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THE SITUATION

The fighting on the Italian front continues to be of the most desperate nature. At one point Rome admits that a withdrawal has taken place, not to a serious extent, while the Italians for their part have commenced an offensive on the Asiago Plateau and it is announced have taken some advance trenches. Heavy guns of the enemy are now stated to have been placed in position so that the assault upon their part will shortly become even more desperate.

Russian advices received at Washington are to the effect that conditions have become quieter both in Petrograd and Moscow but are still in a chaotic state. The flames of discord prevail to such an extent throughout the entire country that when they subside at one point it is only to break out at another.

The Canadians are daily strengthening the Passchendaele positions and the Huns are reported to have suffered terribly in futile attempts to dislodge them.

On the Western front a retirement of the enemy is reported in the Dixmude sector.

The Union Government has bestowed upon Food Controller Hanna the power to prescribe a maximum charge for all foods. Under the order in council he can also limit purchases and fix the amount of food to be sold to any one person.

Lloyd George during the course of a vigorous speech yesterday in the British House, defended in warm terms the formation of an Inter-Allied War Council and scored his critics with characteristic vim. The British Premier can always attend to any job of that kind in a most complete manner. In concluding he said:

"There were two fears, two things that could defeat us: the submarine and a lack of unity. Of the submarine I have no longer any fear. We are on its track, and I am glad to tell the House that on Saturday we destroyed five of these pests of the seas.

"The only other thing is lack of unity. Unity is the only sure way to victory, a victory that will bring peace and healing to a world which is bleeding to death."

And it is this very spirit of unity as far as Canada is concerned which is of such supreme importance in the matter of upholding a Union Government.

THE CONTEST IN THE BRANTS.

For the first time in the history of the two Ridings, three candidates have been nominated in each of the Brants.

In the Southern constituency—"Brantford" as it is legally designated—the voters' list is comprised of residents of this city, a portion of Brantford township and the small township of Oakland. It was thought by a great many that in view of his ardent and consistent war record, Mr. Cockshutt should have been continued as representative by acclamation, but enough people have thought otherwise to result in two opponents. Mayor Bowlby is classed as an Independent Laurier Liberal. His selection was brought about more from the Townships of Oakland and Brant than any where else, just as the ousting of Lloyd Harris was chiefly engineered by the same elements. The names on his nomination paper are noticeable for the absence of many prominent Liberals who had no part in his choice. Mr. MacBride is the choice of the Independent Labor party who have candidates also in many other ridings.

No one, of course, questions the right of these men to run, or the action of their friends in placing them in the field, but no one can seriously argue that either of them possesses claims which should lead to the supersession of Mr. Cockshutt. He has throughout proved himself an upright and conscientious representative, one who from the commencement of hostilities has had his coat off to help in every possible way on behalf of the great cause in hand. He has done this by his means, by his eloquence on recruiting platforms, by his initiative in forming the 125th Brant Battalion, by his criticism of the former government which has led to the establishment of steps towards food control and prices; by the presence of three of his sons in khaki and in countless other ways. He has abundantly proved his worth and The Courier will be very much mistaken if the record of polling day fails to give him an emphatic majority.

"Brant" — the North Riding — is composed of Paris, parts of Brantford Township and the Townships of South Dumfries, Burford and Onondaga. Reeve Doran, of Burford is running as an opponent of further conscription without a referendum, he is in fact, the representative of farmers who are up in arms over the operations of the Military Act. J. Harold is a Liberal who has declared for Union Government, and Harry Cockshutt is an out-and-out supporter of such an administration. He also has been very active from the start in war matters. He started and for months bore all the expenses of the second Brant Battalion, besides having been President of the Recruiting League and helping liberally in other ways. The company of which he is president pays heavy taxes on the portion of the works within the Riding, so that the attempted cry that he has no inside interests goes by the board. He would in every way make a first class representative and indications that he will be chosen are excellent and becoming stronger each day.

DOMINION ELECTIONS

Not as many acclamations took place on nomination day as at one time seemed likely, especially in Quebec. It takes a good deal of courage, and also an abundance of optimism for a man to run as a Unionist in that Province, and the fact that so many are doing so is evidence that there are still loyal souls there who feel that Canada should continue to do her part in the war.

The outcome is one which still further emphasies the sincere spirit of Sir Robert Borden on behalf of a genuinely Union Government. Through his personal intervention Hon. Mr. Fielding, Finance Minister in the last Laurier administration, gets a seat without a fight and elsewhere seven Liberal Unionists become returned without a fight to one Conservative ditto.

