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THE SITUATION. The Huns are making a desperate effort to save Lens, but the indications are that their strenuous exertions will meet with failure. Haig reports that the British have made a notable advance on the town from the East, enemy positions on a front of two miles and to a depth of one thousand yards having passed into their possession.

French troops have scored a notable success on the Aisne front, north west of Hurtlebise. They attained all their objectives and took many prisoners. The Berlin official report admits that "the enemy penetrated our lines at some places."

There have been slight disturbances in Athens, and that is the reason why French troops have been sent there. Taken altogether, however, the new order of things seems to be accepted calmly, and there is certainly much enthusiasm for Venizelos.

Speaking to the U. S. Senate yesterday, Ambassador Sador Baklanoff of the Russian mission said that "Russia rejects with indignation any idea of separate peace."

It is announced that Great Britain will refuse to make reprisals on German centres because of the woman and baby killing air raids of the Huns. The view taken is that no matter what the provocation, John Bull cannot afford to descend to such a low level.

Post mortems are never very pleasant. The Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the Kut disaster has just reported, placing the main blame on Sir John Nixon, Commander in Mesopotamia, for his optimism in ordering Townshend to go ahead after said officer had reported that he had an insufficient force.

DR. CLARK'S SPEECH. Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer is an out and out Liberal of the Free Trade school. Dr. Michael Clark also has British blood in his veins, and when it comes to standing by John Bull he does not give a rap for party or for a leader who is trying to lead his followers astray.

quite in that moral category." And with reference to those opposed to the immediate securing of men, he caustically remarked: "People who are opposing that policy are not thinking so much of winning the war as of winning elections."

There you have it in a nutshell. The rubbishy talk that Laurier is too sacred to be criticised is brushed aside by Clark (up until now one of his foremost supporters) and that gentleman very properly does not hesitate to call a spade a spade and to place humiliating responsibility where it properly belongs.

For the odium which Laurier and his anti-conscriptionist supporters have brought upon themselves they alone are to blame.

Meanwhile the country has reason to give hearty thanks for the presence in Canadian public life of a man of the calibre of the member for Red Deer.

CRITICISM FULLY JUSTIFIED. The Expositor waxes wrathful because some Conservative papers have presumed to question the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier with reference to the conscription issue and to intimate that his conduct savors more of truckling to Quebec than a desire for the best interests of the Empire.

Well, what else is it? Sir Wilfrid is not a Demi God, above criticism.

In fact his course has often invited that.

When as a young lawyer he opposed Confederation, and wrote: "What have we, (Quebec) in common with the English colonies (Ontario, Nova Scotia, etc.) what interests, what relations bind us to them?"

When in later life he said he would have used his musket on the banks of the Saskatchewan, against the men seeking to put down the first Riel rebellion.

When he espoused commercial union with the States, hesitated about sending troops to South Africa, blocked by his majority in the Senate Canadian aid to the British navy, and so on.

His whole career has more than once invited legitimate comment, and why should he be absolved more than any one else?

It has come from his own side also more than once.

Only a few months back when he sought to bring the bilingual issue into the Dominion House his western supporters, led by Hon. Mr. Oliver walked into the lobby against him and right now a whole lot more of them are openly opposing him with regard to his referendum delay when the Canadian boys in the trenches are in sore need of more help.

Under such circumstances, criticism is not only fully warranted; it would be false to a plain duty to withhold it.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. Dr. Clark is freely forgiven all of his free trade fad ideas.

The Canadian boys continue to do good work at the front. They are not waiting for any referendum with regard to going ahead.

Anyone burying beer these days should make sure that it is not strong enough for a resurrection in the police court.

As expected, Food Controller Hanna is making the sparks fly in preparations for an efficient discharge of his new duties.

Incomplete returns indicate that the Liberal Provincial Government in Saskatchewan has been retained by about the same majority. The new woman vote apparently followed party lines.

