

**THE COURIER**

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**THE SITUATION**

It was intimated that if Germany's so-called peace proposals were not favorably received, she would indulge in still more frightfulness, and as the outcome of Lloyd George's vigorous speech, it is now announced that the Huns propose to intensify their submarine activities and to torpedo all armed commercial and passenger vessels. The threat will not alarm John Bull, and the subs themselves will have to face greater dangers. What Wilson will do under such circumstances, remains to be seen—probably write some more notes.

In the Roumanian area, very violent fighting is reported. In the Dobruja region, the Russians are strongly resisting Mackensen's enveloping move. The troops of the Czar have also taken more heights in the Carpathians.

British guns at Kut-el-Amara are playing havoc with the Turkish lines.

The people of Britain are amazed at the notes issued by President Wilson, as well they may be. It is said that the Kaiser has summoned U. S. Minister Gerard to discuss American mediation and action. Much good it will do him.

Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when speaking in the British House yesterday, referred to the Kaiser as "a brutal man" and specifically declared that the war would not end until the head of the German nation had been definitely curbed.

**WILSON'S INTERFERENCE**

The more President Wilson's action is considered with regard to his issue of notes to the belligerents, the cheerier it is seen to be. Secretary Lansing has hastened to explain that it is not a peace proposal, but "We are drawing nearer the verge ourselves, and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future."

If that means anything, it is that Uncle Sam has not yet made up his mind on which side to "make the plunge, if matters reach such a point for him. Think of that!

President Wilson's offense is that he seems to think that there is room for arbitration as between the belligerents on the apparent basis of both at fault.

Such an attitude is nauseating. Human liberty is what Great Britain and her Allies are fighting for, together with the rights of small nations, and these are supposed to be the very things upon which the United States superstructure is based. Yet that country has stood idly by while those fundamentals have been outraged and ravished, and its President forsooth takes the ground that the hell hounds of Germany have their side. Of a truth, it is a sad and deplorable spectacle.

**THE WARDEN'S DINNER**

This annual event is always anticipated with pleasure by those fortunate enough to be participants and that of last evening was even more successful than its predecessors, notable though such events have always proved. As was only to be expected, the war formed the main theme, and there was no mistaking the intense feeling of the gathering that the Allies' cause for right and liberty must triumph before any peace can be declared. The hearty applause when Mr. Cockshutt, M.P., declared that politics should be effaced at this period of Empire stress and stern duty, also contributed a notable feature.

Without any doubt Mr. Morgan Harris has made a most excellent Warden, and the work of the council during the year has been such as to manifest a large minded recognition of patriotic needs, and current necessities. Under the former head \$25,000 was voted to the Patriotic Fund; \$7,000 to the British Red Cross; \$2,500 to the British Soldiers' Relief Fund, and \$2,000 to the 125th Battalion, or \$36,500 in all. In addition there was a grant to the Hospital Building Fund of \$7,000 with contribution for the maintenance of that institution raised from \$500 to \$1,200; the recommendation of a good roads scheme and many other excellent measures. All these grants were met out of current revenue with the exception of the \$7,000 to the hospital, for which alone debentures have been issued. It is satisfac-



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 The most popular and best toy for boys on the market. Don't disappoint your boy by being too late to get one.

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Dainty white Thibet sets for children and Misses, fine choice quality, very special value for \$5.50 \$10, up to \$15.00 Set.  
 Natural Coon sets, muff and animal neck ruff, fur on both sides, worth \$25.00 for special Xmas bargain \$19.00.  
 Mole sets, muff and long ties, \$40.00 value, special \$32.50.  
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100 only large and small dolls buggies with hood and rubber tires. Our prices are very moderate \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.25, \$4.75 and \$7.50. These are very scarce lines.

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**Mahogany Nut Bowl Bargain \$2.50 Value \$1.49**

20 only large nut bowls, with silver plated nut crackers and six picks, regular price \$2.50 each, our Xmas bargain \$1.49 Ea.  
 Fancy Nache Paper Baskets, \$2.25, special for \$1.49 Ea.

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Two very special bargains in ebony military hair brush sets, nicely boxed, at fully 35 per cent. less than value. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Sett

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  - Games of all kinds . . . . . 15c to 25c and 75c
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**ROYAL LOAN BUILDING 38-40 Market Street, Brantford**

The Canadian Pacific announce that the compartment cars Cranbrook and Spokane, each containing one drawing room and four compartments, are being operated on trains 21 and 22. Patrons of the C. P. R. would do well to remember this when travelling between Montreal and Chicago, as the addition of these cars will be appreciated by the travelling public.  
 Children's Leggings, Rubbers, etc. are in order for gift-giving. Get them at Coles' Shoe Co., 122 Colborne St.

