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The Situation.

A despatch over the Courier's Leased wire states that during December the German war ships which have been bottled up for so long in the Kiel Canal, made a bluff at doing something in order to placate popular feeling in Germany. They kept within their lines of mines, however, and took mighty good care not to proceed into the open. There can be little question that as John Bull's throttle hold tightens, more and more German imports, the restlessness of the Huns will force the ships into an actual fight when the greatest sea battle of all history will take place.

That Montenegro is meeting the same fate as Belgium and Serbia is very clear, and there will soon be another king without a country.

This paper is not inclined to hold with those who imagine that in the spring there will be a big drive calculated to drive the enemy out of France and Belgium. Anyone who stops to consider the marvellous system of trenches and counter trenches, with their steel and concrete faces, and electric barbed wire entanglements, which both sides have established can hardly justify the conclusion there is likely to be anything of a sweeping nature either by the Allies or their enemy. It looks like a deadlock in this quarter with hostilities to be finally ended in some way.

Federal Income Tax.

Under the above caption the Hamilton Herald points out that it would not be at all surprising to learn soon from the Dominion finance minister that he has been giving serious thought to income taxation as a means of increasing Dominion revenue and assisting the government to carry its war burden. Indeed, it will be strange if Sir Thomas White has neglected to consider this source of revenue. It is so simple and obvious.

Of course, the imposition of an income tax would be direct taxation, and it is commonly supposed that only the provincial legislatures have the right to impose direct taxation. It has been asserted that in order to impose an income tax it would be necessary for the Dominion government to apply to the imperial parliament for the required amendment to the British North America act. But the Montreal Journal of Commerce contends that this is an erroneous view—that the Dominion parliament already possesses the constitutional right, under the British North America act, to impose any sort of taxation and we think our Montreal contemporary is right.

It is true that the Dominion parliament has never imposed direct taxation, and that the provincial legislatures have. It is true also that the provincial legislatures are specially empowered by the British North America act to impose direct taxation and that the Dominion parliament is not. But section 91 of the British North America act shows that the granting of the right to the provincial legislatures does not deprive the Dominion parliament of that right. That section declares that "notwithstanding anything in this act, the exclusive legislative authority of the parliament of Canada extends to all matters coming within the classes of subjects next hereafter enumerated—and among the subjects enumerated is this: "The raising of money by any mode or system of taxation."

"Any system of taxation" is a phrase comprehensive enough to include an income tax or any other form of direct taxation. If Sir Thomas White concludes that the time has come for augmenting the national revenue by means of income taxation, there is no constitutional obstacle in the way of such a policy.

Alcoholic drinks have been forbidden in Iceland, and the two last baskets of champagne have been exported.

Lieut. Nolan, the young Kingston officer, has confessed to the theft of \$3,500 in jewels from a Gananogue host. He intended to flee to Sweden.

About \$2,000,000 monthly is paid out by the Militia Department in assigned pay or separation allowances to dependents or relatives of men at the front.

The New York Bureau of Social Hygiene, in a report, says the Police department has been purged of corruption revealed in 1912.

Families receiving relief from the city of Vancouver during the last two weeks numbered 250 according to the report of Relief Officer Ireland.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The local Grit organ again would rather talk about the weather just now than municipal slates.

The annual report of the Junior Hospital Aid tells of splendid work most admirably accomplished.

The Kaiser, reported to be sick, is still well enough to continue his blasphemous claim that the Almighty is on the side of his murderous and wholly devilish deeds.

Horatio Bottomley, editor of John Bull, is one of the most graphic of modern writers. An article by him published elsewhere in this issue is well worth reading.

Brantfordites have already figured very notably in connection with the war, and now two more of them receive hard won honors, Lt.-Col. Colquhoun and Lt.-Col. Nelles. Hearty congratulations to both.

The appointment of Mr. Norman Andrews to the position of chairman of the Board of Education will be recognized as a deserved recognition of his services as a trustee. Without any doubt he will discharge the duties with credit to himself and benefit to the community.

