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THE SITUATION

It seems to be certain that the Allies have agreed to ask Japan to take any action necessary in the East. She is to have a free hand, and the only thing stipulated is that intervention in Siberia shall not be considered as a hostile step against Russia.

The Huns have been attacking on a large scale in the Alsace and Champagne districts. The foe succeeded in penetrating French positions at one point, but they suffered tremendous losses. Enemy troops also attacked the American salient, but were repulsed, leaving the ground strewn with their dead. U.S. casualties are also believed to have been quite heavy.

There would seem to be another rupture in peace terms between the Bolsheviks and Germany. Meanwhile, the Germans continue their Russian advance, but apparently are meeting with more resistance, although of not much account.

THE TWO BRANTS

Complete figures for the Riding of Brantford, show that W. F. Cockshutt, in the recent Dominion contest, polled an unparalleled majority. His figures stand as follows: Votes, Dec. 17 ... 4,411 Soldiers (North America) ... 158 Soldiers (Continental) ... 620 Soldiers (England) ... 738

For Ex-Mayor Bowly the second man, the record stands: Votes Dec. 17 ... 2,189 Soldiers (North America) ... 5 Soldiers (Continental) ... 28 Soldiers (England) ... 11

Total majority for Mr. Cockshutt, 3,692. This establishes a record for either of the Brants and will probably never again be equalled. If The Courier remembers correctly the late Mr. Somerville once had a majority in the North Riding of over 1,500, but that looks small by comparison. The total vote of the third candidate, MacBride, was 1,592, so that Mr. Cockshutt beat both his opponents combined by the exceedingly comfortable margin of 2,063. Certainly a most remarkable showing and one of which Mr. Cockshutt and his friends have every reason to feel exceedingly proud.

In the North Riding Harry Cockshutt has had what looked like a certain victory turned into a defeat. The Dec. 17th polling resulted: Cockshutt ... 2,007 Harold ... 1,618 Doran ... 1,289

This gave Cockshutt a majority of 391 over Harold, and it was believed that he would obtain a fair share of the soldiers' vote. He didn't however, and the final reading follows: Harold Votes Dec. 17 ... 1,616 Soldiers (North America) ... 33 Soldiers (Continental) ... 209 Soldiers (England) ... 243

Cockshutt Votes, Dec. 17 ... 2,107 Soldiers (North America) ... 10 Soldiers (Continental) ... 2 Soldiers (England) ... 4

Majority for Harold 84. What was the cause of this slump for Col. Cockshutt in the soldiers' vote? The reason is not far to seek. For some reason, with reference to which a thorough enquiry should be made, the Canadian Daily Record, a small sheet issued to the soldiers under the auspices of the Canadian Militia Department, contained, prior to the elections, a list of candidates, and Cockshutt's name was left off. The impression thus conveyed was that he had withdrawn. Harry Cockshutt formed and financed the second Brant Battalion, and his many kindly acts had made him a great favorite with the men. The question now arises as to who was responsible for causing the belief among the soldiers that he was not running.

CANADIAN MILITARY HOSPITALS

In a report prepared by Senator J. S. McLennan of the Executive Committee of the Military Hospitals Commission, some hitherto unpublished and interesting facts about the work of the Military Hospitals Commission appear.

The Commission had done no more than remodel some buildings in which returned men were treated. From that date to December 31, 1917, the Commission had built 21 new hospital buildings, remodelled 44 buildings, and adapted six other buildings to the hospital needs raising the total accommodation during that year from 2,571 beds to 13,802 beds.

The building program, including buildings now under construction and others contemplated for the immediate future, will raise the total to between 18,000 and 20,000 during the ensuing year, and although population has shown a slight decline during the winter months there is no doubt that this accommodation will all be needed.

The cost of the work done by the Works Branch of the commission, including the installation of all stationary equipment, is \$2,843,388. The overhead cost, including salaries for designing drafting, field supervision and incidentals consumed therewith amounts to only 1.5 per cent.

The low cost can be attributed to the fact that business has been transacted along strictly commercial lines. Standardized plans of construction have been developed capable of expansion to meet the needs of varying communities. The equipment has also been standardized for all institutions, enabling large orders to be placed in advance so that the best prices can be obtained. The almost unheard of practice in Government circles of taking cash discounts is carried out.

