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The Situation.

The 102nd day of the Verdun fighting sees the contending forces at fiercer grips than ever. It is said that a million and a half men are involved in the sanguinary struggle, while over six thousand guns are battering away day and night. The personal ambitions of the Crown Prince are back of it all. The latest phase of the contest is that the French have driven the Huns from strong positions on the slopes of Dead Man Hill. They lost some trench foothold to the enemy south of the Caurette wood, but not to a damaging extent.

The Austrians still maintain their big offensive on the Italian front, but it is stated that they have found it impossible to advance their wings, and that failing in this their great objective must meet with failure.

In the British House Winston Churchill asked for a committee of investigation with regard to an alleged discrepancy between the number of men enlisted for service and those on the firing line. He declared that too many had their time occupied with useless service, such as officers' servants, etc., and said that after careful examination he found that 1,700,000 men were unaccounted for. He desired to know what had become of them. A further allegation was that the supply of rifles was inadequate. Another criticism was that many men at the front were worn out by constant service, while multitudes of fresh soldiers were kept at home.

Premier Asquith in reply questioned the accuracy of Churchill's figures, and pointed out that home defence had to be maintained in view of a possible, though not likely, invasion. He declared that there was no other man in the Empire who could have accomplished what Kitchener had done in bringing into existence in so short a time and with such little friction such an army as was now available.

Contentible Criticism.

The Expositor recently made the statement "Canada is evidently stalled in the matter of recruiting," and averred that "drastic methods" would have to be adopted.

The statement that recruiting has come to an end is not true. Right in this community it is still going on apace, and the same thing is true of all other portions of the Dominion with the exception of Quebec. In that Province, the call to arms has proved largely a dead appeal, and there is nothing to fall off of what has scarcely existed. This is the Province, he remarked, in connection with which Sir Wilfrid Laurier recently lent his sinister aid on behalf of dictating to Ontario on her school question. Having notably refrained in doing their part on behalf of the Empire in the present crisis, the Liberal leader sought to help a movement to make them dictators at home. This is the man whom the local Grit organ worships as a species of demi god.

Just why the Expositor should seek to take a slap at the men who are daily offering themselves for service is not very clear.

The London Free Press in calling our cotem, to account, points out that any deterrent to recruiting has been mainly supplied by Grit sheets such as itself.

"Who has occupied the largest amount of space in the editorial and news columns of The Expositor? His Majesty, the King? Kitchener? Asquith? Joffre? Borden? None of these. For many days discussion has centered about the name of Col. Allison."

Why Allison? Because he is a chief factor in the winning or the losing of the war? Of course not. Allison is a man who had something to do with five contracts that were awarded more than a year ago by a committee acting for Canada, but that has been defunct for six months.

Then why Allison? Well, just this: If one side of Canada's petty politics can prove that Allison received an undue share of profits or commissions, the fact may operate to the disadvantage of the other side."

The Carvels, the Kytes, the Globes, the Expositor and other Grit sheets of that type, are keen to see the government embarrassed at this trying time, regardless of anything else. In this course they are exhibiting a class of peanut politics as contemptible as it is utterly unworthy.

General Joffre.
 Elsewhere in this issue the Courier, through Associated Press correspondence, gives a very interesting sketch of General Joffre, the man who is in supreme command of the French forces.

It is a directly-told story, and one which serves to bring forcibly home the personality of this man who, because of his part in the war, has entered into world fame.

His capacity for work, it will be noted, is enormous, and it is related that he has the gift of taking snatches of sleep at will when the opportunity offers during his motor trips. The great Napoleon possessed a similar faculty, and it is on record that a few moments of repose thus taken was quite sufficient to make his marvellous mind as alert as ever.

Joffre, of course, does not rank in the same class with the military genius in question. He possesses a stolidity not hitherto associated with the race, but which in this war has been so characteristic of the entire French defence against the most powerful war machine the world has ever seen. No doubt it is largely because of the example of the commander-in-chief that this has proved to be the case.

