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THE SITUATION.

The fierce fighting which has been renewed in the neighborhood of Ypres has thus far resulted in favor of the Allies although the struggle still continues. The British and French forces have penetrated German front lines to a depth of from nine to eleven miles and the British have occupied Langemarck, which is situated close to a railway line. The French have also advanced and secured important positions. The foe put up a stubborn resistance and met with very heavy losses.

Stewart Lyon special correspondent of the Canadian Press at the front reports that "the taking of Hill 70 stirred the German higher command as nothing else has done on this front before." The enemy immediately after the loss of this important position made ten counter-attacks in order to recapture the hill but in each instance were repulsed by the valiant Canadians.

The retreat of the Roumanians and Russians continues on the Eastern front. Petrograd announces that the withdrawal is taking place for "strategic reasons" but "we regret to report" would be a far more apt description of the matter.

Lloyd George has made another of his encouraging speeches. He shows that food matters are in much better shape than at the same time last year with the pleasing fact added that there are a million more acres under cultivation in the Old Land. These things show conclusively that the German boast of starving John Bull has been relegated to the occupation of Paris class. The Premier also emphasized the undoubted fact that the Teuton power is growing weaker as that of the Allies advances.

General von Ardenne, the military critic of the Berlin Tageblatt warns the authorities in particular that they must defeat England as she "is the soul of hostile coalition on land." Why he didn't add the sea also, does not seem very clear and he could have secured some valuable pointers in that regard from the cooped up fleet in the Kiel canal. As a matter of fact she is the soul in both respects just as she was in the coalition which finally brought about the downfall of the great Napoleon.

PRAISE FOR CANADA

Amid the carping of certain Canadian critics, who for contemptible party reasons, are continually seeking to depict the Borden Government as having miserably failed, both with reference to initiative and action in connection with the war, the warm tributes of impartial, outside observers, still continue.

Ex-President Roosevelt, in a recent speech said "Until the United States has placed five million men in the fighting line we will have no right to consider ourselves as standing level with Canada in this fight for democracy," at a reception given by the chamber of commerce to Elihu Root, special commissioner to Russia. He added, "Let us pull up abreast of our valiant cousins of the Dominion by placing American soldiers in masses on whichever front they are most needed, and let there be no slackening of our efforts until the cause for which our allies have been fighting for three years is won beyond peradventure."

Roosevelt has always shown himself to be a keen observer and all impartial critics will agree that his admiration for what the Dominion Government has accomplished is not one whit overstated.

AS QUEBEC THINKS.

At an anti-conscription meeting held recently in Montreal, Dr. Deslauriers, who is expected to be a candidate in the coming Dominion election in St. Mary's division of that city, said during the course of a speech:

"The advantages for which the Canadian troops were fighting were the advantages that France, England, Russia, Roumania and Serbia would get, and there would be nothing for Canada. The constitution of 1867 calls on us to obey the King within the limits of our Constitution, and the day when the King wants to oppress us we have a right to resist."

Those who wanted conscription were vampires, millionaires, contractors, and the daughters of the Empire, who had no husbands to defend them, whether because they were too wise or too foolish, the doctor did not know. Placards were

being put up in Ontario stating: "Don't be afraid of conscription. Conscription is for Quebec."

When a professional man, who is supposed to have a trained intelligence, can utter such blatant falsehoods as the above, the amount of rubbish with which the habitants are loaded can well be imagined.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Hereafter those concerned who do not observe the meatless day order, will meet with the authorities.

Prince Frederick Lowenstein, in a recent address on "Germany's economic future and the German Peace" made the statement:

"Britain need only sell Canada to us in order to pay her war expenses and also the war indemnity due to Germany and her allies."

Well it isn't the Canadians who have been sold in the recent Lens operations, but the Huns who thought they could stack up against them.

To those Liberal conventions which are passing resolutions expressing confidence in the "old leader" and proclaiming that under him they are going to fight to victory, the words of Mr. W. A. Buchanan, Liberal M. P. for Medicine Hat, are commended. "The conscriptionist," he declares, "would support Sir Wilfrid Laurier gladly if he fathered a policy that would provide men, tax wealth heavily and fully organize the country for war winning. He doesn't give that lead and what are the Liberals who are in earnest about winning the war to do?"

It is announced that Canada's Great War Veterans Association now numbers a membership of 18,000. And every man jack of them has demonstrated his willingness to give his life for the Empire and human liberty.

Manitoba Liberals, who are dissatisfied with the machine manipulated gathering which recently took place in Winnipeg, are talking of holding a convention on their own account. They do not propose to stay misrepresented by the wire-pullers.

The clear cut and emphatic denial of Premier Borden with reference to the mischievous rumor that he and his associates were secretly working with the Nationalists of Quebec, served to effectively nail another campaign falsehood. The other fellows can have all of them they like, but they are absolutely tabooed as far as Sir Robert and his supporters are concerned.

Major James, after finishing his appointed task in connection with the School for the Blind, leaves the city to assume other Governmental duties. He has only been here a year, but in that period has certainly achieved remarkable improvements, and the departure of himself and family will be sincerely regretted by the many friends they have made during their sojourn here. The Major has long been an active figure in connection with Provincial matters, and before coming here he aided Hon. Dr. Pyne in the establishment of the military hospital at Orpington, England, in which regard, as always, he did excellent work. He will, without any doubt, again make good with reference to the enlarged sphere of duties to which he has now been assigned.