Savings accomplished by these close and careful methods of conducting the commission's business, by direct negotiations with vendors, respecting purchases, by taking discounts and by anticipation of requirements of a rising market, amount to \$1,125,000.

The cost per cubic foot of the M.H.C. hospital construction has averaged 20 cents. A well known building trade magazine announced that the average cost per cubic foot for 22 hospitals erected in U.S. under pre-war conditions, that is, when supplies were cheaper and easier to obtain, was 54 cents.

The report points out that notwithstanding the low cost of construction, the class of equipment, heating and plumbing, etc. is of exactly the same type as the best hospitals in America, so that the commission's buildings are easily well heated and will be available for many years' service without extensive repairs.

In respect of the general policy of the Commission Senator McLennan points out in his report that Canada was the pioneer among the allies, "it refers to Sir Edgar Hagar's address before the Canadian Club of Regina in July, 1916, when that gentleman after a tour of the hospitals in America, said: 'I have travelled through the Empire and I know of no system which approaches that which you are so fortunate to have in Canada.'"

Four months after this comment was made, and a year after the Military Hospitals Commission had made its report to the Canadian Government and relative power to carry out its scheme, the first report on this subject was made to the Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, then Secretary of State for War. The report was made by Sir Henry Norman Bart, M.P., who urged that all centres of therapeutics and schools of re-education should be subject to the single authority of a central committee or commission, such as had already been done in Canada. He recommended large re-education centres and urged that the patient's vocational re-education should begin while he is still in hospital. This was the already proclaimed policy of the Military Hospitals Commission.

His recommendation along many details in regard to the vocational re-education policy and the responsibility of the State for the provision, repair and replacement of artificial limbs, and surgical appliances, was already being worked out by the Military Hospitals Commission.

WELL KNOWN CANADIAN AMATEUR ATHLETE NOW ON THE FIRING LINE

Well known Canadian Amateur Athlete now on the firing line. The progressive policy of the Commission in providing for the comfort and happiness of the returned soldiers during their hospital period is indicated by references to the splendidly designed hospital cars used for transportation of bed cases from the port of arrival to the Canadian hospital or ultimate destination. It is interesting to note that these cars were designed by the Commission's own architect after he had seen the suffering occasioned the first returned soldiers whose stretchers had to be passed through the windows of the sleeping cars.

Another feature of the institutions of the Military Hospitals Commission is the recreation buildings where athletic games, and concerts can be held. Bowling alleys, billiard tables and gymnastic facilities are to be found in all the larger centres. Owing to the well organized business methods of the Commission it has been possible to depart, without appreciable increase in cost, from the standard type of building and to introduce into the hospital meal delicacies unknown, ordinarily, in military institutions. An organized staff of dietitians has complete charge of the commissariat and by the adoption of the cafeteria method of service for cases it has been possible to serve large numbers of men with good meals with great speed.

The kitchen equipment is of the most modern scientific type that can be obtained, not only for the preparation of food, but for the elimination of waste. The recovery of fats and other matters which have been sold or used has been carried on to the fullest possible extent and great savings have resulted. It should not be understood from this, however, that table scraps are served again to the patients. Pigeries are being established at some of the hospitals for the double purpose of serving these scraps and to serve for vocational instruction for the patients.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson 9--First Quarter, March 3, 1918. THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES. Lesson Text, Mark 4:35-41; 5:15-20 --Memory Verse, Mark 5:19 --Golden Text, Ps. 125:8 -- Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The incident of the storm stilled and the healing of the demoniac are found also in Matthew and Luke, and in the same connection. Their taking Christ even as He was, and His falling asleep in the storm, may imply that He was weary in his body, and possibly in mind also. His labors would give Him a weary body, and the unbelief and hatred all about Him would tend to give Him a weary mind.