It is a matter for congratulation that the campaign will be short, and all who believe that Canada should continue to do her part in the war, and that her brave sons now at the front should be properly reinforced must do everything in their power in this vital behalf.

Without any question the contest is the most momentous since Confederation, for the outcome involves not alone the question of whether one Province, Quebec, shall dominate the rest of this Dominion, but there is also in the balance the whole hearted and unstinted allegiance of this nation to the Mother Land in her present just quarrel.

That is the plain state of the case and it should challenge the deep and heartfelt consideration of every man and woman, no matter what their previous political allegiance may have been.

Is Canada in this time of peril and stress to ring true or false?

God grant that the answer will be an emphatic affirmative in the former respect or else the good name and the credit of this people in the eyes of the rest of the world will be forever besmirched.

THE MESSAGE OF TWO OFFICERS

All concerned in the Victory Loan meeting in the Tabernacle Building last night deserve to be most heartily congratulated upon the splendid success of the event. The affair was well run throughout, the speeches were short and inspiring, and at Chairman Bunnell's request the vast audience remained until the end and then stood up and reverently sang the national anthem—a nation's prayer—instead of using the invocation as a signal to scramble into coats and get out.

In addition to the main theme of the national need and personal advantage of the Victory Loan, the messages of two officers from overseas, afforded first hand emphasis of the crying necessity for reinforcements. Their military positions, of course, did not allow them to make any comments in such regard but to them the fact must have come with painful surprise that there should be an election contest to ascertain whether or not that help shall be immediately forthcoming.

The welcome accorded to Brigadier General Ashton was as emphatic as it was deserved. He is a son of whom all Brantfordites may well feel proud.

Miss M. E. Buck had an operation for appendicitis yesterday, and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Edward Brophey, who has been spending the week-end with Mrs. Harry Harris, Darling street, leaves to-morrow for Nassau, Bahater.

NOT MANY ACCLAMATIONS IN THE DOMINION CONTEST

Seats Going to Government and Oppositions are Almost Even in This Respect—There Will be a Vigorous Fight in all the Other Constituencies

ACCLAMATIONS.

Nova Scotia—Queen's-Shelburne: Hon. W. S. Fielding, Liberal Unionist.

Ontario—Glengarry and Stormont: John McMartin, Liberal Unionist.

Saskatchewan—Last Mountain: F J. Johnston, Liberal Unionist; Maple Creek, J. A. Maharg, Liberal Unionist; Qu-Appelle, Levi Thompson, Liberal Unionist; Saltcoats, Hon. Thos. MacNutt, Liberal Unionist.

British Columbia — Yale: Hon. Martin Burrell, Con. Unionist.

Quebec—Beauce: Hon. Dr. Beland, Liberal; Beauharnois, L. J. Papineau, Laurier Liberal; Drummond and Arthabasca, Ovide Brouillard, Laurier Liberal; Megantic, L. P. Pacaud, Laurier Liberal; Portneuf, Simeon Delisle, Laurier Liberal; Shefford, G. H. Boivin, Laurier Liberal; St. Marie, Dr. H. Deslauriers, Laurier Liberal. Hull, Fontaine, Laurier Liberal; Labelle, Laurier Liberal; Three Rivers, Bureau Laurier Liberal; Torrebonne, Prevost, Laurier Liberal.

Manitoba—Dauphin; Robt. Cruise, Liberal Unionist.

Con. Unionists	1
Lib. Unionists	7
Laurier Liberals	11

In Quebec and in the Maritime Provinces there is a "Laurier Liberal" in practically every riding. In Ontario "Laurierites" are numerous, but a large percentage of the Liberals running in Ontario are appealing for support as independent win-the-war candidates. In the Prairie Provinces "Laurier Liberals" are numerous, but in British Columbia they have in a number of ridings left the field to Labor men.

By Courier Leased Wire

The Electoral Aspect

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—Reports of nominations received up to noon to-day do not materially change the line-up of candidates. The number of Liberal acclamations in Quebec is reduced by one by the announcement that Papineau, the Laurier candidate in Beauharnois is not included in the list of those elected by acclamation. Unionist acclamations still number eight, including Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State, who is unopposed in Yale. Thompson (Conservative Unionist) is elected without opposition in Weyburn, Sask. The other six supporters of Union who will not have to fight for their seats are Liberal Unionists.

Nominations will not take place in the Yukon until December 31.

