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The Situation.

The Verdun fighting still continues with great intensity and without definite result. The Huns have gained a footing in and near the village of Maumont, and as an offset the French have occupied part of the German position in the wood of Avocourt. The toll in men still continues to be terrible, especially for the Germans.

A thaw has rendered operations almost impossible along the Divvies front, where the Russians and Teutons are at fierce grips, and in their other field of action the troops of the Czar still continue to harass the Turks in good style.

All of the representatives engaged in the important conference of the Allies at Paris are agreed upon the fact that perfect unanimity of aim and purpose prevailed. What a contrast this presents to other assemblages of the kind in which the powers have been represented, such as that, for instance, when the Berlin treaty was evolved. Then and in other instances it was a case of one country seeking to out-manoeuvre the other. In the memorable gathering just ended the one animating purpose was to help each other for the common end.

The Kite Charges.

Mr. Kite, member for Richmond, Nova Scotia, has made some direct charges in the Dominion House which call for investigation.

He alleges that the shell committee last June, through the agency of Sir Sam Hughes' friend, Col. J. W. Allison, gave fuse contracts to the amount of \$22,000,000 to a couple of American "ammunition" companies, hastily organized for the purpose of acting the part of middlemen, companies which had no plants, and whose aggregate capital was \$4,000. These "straw" companies proceeded to get the work done by genuine companies. Naturally there was long delay. Although the "straw" companies received from the shell committee advances to the amount of \$3,000,000, not a fuse had been delivered seven months after the contracts were let. This was the real cause of the long delay in the delivery of ammunition from Canadian factories. Colonel Allison, it is charged, worked in combination with the queer middleman companies, and arranged for take-offs amounting to about \$1,600,000. For some mysterious reason he took as a partner an Italian fiddler named Lignart, who played in a Montreal hotel, and this man sold out his one-tenth share in the enterprise for \$50,000 cash.

There is much in the above which seems to be incredible, but there can be no question that a probe should be made.

No one who knows Sir Robert Borden can doubt that he will inaugurate the necessary steps, and those also who know Sir Sam Hughes will be loath to credit the statement that he has been mixed up in any such transactions. He is at present in the Old Country in connection with military matters, and it is said that his immediate return has been requested by the Premier. Unlike some other allegations, this thing has been presented in too direct a form to permit of anything but direct action.

Meanwhile judgment should be withheld until matters have been thoroughly threshed out.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

From Jersey City comes the report that a house there has been stolen away by piecemeal. Just think of the awful shock to this community if anything like that should happen to the City Hall.

The Courier has had more than one occasion to criticize Mayor Bowley, but in the matter of abating that sidewalk obstruction he deserves a vote of thanks.

Britain is talking of prohibiting the importation of tires. Now if somebody could invent a prohibition of that tired feeling which leads some men to eschew work, that would be more to the purpose.

The Ontario Government has de-

sided to increase the cost of a marriage license from \$2 to \$5. Which brings to mind the story of Farmer Courtasse. His spouse had read to him an item that in some part of the world a wife could be bought for 25 cents. "Well," replied the old man, "a good woman's worth it."

COUNTY WILL GRANT \$7,000 TO HOSPITAL

After Long Discussion This Was the Figure Decided Upon.

DEPUTATION WAITED ON COUNCILLORS

Two Burford Men Thought \$6,000 Was Enough Money.

The deputation of Hospital Governors who waited on the County Council yesterday consisted of Dr. Secord, and Messrs. A. K. Bunnell, George Kippax and R. Sanderson, the county representative.

It was pointed out that the Hospital was an institution for the county as well as the city. At one time country residents had not made as much use of it as they might, but this phase of affairs had changed and last year 18 per cent. of the patients had come from the county. Towards the maintenance the county was still paying \$300 a year, whereas the city was now contributing \$18,000 per annum. The deputation cordially acknowledged the generosity of the county council in the past—\$15,000 at the time the large extension was decided upon and \$1,250 for the furnishing of a county ward—but the governors were now faced with the need for another \$65,000. This sum was rendered necessary because in the erection of the new wing, and other buildings, and also in equipment it had been found requisite to expend more than anticipated. In order to have things adequately done, they asked the County Council to grant such a sum as they thought fit towards the \$65,000, the citizens of Brantford being asked to contribute the balance under a by-law to be submitted to them. They also asked the County Councillors to consider an increase over the \$500 per annum now given.

The deputation received a very cordial reception and many questions were asked and satisfactorily answered. After the deputation withdrew the question of a hospital grant was discussed at some length and the sum of \$8,000 was first talked of upon condition of the City of Brantford raising the other \$57,000. Council then adjourned for the afternoon.