tory to know that the County is in excellent shape with a comfortable balance on hand.  
 In connection with County affairs a word of praise is certainly due to Mr. A. E. Watts, K.C., the efficient County Clerk. He fulfills his onerous duties with ability and his valuable advice is at all times greatly appreciated by the County representatives.  
**A QUESTION OF PATRONAGE**  
 Lt.-Col. John Stanfield, M.P., for some years Chief Conservative Whip at Ottawa, has sent in his resignation to the executive of the riding he represents in Nova Scotia as Dominion member and at the same time his brother, member of the provincial legislature, followed a similar course. They took this step because a man whom they favored was not made Assistant Superintendent for the Halifax and Truro division of the Intercolonial Railway.  
 The road in question is government owned and was for years used more or less for patronage purposes by members of whichever side were in power in Ottawa. Efficiency and a business-like running of the line were secondary considerations alongside of rewarding some party worker with a soft position at good pay.  
 When Hon. Frank Cochrane be-

came minister of railways he decided that this sort of thing was neither in the interests of the road nor the country and he introduced practical methods giving promotions on merit.  
 There have been rumors of discontent for some time and the action of the Colonel and his brother is an outcome of that.  
 The people of Nova Scotia need to wake up to the fact that the entire people of this Dominion own the Intercolonial and that in the past there has been entirely too much monkey-work in connection with that enterprise.  
 The business men of that province would not begin to run their own affairs in the same way as some of the residents there apparently think the line in question should be managed, with every politician having the say so as to this, that and the other thing.  
**BANK OF COMMERCE.**  
 The Annual Statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is always accepted as a barometer of national conditions. The strength of the statement for the year ended November 30th, 1916, must be regarded as decidedly reassuring. The institution keeps its assets in a highly liquid position. By helping the Canadian and the Ally governments to finance war orders within the Do-

minion, the management has assisted materially in maintaining the prosperity of the country, and with out such prosperity the Dominion would be unable to play the great part it is playing in the prosecution of the war, but the presence of war time conditions has not led to any neglect of the Bank's ordinary customers. The institution has indeed maintained its services to domestic industries on a high level.  
 Current loans other than short loans in Canada, total nearly \$134,000,000, as compared with less than \$131,000,000 twelve months ago.  
 The Note circulation of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is well over \$19,000,000 as compared with \$16,000,000 a year ago. Total deposits have grown from \$194,523,072 to \$229,896,152. In the same period non-interest bearing deposits have increased from \$32,954,735 to \$62,484,072. The Capital stands at \$15,000,000 and the Rest account at \$15,500,000 as a year ago. In the Central Gold Reserve established under authority of the Minister of Finance the Bank had deposited \$6,000,000. It has also deposited \$806,964 in the circulation fund at Ottawa.  
 The Statement shows profits for the past year of \$2,439,415 against \$2,352,035 in 1915. Earnings thus were 8.56 per cent on the combined

Capital and Reserve. Quarterly dividends aggregating 10 per cent and half yearly dividends of one per cent each, took \$1,800,000 of the year's profits. The Government collected \$147,288 as a war tax on circulation. The Bank's Pension Fund absorbed \$80,000, while contribution to the Canadian Patriotic, British Red Cross, British Sailors' Relief, War Hospitals, and Northern Ontario Fire Relief Funds accounted for \$71,700.  
 On November 30th, 1915, the Bank earmarked the sum of \$1,000,000 as an offset against possible depreciation in security holdings through war time conditions and it was decided that no further appropriation of a similar character was required this year.  
 Mr. H. W. Fitton has for many years been the successful manager of the Brantford branch, and the institution deservedly stands very high in the confidence of County and City residents alike.  
 Thursday night, Friday night, Saturday night, 300 Christmas Toys, 25c, to 35c kind, choice at 15c. Toyland—Crompton's.  
**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTOR OIL**

**LOCAL**

**OFFICERS ELECTED.**  
 At the regular meeting of the G. L. No. 4, C.O.F., on Wednesday night, the following officers were elected for 1917: C. R., Bro. W. Roberts; V.C.R., Bro. Hayes; Bro. C. H. Sander; F.S., Bro. C. Tucker; Treas., Bro. W. A. Holrake; Chaplain, Bro. Beam; S., Bro. John Heaton; J. W., Bro. P. Skeggs; S.B., Bro. W. G. Strou; J. B. Bro. Richardson.

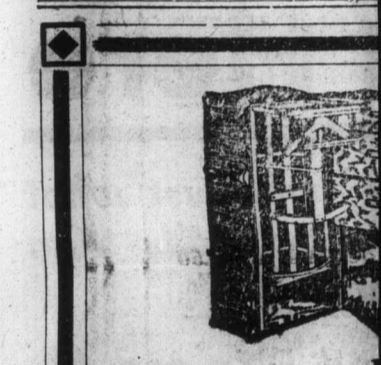
**THE WARDENS.**  
 The portraits of Warden Hart and Ex-Warden Cook were added to the collection in the Court House day.

**Nothing Better For Christmas**

For mother, father, sister, brother or friend than a pair of Jarvis' Glasses. For those who need them it means a practical and pleasing gift of never ending comfort to the wearer. No Xmas gift would be more appreciated.

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