It has been decided to defer nomination and election day in Nelson constituency, Manitoba, due to the circumstances that it has been found impossible to post the proclamations up to the present time. Owing to it being a mid-season when the boats cannot travel on the rivers this cannot be done until the rivers freeze over thereby allowing the officials to reach far distant points. The constituency extends from The Pas to the shores of Hudson's Bay.

At the capital the political line-up is the topic of general conversation to-day. The paucity of acclamations has caused some surprise in both camps. Until very recently it was supposed that they would number at least fifty. At Unionist headquarters it was claimed that many of the straight Liberal and Labor candidates, more particularly in the West are straw men who will be easily defeated. Liberals on the other hand make the same assertion in regard to Unionist candidates in Quebec and assert that in the majority of cases they will lose their deposits. The large number of three and four-cornered fights has occasioned considerable surprise and at the headquarters of both parties an effort is being made to arrive at an estimate of the probable effect on the chances of their candidates. Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will this week give their endorsation to the candidates appointed by them. The official Canada Gazette on Saturday will contain the names of all candidates, both endorsed and unendorsed.

A complete list of candidates will also be cabled to London this week

NOTES AND COMMENT

Both Brants for the "win-the-war" column.

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A vote against the Union Government is a vote for Quebec domination and Bourassa.

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Those who believe that Canada should stand by her brave boys at the front must put that feeling into active work if they hope to be able to look returning heroes in the face.

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Toronto Globe: "No enemy of the Military Service Act will vote for a Unionist candidate. Why should any Unionist elector vote for a Laurier Liberal whose leader proclaims from the housetop his intention to suspend the operation of the Act the moment he is in a position to do so?"

THE GRAND

Master of mystery, Cunning, the famous necromancer at the Grand this week, in his initial appearance in Brantford yesterday afternoon and evening entertained large audiences with such forms of wizardry as have been seldom seen, if ever equalled, in the Telephone City. His feats of skill and illusion baffle the intelligence, and throughout his performance, there was not one dull moment, but the audience awaited with expectancy the anticipated marvel of the next minute. They were never disappointed, for always Cunning measured up to expectations.

Perhaps his most successful feat of the evening was the manner in which he hypnotised a young lady, covered her with a sheet and made her float through the air without visible means of support. The audience was astounded when he removed the covering and the lady had disappeared. She later ran down the aisle from the rear of the playhouse. Amusing, yet unexplained, was the fishing expedition conducted from the front of the stage. In full view of the house, Mr. Cunning, with baited hook and line, caught live fish at will.

His answers to questions written on paper and placed in envelopes, but not seen by him, was marvelous, and in practically every case the questioner admitted that the answer was satisfactory.

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VIA BRANTFORD

Toronto, Nov. 20.—Victory Loan Headquarters here announce that Private Theodore Robinson, of the A. M. C., London, Ontario, has started to walk from London to Toronto, via Brantford and Hamilton, getting subscriptions on way down for victory bonds. Robinson is an American, and claims to be the long distance walking champion of America.

BETTER THAN THE BIRTH OF A NATION SEE N.Y. JOURNAL 'CIVIL-IZATION'

THERE IS NO QUIT

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"These boys are not coming back angels but they have been tried in fire and you will be as proud of every one of them as you were of General Ashton when he stepped on the platform to-night. They believe in ultimate victory and I have no patience with the men at home who talk of peace. Germany is the same crafty, cruel and wicked organization that caused the war in 1914 and we would only be leaving the knife in the murderer's hands. The British and Canadian boys will have victory. Four hunderd thousand men have gone from Canada and 30,000 have laid down their lives that we might have liberty. We in Canada should show Germany that we can ont only mobilize troops but money."

Rev. J. B. Fotheringham

From the standpoint of the man on the street, the Rev. J. B. Fotheringham appealed effectively for the Victory Loan. He represented the class that "had not gone across but were being asked to come across."

There was only one object to be considered thought Mr. Fotheringham, one as serious as would ever come before the attention of Brantford people. In school we had been taught the three R's and now we were learning the there M's of national import, men-munitions-money. These words constituted the total of our vocabularies at the present time.

"I am a canny Scot" declared Mr. Fotheringham, "and a Scot is alwayi careful that when he puts his money into anything, he is pretty sure something is goin' to come out. When a Scotsmen recommends the Victory Loan, you may be sure it is alright."

It was a loan in which we could all participate. There was scarcely anyone who could not by persistent effort scrape together enought for the purchase of bonds of the smallest denomination fifty dollars. The question for every Canadian citizen to ask himself was 'Have I yet taken any of the Victory Loan?' In Britain one in every twenty-three of the population had participated in the last war loan and if the same standard was set for Brantford there would have to be 1,000 subscribers in Brantford. The speaker summed up the fiscal phase of the loan, the security, interest and other financial features and aptly concluded.

