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## THE SITUATION.

The Italian authorities still refuse to let much news come through, but it is evident that they are doing well in their first great attack of the war along the Isonzo river. The Germans are now pouring troops in there to help the Austrians, and some fierce work may be expected from this on.

The French continue to make progress, and have now the entire village of Neuville in their hands.

In the Eastern theatre of the war the Russians are still retreating, not because of lack of men or courage, but because of shortage of ammunition.

Not so very long ago the Courier came in for some criticism for asserting that if the war ended right then Germany would be on top, and for further pointing out that the Kaiserites held the best position all round. The "Round Table," one of the leading British quarterly reviews, in its last issue goes very exhaustively into the same phase of the matter. "It is sometimes difficult to realize," it says, "that after ten months we are only now at the turning point of the war." The review then goes on to point out that the Germans have still to be driven back to their own territory; that it is quite likely another 2,000,000 of the enemy will have to be killed or disabled before the road to Germany itself is clear. "Her own territory is practically unscathed. In the process she has lost heavily, but she has still the resources, not of Germany alone, but of a vast area containing more than 100,000,000 souls, with Belgium and Northern France included. The conclusion reached is that the Allies, outside of naval superiority, have 'still everything left to do.'"

This sort of talk is not pessimism, but an honest facing of the actual facts. Germany will be thrashed into submission, all right, but, unfortunately, not for a long time yet.

## THE UNITED STATES FACES DOUBLE-BARRELED TROUBLE.

It has always been the boast and the feeling of our neighbors that they were so situated as to be free from any possible European entanglement. That they should ever be involved in any war in that section of the hemisphere naturally seemed incredible, and yet right now they are standing on the very edge of involvement in the present great struggle. President Wilson has without doubt strained every effort to remain in the neutral column—some think too much so—and he has hitherto had the peace influence of Bryan to back him in this regard, but events have proved stronger than his individual desire. Germany, that military-obsessed nation, which has run amuck in such a diabolical manner, does not seem to care one whit what new foe she adds in her mad career.

Uncle Sam has stood for a lot—very much more, in fact, than seemed probable on the part of a people whose ingrowing feeling was undoubtedly that if the necessity arose they could lick all creation. The violation of Belgium was watched without protest, although Roosevelt, when President, had, on behalf of the nation, affixed his signature to the document which should have guaranteed that land from attack—a violation which, in the case of John Bull, another of the signatories, brought him into the ring with a rush with his coat off. Since then there have been other open floutings of the stars and stripes, ending with the piratical sinking of the Lusitania and the loss of many innocent American lives. Wilson's first note to Berlin was met with a totally inadequate reply, and now another one has been prepared, which may possibly lead our neighbors to openly join the Allies. The tone of the U. S. press shows very clearly that, with a sudden jolt, they have been brought to a realization of the fact that instead of spectators of the most Titanic struggle the world has ever witnessed, they may become actual participants.

On top of this comes their affair with Mexico. This presents many serious aspects, which have gone largely unnoticed because of the world interest centering upon the European conflict. Wilson, acting on behalf of large U. S. interests there, has sent a

note to that land stating in plain terms that as neither one of the warring factions seems capable of bringing order out of chaos, they must either get together on a satisfactory basis or else Washington will intervene. That they will do so does not seem to be very likely, and then what? Invasion? That is the only logical step unless the Wilson pronouncement is to be regarded as a hollow mockery, and in such case the States would find all the guerilla chiefs as one, for when it comes to their nation as against an outsider there are no divisions. The task of enforcing their submission would prove a long and a costly one, for the physical features of that land lend themselves to a class of fighting which could be sustained for an almost indefinite period.

Altogether, for a people who desire peace, and are not looking for conquest, our neighbors are at this moment face to face with very menacing possibilities.

## THE FENIAN RAID.

It is forty-nine years ago this month that the Fenian raid occurred. On the first of June, 1866, word reached the then town of Brantford, that these men had crossed the Niagara River from Black Rock, near Buffalo, and had established themselves at what was known as Fort Erie.

No place in the Dominion exhibited warmer feelings of patriotism, or exerted itself more zealously on behalf of country and flag than did this. Volunteers offered from all classes, and as willingly as they have done during the present great war. Money was freely appropriated by the city and raised by citizens, and everything possible was done to help in the suppression of the raiders. The troops here were ordered to be ready to march at a moment's notice. When it was reported that another column of the Fenians had effected a crossing at, or near Windsor, the excitement was renewed. The day following the Royal troops attacked the enemy near Fort Erie and captured fifty-nine prisoners and a quantity of arms and other munitions of war. The prisoners were brought to Brantford under a strong escort of troops and lodged in the county jail. There was an immense throng at the depot to witness their arrival, and those who constituted the throng were naturally in a most resentful mood. But for the presence and determination of the militia, there might have been sum-

mary punishment for the miscreants, and this, of course, could not be countenanced, but if ever the acts of a tumultuous congregation of outraged people would have been justifiable, it would be under circumstances such as the above.

After all the immediate trouble with the Fenians was at an end, it became known that a regiment of regular troops would be stationed at Brantford, and movements were at once put on foot for the reception of the troops and to provide them with quarters. The town council rented the Kerby House and buildings, which were repaired and quickly put in order, and for some years this was, so to speak, a garrison town.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## GALA NIGHT WITH I. O. G. T. LAST NIGHT

Enjoyable Program Put Through by Crack Artists.

