

THE COURIER

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The Situation.

In the very direct speech which he made at Sunday night's recruiting meeting Major Buchanan stated in straight terms that the position of the Allies up to date was not satisfactory, and in this he spoke the undoubted truth. The Major expressed surprise, in view of what is taking place, that recruiting meetings were necessary—every man jack fit to do so should rush to the colors.

The Gas Outrage.

The pouring of sulphuretted hydrogen gas into the homes and the factories and the offices of Brantford is not only a gross public menace, but a crime, as previously proven by conviction in the police court. Mayor Spence and the City Council of last year, after a hard fight, had the outrage stopped, only to have it revived again early in this year by the action of Mayor Rowley, who, without any consultation, either with his colleagues or the city solicitors, authorized the turning on once more of this arrant abomination.

One of Our Senatorial Masters.

What Hon. P. A. Choquette of Quebec may say or think, as an individual, is not of any moment or weight, but the fact that he is a member of the Upper Chamber at Ottawa lends a prominence to his utterances which would otherwise be entirely lacking. This man, who is in the job of Senator for life, as a party reward for something or other, recently had the consummate bad taste to rise in the Chamber named, and back up some of the charges made by Germany against Great Britain. He also declared that because England was at war, Canada should not necessarily be at war, and objected to a lengthening of the term of Parliament in war time, because the precedent would tend to put an end to responsible government.

elective basis, and not for the most part be composed of broken down and not wanted partisans, who can openly flout the will of the people and over ride the actions of the Commons, without responsibility to anybody.

Grit Paper Criticizes Pugsley.

The Ottawa Free Press is a staunch Liberal paper, but it balks at the recent wild statements of Mr. Pugsley recently made in the Dominion House with reference to the shell committee. During the course of an editorial on the subject it says:— "The Free Press regrets to find itself in opposition to so clever and distinguished a member of the Liberal party as Hon. William Pugsley; but we cannot help thinking that he has been led astray by the atmosphere of the Chamber which has been the scene of so many gallant party fights in which he has been a leading antagonist. From the speeches of the men on both sides who had preceded him, from the speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Dr. Clark and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, we had been led to expect that the element of petty partisanship was to be eliminated from this war session, and we had obtained visions of a real drawing together of the two political parties for the prosecution of the war, besides which everything pales into insignificance. If Mr. Pugsley's lead is followed by other Liberals, our hopes are shattered, and Canada, we believe, will suffer. The fishing expedition upon which Mr. Pugsley would have Parliament embark might result in the exposure of some grafters, but it would probably be more prolific in valuable information for the enemy."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

"Behold, I am vile," said Job. Tilbury gas can utter the same thing with the word "extra" added. Toronto enrolled 646 recruits last week, and the record is chronicled as "below the average." Wake up, you young men of Brantford and Brant county. The Liberals at Ottawa are still undecided as to an agreement for the extension of the life of the present Parliament during the war. Commonsense and decency should lead to a speedy acquiescence. In the death in England as a result of arduous work in the hospitals in France, Brantford is called upon to mourn the loss of a well-known son in Lieut.-Colonel H. B. Yates, M.D., whose demise last week was heard of with such deep regret, not only in this city, but in Montreal, the city of his adoption, Toronto, Ottawa and other centres where his activities were well known. He had a particularly winning personality and always took a very active interest in civic, philanthropic, sporting and other interests. He was particularly useful some years ago in Montreal in assisting the Brant Memorial Committee in securing generous subscriptions in that city, and always had the interests of the city of Brantford very much at heart. "It is a sweet and pleasant thing to die for one's country," and this can be said of Dr. Yates just as much as if he had fallen fighting in the trenches.

Terrace Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of House Avenue, entertained the choir of St. James' Thursday evening. Mr. Frank Alderson and his bride are moving this week into their new residence on Grand St. There is a great deal of sickness on the Hill at the present time—many suffering from colds and kindred ailments. The Women's Institute of Grand View held their monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon last at the school building. Likely No Change. Hamilton, Jan. 24.—Engineer Mountain of the Dominion Railway commission, finds that it would cost about \$1,650,000 to depress the T. H. and B. tracks in Hamilton, or nearly half a million dollars in excess of elevation for which the company is fighting. Mr. Mountain favors elevation, but can see nothing to justify any change being made at present. Buzzer on cord around neck enables Washington man to keep track of movements of wife in next room. Buzzer wires being attached to doors of her room.