It should be remembered that Joffre is not only in command of his own forces, but also of the entire Allied campaign on the European front. Some have criticized the British for not going to the aid of the French in the Verdun struggle, but Joffre, for reasons of his own, has declined such assistance.

Without any doubt the most brilliant figure which hostilities have yet disclosed has been that of Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia. It is equally certain that for stolidity of purpose, grasp of detail and calm judgment, Joffre comes easily second.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A woman in New Jersey, after getting sentenced to ten days in jail, thanked heaven that she would be rid of her husband for that time at least. She evidently regarded her arrest as affording her a rest.

Needing her hands to talk, a New York janitor's wife let go the dumb waiter rope, and her husband had a free ride to the basement and the hospital. Dumb people and dumb waiters evidently don't make a good combination. P.S.—Hubby was also knocked speechless.

General Smuts continues to send good news with regard to the operations in German East Africa. He hasn't yet struck one of those "We regret to report" episodes which during the Boer war used to come from there.

The Shackleton party is reported safe, but is in need of the usual relief expedition. These Arctic explorations have never yet resulted in anything but death and trouble for brave men who might be more profitably engaged.

Firebrand Bourassa is still spouting his reasonable talk. He has gone far enough to be brought up with a short jolt, Quebec or no Quebec.

Chicken Food for Bantams

So Bystanders Thought, But It Turned Out to be Uniforms.

The sight of a huge packing case which was deposited this morning before the entrance to the Commercial Chambers, and of which possession was immediately taken by a small group of soldiers of the 216th, gave rise to considerable comment and speculation among the bystanders. That the box contained chicken feed for the Bantams, was the opinion generally voiced, while some maintained that it held a large chicken coop wherein to barrack the little fellows. The true nature of the contents, however, was discovered by none, for the case contained fine feathers for the Bantams. In short, it held the uniforms for the new recruits secured here, who have now been fitted out, with the aid of the battalion sergeant tailor. Another recruit was secured in the city by the 216th yesterday and more are expected shortly. Lt. McKissock made a trip to Paris this morning, accompanied by Lieut. Collier, who is in the city arranging for a number of novel and original recruiting meetings to be staged very shortly.

THREE SUNK

Berlin Admits That the Steamers Pera, Hebe and Worms Lost in the Baltic.

Amsterdam, via London, June 1.—A Berlin despatch denies that the German steamers Pera, Hebe and Worms have been sunk in the Baltic.

A Stockholm despatch of May 21 reported the sinking of the Hebe and Pera by a submarine off the southern coast of Cape Oland.
 A Copenhagen despatch reported that the Worms, bound from Sweden for a German port was overdue and probably had fallen victim to a Russian submarine.

RECRUITING POSTERS NOT TO BE TORN DOWN

Heavy Penalties Attached to an Offence of This Nature.

215th RALLY TO-MORROW NIGHT

Lt.-Col. Grier of Toronto and Dr. Nelson of Hamilton to Speak.

Three recruits were obtained yesterday by the 215th, and a number more to-day. The present strength of the battalion is 370.

With the work of fitting out recruits at a rate corresponding with numbers now being obtained, Q. M. Sergt. Thornthwaite is kept busy day and evening, but the work is being steadily accomplished.

Lt. Col. Stewart has consented to the transfer of Pte. R. Wilson from the 84th to the 215th battalion, and Pte. Wilson will report here very shortly.

Major Snider, Capt. McKegney and Capt. Andrews will attend a meeting of the Mount Pleasant Women's Institute Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William McEwen.

Posters of the button for rejected men, have been received at the battalion headquarters, and are now being distributed throughout the city. It has come to the notice of the authorities that recruiting posters in different parts of Brant County have been torn down or destroyed, and all are warned that a very heavy penalty is attached to an offence of this nature. Anyone detected destroying such posters will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A good program is being prepared for the Saturday evening concert at battalion headquarters. The brass band will assist in the entertainment.

A photograph of all the motor cars of the 215th battalion was taken this afternoon in front of headquarters.

