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THE SITUATION.

Matters have an improved aspect with regard to the Italian front, but the position of affairs still continues to be serious enough. It is announced that Cadorna's men have for the time being halted the advance of the Austro-German troops into the plains of Northern Italy and that the work of getting the Italian forces into stronger lines of defence is steadily proceeding. If this can be done without the heavy Teuton blows making further inroads, the situation will be considerably saved. A satisfactory feature of the official report is the statement that "the Italian troops are fulfilling their duty." This announcement comes as a relief after the conduct of some of the units of the second army in connection with the first carnage. Meanwhile British and French troops are on the way to give assistance to their hard pressed ally and it is the general opinion that they cannot arrive too soon. The Berlin official statement makes big claims, which, it is to be feared, are largely justified, for the speed of the Huns has been very marked. They are now before Udine, eighty-four miles from Venice. The two Emperors have exchanged highly elated telegrams, that of the Kaiser ending with the characteristic phrase, "Forward with God."

The Russian Minister of War, resents the statement of the "disappearance" of the Russian army and points out that the Muscovites are still "holding" on their front no fewer than 130 German divisions. The fact that the Teutons have evacuated land positions in connection with the Gulf of Riga operations is believed to indicate that they have decided to postpone further operations in this respect until the spring.

It is officially reported that an attempt of hostile planes to raid the south-east counties of England last night was prevented by the work of "the outer defences." This is very satisfactory news. It is eminently characteristic of the warped nature of the German mind that the people of the Fatherland are said to be in a state of frenzied indignation over the reprisal bombing of German towns by the French and that they are calling for the destruction of Paris by air machines. It is all right for the Teutons to conduct murderous assaults from the air, but any attempted comeback is a diabolical crime.

Mr. Stewart Lyon, managing editor of the Toronto Globe, and for some months the Canadian Press Correspondent at the front, has arrived home. He emphasizes the fact that although the Russian and Italian disasters are deplorable, they should not be considered as vital, for the reason the war must be ended on the western front, where the Allies are now getting the master hand to a greater extent than ever.

Lloyd George, during a characteristic speech yesterday, in the House of Commons, paid high tribute to the men of all the British forces. In referring to the glorious work of the navy, he used one of those happy phrases, of which he is master. Said he:—

"The British navy was like one of those internal organs essential to life, but of which we are unconscious until something goes wrong." "Not only had that navy bottled up the great German fleet and kept the highways of the sea comparatively clear, but it had ensured the transportation of thirteen million men and war material with the loss of only 2,700 in transit, owing to enemy action. The figures are certainly most extraordinary, and emphasize the fact that without the British ships, the cause of the Allies would have long ago been lost."

METAL REQUISITIONED

By Courier Leased Wire
The Hague, Oct. 30.—The new German requisition of all metal fixtures and accessories in houses, such as door and window handles, has met with considerable opposition from the house owners union, which has held a meeting of protest. The fact was pointed out that in a single house these fixtures sometimes had a value of \$400, and the meeting voted that owners must have assurance of compensation for their removal.

A military hospital may be built on the north side of the river at Prince Albert.

THE TWO BRANTS.

The existing condition of affairs in the Brants is most unfortunate, and if like conditions are created elsewhere throughout the country, the very existence of Union Government will be jeopardized. From yet the Expositor hopes that a "get together" can be arranged and candidates selected in a manner to exemplify and vindicate the true spirit of union, and not tend to destroy the union structure so far as it has already been feared.—Expositor.

The organ is trying to draw a red herring across the trail.

It was the understanding in connection with the Union Government that ridings whose members had consistently supported "win-the-war" measures should not have the complexion of their representation changed. Both Brants come in that category and Expositor's friends have been trying to stir up strife for purely party ends, without any regard whatever for the arrangement tacitly understood.

In the North riding Mr. Harold was in the field for two years as a direct Liberal nominee and he continued to figure as such after the steps were inaugurated for an administration formed of men of both parties. Later he resigned it is said with the belief that by such a step he would get a Union Government acclamation, although what ground he had for any such idea the Courier is not aware. Meanwhile a convention was called for a win-the-war candidate and not until arrangements had been far advanced for that was there any offer of getting together. Lt.-Col. Harry Cockshutt was chosen and it would have been the decent thing to let him have an acclamation because from the beginning of hostilities he has in a very marked way been an ardent supporter of war measures, bearing all the financial cost for many months of the second Brant Battalion.