EXECUTED!

By Special Wire to the Courier.

EL PASO, Jan. 14.—Generals Jose Rodriguez and Almeida were executed at Madera shortly after their arrest, according to a despatch received by the Mexican consul from General Jacinto Trevino to-day.

Andreas G. Garia, Mexican consul, declared to-day, in answer to formal enquiry, that no armed expeditionary force of Americans would be permitted to enter Mexico to run down Villa and his bandits.

Three more "baby bandit gangs" have been broken up in Chicago. The oldest of the robbers, it is said, is 17 years old.

W. Morgan Shuster is going to Japan, China, and the Philippines on a mission similar to that of Colonel House in Europe.

MONSTROUS

For the States to Go to War With Mexico, Says This Senator.

Washington, Jan. 14.—"It would be monstrous for the United States to go to war in Mexico at such a time as this," declared Senator Stone after his return to the capitol. "I was the original war man in the Senate when there was no organized government, and it would be absurd to rush into war now. We have recognized a government, and it would be absurd to rush into war without giving that government a chance to suppress and punish the bandit bands that have murdered American citizens. We know these bandits are seeking blood of Americans for revenge. I think that Americans who venture into such places, and Americans who venture forth on beligerent ships into war zones are committing a crime against the government whose protection they seek. Of course we must try to protect them. They have a technical legal right to go into dangerous places, but they should not do it if possible to avoid it and thus embarrass the United States. I am not convinced that it will be necessary to go into Mexico, but this is an absurd time to talk war."

TUNNEL FIRE

Causes Several Underground Explosions in Detroit.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 14.—Fire early to-day in a tunnel of the Edison Illuminating Company, the main artery of its downtown plant, caused several underground explosions, principally on State St., and brought about a panic in a crowded street car and cut off power, light and heat in many of Detroit's largest hotels, office buildings and stores. The mercury registered seven degrees above zero. For several hours after the accident there was no heat and it was said there probably would be no power and light before late in the day.

An overloaded cable which melted caused the trouble. A short circuit followed and with that the water main, which supplies the plant of the Central Heating Company, broke. In the meantime the insulated cables in the tunnel caught fire, the underground passageway became filled with gas, explosions followed and manhole cov-

ers were sent flying in the air. So violent were the explosions in some places that large buildings trembled and windows were broken.

With heat and light unavailable, guests in the hotels suffered greatly during the cold morning. In several of the buildings no elevators were running and inside offices, candles and kerosene lamps had to be used.

Over sixty-two thousand women in the United States cultivate fruit, among them being several of California's most successful fruit growers.

Russia's Future.

Russia has resources almost beyond the dreams of avarice; she is rich in men, and hereafter she is going to appreciate them and help them to aid her in being richer, greater, stronger, nobler. Once all her dreams were of exploitation. No longer will she exploit. Now all her efforts will be towards conservation and development. She is coming to understand that as a country deals with her people, so shall be determined her status before men. You cannot one moment crush

a man and the next depend on him. In times of need his willingness and your commands will avail little. Stamina, long continued right living and right thinking are absolutely essential. Russia, as at present constituted, cannot be wholly free, but she may be tolerant; tolerance permits room for growth and with growth comes, inevitably, development.

More than 2000 Christmas trees were sold in Vancouver this year in the open market and many more by farmers direct to consumers.

Five men were drowned in the Delaware river, despite daring efforts to rescue two of them.

A paper chimney, fifty feet high, and fire proof, is a curiosity to be seen in Breslau.

Mr. Olive Crawford Gayley, vice-president of the Pressed Steel Car Company, died at the age of 55.

Bull Moose leaders expect to hold their convention June 7th and force Mr. Roosevelt upon the Republicans if they can.

Clearing Out Sale

Commencing FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th

Stock Must Be Sold in 15 Days

THIS IS GENUINE

I HAVE FULLY DECIDED TO DISPOSE OF MY ENTIRE STOCK-- and during the next two weeks will sell Suits and Overcoats at prices far below their ordinary value, as the entire stock must be turned into cash.