Rev. Dr. S. Banks Nelson, Hamilton and Lt. Col. Grier, Toronto, will be the chief speakers at the sporting rally in the Grand Theatre to-morrow night. The band of the battalion will make its first public appearance, with some 25 bandsmen, and boxing bouts and moving pictures will be included on the program. The rally will start at 10.30, immediately upon the close of the regular performance, a portion of which will be repeated during the rally. There will be no admission charge, and all are invited to attend.

Ex-Mayor J. H. Spence will occupy the chair.

AUTOS BARRED ON SUNDAY

Britain Taking Steps to Eliminate Wasteful Use of Gasoline.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 London, June 1.—According to today's newspapers new regulations limiting the use of petrol will be issued next week to take effect immediately on publication. The new rules will aim at the conservation of the national supply of petrol owing to the heavy demands of the army and navy. The amount of petrol now being used by the British expeditionary force in France is equal to the normal supply of the whole United Kingdom in peace time. The principal feature of the new regulations is the prohibition of the use of automobiles on Sundays, except under special license which will only be granted in urgent cases. The prohibition will probably involve most of the Sunday motor omnibus lines. The authorities are also considering the use of a petrol ticket system similar to the German bread cards.

HARVEST WAS OVER-ESTIMATED

Germany Finding Out It Will Not Exceed That of Last Year.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 London, June 1.—(New York Sun cable)—It has been stated that the German government expects a crop in 1916 estimated at 35 per cent. better than in 1915.
 The Berliner Neueste Nachrichten prints a statement to the effect that the harvest prospects "undoubtedly have been over-estimated," and says "The outlook in the eastern provinces is far less favorable than represented. Certainly the crop will not exceed that of 1915. The drought, and frosts have greatly damaged the crops. The rye crop will be from 10 to 15 below that of 1915."

The newspaper adds: "A sharp local troubles there has been a great over-estimate of the harvest generally, especially in relation to food questions as discussed in the Reichstag. Such over-estimation is mischievous, tending to induce the population to neglect to exercise the necessary economy."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SPLENDID EXHIBITS OF WORK OF SCHOOL PUPILS WERE SHOWN YESTERDAY

Public School Manual Training and Domestic Science Classes Put on View in the Conservatory of Music Work They Have Accomplished During Past Year.

Striking testimony to the excellent work accomplished during the present school year by both teachers and pupils alike of the Public Schools Manual Training and Domestic Science classes, is borne by the exhibit held yesterday and to-day in the Conservatory of Music. The weeks of careful, diligent toil and patience are now amply rewarded by the sight of the finished articles constructed by the classes during the term, and it would be difficult indeed to find boys or girls more deservingly proud than those whose work appeared on exhibition last evening, to be viewed by large numbers of interested spectators.

Of the results attained by the manual training and mechanical drawing classes, under the very able supervision of Mr. A. Styles, too much cannot be said. From the humble joints up to such imposing structures as garden seats and hat trees, every article on view is deserving of praise. Displayed in all is no small amount of technical skill, as well as patience and perseverance, for but a short time is allotted to the manual training classes. Of these there are 16 in the various public schools throughout the city, comprised of boys of the senior third, junior and senior fourth classes. One hour a week for each of the senior third classes is devoted to manual training, while the others receive an hour and a half, and that such admirable work has been accomplished with such little time is indeed remarkable.

Other articles among the manual training exhibits deserving of special mention are the electric light stands, fitted with globes, wired and lighted for the exhibition, which are exceptionally attractive, and a number of beautiful little bird-houses, constructed of bark. These form a natural link between manual training and nature study, and are most cleverly made. The display of mechanical drawing is also of the highest class, giving promise of draughtsmen and architects of no little ability in the future. The work taken up by the senior third comprises exercises and technique, together with some mechanical drawing, while the four book classes take the more advanced work in construction and solid geometry. To trainer and pupils alike high commendation is due for the excellent results of the term's work.

