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THE WAR SITUATION.

There is much speculation as to the cause of the movement of the Germans in ordering the people to evacuate a portion of western Flanders, and it is suggested that they may mean to flood a portion of this area to prevent the Allied advance. Their action is at least a confession that the pressure has become too great for them to withstand.

One of the grim tragedies of the war is being enacted in Serbia, where the people are starving because the harvest has been carried off by the Austrians, Germans and Bulgarians. Last night's cables told a harrowing tale of the suffering of these victims of famine and disease, whom no help can reach and whose present condition is comparable to that of the people of Belgium before relief was organized.

Today's cables tell of further success by the Italians, and it is hinted that another drive by the British on the western front is imminent. The Russian situation is bad, although today's news is to the effect that the fall of Riga was anticipated and that no serious fears for the safety of Petrograd are entertained by the Russian leaders.

German air-craft have again been active in the southeast of England, having dropped bombs two nights in succession. There is always the possibility that a large fleet of these craft may do far greater damage than has yet been done, but these raids can have no material effect upon the general conduct and outcome of the war, other than to make more damning the indictment of the Germans as murderers of women and little children.

The war of late has taken heavy toll of Canadians, whose bravery and resourcefulness, and their splendid fighting quality, have won for them the highest praise and given them rank among the best of all the soldiers engaged in the titanic struggle.

TRIBUTE TO SIR WILFRID.

The Montreal Gazette, Conservative, says:—"In the House of Commons yesterday, after the Royal assent to the Military Service Bill had been signified, Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke a few words which are worthy of serious consideration by all parties in the country. In forming the committee which are to share in the administration of the Act the co-operation of the opposition in parliament is invited. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as leader of the opposition, indicated that it was not the rule for a parliamentarian to aid in executing a law which he had opposed. He had opposed the measure because of the opposition to it. That measure was now law, however, with the sanction of the governor general. He added, to see that it was carried out as harmoniously as possible. In doing his part to secure such an end he would consult with the prime minister on the matter of the composition of the committee. The attitude of the opposition should be a wholesome effect. Nobody likes conscription. Some are strongly opposed to it. All should appreciate the meaning of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's words, which indicate the line of action for loyal citizens everywhere. Coming from such a source at the present time, the utterance in question should have a good effect."

BLEEDING THE COUNTRY

"The undersigned, all of whom as investors have a stake in the prosperity of this country, desire to call the attention of their fellow countrymen to the grave risk they are running of having their own earnings diverted for the purpose of securing profits to bondholders and stockholders of a concern, the equity in whose enterprise has been declared, by the only people at all in a position to form an opinion, to be of no value."

The above sentence is the concluding summary in a protest signed by about thirty prominent business men of Montreal, most of them members of the Conservative party, against the iniquitous deal by which the Borden government has undertaken to purchase the capital stock of the Canadian Northern Railway.

These business men point out that no agreement and no obligation to purchase the stock has been produced, and that the only examination so far into the affairs of the Canadian Northern has convinced two out of the three railway experts that the stock is worthless. They declare that if the deal goes through "it will impose on Canada, at a time when the country is under an unprecedented strain, a burden of unknown magnitude," and that "no other railway company would consider such an acquisition except after elaborate examination and reports from accountants and appraisers on the assets and liabilities, and then only subject to a solvent guarantee that all supposed assets would be delivered, and that no undisclosed debts or obligations would appear." And yet, in this case, "what is to be paid, who is to get paid for it, what the cost and the attendant obligations are, no one knows."

business men go further and declare that "the smallest transaction in common life would not be concluded in such a way, and any attempt to do it by trustees responsible to a court would unquestionably be a breach of trust." Again they say: "No road capitalized above its earning power can ever be a useful public servant, nor can any road bought by a government for more than its worth ever be anything but a continuous drain on the taxpayer."

