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THE SITUATION.
 The assembling of reinforcements at Saloniki, is generally regarded as presaging an offensive movement on the part of the Allies in the near future. Any menace from Greek forces has been practically removed, and it is said, with a possible flank attack from them obliterated, that an effort will be made to cut the Constantinople railway connecting Germany with Turkey. Meanwhile the Central Powers are without postal communications as these have been cut.
 British forces continue to press hard on the Turks in the Tigris operations and the investment of Kut-el-Amara has practically commenced.
 Over The Courier leased wire there comes a summary of the notable speech made in the Commons today by Premier Lloyd George. His utterances are fraught with all the gravity attaching to his high position and the present crisis.

THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.
 It seems to be the regular thing to have outbursts of charges in connection with the above institution. The first principal, Mr. Hunter, was investigated. His successor, Mr. Dymond, had his own troubles. There were two other investigations during the regime of Mr. Gardner, who not long ago resigned, and now there is an outcropping of friction once more.
 Here we have the case of three men of varying types and methods, having their efficiency challenged by the pupils, and the new principal, Mr. James, is already having his difficulties.

The plain truth of the matter would seem to be that those unfortunate enough to be afflicted with loss of sight, and everyone has the sincerest sympathy for them, naturally have their minds acting and reacting upon grievances, without the correcting diversions enjoyed by those fortunately possessed of clear vision. Viewed from this standpoint the thing is quite understandable. This paper considers that a remedy should be sought without so much rushing into print. Perhaps one good method would be to have the older and the younger pupils classified instead of the commingling as at present.
 The blind should be given every possible consideration, of course, and nobody wants anything otherwise. At the same time some of them at least would seem to need greater appreciation of the fact that loyal men and women are earnestly endeavoring to ameliorate the conditions of their physical handicap.

OVERT ACT ALREADY EXISTS
 The Wall Street Journal of New York puts matters very plainly when it says:
 "It has been truly remarked that while you can be a little bit sick or a little bit in love, you cannot be a little bit married or a little bit dead. There are some well-meaning people, and others not so well meaning, who believe it is possible for us to be a little bit at war. In the event of an overt act by Germany they propose an entirely defensive campaign with the accumulation of arms and armament solely for ourselves, to exclusion of our present customers for such supplies, the allies, upon whose side we should supposedly be fighting.

Nothing could more effectively play into Germany's hands. This embargo is precisely what German sympathizers have been working for during the past two years and what was formally refused when Austria demanded it of our government. If to such a trade policy were added the proposal to keep our financial credit to ourselves we could hardly help Germany more if we actually entered the fighting on the side of the central powers.
 Defence is not the function of a navy when engaged in conflict with another, not overwhelmingly superior in strength. It is the standing rule of the British navy that its battle line is the enemy's coast. Attack is the best defence on land, as the German strategists have proved, and it is still more so at sea. Anything else would mean a complete surrender to the submarine frightfulness threat, and we have already made a long stride in that direction, without the declaration of war, by detaining American vessels in American ports. Germany has, in fact, blockaded our Atlantic ports already by her submarine activities. If this is not an overt act, what is?
 "Our policy in the event of war is indicated as clearly as need be. It

would become our duty to take over from the Allies every possible burden susceptible of being transferred. In no other way would our entry into the campaign have any effect other than to prolong the war and to leave ourselves at its close without a friend in the world and in a situation of the gravest danger. Without even firing a shot we should still be at war with Germany; and unless we entered the pact of the Allies to act in unison in securing peace we might witness the spectacle of New York, Boston and Philadelphia paying as ransom the indemnities which Germany no longer hopes to extort from her adversaries.

AS TO TITLES
 "A great many big Canadians have in the past accepted titles and have taken legitimate pride in them, as they should. Empire recognition is not a thing to be spurned, but to be valued. Critics in this regard do not cheapen honors thus bestowed, but themselves."—Brantford Courier.

"It might be said in reply that a great many big Canadians have managed to get along very well without titles, and have taken legitimate pride in their public and private endeavor. A sense of satisfaction that could hardly be improved upon."—London Free Press.