The domestic science exhibit comprises cookery and plain and fancy sewing of all kinds, done by the girls of the public schools under the direction of Miss Longstreet, whose capability and efficiency is amply testified by the articles on exhibition. The bread, cakes and candy displayed upon the cookery table won commendation from all who viewed them, as did also the sewing exhibits in no less measure. The work of preparing the exhibit has been going on for nearly a week past, no small amount of labor being entailed in this. The exhibition is open again this afternoon, from 3 to 5, and this evening from 7.30 to 9.30. School Children are admitted free, but should be accompanied by their parents. It is expected that Provincial Inspector A. H. Leake will be present at the exhibit to-day.

Refreshments were sold last evening by Miss Longstreet and assisted by Miss Andrews, and a goodly sum was realized in this manner.

Those in charge of the exhibit desire to express their gratitude to Capt. and Mrs. W. N. Andrews, who so kindly allowed the use of the Conservatory for the occasion.

Balfour Street Y. P. Wind up the Season

Election of Officers Took Place For the Ensuing Year.

The closing meeting for the season of Balfour Street Presbyterian Y. P. S. E. was held Tuesday evening with a splendid attendance. After the usual opening exercises the business was taken up and the meeting was then turned over to the leader for the evening, Miss B. Danby, who gave an interesting paper on the topic "How Missions have Blessed the World." Several others also took part and made a most successful success. A solo by Miss Margaret Powell was much appreciated by those present. The society closed one of the best years' work in its history and prospects look bright for a good society next fall.

A NEW EMBARGO

Sweden to Prohibit Export to Germany of Copper and Pyrites.

Trondheim, Norway, via London, June 1.—The Addressavis says the Norwegian Government in the near future will entirely prohibit the exportation of copper and pyrites, of which a considerable quantity in the past has gone to Germany, whose supplies of ores from Sweden are now said to be hampered by the operations of British and Russian submarines.

HAS TO WALK

Ambassador Gerard Not Allowed to Get Gasoline in Order to Run His Auto.

London, June 1.—An Amsterdam despatch to The Daily Mail says that United States Ambassador Gerard has been deprived of the use of his automobile through refusal of the German foreign office to permit the embassy to buy enough petrol to keep one car in service for three months. A request by the ambassador for permission to import petrol from abroad was met with the reply that the military authorities feel compelled to confiscate any petrol found in Germany.

Elections in B.C.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Victoria, B. C., June 1.—Following the prorogation of the House, an order in Council was signed dissolving parliament and fixing July 5 as the date for the issuing of the writs for the election. This means that the election can be held before the end of August at the earliest.

REMEMBER THIS
 White Flannel Bargain at Crompton's 9 o'clock, Friday, 1,500 yards at 8 1/2 cents, worth double; come now or you'll miss them; don't delay.

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Office hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon

And will discontinue keeping open on SATURDAY EVENINGS

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Local

HYDRO PERMITS
 A total of 98 electric permits issued by Hydro Inspector during the month of May.

MARKET FEES
 The monthly report of Market Inspector McAuley shows a total of \$19.40, for which amount families were relieved, being \$191.80 collected during the month of May, 1916.

CUSTOM RETURNS
 The customs returns for the month of May amounted to \$58,634, being a decided increase over the corresponding month of 1915.

RELIEF REPORT
 The monthly report of Relief Inspector shows a total of \$19.40, for which amount families were relieved, being \$191.80 collected during the month of May, 1916.

BANKS TO BE CLOSED
 Saturday, King's Birthday, a bank holiday, and all such banks in Brantford will be closed on that day. Citizens having business should bear this fact in mind.

SECURED CONTRACT
 Second & Son received a day that they had secured the contract for the new chemistry building in connection with the Agricultural College at Guelph. The amount involved is \$20,000.

POLICE COURT
 A vagrant who appeared before Magistrate Livingston this morning was remanded until to-morrow on a charge of being a common drunkard, and being a danger to the public. She is being held by a physician.

WATER PUMPED
 A total of 87,665,360 gallons of water was pumped at the water works during the month of May, 1916, a daily average of 2,827,915.

Help Wanted

is a familiar cry of the overworked eyes. But rub or bathe the and the aching muscles sume their dreary to which daily and hourly becomes more difficult.

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