"Above all, this is not only a safe investment but it means my life, your life, and the life of all our people."

Appropriate patriotic solos were contributed by Miss Hilda Hurley and by Mr. Roy Griffin while Miss Marjorie Jones rendered a patriotic violin solo.

SERIOUS RIOTING

Took Place in Berlin Last Sunday

Fighting Between Mob and Police Was Fierce

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Nov. 20.—Serious rioting took place in Berlin last Sunday, according to despatches received by the Wireless Press and the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam. The message to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the fighting between the mob and the police was very fierce and that there was a heavy casualty list as the police used their firearms.

The Wireless Press says the military and police were called upon to oppose the progress of the Independent Socialist demonstrators. In the riotous scenes which followed, the police were forced to fire with their rifles and revolvers and the organizers of the meeting responded with firearms and knives.

The German press, the despatches say, have been forbidden to publish details of the affray. No newspapers have arrived in Amsterdam from Berlin.

FOE TROOPS

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to crack, the Central Powers can easily and quickly change to the defensive on a strong line, for the purpose of seeking to force a decision on some other selected front, with the bulk of their strategic reserve.

He's Here Again

Petrograd, Nov. 19.—10.30 p.m.—Two army corps, loyal to the committee for the salvation of the revolution, stationed at Luga, report that Premier Kerensky is with them. There is no confirmation.

After the defeat of his forces at Gatchina, Premier Kerensky was faced with the proposed desertion of the bulk of his army. The premier was coerced into promising to surrender to the Bolsheviki Government, but while the guard was being formed he disappeared, disguised as a sailor. The committee for the salvation of the revolution is opposed to the Bolsheviki regime in Petrograd, and has protested against the order of arrest of Premier Kerensky.

Luga is on the Petrograd-Pskoff railway, about 90 miles south of Petrograd and 60 miles south of Gatchina.

Commissioners Quit

Petrograd, Monday, Nov. 19.—Seven commissioners appointed by the Maximalist Government to manage various departments, have resigned their posts in protest against the "methods of political terrorism" by which they alleged the Bolsheviki seek to maintain themselves in office.

"We are of the opinion," they assert in the declaration announcing their retirement "that the necessary form of Socialistic government by parties is that participated in by the Congress of Workmen's and Soldiers Delegates."

They did not wish to follow the lines chosen by the Bolsheviki, which they assert, "lead to alienating the proletariat element from political life and lead to the creation of an impossible regime which means the destruction of the revolution and the country."

Among the commissioners quitting their posts were those in charge of trade, industry, interior, supplies and press. The labor commissioner joined in the protest, but retained his post.

U. S. DESTROYER SUNK.

By Courier Leased Wire

Washington, Nov. 20.—Sinking of the American destroyer Chauncey in collision in the war zone early yesterday morning with a probable loss of twenty-one lives, was announced to-day by the Navy Department. The Chauncey was a small, old type boat of only 420 tons.

DRIVEN BACK FOUR TIMES

Rome, Nov. 20.—The struggle between the Austro-Germans and Italians on Monte Tomba and Monfenora in the montainous region of Northern Italy, continues, it was officially announced to-day by the Italian war department. The invading forces were driven back four times when they attempted to take the Italian positions on the Monfenora spur.

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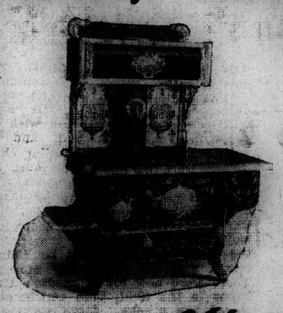

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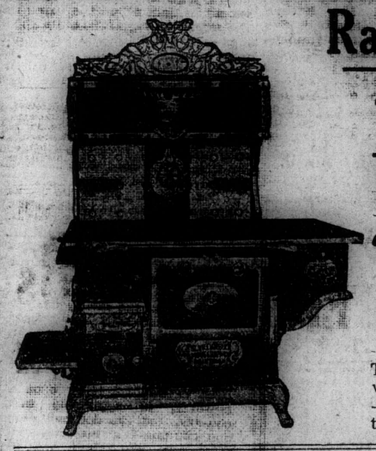

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CASUALTY LIST

By Courier Leased Wre.

Ottawa, Nov. 20—To-day's noon casualty list contains 189 names: These are divided as follows:

Killed in action 15; died of wounds 8; gassed 11; wounded 143; missing 3.