In the South riding Mr. W. F. Cockshutt has been equally active in and out of the House. He helped to form the 125th Battalion, has three sons in khaki and has done his share in a most marked way. No offer was ever made from the other side with regard to him, although he had fully earned the right to a return without a contest. Instead there has been canvassing in order to find a man to give him battle and that too despite the fact that the very essence of the Union arrangement was that such a man as he should be returned without a conflict.

The two Brants having been splendidly served for six years on the "win-the-war" side should by every right continue to have such a representation maintained and it is against the Expositor and its backers that the charge of unfair tactics, and tactics inimical to war efforts, most emphatically rests.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

It is still the Western front which counts.

It you purchase a victory loan bond you will not only help Canada and the Empire, but also yourself. That's an appeal which ought to bring an all round response.

The feeling is growing that Canadian soldiers who have been at the front for two and even three years should be given a long home furlough. The first draft under the Military Service Act should make this possible.

To-day afforded evidence of the fact that winter at any rate can still serve up the same old brand.

Not having had a representative in the two Brants for six years doesn't prevent certain wire-pullers from thinking that they can use the two Brants to dance to any tune they like to whistle.

Things going to the bad on the Italian front has simply caused John Bull to set his teeth a little harder.

What happens there won't by any means settle the final issue.



DISCOVERY OF ANTI-TOXIN
Dr. Simon Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, who announced in Toronto that the effective anti-toxin gaseous gangrene has been discovered by the research chemists, of the institute.

DOESN'T LIKE RODOLPHE.

Sir Rodolphe Forget, Cons; who has announced that no matter in what constituency in Quebec, Rodolphe Lemieux, the Liberal runs he will follow him and enter the list in opposition.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Instructive Addresses Delivered at Zion Presbyterian Church

Under the auspices of the China Inland Mission, a bible missionary conference was opened yesterday afternoon in Zion Presbyterian Church.

The speakers of the afternoon session were the Rev. F. A. Steven of London; and Mrs. Horn a missionary among the Chinese.

The Rev. Mr. Steven, who has spent many years in China as a missionary and is well acquainted with the work there spoke on the "Revelation and the Inspiration of the Word of God." In his address the speaker pointed out that three books were commonly accepted by different religions as revelations from God to mankind, the Mohammedan Koran, the Mormon Bible, and the Christian Bible—and showed that the teachings of the first two tended to ward anything other than the uplift of man, appealing as they did to the lower and baser instincts. He will continue his address dealing with the Bible as the true revelation of God.

Mrs. Horn, who went to China with the first band of missionaries, 29 years ago related her early experiences in the Orient and gave many interesting particulars of how she had escaped from serious riots and uprisings in those early days, of missionary endeavor.

Evening Session.

Miss Waterman, of Toronto, and Principal McNichol, of the Toronto Bible College, were the speakers of the evening meeting.

Miss Waterman twenty years ago departed from her home in Toronto for China and in her address dealt chiefly with the Sunday school phase of the work. The progress that had been made was marvelous and advancement was made more and more through the adaptability of the students to learn quickly.

Miss Waterman appealed to those in the audience who were experienced in Sunday school work to go out to China and expend their abilities in the work there.

Principal McNichol spoke on the theme, "The Vision of the Unseen," as the Great Incentive to Missionary Work." He based his address on the Book of Revelations, chiefly in the 4th and 5th chapters.

To-day. This afternoon the speakers were the Rev. F. A. Steven and Miss Waterman, while this evening, the story of the China Inland Mission will be told by Secretary W. F. King of Toronto, and the Rev. Andrew Imrie, for many years a pastor in this city, will also speak.

GEORGE ORT WEDS.

George Ort, formerly member of the London and St. Thomas teams of the Canadian League and Miss Millie Laird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sleeman Laird, were recently married in Detroit and are now visiting in St. Thomas. Mrs. Laird is a former St. Thomas resident, and the romance dates back to times of the Canadian League.