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To The Editor

THE AGRICULTURIST AND THE WAR Editor Courier, Dear Sir— As an agriculturist, I wish to drop a few lines that will arrest the attention of my brother farmers in regard to their financial obligation in relation to the war now upon us. We are face to face with the awful war which is ever possible for the human mind to imagine. All mankind bears witness to-day, there is no crime no cruelty, no abomination of the dark ages or which the mind of man has ever conceived which the German nation has not perpetrated or will perpetrate, if he is allowed to go on his course deliberately laid down by himself for the last 44 years. There has been nothing like the horrors inflicted in Belgium, parts of France and Poland, now in German hands, and Poland, Montenegro are broken, plundered, robbed, enslaved. We in Canada would undoubtedly share a far worse fate if the allied armies of Great Britain and the British navy failed unitedly to subdue Germany, in her diabolical aspirations. What is our financial duty in this crisis, now on our noble soldiers suffering for our protection on the immensurable battlefields of Europe. But we regret to say, many fail to comprehend our position and responsibility and give nothing or next to nothing to assist in this awful struggle. They are not worthy to be called men with all the freedom and protection given them by the grandest flag that ever floated upon the breeze. Voluntary contributions have been liberal, but have been given by the comparative few, especially in the rural districts, and well of necessity become less and less while the need is greater and greater. To counteract this and compel all to assist, we should have a special war tax on all properties and incomes, and in the rural districts, half should be collected at end of June when the products of the farm begin to take on their way to market for the year in November, with the ordinary taxes. This would make it felt less. Taken by using to the full extent the "unlucky virtue" which we could face with ease even this calamity that has fallen upon us. But what might be economy for one might be indulgence for another. This is a personal matter that applies to all classes—let us all economize. There never was a time when total prohibition of the liquor traffic would be so beneficial as during this war. Then there is worse than useless, tobacco, in all its forms, costly dress, motor cars, amusements, etc. All this saving could be placed in the hands of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to occur before long if we all unitedly do our duty. No doubt our governments will be unanimous in curtailing all expenditures possible, our county councils the same, and as regards our township expenditures, these could be cut down in a good condition, and for time during the war, increase amount of statute labour in the county, part to be done in June, and part in October. This would lower the amount of taxation and would not be felt by the farming community. There has always been serious depressions at close of every war. This need not be in this case if we cut out all expensive imports, protect home manufactures in all their infant stages. Every dollar sent abroad for manufactured goods weakens our

Old friends and new friends unite in saying

Red Rose Tea "is good tea"

With a saw blade made from a knife blade, 24 prisoners in Little Rock, cut through eight-inch walls and escaped. No more kissing will be allowed in St. Louis city hospital between patients and relatives because of the gripe epidemic. If you turn a sea turtle over on his back for fun, on Georgia beaches, you must turn him back or you will be arrested under the new law.

"Skene" Ronan is Out on Bail

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—"Skene" Ronan, the Canadian pro hockey player, was committed for trial this morning when he came up before Magistrate Denison, charged with assaulting Alf Skinner of the Toronto team on Saturday night. The case will go before a jury. Police Constable Dan Robinson, the well known athlete, said that the assault was the most deliberate he had ever seen. The magistrate in commenting upon the case said that the next hockey player who came before him would not be given the option of a fine. Ronan is out on bail.

No More Aviators.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—It is announced by the Canadian naval service department that no further recruits are required at present for the British aviation service.

Ten Sons Serving in Empire's Cause

London, Jan. 24.—One of the most remarkable records of family patriotism is possessed by Capt. Alf. Pope, National Reserve, of Wrackeford House, Dorset, who has ten sons and a son-in-law serving in the King's forces.