Our cotem, among other things, proceeds to argue that such recognitions are bestowed politically. That is not always the case.
 Sir William Osler received that title because of his medical achievements. Sir Gilbert Parker because of the high position he has attained in authorship. Sir Montagu Allan for prominence in the ocean carrying trade. Sir Henry Drayton as an honor earned by his splendid work as chairman of the Dominion railway commission board. Sir John C. Eaton because of philanthropic and Empire service. Sir Melvin Jones by reason of his achievements in the manufacturing arena. Sir William R. Meredith because of his high standing as a jurist. Sir F. William Taylor and Sir Byron E. Walker by reason of their valuable services in the financial world. Sir Adam Beck because of his mastery handling of the Hydro Electric scheme and so the list might be enlarged.

No reasonable man believes that when John A. Macdonald became Sir John he did a questionable thing, or Wilfrid Laurier when he became Sir Wilfrid, or James Whitney when he became Sir James, and so on.
 The point of view taken by the Courier is that Empire honors are worth gaining and that there is far more of snobocracy about those who object, than those who accept.

A RECORD.
 Provincial Treasurer McGarry was able yesterday in the Ontario Legislature to deliver a budget speech which told of a satisfactory state of affairs never before equaled in the Province. There is a surplus of over one million dollars, the net debt during the fiscal year has been reduced by over \$800,000, and the assets are placed at \$475,000,000.
 This magnificent record has been the natural outcome of resources, suitably conserved, and constant care with regard to expenditures. Ever since a Conservative government assumed office there has not been one charge of dishonesty outlay.

Hon. Mr. McGarry, during his notable speech announced that it was proposed to retire \$17,000,000 of Government bonds now held in England. This will be a help to the Mother Land and the move without any doubt, will meet with general approval.

SURPRISE ATTACKS BY FRENCH
 Are Made Upon German Trenches at Two Points on West Front
PRISONERS TAKEN
 Otherwise Night was Quiet, Says Official Statement

By Courier Leased Wire.
 Paris, Feb. 22.—2:10 p.m.—"We made two surprise attacks against German trenches last night, one southwest of Malancourt wood, the other east of Nouilly, on the heights of the Meuse, says to-day's official announcement. We brought back a score of prisoners. The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

E. W. Sawtell, who died at Guelph, aged 92, was formerly a prominent resident of Woodstock.
 Some Ottawa dealers are asking \$5 per ton of coal, and offers of \$20 per ton have been common.
 Samuel J. Spencer, aged 58 years, died at St. Thomas last week's illness from septic poisoning, caused by an ulcerated tooth.

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INSPECTION OF THE 215TH BY GENERAL LOGIE
 Took Place Yesterday—Good Showing Made by the Battalion
 RECRUITING IS BRISK
 Field Day to be Held in Dunnville on Sunday

Major General Logie, accompanied by Colonel H. C. Bickford, conducted the long deferred inspection of the 215th Battalion yesterday morning and generally speaking the evening reports that could be made in platoon and company drill and were only found weak in extended manoeuvres. However, the extreme cold weather that has been experienced throughout the winter has prevented any thorough efforts in this respect, but with the approach of more suitable conditions in the spring, this phase of drill will be improved. On the whole General Logie was pleased with the situation locally, and this was especially true of the administration of the Armories, and the records there, General Logie considering it unnecessary to examine them, as the former inspections carried out in this regard by his deputies, had shown that could be improved. The visitors arrived here from Hamilton in the morning at 9:50 and were met by Lt.-Col. H. E. Snider, Captain Trywhitt, Acting Adjutant, and the staff of the battalion under the charge of Major Sweet had been marched over to Agricultural Park, where they presented a smart appearance. The inspection was concluded at 12:45. General Logie and Col. Bickford leaving immediately after on the one o'clock car for Hamilton.

An enthusiastic recruiting field day is to be held in Dunnville on Sunday. Meetings are to be held there throughout the whole day, all the churches giving over their services to this purpose. Captain S. B. McKegney will have charge of the Anglican churches there and will deliver addresses during the day. Mr. W. G. Raymond has also consented to assist, and will speak in the churches, and at a large mass meeting to be held in the theatre at the conclusion of the evening services. This town, since the general demand has been added for recruiting purposes to Brant and Norfolk, has contributed materially to the strength of the unit, and has been exploited for recruits to the fullest extent. On Wednesday night Captain McKegney spoke at a rally held in the theatre there, and was successful in securing four recruits for the navy.