In the Province of Alberta the Presbyterians are still the most numerous, according to the census returns taken in 1916 and just now published. The total church population for the province shows the Presbyterians leading with 31,216. The Roman Catholics are second with 30,647. After that comes Methodists, 7,559; Anglicans, 7,274; Lutherans, 53,304; Greek church, 28,854; Baptists 23,440; Mormons, 9,580; and no religion, 7,443.

"Night riders" are out in Georgia terrorizing negro farmers who have purchased automobiles.

The Indiana Woman Suffrage law has been declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

The New York Times has offered \$380,000 for the bankrupt Iroquois Pulp and Paper company.

Parents are being fined in New York for allowing their children to join in the school strike.

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out of the jaws of danger. There is no reason for despair."

The Chronicle refers that Gen. Cadorna has decided to abandon Udine and withdraw to the line of the Tagliamento River. It says: "It is a decision of bold prudence, which ought to have its reward. The enemy's advance will be handy capped in a manner which will be felt before long. On the other hand it is to be feared the German claim that the whole Isonzo front has collapsed is to a great extent well founded. When a whole front falls to pieces in the manner witnessed on the Isonzo it is very difficult to reconstitute it in the face of pressing nautical on a great scale."

"There can be no question that the whole mountain front in Carnia may soon be imperilled. In short, the allies are confronted with a very dangerous situation, of which we may be seeing only the beginning."

Restriction of unessential commodities for the duration of the war is contemplated by President Wilson. George W. Watts, a millionaire tobacco manufacturer, married Miss Sarah Becker, his late wife's nurse.

WANTED—Boys to carry The Courier in Paris. See Mr. Shaw at Paris Grand Valley Station.

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transported thirteen million men, two million horses, twenty-five million tons of explosives and supplies. It is estimated that the first fifty-one million tons of coal and oil fuel for the fleet, armies and needs of the allies. Out of these thirteen million men, only 3,500 had been lost, of which only 2,700 had been lost through action by the enemy. All that was apart from the prodigious quantity of food and other material, totalling a hundred and thirty million tons, which had been transported in British ships. This indeed had been a triumph for the navy.

Mr. Lloyd George proceeded to say that it was too early to summarize the effect of the blockade which would have been complete if we had not learned that the gates to the Balkans were unlocked. The Grand fleet had not had many opportunities but it was not its fault. It was due to the enemy's knowledge of its efficiency and recognition of its merits. Since the Jutland battle the Germans have never challenged the Grand Fleet. This was the best proof of the Germans' "unillustrated variety of their own claims to the victory of Jutland."

U. S. cottonpickers are to have their sugar supplies sliced in two until the stringency is past.

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By Courier Leased Wire
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the first round, he caught Rocky off his balance with a left and nearly tumbled him over. Later, Rocky ducked into an upper cut and nearly ended the bout.

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LOCAL

BASEMENT OFFICE
The office for a construction in the Y.M.C.A., has been greatly facilitated by the donation of the building of the building.

GAVE CONCERT
Members of the Church Choir visited Methodist Church, evening and gave a varied concert.

NEW TRUCK

Some time this morning the new chemical and pump delivered at the fire department allowed for in pires at the end of Lewis this morning from Chief Ten Eyckton fire department Hamilton truck had would be tested this evening and gave a witness the ordiltron truck was the one purchased.

TO FURNISH SUPPLY

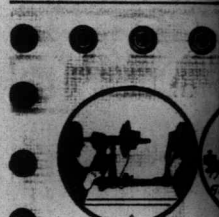
At a meeting of Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. evening, it was given to continue furnish Friday evening supplies to provide one sun night of each week School Club.

FEW MAY GO TO

Only in cases of or urgency will be allowed to visit the Christmas. Several passports for the job received by Dominion Officer, W. Scruton toms department, been taken up with of the Interior, Ottawa.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Despite the inclement weather, a large number were evening at Colborne to hear Captain Cornhill while in P. Millard sang two songs and Mr. F. W. occupied the chair.



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