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THE SITUATION.

The Germans are fighting more and more bitterly, and more and more stubbornly against the British in the Western arena, but Haig is able to report an advance at three points. The St. Quentin canal—one of the chief arteries of supplies for the foe—has also been cut off. On the other hand, at two or three points the reinforced enemy gained lost positions. On the French front yesterday, artillery duels prevailed. Over The Courier's leased wire yesterday afternoon there came the story of the British success over the Turks at Samara and the capture of much railway rolling stock, together with two barges loaded with munitions. Both losses will be severely felt by the sons of Islam.

In the biggest air fight of the war the British aeroplanes brought down forty Teuton planes, while only two of their machines are reported as missing. The conflict took place nearly three miles above French territory. It is announced that the food conditions of several of the Allies have been reported to Washington as critical. In this regard President Wilson and his Cabinet held a meeting yesterday in order to see what could be done to increase the supply from the States. It was felt that the best method was to urge systemization and the prevention of waste, and these two things will be strongly brought to the attention of the people.

The rumor of a German attempt against Petrograd has been revived, while the unrest in Germany is stated to be centering around the Chancellor.

Spain has addressed a note to Germany with regard to the ruthless submarine warfare, the ignoring of which may well bring her into the war. The growing anti-German tide in South America is clearly having its effect on Alfonso's people.

THE BUDGET SPEECH.

The annual pronouncement of Sir Thomas White, Finance Minister, was characterized by the business-like lucidity which has always characterized the presentation of his budgets.

He was able to show that under the wise legislative measures of the government, Canada had met war demands quite buoyantly. Receipts for the fiscal year have totalled \$232,000,000 with an outlay of \$173,000,000 thus leaving a balance of \$60,000,000 for reducing war expenditure account. Daily expenses and future obligations are still piling up, while the national debt is naturally growing apace. It is now \$30,000,000 and may reach \$1,300,000,000 before the end of the year. In this regard it is proposed to make a further levy on war profits as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Profits, Company, Govt. Per Cent. 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 100, 200.

There can be no legitimate objection to such taxation as the above. Those who make money out of war needs should be prepared to share up for war purposes. No changes are proposed in the tariff and there will be no advance of income tax. Sir Thomas very properly holding that generous responses for patriotic purposes are tantamount to that.

A GOOD CASE MADE OUT.

To anyone who studies the map there would certainly seem to be no other logical way for the proposed provincial road except the old time central route which embraces this district. However, our northern friends who want the straighter line deflected for their benefit; managed to put up some very plausible arguments when they waited on Premier Hearst and his cabinet a short while ago, and it was to offset this that

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THE DUTY OF PARLIAMENT.

"Germany is not yet beaten. She is going back in the hope of becoming stronger, and numerically, she is stronger now than at any time during the war. She has now many more divisions in the field than last year and has increased the number of her soldiers by about one million."

This is not the pessimistic wail of an ignorant croaker: it is the grave warning of Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial Staff at Army Headquarters, appealing for half a million more men before July.

Speaking in the Canadian House of Commons on August 19th, 1914, Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared: "Speaking for those who sit around me, speaking for the wide constituencies which we represent in this House, I hasten to say that to all these measures we are prepared to give immediate assent. If in what has been done, or in what remains to be done, there may be anything which in our judgment should not be done or done differently, we raise no question, we take no exception, we offer no criticism, and we shall offer no criticism so long as there is danger at the front."

In the summer of 1915 Sir Wilfrid emphasized his position in an address delivered in Toronto before the Ontario Federation of Liberal Clubs, as follows: "I have this to say to the Prime Minister and his colleagues: I do not care for an election. Let the Prime Minister and his colleagues say there shall be no election as long as the war shall go on, and I will pledge myself and the party that we shall stop all preparations and think of nothing but the war."

A few months later, addressing the Montreal Reform Club, Sir Wilfrid declared that: "At the present time the only thing we have to think of is to finish the war, and to adjourn to a future date those domestic problems which will have to be taken up later on."

And, finally, in his speech in the Commons last session, advocating an extension of Parliament, the Liberal leader said: "The issue is still pending and, so long as it is pending, so long as Belgium has not been restored to her independence, so long as France has not recovered her lost territory, so long as the enemy has not been thrown back beyond the Rhine, for my part, and I speak again as I have spoken always—my supreme thought will be to give all the assistance in our power to Britain in the struggle which she had undertaken against the common enemy of mankind."

The issue is still pending. Belgium is still under the Prussian yoke. France has not recovered all her lost territory; the Allies are still far from the Rhine, and the people will hold to strict account those who attempt to force an election at this period.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It's a run old world. We all kick about too much Tilbury gas and then kick when we don't get enough of it.

A New York girl is suing a dentist there for \$50,000 for breach of promise. If she gets it the extraction will be the most painful at which that molar artist ever attended.

Thank Providence for such a Finance Minister as Sir Thomas White during these war times.

The Germans are now after Holweg's wig.

Taxis are all the thing just now, and so are war taxes.

It is a case of how to the line with the Canadian boys at the front. It should equally be a case of how to the line with Canadians at home.

