans to this end are now under way.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

If Bowby should win on Monday, he might as well take the Mayor's chair home with him and make it a permanent feature of the chimney corner.

The modern rendition is "King Coal was a chary old soul."

The National Party in Australia has resolved by a vote of 63 to 2, to ask Premier Hughes to retain the leadership. He is the man for the job, all right.

The fact that potatoes are of such importance as to warrant the Ontario government in taking legislative action to make the eyes of the tubers take on that haughty stare.

The authorities in the States are going to stop rice throwing at weddings in order to conserve the supply. This is a hard knock for the thrifty brides who would otherwise save the grains for the first pudding.

The edict has gone forth that in the interests of economy, less cloth is to be used in the making of men's clothes. If they become reduced in a like ratio with those of the fair sex, it will be easier than ever to scrape a scant acquaintance.

Until the facts are known, it would be premature to make detailed comment upon the circumstance that the name of Col. Harry Cockshutt did not officially go before the soldiers overseas, if the outcome leads to his losing the seat, there should certainly be another election.

To the Editor

Dear Sir—Perhaps an explanation is due the public in reference to the suggested platform of the Citizenship Committee of the local Council of Women, regarding the request that a Protestant should be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Library staff. The committee had been informed that there was already one Catholic employed, but if such is not the case the clause in question will doubtless not meet with the approval of the Local Council of Women. The women of the committee are broad-minded enough and liberal enough to realize that all classes of the community have an interest in our Public Library, but as a Catholic young lady had formerly filled the position they thought that "turn about is fair play." Referring to our second clause some married women are now on the municipal list, but by no means all, and those who are not on the list will have to pay for their own homes or tenants with their husbands, or on claim of income earned by keeping house. Trusting you will kindly insert above explanation, signed on behalf of the executive of the Citizenship Committee. F. I. BALLACHEY, Secretary.

A PROTEST.

Dear Sir—May I trespass on your time to say a few words with regard to the Woman's League. That any class of people should band themselves together, presumably for the benefit of the city, and then discriminate for or against any religion, is a shock to their neighbors and how at liberty Catholics pay their taxes the same as others, they also contribute to all general charities, without having a say in the distribution, they also have peaceably asked you. When Christ was asked which was the greater of the commandments, he said "First thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with all thy mind." The second is like to this, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." When asked "Who is my neighbor?" He replied, "A man-kind of every description without any distinction of persons." This is the Catholic religion. Will someone kindly explain why should we be crushed or debared from anything? A CATHOLIC WOMAN.

AN ALLEGED BOAST

Dear Sir—In reply to the comment of the Editor of the Expositor in the city news, I wish to say that an investigation into the assessment department of this city. As the assessors have done all in their power to keep me out of the field of aldermen for Ward 4 for \$3,300 means of padding and bungling, the assessment roll I wish to see to the Editor of the Expositor and the rate-payers of our city that my assessment should be \$2,300 on Number 12 Queen street, which, through the assessors bungling, was only on the assessment roll for \$3,150. Then I should have been assessed for \$3,200 on No. 127 Chatham St., my name has been left off entirely, and also on the last assessment rolls for my name should have appeared for other property in Ward 4 for \$3,300 but was omitted; some more bungling, or was it done on purpose? I have been informed that one of the city assessors boasted that he would keep me out of the field in Ward 4; surely it looks as if it had been done on purpose. Owing to these errors, I was forced to make a special declaration to the city solicitor as to my qualifications as called for in the statutes for the finish, and will guarantee to the electors that if I am elected, the assessment department of Brantford will receive a waking up. Thanking you for this space, I remain, Yours respectfully, J. T. SLOAN.

MR. BOLWBY ON THE COAL QUESTION If the city last summer were to go into an emergency supply it would require money to do so. The only way the city could procure money for that purpose was to submit a money by-law to the property owners to procure the money. Such a by-law was passed by the council on the 1st day of October, 1917, and submitted to the people as soon as it legally could be, all property owners having the right to vote thereon. The by-law was defeated. Thus the matter ended. The public will be able to judge Mr. Ald. MacBride at his true worth and how much truth there is behind his statements. I have not sought to make this question a stalking horse for this election. As to the five cent charge on each order of coal and the chiming up of two pair of stairs. This never had any sympathy from me, as I was not present at the council when the matter was passed on. The last year's council for business came to an end on the 31st December, 1917, and the 1st day of January, 1918, was a holiday. On the 2nd I got busy and the 5 cent order was at once abolished. Also the going up of two flights of stairs and the chiming up of coal are now procurable at the old power house, a comfortable place with no stairs to climb. J. W. BOWLEY, Mayor.

Charges of misconduct, fraud and violation of departmental regulations against Daniel J. Kearney, preventive officers of the Department of Inland Revenue, Montreal, will be inquired into.

The official count in the recent North Essex Parliamentary election placed Kennedy's majority over Lt. Col. Wigle, Unionist candidate at 1,592. Filiers

NEWS OF THE CITY CHURCHES

THE KING'S PROCLAMATION

THE CALL TO PRAYER

"The world-wide struggle for the triumph of right and liberty is entering upon its last and most difficult phase. The enemy is striving by desperate assault and subtle intrigue to perpetuate the wrongs already committed and stem the tide of free civilization. We have yet to complete the great task to which, more than three years ago, we dedicated ourselves.

"At such a time I would call upon you to devote a special day to prayer that we may have the clear-sightedness and strength necessary to the victory of our cause.