The much mooted question was returned to this morning, the council going once more into committee of the whole and Mr. Eddy taking the chair. Warden Harris moved that the figure be set at \$8,000, and Mr. Burtis proposed \$6,000. A vote showed an even division upon the two sums. Mr. Evans urged that the council be generous and curtail something needless, if necessary. The hospital, he said, was a necessary and philanthropic institution and should be staunchly supported. The Bible taught the care for the sick. Eight thousand dollars was not too much.

"We should not quibble," said Warden Harris. "We have paid little enough in the past, and should not begrudge this sum."

Mr. Evans pleaded once more, urging the little needed from individuals to raise the \$8,000.

Mr. Burtis understood that the deputation of yesterday had stated that until the present county had paid more than its share.

"No, no," from Messrs. Harris and Evans.

In Burford township, said Mr. Burtis, a large number of people went to the Woodstock hospital. There would be a great deal of dissatisfaction in Burford Township if the by-law called for \$8,000.

Mr. McCann thought the people would complain at \$6,000, as much as at \$8,000.

"Make it \$8,000," urged Mr. Evans. "The \$8,000 motion has carried," said Warden Harris. "It is only a question of making the vote unanimous."

Chairman Eddy thought that the townships which derived most benefit from the hospital—Brantford township in particular—should make up the difference between the two figures named.

Mr. Aitken supported this contention, urging that South Dumfries was now paying more than its share. The now paying more than its share. The now paying more than its share.

Mr. Evans urged that the matter be not looked upon as a financial transaction, but as a charitable one.

"We should not be benevolent at the expense of some one else," replied Mr. Eddy. The same relations which hold between city and county should exist between the various townships of the county.

"We should educate all the people of our county to patronize the Brantford Hospital," said Mr. Evans. "That is a matter which is chiefly settled by the doctors," returned Mr. Eddy, "and one over which we have no control."

"Six thousand dollars is better than nothing," declared Mr. Burtis. "All the western half of our township goes to Woodstock."

"Then put it into Oxford County," advised Warden Harris.

A late resident of Burford recent-

ly left the hospital a large bequest," said Mr. Eddy.

"Don't let us split hairs," urged Warden Harris. "We have decided we must do something and \$8,000 is no more than we should give."

Mr. Aitken considered that \$8,000 was more than the county's share. He advocated Mr. Burtis' plan, that Brantford township make up the deficit.

Mr. Greenwood urged that Brantford township was the only one which made a regular grant to the hospital. As the government paid a portion of each patient's expenses at the hospital, Mr. Evans reasoned that the county was losing money by allowing its people to go to outside hospitals. Mr. Burtis urged the distance of the outlying districts from the city as a reason for going elsewhere.

Mr. Rose favored making the amount \$7,000, and was supported by Mr. Scott. For the sake of making the vote unanimous, Mr. Aitken followed suit. Mr. Burtis would not object to \$8,000, but in the interests of the Township of Burford, he could not agree to that sum. However, for the sake of making it unanimous, he would consent to \$7,000.

Mr. Rose, personally, also favored \$8,000, and only held back for the sake of his township. Warden Harris reasoned that some persons would object to any sum. He was willing to fix the sum at \$7,000 as was also Mr. Evans.

On account of the reduction of the sum, Mr. Rose urged that the term of the debentures issued be limited to a few years. Ten debentures, to the amount of \$800 each, payment in full of principal and interest at 5 per cent. per annum, were determined upon.

GERMAN ATTACKS

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penetrated to one of the advanced points of our line at point to the west of Vermandovillers, to the north of Chaumes. A counter attack on our part, however, drove them out at once.

To the west of the River Meuse, the Germans last night delivered several counter attacks against our positions in the wood of Avocourt. All these assaults, however, were driven back by our curtains of fire and the firing of our machine gun and infantry detachments, which caused heavy losses in the ranks of the enemy. This was notably the case before the redoubt of Avocourt, where the Germans left piles of dead bodies. There has been no new military endeavor in the region of Maumont.

To the east of the River Meuse, and in the Woivre district, there has been intermittent bombardments. The Germans have thrown into the River Meuse, to the north of St. Mihiel, a great number of floating mines, which however have caused no damage.

"In Lorraine there has been activity on the part of our artillery between Domreville and Brementil. There has been no other happening of importance to report from any other point on the front."

"During the day of March 29 one of our aerial attacking squadrons threw down fifteen shells of large caliber on the Sablon railway station of Metz and five others on the railroad station at Pagny-sur-Moselle. During the night of March 29-30 two French aviators bombarded the railroad station at Maizières-les-Metz, seven miles north of Metz."

The police of Dallas, Texas, are trying to locate the murderer of Miss Zola May Cramer, a trained nurse, whose body was found on the campus of Oak Cliff College.

PARIS

Another Long Session of the Council—Members of the Farmers' Club Hold a Successful Banquet.