Gent's Suits very smart designs, hand tailored. Usually sold at \$20 to \$25. All going at \$15.00 and Overcoats WHILE THEY LAST AT.....

Stylish Trousering at \$4.00

LADIES' THE COAT LINED WITH SATIN (GUARANTEED FOR TWO SEASONS' WEAR), made in the latest styles. Never sold for less than \$27.50. Now \$20.00

It will pay you to look these over, as the new Spring Styles are now to hand.

ALL GARMENTS ARE MADE TO YOUR OWN MEASURE. TRIED ON AND FIT GUARANTEED!

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Another List of Bargains That Will Make a Busy Saturday!

COATS

Not more than 30 in all, very handsome Coats, all lined with rich quality silk and satin. There are Plain Velvet Coats, Pressed and Fancy Velvet Coats, Plain and Two-Tone Corduroy Velvet Coats, Plush and Persianna or Imitation Lamb Coats. Not one of these Coats have been offered less than \$25.00 before. Some of them are as high as \$35.00.

\$10.00

FEATHER MOUNTS

5 boxes of Beautiful Feather Mounts. You will find what you want here. Regular prices from 50c to \$1.00. SATURDAY 10c

FELT HAT SHAPES

Women's, Misses' and Children's black and colored Felt Hat Shapes. Priced to clear SATURDAY 25c

SCOTCH BLANKETS

40 pairs Imported Scotch Flannelette Blankets, full double bed size, soft and fluffy. Regular value \$2.50. SATURDAY \$1.95

CORSET BARGAIN

Fine White French Coutil Corsets, medium, high and low bust, all sizes. A Corset worth \$2.00. SATURDAY \$1.00

FEATHER PILLOWS

75 only Genuine Feather Pillows, fancy art ticking covers, well filled. SATURDAY 35c

SUITS

Women's and Misses' Suits. These must be cleared before stock-taking. There are Tweed and Navy or Black Serge. Every Suit is either silk or satin lined and worth if sold regularly from \$12.50 to \$18.50. SATURDAY

\$5.00

WOMEN'S NIGHTGOWNS

Heavy Quality White Flannelette Nightgowns, tucked and embroidery insertion trimmed, good large sizes. A gown worth \$1.00. SATURDAY 75c

WOMEN'S HOSIERY

Women's all pure wool extra fine quality Black Cashmere Hose, spliced heel and toe, all sizes, guaranteed Black. SPECIAL 60c

WHITE COTTON SPECIAL

10 pieces of 36-inch extra fine White Cotton, good serviceable quality. It can't be duplicated in Brantford. SPECIAL 8 1/2c

WHITE ENGLISH FLANNELETTE

500 yards 36-inch heavy quality White Flannelette, no dressing, a quality worth to-day 20c. SPECIAL 15c

TURKISH TOWEL BARGAIN

200 pairs of large size Turkish Bath Towels, grey only, a Towel easily worth 40c. SATURDAY 29c

COATS

Women's and Misses' Coats, this season's styles, in Plain Cloths and Tweed effects. Coats that have sold all season at \$12.50 to \$15.00. SATURDAY

\$7.50

ALL WOOL SERGE

5 pieces of All Wool Imported Serge, fine quality; colors are Navy, Alice, Brown, Black and Saxe. SPECIAL 85c

TARTAN PLAIDS

10 pieces of assorted Tartan Plaids Dress Material, just the thing for children's school wear. SPECIAL 33c

TWEEDS AND CHECKS

20 odd pieces of Tweeds and Fancy Check Suiting and Dress Material, all colors are shown in this lot. One Grand Bargain. SPECIAL 50c

BLACK SILK BARGAIN

Positively the last time we will offer you this Silk at this price. Heavy 36-inch Lustrous Paillette, Black only. Our regular \$1.00 a yard—only sold less on bargain days. But this is the last. SATURDAY 79c

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