Last Tuesday evening was gala night with the members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and a most enjoyable programme was appreciated by the large audience which had assembled. The evening was an open one for the lodge members and their friends, and after the regular routine of lodge business was finished, Mr. Manhennett, Chief Templar of the lodge, declared the lodge open to all visitors, and immediately started on a length programme and after making appropriate opening remarks, called on Miss Elizabeth Hamilton for a solo, who responded with two well chosen selections in a clear, sweet voice which was heartily applauded.

Mr. Stubbs was then called upon and his rendering of King and Coun-

try in a robust tenor voice, won for him merited applause, and he had to respond to a hearty encore.

Miss Gladys Neil then gave two excellent piano selections, and showed her musical ability to good advantage in her renditions and was also warmly applauded.

Messrs Luscombe and Hutchins of the Brant Minstrels, then gave a short sketch which contained much humor, and also showed up well in a duet and had to answer to an encore, and responded with another humorous number, again scoring a success.

Miss Kathleen McFayden was heartily applauded in a solo, entitled "Will the Roses Bloom in Heaven," and was also heartily encored and responded with "When I dream of old Erin." Mr. Bob Lamb was at his best in his rendering of the "Wee dock-an-doris," and also had to respond to loud applause for an encore and responded with the well known Scottish song, "The standard on the Braes of Mar," again showed up to good advantage.

Mr. Luscombe then gave another short black face sketch and won the hearts of all, and received an encore,

which was also well received. Ice cream and cake were next served, and after all had done justice to the refreshments, the program continued.

Mr. Manhennett sang in good voice "Silver threads among the gold," and received good applause for an encore which he responded to.

Miss Margaret McFayden then gave a good exhibition of dancing the Highland fling, and the manner in which she executed this popular dance won for her high praise and applause, and she had to repeat for a well-earned encore.

Mr. McFayden then gave a good account of himself in rendering a comic song, "Belle of the Ball," and his work called forth a hearty encore, and he responded with "Eliza Jane," another good old comic song, and was again well received.

Miss Dunn then gave an exhibition of dancing the Irish jig, and was also well received. A pianoforte duet by Mrs. and Miss Norris was then given, and their skillful playing won for them merited applause and an encore.

"Roaming in the Gleaming," was then given by Miss Margaret McFayden, and Mr. Bob Lamb, which was the hit of the evening and won for them loud applause, and they had to repeat for an encore again scoring and winning the appreciation of the audience.

Miss McIntosh rendered in excellent style two beautiful piano solos, which were well received and applauded.

Mr. G. Hewitt was heard to advantage in a couple of mandolin selections and his work earned for him merited applause.

The program closed with the singing of God Save the King, at a late hour, and all feeling well satisfied at the variety of the programme.

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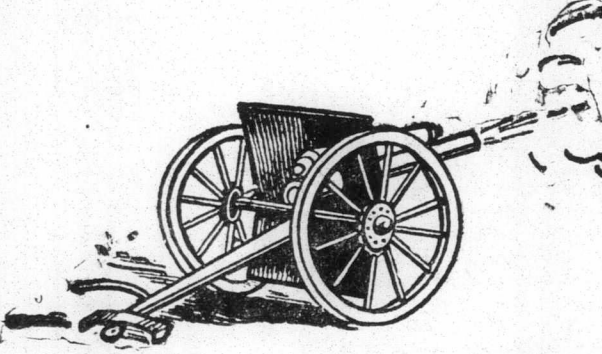


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## LOCAL

**OFFERED SERVICES**  
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**TENNIS MEETING**  
The Y. M. C. A. is holding a meeting at the o'clock on Friday evening a business meeting, and of the club should attend

**RAILS CROSS ROAD**  
The Lake Erie & N. are now laid across the road, and though not the rails look like a pre-ride before the summer

**LAYING OFF MEN**  
The Massey-Harris Co. been laying off some of the past few weeks, and are not of a very sorry heavy season's work at

**THE GREASY SLIDE**  
Last night considerable caused ridders on wheels that the hill on Chestnut been oiled late in the riders returning from the aware of this had several greasy falls.

**FIVE ENLISTED.**  
Recruiting for the battle with a good start last night were enlisted on the topic was Mr. Elmer (Pat) H. Kitchen Overall Co., a young man of Terrace H. very headquarters are night for recruits for act

**NEW ROAD SURFACE**  
The roads north of R. entering Princeton are laid with a composite centre which will make a pleasure. It is at present the process of solidifying ing complete, but there is fic space to left and right

**LEAGUE MEETING**  
On Monday evening a league service was held at St. Methodist Church, the ing consecration. Misses and G. Cowherd gave addresses on the topic about many points which helpful to those present. of the roll, together with did responses, very at closed the consecration s

**NO SUCH SOLDIER**  
It was reported in the columns of a local certain soldier of the Pr had been invalided home service, and resided at 45 street. His name was given Oliver. No one of this name invalided home from the and the official casualty list contain any record of such It also stated that this received eight wounds, w correct, and that he had t on active service, which incorrect. Indeed, no such at present in Brantford.

**THEFTING IN NEWPO**  
Many petty thefts have been reported in the Newport. Mr. Frank Chaplin, this complained that his chicken been entered in the night birds taken, besides which the cellar has been visited cheese and other vegetable. The residents take this warning the offenders, w camping in the immediate the thefts do not stop the be notified.

**CHARLES CHAPLIN**  
The imitable Charley again appear at the Br half of this week in one of and most successful produced "His Trysting Places," mention of his name is make people laugh, as the funny antics in the previous shown at the Brant. He is over Canada and the States ica's best "movie" come laughable antics have been by thousands and thousand Chaplin's "French" kick at feet have largely been th his rapid rise to the front reigns supreme over the comedians of the contin

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