"This victory will be gained only if we steadfastly remember the responsibility which rests upon us, and in a spirit of reverent obedience ask the blessing of Almighty God upon our endeavors. With hearts grateful for the Divine guidance which has led us so far towards our goal, let us seek to be enlightened in our understanding and fortified in our courage in facing the sacrifice we may yet have to make before our work is done.

"I therefore hereby appoint January 6, the first Sunday of the year, to be set aside as a special day of prayer and thanksgiving in all the churches throughout my Dominions, and require that this proclamation be read at the services held on that day."

Week Of PRAYER SERVICES

JANUARY 7th to 11th (INCLUSIVE)

MONDAY, JAN. 7, 8 p.m. "THE PLACE OF PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF THE NATION" Rev. J.B. Fotheringham

TUESDAY, JAN. 8, 8 p.m. "THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY" Mr. Frank Cockshutt

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m. "THE CONSERVATION OF OUR SPIRITUAL FORCES" Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick

Thursday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m. "THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE HOME" Rev. David Alexander

Friday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. "THE PLACE OF THE YOUNG MAN IN THE CHURCH" Rev. J. W. Gordon

First Baptist Church Your King Calls You. Special Music Each Evening

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Presbyterian

ALEXANDRIA PRESBYTERIAN 10 a.m.—Brotherhood. 11 a.m.—Rev. H. E. Thornloe, B.A., of Toronto will preach.

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Darling St., Opposite Victoria Park. "A Special Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving." This is the call of God and order of the King.

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN, Brant Avenue. Rev. J. W. Gordon, B.D., Minister.

Congregational CONGREGATIONAL. A hearty welcome and a helpful message await you at the Congregational Church, corner of George and Wellington streets, Rev. W. J. Thompson, minister.

Methodist BRANT AVENUE METHODIST, 10.00 a.m.—Love Feast. 11.00 a.m.—Communion Service. 2.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

WELLINGTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH. Pastor, Rev. W. Henderson. 11.00 a.m.—Junior League and Class Meetings.

LABOR NEWS Tailors employed on alterations work in clothing houses in Denver, Col., have won their strike for improved conditions.

United States shipping board has opened a shipbuilding school at Newport News. Workmen from steel ship yards in all sections of the country will attend.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy.

Neilsen's Catarrh Cure is the best of the best physicians in this country for the cure of Catarrh. It is composed of some of the best known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients found in Neilsen's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions.

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Anglican.

Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Rector. Jan. 6th.—Festival of the Epiphany. By command of the King the day will be observed as a day of special intercession on account of the war.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. Corner Queen and Wellington Sts. 10 a.m.—Sunday School. 11 a.m.—Holy Communion.

BETHEL HALL. Sunday—11 a.m.—Breaking of Bread. 3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.

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CHRISTADELPHIAN. S. S. and B. C., 3 p.m. Lecture, 7 D.V. Subject, "Jesus said 'Whither I go ye cannot come'." Speaker, Mr. J. Clark, in C.O.F. Hall, 136 Dalhousie St.

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PARK Baptist CHURCH

Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible School and Classes at 3 p.m.

MUSIC A.M. Anthem: "Thou Wilt keep Him in Perfect Peace"

Solo: "Still, Still with Thee" Neidlinger Miss Pearl Fuller

Anthem: "Peace, I Leave with Thee" Roberts Mr. W. H. Thresher, Choirmaster

Men's Song Service Y.M.C.A. ROTUNDA

SUNDAY AT 4.15 P.M. Speaker, Geo. Wellake, WESLEY QUARTETTE, J. H. Friend, Song Leader EVERY MAN INVITED.

The King Calls YOU!

To Worship Tomorrow Every member and adherent of THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

is requested and earnestly urged to be present tomorrow at both of the services. Loyalty to King and Country demands your presence. Come.

11 A.M. "OUR NATIONS HOPE" Anthems: "O Come Let us Worship" and "Cast Thy Burden"

7 P.M. "PRAYER AND SALVATION" "Incline Thine Ear" (Himmel) The Choir and Mr. W. Evers

"The Reconciliation" (Dr. Koven) The Choir and Mrs. Secord Solo: "Hear ye Israel" (Mendelssohn) Mrs. Secord

BAPTISM N. B. Week of Prayer service each evening 8 p.m. Public Cordially Invited. Come Tomorrow Your King Calls You. Begin the New Year Right

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LOCAL

EXPLANATION. Street Railway Walter Turnbull wish that he is not the War for Alderman in War

GRACE CHURCH. Special prayers and services, 11 a.m. and rector will preach evening.

KILLED IN ACTION. Word has been received from the War Office that Walter Turnbull was killed in action. His children were drowned in the sinking of the Empress of Ireland

BICYCLE MEN TO W. Bicycle men from Dominion will gather on January 9 and 10 for the purpose of organizing the cycle Dealers' Association. The proposed association is to be formed to take up matters both the trade and throughout the Dominion

PENSIONS LIST. Twelve thousand names are contained in the pensions lists to date, being scattered in 1,200 are in the world. The proposed association is to be formed to take up matters both the trade and throughout the Dominion

STILL HAS FUNDS. Treasurer E. Hollist W. V. A. reports that possession of funds for the purpose of the unweaving of the High School Club. A portion of this fund is being applied at the G. to-night.

Y.M.C.A. BUSY AGAIN. Activities in all departments of the Y.M.C.A. will continue day of next week with the of the schools. On Monday the Noon Day Club will meet after the holidays at the High School Club. Tuesday night. Group meetings are held as usual on Friday

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