Bear in mind that most of the business men who signed this arrangement of the Borden government are Conservatives. A list of their names appears with the statement itself in the Journal of Commerce, which says editorially that "everything about the affair justifies a belief that if the bill be carried through parliament the country will be called upon to pay many millions of dollars for that which the government's own experts have said has no value."

And this in the face of an agreement that in the event of the company again falling into financial difficulty, the government could take over the stock. To quote again from the Journal of Commerce—"The extraordinary part of the situation is that the government are proposing to assume all the company's obligations of the past, provide all the money for the present and future purposes of the enterprise, and to pay Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, through the convenient process of an arbitration, an unknown number of 'millions for the privilege of doing so.'"

It does not require any great stretch of the imagination to discover why the Borden government, on the eve of the elections, is attempting to force this deal through parliament. The "minister of elections" is on the job.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, Conservative member for Calgary, said in the course of his speech against the Canadian Northern deal: "I am no longer in the confidence of the C. P. R. It is six years ago since I severed my connection with that company, but from what I know of that company there never was a time, never would be a time, when the C. P. R. would acquire the Canadian Northern system, however willing it might be to acquire portions of that system. I believe this bogey has been held up for one of two reasons: either to stampede the opposition into doing something it should not do, or to enhance the value of the shares of the Canadian Northern."

A rumor comes by way of Amsterdam that the German Reichstag at its next meeting will discuss the prospects of peace, and that the government will have something more definite to say on the subject, which the majority of the members are said to regard as of first importance. It will not do to place too much credence in these rumors. Any peace the Germans would agree to at this stage would not "make the world safe for democracy."

Halifax Chronicle.—It transpires that Lalumiere, the alleged dynamiter in Montreal, was one of the Tory-Nationalist machine operators in the notorious Hochelaga by-election in 1912 when Hon. Louis Coderre was returned as secretary of state. The "Unholy Alliance" chickens continue to come home to roost.

Tomorrow's meeting to discuss food control is of interest to every citizen and should be the beginning of a well considered movement in this city and province not only for food conservation but for a great production campaign for next year.

What the German and Austrian newspapers are saying about President Wilson and the American democracy is the best evidence of their grievous disappointment at the tenor of the president's reply to the pope's peace note.

Sir Robert Borden says the first conscripts will be in khaki before the end of November. When will the elections be held?

When the Standard attempts to be humorous its readers are as greatly diverted as if they were watching an elephant doing a fox-trot.

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The Borden franchise bill will be heard watching. The elections are at hand.

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To chain and scourge the earth,
Whence then came Freedom's dawning hour?
Why does man's soul stir his birth?
Why does the spirit bid us die
Before in bonds to you we lie?
Ah king, the world knows well
The might you swear our Lord ordained,
Your throne, by blood of millions stained,
Are of the stuff of hell!

There have been kings, there have been emperors
Who claimed divine descent,
But when man's spirit burst its bars
Shorn of their power, they went.
Your path, O battle lord, lies plain,
Not through those lands you wreck to gain.
But where your kindred ran!
And when your gory throne goes down
A liberated earth shall crown
God's only emperor—man

TO ONE SO SCARRED.

(Florence Randall Livesey in Canadian Magazine.)

To one so scarred, who smiles? Ah, traitorously
Mirth makes a mask of that so loved a face!
Giving it semblance of a strange grimace,
Maybe—
Until I, even I, must turn away from thee.

To hide the tears that rise! How meet that smile,
That ever-present anguish which no mirror
The lips distorted as with long-past woes.
Shall I forget it in a little while?

O dear one from the wars! Mirth would not
Not leave thy lips.
And mine shall answer—quivering
Surely a little thing indeed to ask of me!
Only I smile into the sun's eclipse.
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prior to going overseas was in the employ of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., King street.

Mrs. A. C. Estey of Bellevue avenue was killed in action. She was twenty-eight years old and at the time of enlisting was employed in the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa.