News Notes.
 Lieut. H. K. Wood has been authorized to attend the second week of the trench warfare course now in progress at the district school in Toronto. He was unable to complete his course while on account of illness.

Sergt.-Major Nelles, of number "B" company has been transferred to number one section, "skilled railway employees," and Sergt. A. Wakening, of "B" company has been promoted to succeed him as company sergeant major.
 An inspecting board to inspect the unserviceable uniforms of the battalion will sit at the Armories on Tuesday, February the 27th, at two o'clock.
 One N. O. Q. and ten men have been detailed to attend a ten day course in the Lewis Automatic Rifle, commencing on February the 28th at Niagara Falls, Ont.
 Captain Stenlin and four N. C. O.'s will take a four weeks' course in musketry at the district headquarters school, Toronto, commencing on Monday, the 26th.
 Lieut. Gundy and four N. C. O.'s have been detailed to attend a four weeks' course in bayonet fighting

PARIS RAISES A TOTAL OF OVER TWENTY SIX THOUSAND Objective Aimed at Patriotic Fund Campaign in That City is Passed—News of the Canvassing

Complaints of non-delivery of The Courier in Paris, should be telephoned to Norman Flahiff, phone 15, who has been appointed The Courier agent.

Paris, Feb. 23.—(From our own correspondent)—A happy and enthusiastic bunch of canvassers again met in the committee room of the Y.M.C.A. last night in connection with the big patriotic campaign to raise \$20,000. That objective was met the close of the first day's canvass, and yesterday morning the canvassers started in with a vim to raise an additional \$5,000, and when the reports were given by the various Captains at the close of the day's work the grand sum of \$26,100 had been raised with several amounts yet to come in, so that once again Paris has nobly risen to the occasion and showed its patriotism and generosity. Following is the result by teams:
 No. 1—J. W. Hillborn... \$ 683.30
 No. 2—J. R. Inkster... 1707.50
 No. 3—Dr. Lovett... 1311.00
 No. 4—G. W. Featherstone... 1000.00
 No. 5—G. H. Carroll... 784.10
 No. 6—E. Pitts... 385.75
 No. 7—A. Philbrick (No. 1 mill)... 1605.90
 No. 8—D. T. Hall (Shell works)... 1825.50
 No. 9—J. K. Martin (Winchey Mill)... 631.35
 No. 10—G. M. Heddle (Penmen's and other industries on the flats)... 4656.35
 No. 11—Preferred List... 10,285.00
 Other contributions... 128.00
 Grant from Ladies Auxiliaries... 500.00
 Total... \$26,100.00
 In the remarks of Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., he pointed out that in addition to the above contribution, the town of Paris would also pay in the county nearly \$4,000.00 for the Patriotic Fund, which would make a total of some \$30,000 for the year 1917. The population of 4,500 per capita of the population. He doubted if there was any town in the Dominion which would equal that showing. A splendid luncheon was served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. and after the tables had been cleared the balance of the evening was most enjoyably spent in the dresses, interspersed by a capital musical programme rendered by Mr.

Southworth of Brantford, Mr. A. V. Kinsey, W. Young, John P. McCammon, with Mr. S. M. Aver at the piano.
 Ex-Mayor Spence of Brantford was present and gave a complimentary address to the workers. He stated that when Brantford undertook to raise \$150,000 Paris had promised to go dollar for dollar in point of population, but by its contribution of \$20,000 it had exceeded Brantford. He also referred to the proud position of Brantford, Paris and Brant County held in regard to its men enlisting, as one in every eleven of the population had donned the khaki. If every county in the Dominion had done the same, more than the 500,000 men asked for would have been raised long ago.

Among the speakers of the evening were ex-Mayor Patterson, John Harold, Reeve Pitts, F. Smoke, Thos. Evans, Dr. Logie, H. Long, Dr. Dunton, C. M. Heddle, Henry Rehder.
 During the evening Treasurer Finemore, Secretary Lawton and Chairman Crooks were each presented with an iron cross suspended on orange ribbon. This was by order of the Kaiser, in recognition of their services in connection with the success of the above fund.