The Sheriff pretty nearly seized the Toronto City Hall because of the non-payment of an account. If the local Sheriff would only seize Brantford's civic pile this Great Family Journal would at once open a subscription list to place a monument to him in Victoria Park. It would be over subscribed into the bargain.

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WM. RUTHERFORD HIS POLICE CHIEF Former Brantford Officer, Now of Ingersoll, Receives Paris Appointment TOWN COUNCIL MEETS Home of Mr. W. S. Daniels Burglarized This Week

Paris, June 26.—From Our Own Correspondent.—Another old resident was laid to rest this afternoon in the person of Margaret Kess, relict of the late William Martin. The deceased was born in Kibritzie, Ayrshire, Scotland, 34 years ago. She came to Canada with her husband in 1851, crossing in a sailing vessel, which took nearly three months to cross, and for the past 16 years has resided in town. The late Mrs. Martin was a faithful and devoted member of the Baptist Church and always took deep interest in the Master's work until advancing years prevented her going around. She had only been ill for the past two months and passed peacefully away early Sunday morning.

Last evening a pleasant time was spent at the "Y" when the members of the Kith and Kin Association, had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Major Jordan, of Brantford, who has just returned from spending the winter at Bramshott and Witley Camps, give an address about her trip. The President, Mrs. F. Wickson, was in the chair and extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Jordan, and assured her that the members appreciated her kindness in coming over to speak to the ladies. At the close ice cream and cake was served.

Last evening the monthly meeting of the council was held, Mayor Robinson presiding with all members present, and the following business was transacted:

Building Inspector G. W. Wheeler wrote, in connection with the roof of Mr. A. Grieves' residence, were not being laid in compliance with the building by-law, re fire protection. On motion of Messrs Jas. McKay and E. Pitts, the matter was referred to a special committee to investigate and report.

A petition for a cement sidewalk on the west side of Charles Street, was referred to the streets and sidewalk committee.

August 13th has been proclaimed Civic holiday, in pursuance to a request from the Great War Veterans' Association of Galt, who are having a big demonstration on that date.

A communication was read from Mr. L. Anguish, also from Boscworth and Churchill complaining of the bad condition of the road on West Broadway between Mechanic and William streets, and asking to have same put in proper condition. Referred to streets and sidewalk committee.

A communication was read from Bruce, Bruce and Counsel, solicitors for the Canadian National Advertising Company, offering \$50 and remove boxes from the streets.

On motion of Deputy Reeve Stewart and Ald. Blake, it was decided to accept the offer, it is understood that the company had failed.

Mayor Robinson stated that he had seen the Provincial Secretary in regard to having Dr. Leslie appointed a resident coroner, and he had promised to bring the matter before Premier Hebert.

OGILVIE, LOCHEAD & COMPANY June Sale of the Daintiest of White Undermuslins Prices for White Sale, to-morrow and Tuesday, at emphatic reductions from former prices. New Laces at 35c. GOWNS Corset Covers at \$1.00. For a Neat Costume or Skirt We Suggest This White Corduroy Pique 50c Value for 39c. Marsailles Bedspreads Summer Comforts

OGILVIE, LOCHEAD & CO. FRIEND OF ENTENTE. Decline Invitation. London, June 27.—The section of British Socialists led by Henry Hyndman, has declined the invitation of the Russian Council of Workmen's and Soldiers delegates to attend the International Socialist conference at Stockholm. The refusal is based on the fact that the conference will be attended by German and Austrian Socialists, and that it cannot serve the cause of peace or Socialism as long as Germans remain in possession of territory they seized and devastated.

LOCAL TABLET CLEANED. The tablet was the monument in Victoria cleaned this morning. OVERSEAS AGAIN. Lieut. Fred Gregory is here for a short time. LEPERS' MISSION. The monthly meeting to Lepers was held in Room of the Y. M. C. after noon, with Mrs. W. J. Verty in the chair. JARVIS OPTIC COMPANY. To have Glasses are becoming have to BE O to us. OPTOMETRIST 52 Market Street. Men's LATE STYLE NEIL