One of the accusations of the prophet against Israel was, "Ye have weary yourselves with your words." (Mal. 2:17; see also John 4:6). When He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden" (Matt. 11:28) He knew what it meant of men or demons to be weary by a strong east wind, and sent a great wind to arrest Jonah (Ex. 14:21; Jonah 1:4); and it is written "He commanded and raised the stormy wind" (Ps. 107:25). Sometimes the stormy wind is His or their words, as in the case of the Jews to whom He said "I would make light of his knowledge, but there is a possibility that He knew that if the Lord Jesus crossed over to Galilee he might lose the fine piece of his work in the form of that demon-possessed man whom no chains could bind, and so fierce that no one could pass by that way." In Matt. 8:28, it is recorded that there were two of them. If he had that knowledge we can understand why he sent the storm to sink if possible the boat with the Lord and His disciples.

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LUTHERAN

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. Corner Queen and Wellington Sts. Rev. A. A. Zwick, B.A., pastor, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 11 a.m., Christ Cast Out a Demon; 7 p.m., Exalting God. All are welcome.

NON DENOMINATIONAL

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST. 44 George street. Service Sunday, 11 a.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Reading room open 2.30 to 4.20 every day except Sunday. Subject, Sunday, March 3rd, "Christ Jesus."

METHODIST

WELLINGTON ST. METHODIST. Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Henderson, Pastor. Educational Anniversary Services, 10.00 a.m., Class and Junior League Meetings, 11.00 a.m., Public Service, sermon by Chancellor B. P. Bowles, D.D., of Victoria University, Toronto. Anthem, "All Hail the Power" (Dicks), soloist Mr. J. W. Stubbs. Mrs. Frank Leeming will sing, 2.45 p.m., the Bible School, Mr. W. G. Ranton, Superintendent, 7.00 p.m., Public Service. The pastor will preach, Special music by the choir, soloists and orchestra. Chorus, "Untold Joy portals" (Gounod). Anthem, "I waited for the Lord" (Mendelssohn), sopranos assisting, Mrs. McWebb, Misses Bloxham, Auld, Sipeel.

ANGLICAN

ANGLICAN ST. JUDE'S. Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Rector March 3rd: Third Sunday in Lent. 11 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon: The Reed in His Right Hand. Matt. 27, 29. Preacher, the Rector. 3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes. 7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon: Preacher: Ven. Archdeacon Forrester, D.D., Rector All Saints, Hamilton. Strangers cordially welcome.

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COLBORNE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. F. Logan, M.A., pastor, 10 o'clock a.m., class meeting, junior and men's brotherhood, 11 a.m., Rev. Capt. W. B. Caswell will preach, 2.45 p.m., Sabbath School, 7 p.m., the pastor, subject, Education. Morning music—Anthem Galilee, Oh Galilee, by Leslie, solo part by Mr. Humphries; solo, The Voice of the Father, by Cumany, by Miss Gladys Garvin; solo, Mr. G. N. Crooker. Evening music—Hymn, Anthems, Solos and Chorus. Land of Hope and Glory, by Edgar, by Mr. G. N. Crooker and choir. T. E. White, organist and choirmaster.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

REV. JOHN H. SLIMON. Speaks on This Subject Men's Song Service Y.M.C.A., Sunday, March 3, 4, 5. E. J. Skidmore, Soloist. Come and Bring Another Man. Principal A. E. Day leads the S. S. Lesson, Study Tonight at 7.30.

WORSHIP WITH US TOMORROW

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. 11 A.M. "BUILDING THE CHURCH" 12.15 Communion and Reception. Every Member is Expected. Be present if at all possible. 7 P.M. LIFE EVERLASTING. You have often heard it said, "When a man is dead he is dead for a long time." What do you think of such a statement as this? Come and hear it discussed. 1. Anthems: "Still Still With Thee" and "Tarry With Me O My Saviour" (Solo by Mr. Byers). 2. Mrs. Secord will sing a beautiful new Song entitled, "Remember Now Thy Creator" (Tophoff).

TO ERECT MEMORIAL

Port Ellen, Scotland. March 2, 1918 proposed to erect a monument in the centre of the island of Salay, to commemorate the soldier dead of the Tuscania. The first proposal to erect the monument came from residents of the island, and a fund was started for this purpose even before the burials were completed.

STILL SOUTH

Lt. Col. Harry Cockshutt, is still South, and is not expected home for some days. He has been apprised by wire of the outcome in the North Riding.

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