G. W. V. A. CELEBRATION.

A big celebration is to be held in Brantford on Labor Day, Sept. 3rd, under the auspices of the G. W. V. A. Plans on a comprehensive scale have been arranged for the entertainment and the committee in charge of the affair promise one of the best holiday amusements that Brantford has yet enjoyed. In the morning there will be two ball games at Agricultural Park. In the afternoon sports will be held, and motorcycle races for which appropriate prizes will be offered. The feature of the afternoon will undoubtedly be the latter, of which there will be two, the two and five mile events. A hundred yard dash and bicycle races, open to all comers, will also prove a great attraction and should provide some interesting competition. There will also be the usual humorous event, such as catching the greasy pig and blindfold boxing. A grand military tattoo in the evening will conclude the celebration.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

What was considered by County Constable William Taylor and other members of the police force as one of the worst cases of cruelty to animals ever brought to the attention of a court in Brant county, drew down the heavy penalty of a fine of \$50 and costs of \$3.30 in the afternoon court yesterday. The offender was Robert Hamilton, of the Burford Road. The penalty imposed was the maximum. Evidence showed that the animal had been provided with a fork, severely whipped, worked when its shoulders were in a sore condition and otherwise badly treated. The defense was that the horse was balky at times, and that stringent measures were adopted to secure speed. A scathing reprimand, in addition to the heavy fine, was handed down from the bench by Magistrate Livingston, who roundly condemned the defendant for his cruel treatment of a dumb animal.

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BOY'S BLOUSES AT 50c & 85c

In all sizes, in neat hairline stripe, fast colors, made with attached collars and pockets ages 5 to 14 years.

Millinery Clearance

Clearing of colored trimmed Hats, reg. value up to \$5, Sat. **\$1.00**

Summer Hat Shapes, reg. \$2.00 to \$2.50, Sale price, Saturday

NEW HATS

We have just put in stock a nice assortment of new fall hats in felts and velvets, prices ranging from \$3 to **\$7.00**

The New Leather Strap Purse

Introducing the new purse for early fall, of genuine leather in black lined in silk repp. Have deep change section, some with mirror, Saturday priced at, each **\$1.25**

WASH GOODS

All summer wash goods have received their final clean up prices. Pieces for every kind of summer wear.

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Middy Waists 75c

Girls' Middies, made of good quality, mid-dy twill, with fancy striped collar and cuffs, August Sale **75c**

Organdy Flouncing 75c

Handsomely Embroidered in many new solid floral designs, on fine organdy and finished with pretty scalloped edges, 27 inches wide, well made, dainty dresses for children, Sat. Special .. **75c**

A Very Special Value in Corsets at \$1.00

Marked at one-third less for Saturday, selling. They are made of fine coutil, in medium bust, and extra long skirt, all steel filled, a perfect fitting model, all sizes, priced at **\$1.00**

Cool Bits of Underwear

Ladies' Knitted Vests, plain and ribbed weave, some have fancy yoke, short or no sleeves, special **25c**

Ladies' Gowns, slip-over style, embroidered trimmed, each **\$1.00**

Aug. China Bargains

Lovely Gold Edged, nicely decorated China, the prices quoted are remarkably low for the quality.

10c to 15c Tea Plates, Sale price, each 7 1-2c
15c to 20c medium sized plates, each 10c
25c to 35c large size cake plates .. 2 for 25c
Fine imported Cream and Sugar Sets, today's value 50c, on sale, sett **25c**
25c Bouillon Cups and Saucers, Saturday price **10c**

Sunshades 50c

A collection of Women's and Children's \$1.00 sunshades, with colored cotton covers at **50c**

Sweater Coats \$7

We have just received a shipment of Wool Sweater Coats, a very pretty style, in all the wanted shades and sizes, very special at **\$7.00**

Local News

CRICKET FINALS.

The deciding game of a series between the Brantford and Hamilton Cricket Clubs will be played on the 25th of this month. Four games have already been played with the honors equally divided. It is probable that this will be the last of the season.

PARIS TAG DAY

The Paris branch of the G. V. A. have arranged to hold a tag day on the same day as the Paris. They will use maple leaves of same kind as was used by the branch at their tag day some ago.

A DRY YEAR

To celebrate the first anniversary of the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act, the Royal 7 Lads of Temperance are arranging to hold a large mass meeting on September 16th. An attempt is made to secure Sam Carter, M. of Guelph to address the gathering which will probably be held at Y. M. C. A.

TALENT TEA.

For the purpose of securing sufficient funds to furnish a room for the Great War Veterans' Association, a very successful talent tea was held at the home of Mrs. Renny, Able Avenue, on Tuesday afternoon by the East Kith and Kin. A substantial amount was realized through the efforts of the ladies which will materially assist in equipping one of the rooms in the proposed club-house.

ROOF TOOK FIRE

Faulty heat insulation caused roof of the Malleable Iron Works adjacent to the chimney from annealing oven, to become ignited. The conflagration was fortunately discovered in time by the employees and kept under control until the rival of the firemen, who extinguished it with the aid of chemicals.

HONEY CROP

The Ontario honey crop this year will be much below the average, owing to unfavorable weather conditions, according to a statement made at the meeting of the Honey Crop Committee of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association in Toronto last week. In view of the serious situation, the shortage of honey proves a grave problem in the future. Prices for the yield suggested, and fixed at 14 to 20 cents per pound wholesale, and 1-2 to 20 cents retail. The meeting was attended by Mr. W. C. G. representing the Brant County Beekeepers' Association.

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