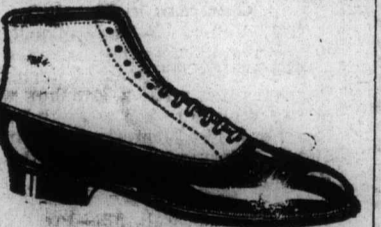
A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday morning in the Church of the Sacred Heart, when Rev. Father Cassidy united in marriage Miss Annie Louisa Curran to Mr. William Dazleish, formerly of Stratford, Miss Nellie Sweeney was bridesmaid, and Mr. Harold Sugree, cousin of the bride, supported the groom. After the ceremony, the guests adjourned to the home of Mrs. Sweeney's, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. The happy young couple left on a trip to Toronto and points east, and upon their return they will reside in Brantford. Many beautiful and costly presents were received, showing the high esteem in which the bride was held among them being a silver butter dish from her room-mates of No. 1 Mill. The bride was also presented with a linen shower prior to her marriage at the home of Miss Nellie Sweeney, St. George St. The death took place last evening of Mary Soutter, widow of the late Thomas Rocheester. The funeral will take place from the residence of her son-in-law, George W. Swiden, Banfield street, to-morrow afternoon, to the Paris Plains cemetery.

Last evening a number of young friends of Miss Lizzie Rowe, paid her a surprise visit, and during the evening gave her a linen shower. Miss Rowe is leaving shortly for the West, where her marriage will take place.

and physical training, and will report at Exhibition Camp, Toronto, on March the 5th for this purpose.

Premier in the House of Commons

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 000,000 barrels annually. A similar reduction will be made in the output of spirits, effecting a saving of 600,000 tons of foodstuffs.
 The importation of aerated, mineral and table waters will be prohibited.
 The importation of apples, tomatoes and fruits will be prohibited. The only exceptions made in the fruit restrictions will be in the cases of oranges and bananas, in which the amount brought in will be restricted 25 per cent. The same restrictions will apply to nuts. Canned salmon importations will be reduced fifty per cent. The importation of foreign tea, coffee and cocoa is prohibited, and even the amount of Indian tea which may be brought in is reduced.
 The premier said it was expected to save 900,000 tons of shipping yearly on food stuffs.
 The importation of paper, the premier announced, must be curtailed by a further 640,000 tons annually. In announcing the decision to restrict the importation of paper, Mr. Lloyd George said the government had arrived at the conclusion that a very substantial reduction was necessary, and that the amount would be cut to half of what is now allowed. This would reduce the allowance to 640,000 tons.
 Essentials Free
 All essential articles of food, he continued, would be on the free list but certain articles would be reduced or prohibited. The stoppage of the importation of coffee, tea and cocoa for the time being was due to the fact that large supplies were on hand. The premier said he regretted very much the cutting off of certain luxuries which came from France and Italy.
 These restrictions would be imposed immediately said the premier. Steps would be taken to prevent speculative buying, and if necessary the food controlled would take control of the commodity. The restrictions had been carefully considered, and he asked the House to take them as a whole.
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LOCAL
IS WOUNDED.
 Miss L. Nesbitt, 119, has received word that Pte. J. Nesbitt, of the Fusiliers on the firing line has been admitted to hospital. He was wounded on Jan. 11.

ARRIVED SAFELY
 A cable was received from Mrs. J. R. W. Acrott, 37, announcing the safe arrival of her daughter, Mrs. Acrott, who sailed some time ago, and who is a qualified nurse, the ocean to assist in the hospital.

MILITIA MEMORANDA
 Several copies of a report dealing with the method of the department of Militia in England, for dealing with the situation of the militia, are being served with the Canadian militia force, have been City Clerk H. F. Leonard that should be adopted in cases concerning the militia, and relatives who are under any other matter concerning them, and are very instructive to those concerned.

BASKETBALL
 The Brantford O. B. outclassed when they played to St. Catharines on night, and were defeated of 40-18. Although they stiff resistance, the St. Catharines team was very strong. They were weakened to some extent by the absence of their forward line. The team Adams and Hurley, forward center, and Deagle (captain) and Whittaker, guards.

RECEIVED PROMOTION
 Friends in this city of Ridley, of the 19th Battalion, will learn with pleasure that he has been promoted to the rank of major. Major Ridley enlisted as a private in the ranks of the 19th Battalion in the autumn of 1914, and was promoted, becoming in due time sergeant, with his coming as a fresh recruit services upon the field, he was wounded last summer.

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