

## THE COURIER

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## THE SITUATION

The Italians continue to press forward. The fighting is reported as very bitter but they are making headway foot by foot. They have taken heights south of Gorizia and are commencing to threaten the defenses of Trieste.

On the British front there is increased activity of German artillery and the French have made further progress on the Champagne front. Gen. Ruzsky who has returned to Petrograd after resigning command of the Northern Army, reports that the morale of the troops at the front is better and they are not now fraternizing with German soldiers. He says that a Russian offensive on a large scale is at present impossible. An air raid on the Old Country last evening resulted in a greater loss of life than has hitherto been officially reported.

## ROSE DAY.

Next Saturday the Women's Hospital Aid make their appeal to the public on behalf of the splendid cause which they have in hand.

The Association is truly representative of the city and county alike, and the members work together with a co-operation and good will which means very much indeed to the institution on whose behalf they labor, and the comfort of the sick and the afflicted.

There are no paid officials in connection with the W. H. A. All of the arduous work is accomplished by voluntary effort, and every cent contributed to their funds is expended in a most beneficial way, in addition to the larger objects achieved they are continually helping in the upkeep of the hospital and they brighten the lives of patients by every possible means in their power.

Of necessity there are very many calls during this war time, but the appeal of the W. H. A. in city and county alike should most assuredly not suffer because of that fact. It is only once a year that they ask for any financial consideration from the public, and from all classes there should be the usual generous response.

## BLINDED HEROES

The Courier has received from Sir Arthur Pearson, chairman of the "Blinded Soldiers and Sailors Care Committee," the second annual report with regard to that work in the Old Land.

St. Dunstan's Hostel, as it is termed, is situated in a magnificent House and estate generously donated by Mr. Otto Kahn, an American millionaire and the present inmates total 354. Recently enlargements have taken place to accommodate double that number.

The report makes inspiring reading for these officers and privates who have lost their eyesight in the service of King and Country are stated to cheerfully enter into the work of the different classes. The plan most successfully followed is short hours of work and the alternation of class room and workshop study. Two and a half hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon are the fixed periods of work but students can extend these periods at their own option.

Whatever occupation the men train for, practically all of them, as well as master Braille and the use of the typewriter, and do netting work of various kinds. Typewriting is not taught as an occupation, except to those learning shorthand writing, but to keep the men in touch with their friends by correspondence. The hand-writing of a blind man almost inevitably deteriorates, and sometimes this deterioration is very rapid. It is therefore necessary that he should quickly learn to feel at home with a typewriter. Men who have never seen, and never will see, a typewriter have learned to tap the keys with dependable accuracy and at a fair speed in a very few weeks.

Every man is given a typewriter as his own personal possession when he has passed the writing test imposed, and on leaving St. Dunstan's the men are well supplied with Braille literature, the Committee of the National Library for the Blind having generously arranged to lend books free for life to all members of H. M. Forces blinded in the war.

The National Institute for the Blind undertaking payment of postage on these books.

Shoe making and repairing, basket making, joinery and other practical things are taught.

Beyond the workshops is the Poultry Farm. Here an almost untried industry for blind people has been proved to be wonderfully successful. Men are taught poultry-keeping on practical and up-to-date lines. They learn to distinguish birds of different breeds almost instantaneously by touch, to manage incubators to prepare and truss birds for table, and generally to conduct a poultry farm on methods which, when intelligently followed, ensure paying results.

Blinded Canadian Soldiers are induced to stay at the Institution long enough to obtain the benefit of the many advantages obtainable there.

## WHERE IS LAURIER?

There is not a man with red blood in his veins and loyalty to the Dominion and the Empire in his heart, who fails to realize, in this time of crisis, that Canada must continue to do her share on behalf of the great struggle for human freedom. The voluntary system did well enough at the start, as it also did in the Old Country, but there the fact had to be finally faced that this method would have to be superseded and we are now face to face with the same experience here.

The only logical outcome was the plan of selective subscription announced by Sir Robert Borden, and now the spectacle has been presented in Quebec of hostile demonstrations against such an enactment. That Province from the very first has most markedly failed to do its duty in the supply of men, and now there is a spirit of revolt there in connection with the proposed act. The disloyal element is in an apparent majority, but there are also large numbers there who resent the shame and disgrace of it and many of the leading French-Canadian papers are speaking out in unmeasured terms.