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NEWFOUNDLAND'S NEW KNIGHT, WHO IS A MAN OF SKILL AND POWER



SIR WILLIAM DUFF REID Sir William Duff Reid, who has been knighted by King George, was born in Australia forty-nine years ago, and was educated in the Galt (Ontario) Collegiate Institute in Canada, to which country he went with his parents when a child. On the death of his father, Sir Robert Gillespie Reid, seven years ago, Sir William assumed the presidency of the Reid Newfoundland Company, which position he now fills. His activities in railway construction and operation for the last thirty years have well qualified him for his present commanding position in the island. Two of his sons are at the front, each holding the rank of Lieutenant, the younger in the Naval Aviation Corps. Sir William has made substantial contributions to the armaments of the Allies in aeroplanes and machine guns.

Bridgeport, Conn., against George L. Brown, stockbroker, of New York.

Sunday baseball after three o'clock in the afternoon, even with an admission fee charged, is provided in a bill introduced by Assemblyman Kiernan, of New York.

Columbia University announces that a proposal of prominent New York dentists to establish a school of dentistry probably will be adopted in the near future.

Report of new Diaz revolt in Mexico is affirmed and denied by Mexican leaders in New York.

Blood transfusion in cases of gas asphyxiation was pronounced a success by Dr. Karl Meyer, of Chicago, who has successfully experimented.

A dead harlequin duck, on one leg of which is a metal tag bearing the legend "22 Berlin Zoo," has been received at Guthrie, Okla., to be mounted.

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Veiled Insinuations Are No Argument!

The Citizens' Committee of One Hundred, in referring to their petition to be circulated, say that "Unless you are financially interested in the Liquor Traffic, you can hardly refuse to sign"

Surely a cause which makes pretensions to a high plane of morality ought not to require bolstering up with veiled insinuations as to the honesty of purpose of those who disagree, and do not favor signing this petition.

What of the Thousands whose ideas are not so warped and twisted that they cannot see the injustice of depriving men of their votes on a question affecting their rights and privileges while they are away to fight our battles?

What of Other Thousands of temperate men in all walks of life, who are neither prohibitionists, nor interested in the liquor traffic, but who are opposed on principle to stirring up an internal strife and introducing bitterness into our relations one with another when all should be working in harmony to the one end of winning the war?

What of Other Thousands who know that Ontario Liquor Laws are among the most restricted, and the best administered in the world, and who believe that the short-hour day, recently introduced, is sufficiently advanced legislation for the present needs?

What of Those Thousands of citizen soldiers whose absence on the supreme duty of fighting for their country deprives them of their right to fight for themselves here at the polls?

Do all these classes of citizens exist? They do. Then why sneeringly insinuate that the man who is unwilling to sign a prohibition petition at this time is financially interested in not doing so?

It has ever been, that men engaged in promoting what they believe to be a moral cause, have assumed an air of self-righteousness and superiority of purpose, and have sought so to place themselves and their ideas before the public, that those who disagree with them must be deemed wanting in the qualities of good citizenship.

THE PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE OF ONTARIO.

LOCAL NEWS

AN OPERATION. Further word from Corporal Patten, now in hospital at the front, was that he was about to be operated upon. His many friends here will hope for a speedy recovery.

BRANTFORD AT PARIS. The Brantford Intermediates journey to Paris to-night for a scheduled fixture. Should Brantford win, it will practically give them the district. The locals are going up determined to retaliate victorious, and as the weak spots have been plugged up, a victory is looked for. There will be a special car on the Grand Valley leaving at 7.30.

RALLY AT Y.M. To-night the grand union social rally of the Young People's Societies of the city churches will be held at the Y.M.C.A. at 8 o'clock. A triple program will be shown at the same time, including basketball in the gymnasium, aquatic features in the swimming pool and moving pictures in the lobby. Last year 1,000 attended this function and as large a crowd is expected to-night. The entrance will be from the boys' entrance on Darling Street.

CIVILIANS. In reference to the warning the women of the city have received, civilians are requested to be courteous. The last night of returning from the front by young men, is a busy time for the corners.

IN HOSPITAL. Charles D. S. Dowling, in Toronto, who was injured in a motor wreck, opened up a car, during recovery and front.

ENTERTAINMENT. The month Class of the home of business, Miss Mable on the piano, joyed by all a dainty luncheon. A vote was given to Miss Mable, for her dancing.

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