Paris, March 29.—Last evening the members of the Farmers' Club held their closing meeting by giving a banquet at Kitchen's school house. During the evening there were some very successful and interesting meetings have been held, which have proved to be a great help to all, and all are looking forward to another pleasant winter spent together. The club are deserving of great praise for the way this banquet was put on, and a special vote of thanks was extended to the ladies for all the good things provided for. After ample justice had been done the fine menu, Mr. N. M. Clump, president of the club, who acted as chairman, called the gathering together, when the following toast list was given:

"King"—Mr. M. N. Clump, all singing heartily, "God Save the King."

"Our Guest"—Mrs. R. Wright, responded to by Mr. J. J. Hurley, of Brantford, the guest of honor.

"Our Club"—Mr. George Weir, responded to by Mr. Herbert Boakes.

"The Ladies"—Mr. J. J. McCormick, responded to by Rev. J. C. Nicholson, of Paris.

During the evening the following programme was rendered: Solo, Mr. J. J. McCann, Paris; quartette, Mr. J. J. McCann, Miss Key and Mr. James Aitkins, of Blue Lake; solos, by Miss Margaret Cunningham and Mr. Archie Creighton, of Paris, while Miss M. Shepherd acted as pianist.

On Monday evening Captain Pearce gave a most eloquent address to the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian church, his subject being "The Musical Instruments of the Bible." A musical programme was also rendered by a few of the members. Before leaving Dr. Pearce was extended a hearty vote of thanks, and all hope that they may have the pleasure of hearing him again before he goes overseas to fight for King and country.

Last evening the members of the Balmoral Rebekah Lodge held a very successful euchre party in the Fire Hall. Progressive euchre was played

until 1 o'clock, then the lucky winners were announced and light refreshments were served by the young ladies. The successful winners were Mrs. George Tate; 2nd Miss Campbell; gents, Mr. E. Parkhill; and Mr. Robert Inkster. Proceeds were for Red Cross work.

The Council had another long talk-fest at the regular meeting, the session lasting about two and a half hours. Quite a time was taken up in discussing the financial statement of 1914-15. It was gathered that something like \$2,000 was carried over from 1914 to last year's account. It looked like a deficit of some \$5,000, at the close of last year. It is probable that no new sidewalks or other improvements that can be held over will be undertaken this year.

The milkmen sent a communication asking that a by-law be passed prohibiting the delivery of milk in town on Sunday. Referred to a committee to report at next meeting.

It is understood that the barbers' petition for early closing was not sufficiently signed to grant the same.

Mr. C. B. Barker's resignation was accepted, and a new engineer will soon be appointed.

The Council have decided to accept the Canadian National Advertising Co's offer, the chairman of streets and sidewalks committee to superintend it. Ten boxes to be installed of plate glass and to be used for advertising purposes. The company have agreed to pay \$36.00 a year for each box, as well as lighting for the same.

The firemen also asked that a jani-

tor be appointed now to look after the fire hall on account of it being used so much. They also requested that a heater be connected to the bath for hot water purposes. Referred to committee.

A letter was read from Revs. Brandon and Adamson, representing the Paris Ministerial Association, asking the Mayor not to allow Pastor Russell to deliver an address in town, as same was opposed to best interests of recruiting.

Reeve Evans took opposition to the letter, and stated that it savored of the dark ages and priestcraft. If the shoe did not pinch one would not hear anything about preventing any man from preaching the word of God. We boast of our civil and religious liberty, and yet these ministers would have Pastor Russell barred from preaching.

Ald. Robinson strongly supported Reeve Evans, and said if Pastor Russell's remarks were as stated by the local ministers, he could be asked to refrain from war talk. It was rather a high-handed request and just as bad to grant it without further information.

It was finally decided to appoint a committee of the Mayor, Ald. Davidson, and Robinson to interview the Ministerial Association for further light on the subject. The meeting then adjourned.

Considerable excitement was caused in the Gem Theatre last night, on account of the flood coming down, when the river jammed the ice against an extension that had been put on to support the stage work. Some of the stage work fell down but there was

no danger to the people.

Mr. Stacey, the obliging teller at the Bank of Montreal, leaves to-day for St. Mary's, where he has been transferred.

Pte. Howard Inkster, driver of the sub-park ammunition column,

Toronto, is home bidding good-bye to his friends, as he shortly leaves for England.

Mrs. F. Watt of Warton is visiting with friends in town.

Mrs. Gilbert, Paris Junction, is the guest of her daughter at Thamesford.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. left on a short visit.

Mr. Sam Burtis home after an extended Southern States.

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About 25 Masons yesterday to confer in Merlin Lodge Per candidates. The whole great success and port a most enjoyab

BOARD OF WOR

The board of work regular meeting this considerable business of be transacted. The ed for by the board to help in the red rate, is some ten less than last year.

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The barbers of the gular session request the matter of putting the cost of the ea which was petitione cil. Nothing was until the money is will not act.

COMMITTEE ME

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