Take La Patrie of Montreal, for instance. Because that paper has stood loyally by the Government in its proposed course, the anti-conscriptionists on Wednesday night smashed the windows of the office. During the course of an editorial next day, the paper said:—"Neither threats nor the stonings that cad may throw at our windows will cause us to alter our line of conduct in the least degree. What La Patrie publishes it considers to be in the best interests of the French-Canadians all over the country. We desire that order be preserved, in order that our compatriots may hold their heads high from one end of the Dominion to the other."

"The young men who gather in the public places, who parade in the streets, and break the windows in newspaper offices, do they know what all this is leading to? Are they taking into consideration the discredit they are casting upon our race, and the harm they are doing to our metropolis?"

"Do they wish to throw the country into a state of revolution? It appears that they have forgotten their responsibility as British citizens, and also the value of our institutions and the liberty we enjoy."

Good for La Patrie. And amid it all there naturally comes the query, "Where is Sir Wilfrid Laurier?" That must be puzzling and worrying a great many of his English speaking followers. When the Premier announced his selective conscription plan in the House the Liberal leader instead of rising to the occasion with a hearty endorsement made a straddle the fence speech which has since worked a great deal of mischief. He has more power in Quebec, than any other one man, yet he has refused to take a manly course and utter the words which would help to settle the despicable disruption there.

"Vive Laurier," shouted the crowd in the recent Montreal demonstration and they yelled that, because they think that under him, action at Ottawa would not be nearly so intense as at present.

At the time of the Boer war, Sir Wilfrid, then Premier, hesitated about sending Canadian troops. In the words of Sir Charles Tupper at the time, "He tried to chloroform the feeling which was setting towards the goal which it ultimately attained in spite of him."

He gave an interview to the Toronto Globe in which he said:—"There is no menace to Canada, and although we may be willing to contribute troops, I do not see how we can do so."

As before related he was finally forced to bow to a rising public opinion. In like manner, we find him now hesitating and seeking to take an adroit middle course. Quebec feeling evidently still meaning more to him than anything else. It is an unworthy spectacle and one which marks him as unfit for leadership at this period.

Capt. J. R. Cornelius, just returned from the battlefield of France will give vivid and graphic sketches of the trench life of the Canadian Tommy.

## News of the Churches

## Anglican

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**  
Services Sunday 11 a.m.  
Wednesday 8 p.m. Reading Room open every afternoon 2.30 to 4.30. Subject of Lesson—Sermon May 27th, "Soul and Body."

**GRACE CHURCH.**  
Whit Sunday  
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion.  
3 p.m.—Children's Service.  
7 p.m.—Evensong.  
The Rector will preach morning and evening.

**ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN**  
Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Rector.  
May 27th—Whitsunday.  
8:30—Holy Communion.  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and sermon "The Doctrine of the Holy Ghost." Joyous welcome.  
3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.  
4 p.m.—Holy Baptism.  
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and sermon "Take Away Her Battlements for They are not the Lord's." Jer. 5:10.  
The Rector will preach at all services. Strangers made very welcome.

## Baptist

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dalhousie St., opposite Alexandra Park. Rev. W. E. Bowyer, Pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Rev. C. A. Parson, will conduct the service on Sunday. Rev. Joseph Jokelin will speak.  
At the evening service, Rev. C. A. Parson will preach.  
Seats free. Strangers and visitors are always welcome. If you have no church home come and worship with us.

## Presbyterian

**ALEXANDRA CHURCH**  
10 a.m.—Brotherhood.  
11 a.m.—Rev. R. T. Cockburn, Hamilton.  
3 p.m.—Sabbath School and Bible Classes.  
7 p.m.—Rev. R. T. Cockburn.

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN**  
Brant Ave.  
Rev. J. W. Gordon, B.D., Minister.  
11 a.m.—Safe Leadership.  
3 p.m.—Sabbath School and Bible Classes.  
7 p.m.—Resting on the Unseen.  
Music.  
Morning Anthem "O Come Let Us Worship (Himmel) Soloist, Mrs. S. F. Davis.  
Evening Anthem—"O Canada" (Laval-Richardson). Solo by Mrs. H. W. Revell.

**ZION PRESBYTERIAN**  
Darling St., opposite Victoria Park.  
Rev. G. A. Woodside, M.A., minister.  
11 a.m.—Subject, "The Selling Price of Truth."  
3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.  
7 p.m.—Subject "Conscription"—"Conscience and War."  
8 p.m.—Wednesday—Regular Prayer meeting.  
The public is cordially invited.

