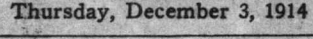


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THE SITUATION.

After such terrific fighting during the past few weeks a dearth of war news can be expected. Matters seem to be quiet in Flanders, and the only feature of the entire situation in the West is the French advance in Alsace, where their army is almost in touch with the sacred Rhine.

The expression of the heterogeneity of people and thought may be gathered by a perusal of the fifth census of Canada, which gives the adherents of every sect in our national life. The following figures are given in the census:

Roman Catholics ..... 2,833,041
Methodists ..... 1,079,892
Anglicans ..... 1,043,017
Baptists ..... 382,566
Presbyterians ..... 1,115,324

From the above it will be observed that of Protestant faith the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches are leading, while the Anglican Church is forging ahead at an ever-increasing rate.

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BELGIUM'S NEUTRALITY. It is proved that the violation of Belgian neutrality was a premeditated part in the long-matured German plans for the invasion of France.

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out of that way of thinking, because, as psychologists tell us, "old sense associations return on their former tracks." Lord Roberts' utterances cause a great deal of chafing among the Radicals, who often hint in Parliament at "gross breaches of discipline."

As you will have seen, the head and front of the German Menace in England is this brace of superannuated heroes, the one in Parliament and the other out.

And now the war has come, and "Bobs" was right. He was no lover of war or bloodshed, but he pleaded with his countrymen to arm for defence, and not defiance.

Pro-German papers in Dublin have been seized. This is no time, even in Ireland, to be "agin' the government."

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To The Editor

ALD. CALBECK REPLIES.

Brantford, December 3, 1914. Editor Courier:

Sir,—In last night's issue of your paper a letter from Mr. Howie in regard to his superannuation is apt to create a wrong impression in the public mind, insofar as I am concerned.

I wish to state that I had absolutely nothing to do with any negotiations looking to my retirement and my calling upon him was simply to verify the statements I had heard that he was anxious to be relieved of his duties.

If he had not appeared to be perfectly willing I would have had nothing to do in the matter. During our conversation he stated that he considered he was entitled to five hundred dollars for a period of six years.

Many Brantfordites will learn with regret of the death of Major Beatie, M.P., of London. The late member for the Forest City was a man with a personality, and he adorned public life.

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PAIR PLAY TO ALIEN ENEMIES

London Chronicle: Happily, our sensational press does not represent the nation. The British people remain what they have always been, resolute and formidable in war, but fair and just even to their enemies.

Editor Courier: Sir,—I notice in the "Globe" of yesterday the fact that the Commission administering the Act, had recommended wholesale exclusion of industries from operation of the Act.

A CONSERVATIVE (Editor's Note.—We know subscriber very well, and are surprised that he signs himself Conservative.

BEARING HER FAIR SHARE. Westminster Gazette.—We entirely agree that we must be prepared for great sacrifices and for great exertions for a considerable period to come, but we are not the less certain that any impartial observer would agree that up to the present this country has not failed to bear a fair share of the burden of the war.

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LOCAL

MEET TO ORGANIZE "D" company, 38th D.R. of C. holding their sports and organizing meeting to-morrow night in armories. All members of the company should be present.

PARK DRIVE RELIEF The park drive was responsible for the distribution of \$1,087.97 toward the relief of distress in the city during the week ending November 28.

POST OFFICE INSPECTED The City Engineer yesterday inspected the new post office building in connection with the laying of storm sewer in the vicinity. Work was proceeded with on this job morning.

POULTRY JUDGING. Joseph Minshall, left for Victoria, B.C., last night, where he will judge at a big poultry show. His absence will extend over two or three weeks. He will also judge at Chicago, spending all that city for the purpose.

HELD REHEARSAL Last night, in the armories, children's choir held a rehearsal under Mr. J. R. Cornelius, and the pious leaders of different turns will fill the bill to-night. A large number of parents were gathered, many expressions of surprise were heard at the splendid discipline and fine work done. Over 1,100 children were on the platform.

TO LECTURE AT TORONTO Dr. Charles A. Jarvis, Optometrist, will give a lecture and demonstration of Woll's Technique of "Diagnosis" in Toronto before the Optometrical Association of Ontario. This will be the first time this method has ever been shown in Canada.

INOCULATION WEEK This week with the soldiers at Toronto has been inoculation week. Inoculation of members of the mounted rifle regiment, the field ambulance and the two batteries of field artillery with anti-typhoid serum took place yesterday.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE The Cainsville Women's Institute held its monthly meeting, Tuesday, December 1st, at the home of Mrs. D. Norrie. Although the weather was unfavorable, 43 were present.

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