Mrs. Anna Alma McGinley, of 137 Charlotte street, St. John, has received word that her son, Private Harris McGinley, has been admitted to No. 11 General Hospital, Caniers, suffering from gunshot wounds in the right arm and hand. His brother, Lieut. William McGinley is in an eye and ear hospital in Folkestone as result of injuries sustained at the front.

Mrs. William Seely of this city has been advised that her husband, Gunner Harry Walton Seely has been admitted to No. 22 Casualty Clearing Station suffering from wounds in the face. Prior to going overseas he was in the employ of the James Fleming foundry.

Miss Amy Y. Carmichael, of 90 Charles street, yesterday was advised that her brother, Lieut. John Frederick Ernest Carmichael, was dangerously wounded and had been admitted to No. 2 Casualty Clearing Station on September 1. He is a member of a well known Musquash family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sandell, of 228 Pitt street, have word that their son, Private Ewing Sandell, has been admitted to No. 7 General Hospital suffering from gas poisoning. He is twenty-seven years old.

That her husband, Private John Ward, infantry, had been killed in action is the sad news received by Mrs. Myrtle A. Ward of 579 Main street. Private Ward was twenty-four years old and

ECZEMA

NEARLY all forms of itching skin diseases come under the common heading of eczema. A vesicle, or small water pimple, appears. This breaks and exudes a sticky substance which hardens and forms a crust. As this is accompanied by intense itching the suffering is often very keen, and the temptation to scratch the irritated skin is almost irresistible.

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Mr. J. E. Jones, 228 University Ave., Kingston, Ont., writes:—"I had eczema on my hand for about five years. I tried a great many remedies, but found that while some of them checked it, none cured it permanently. Finally I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment in the house if

none cured it permanently. ment, and in six weeks my hand was completely better. I would not do without a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment in the house if it cost \$2.00 a box."

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maid and Dr. J. Nugent supported the groom. The bride was given away by her mother, Mrs. Mary Sullivan. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Delacoll started on a bridal tour through Nova Scotia and the Annapolis Valley. The bride wore a travelling suit of Burgundy broadcloth. On their return they will reside at 179 Tower street, west end. They received many handsome gifts and have the best wishes of a host of friends for all happiness.

Mr. Ford Gives a Half Million Autos To Red Cross

New York, Sept. 5.—The War Council of the American Red Cross, of which Henry F. Davison is chairman, announces that the Ford Motor Company of Detroit has donated \$500,000 worth of automobiles, ambulances, automobile parts, &c., to the society. The gift is in the form of a credit on the Ford factories, and is one of the largest single gifts ever made to the American Red Cross. Thousands of ambulances are still needed on the allied fronts in Europe, and the Ford gift will make possible the immediate increase of the Red Cross services on those sections of the fighting front where the need is greatest.

One of the highest ranking officers in the Medical Corps of the army said a few days ago that shortly after war was declared on Germany the Medical Corps made known its desire to purchase several thousand ambulances with a specially designed chassis. The proposition was placed before Henry Ford and he announced that he could solve the problem. Mr. Ford thereupon called in several of his experts, and a working plan was mapped out to meet the army needs. Every one of those ambulances is now in service along the western battle line.

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Mrs. R. M. Remter, of Federal, Kansas, writes an interesting account of her success in reducing a severe case of enlarged veins that should be encouraging to others similarly afflicted. She suffers with badly swollen and inflamed veins (in fact one had broken), for more than seven years before she became acquainted with Absorbine, Jr., and used it for several weeks and, to quote from her letter, "The large knots in the vein left, it was nicely healed, and has not bothered me since."

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THEY DON'T LIKE AMERICANS NOW

The Hague, Sept. 5.—According to Budapest telegram to the Berlin Press the New Pester Journal, commenting upon President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's peace note, says:—"God preserve the peace of the peoples from America's peace mediation. The democratic principle has become the worst corruption in the United States where millions are spent in every presidential election in buying votes. Ever pro-monarchical man has long known that no wholesome effect on the present war was to be expected from the corrupted herd of North America, sunk in the profoundest degradation."

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