## Methodist

**BRANT AVENUE METHODIST**  
10.00 a.m.—Brotherhood.  
11.00 a.m.—Rev. A. A. Bowers.

## To RECONCILE WORKMEN AND EMPLOYERS

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, via London, May 26.—Measures needed to overcome the strained relations between workmen and employers were discussed at a conference to-day between Foreign Minister Tereschenko, M. Konovaloff, minister of commerce and trade, and M. Skobelev, minister of labor. They decided it was necessary to impose a heavy tax on extraordinary profits arising out of the war and that such profits should pass almost entirely into the hands of the state.

With regard to war profits realized during the past two years, it was considered indispensable to endeavor to recover them also for the state by a corresponding increase in the income tax. It was decided that the government should exercise the most energetic control over industrial undertakings, especially mines, iron and other metal works and textile factories.

A proposal by M. Skobelev was that hereafter demands for increased wages should not be formulated by employees of individual firms, but by their trade union, which should submit their demands to the government.

A deputation of directors of metallurgical work waited upon Premier Lvoff and other members of the cabinet to-day and represented the condition of their industry as critical to owners, owing to the exorbitant demands made by workmen. They declared that factories working on army orders would be obliged to close down if the situation was not remedied. As an example they said that eighteen industrial works in Donetz region, southern Russia, paid dividends in 1916 of 18,000,000 rubles and that workmen now demand wage increases of 240,000,000 rubles.

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7 p.m.

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## Young People's Service AT Park Baptist Church

Corner Darling and George Streets  
Sunday Night Subject—CAN YOUNG PEOPLE DEFEAT SATAN?  
Rev. Wm. H. Wrighton will preach at 11 and 7.

## CONGREGATIONAL

A Helpful Message Awaits You At The Congregational Church

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CONFISCATE HUN SHIPS.  
By Courier Leased Wire.

Rio Janeiro, May 25.—It is stated in official circles that parliament will order the confiscation of all German ships in Brazilian ports as soon as the official report of the inquiry into the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer Tijuca, made at Bordeaux, is received. At the same time parliament will decree the revocation of Brazil's declaration of neutrality.

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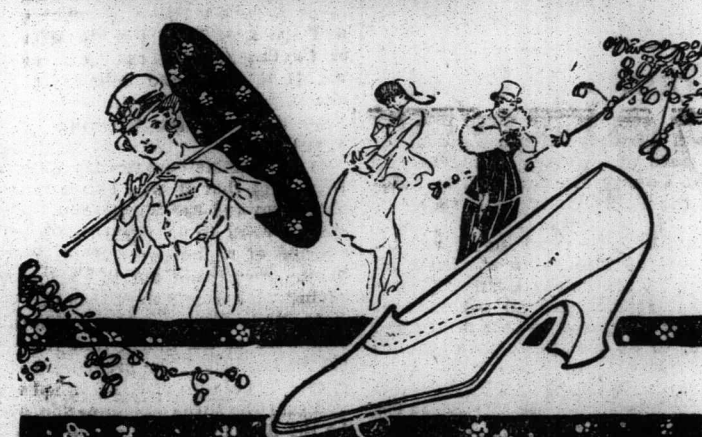
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## LOCAL

## GAS BILL.

The city's account with the Ford Gas Company for month, for eight offices and \$4.20.

## LETTER FROM FRONT.

Lt. Col. H. F. Leonard received a letter from Sergt. Rhodes, who left Brantford in Contingent, and who in France, Sergt. Rhodes states he has seen several Brantford men.

## STREET OILING.

The City Clerk is in receipt of other petition signed by ratepayers on Drummond Street between Colborne and Victoria who wish the roadway in their houses oiled during winter.

## Y.M.C.A. WORK.

Mr. Frank Waddell of the who has been assisting Mr. Yeigh in conducting the for funds in support of work the troops overseas, leave for Camp Borden, where he engaged during the coming winter he was stationed working in connection with the of the 122nd battalion, was stationed there.

## FOOD PRODUCTION.

Last Wednesday evening representatives from Brantford Trade War Food Production Messrs. J. J. Hurley, J. A. Frank Bauslaugh, Rev. J. J. eringham, proceeded to the to attend a meeting of the convened for the purpose of co-operate with the Council of Trade and pledge ourselves to the cultivation and harvest the crops this year. In spite of stormy weather, there was attendance of representative with Mr. J. H. Dundas in the After addresses and discussion following Resolution was adopted:—"That we of the action of the Brantford of Trade and pledge ourselves to operate with them in their efforts for the good of the

## THE MARKET.

There was a fairly good this morning, produce and ers being plentiful. Butter remained about stationary but eggs advanced a few cents. Plants for the vegetable den, and cut flowers. There

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