It is announced that the Province will levy a 25 per cent. war tax on dog receipts at race track meets. That's all right. The gee sees in this connection come under the head of movies.

The individual who left 'em off finds these days that he has a heavy cold—at issue.

NEW REGULATIONS

By Courier Leased Wire. Christiania, April 25.—via London.—The Norges Handels Siorfartsselskaps says that as a result of reports by German ministers and consuls in neutral countries to the German Government, the latter probably will draft new regulations governing the ruthless submarine warfare on neutral shipping. Spain, the newspaper adds, already has obtained concessions.

GOVERNMENT QUIT.

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, April 25.—A telegram from Luxembourg says that the administration has placed its resignation in the hands of the Grand Duchess. The action was based on the ground that the government no longer enjoys the confidence of the people and that neither producers nor consumers were doing their duty.

GREAT BRITAIN ARMED

(By a Finnish Lady.) It is my first visit to England since the war began. Entering, it was not like England. Before it was so free. Everybody was willing to help and direct any person who was foreign. Now it is strict, severe scrutiny and carefulness. All my papers in order and the letters of officials in Helsinki hardly served to obtain me entrance. The careless English have learned a hard lesson from spies who pretended to be of all neutral and friendly nationalities. At last I was permitted to leave with my English hosts. We went through dark London streets that I remembered blaz with light. Inside the house all was changed too. The furniture was the same, the welcome was even warmer, for the English esteem above all friends those who stand by them in trouble. The elder sons of the family were absent. Two were dead—both officers, one in the army and one in the navy. Their parents, brothers and sisters wrote and spoke of them with loving pride, and as if their lot were happy and to be envied. Every comfort and luxury were given and offered me, but the household had settled itself down to simplicity and economy. Luxuries are for the wounded, the fighters on leave and the children of the poor. How strange it is to see these changes. The England I knew was given up to games, pleasure and making itself comfortable. This England is thinking of the other countries that make it an Empire; of its Allies; of all who in some manner are helping against its foes. England is armed. I have been in a motor across many miles of England to visit some soldiers in a camp and again I do not know this England. Each pretty village has soldiers walking, drilling, passing with goods or on sentry outside the building. The roads are dusty with big wagons, with lines of singing, marching, red-checked young men, with covered trolleys, with horses. On lovely commons and stretches of ground one sees suddenly a massed town of solid huts, built with roofs, doors, and windows, drainage, social halls, as if this war were going on for 50 years, the little homes of the millions in city and hamlet, all have tales to tell of fathers and sons on the sea or in France, or in what the English call 'overseas,' the countries the British own across the oceans. There must be millions of women engaged in war tasks. Whole towns have sprung up, built especially for the women munition workers, equipped on the American plan with a staff aside to look solely after their health and welfare, and buildings of most modern improvements. It is sad to see this England, but the fighters on leave the gayest, most luxurious holidays, it—denies them nothing, it grumbles at no money spent or to be spent. All I have heard is, "never mind the expense; save the men all you can; save the lives you can; we will look after the widows and children; we can all go short for them and the wounded; nothing matters except winning this war that has been forced upon us; nothing matters as long as the world does not have all this bloodshed and waste of men and things again." I think every fresh incident of the war like the deportations from Belgium, acts of harshness to prisoners or civilians, children or old people, makes the English sterner and harder. They say not much; but they mean much, for they at once began preparations as if for a longer, stronger fight. I did not think the English could alter so greatly. They are stubborn. "We are not conquered till we are all dead." I have heard none say this in words, but it is in all their works and looks.

Miss Gladys Teed, of New York, prices her lacerated affections at \$50,000 in a suit for breach of promise against Dr. Francis D. Griffin, a dentist.

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APRIL EVENING. Now fades the quiet April day, by the neighbor's hens—he'll show and dusk enshrouds the scene; I hear the children laugh and play up on the village green. The early bull-frog clears his throat, and strikes a note that's flat, and by my gate Bill Johnson's goat is eating some one's hat. It is a sweet and restful eve; the world should be at peace; it seems a shame that men should grieve, or send for the police. It seems a shame that wrath and fear should mar this life, yet all around me I can hear the sounds of war and strife. Jim Wiggins yells that things indeed have reached an evil pass; since Samkin's cow with glutton greed, devoured his garden sassa, Si Harris says that tongues and pens his woe cannot describe; he's ruined the whole blamed tribe. Sim Hopkins has been seeing red since Wilmire stole his pump, and now he's punching Wigmire's head hard by the village dump. It seems an evil thing to me that in this vale of tears we men can nevermore agree, but pull each other's ears. The solemn beauty of the night appeals but to a few; for men will fuss and quarrel fight, while there are rage to show. German officers are in command of Carranza troops moving northward in Mexico toward the United States border, according to a despatch from El Paso, Texas. Villa has gained three victories over Carranza troops in as many days.

LOCAL NEWS

EXECUTIVE MEETING The regular meeting of the executive of the Patriotic League was held in their chambers in the Commercial Building last night at eight o'clock. The usual routine business was transacted.

UNPAID TAXES City ratepayers are reminded that further statutory penalties will be added after May 1st, to all 1916 and previous years' taxes remaining unpaid.

S. S. ORCHESTRA An enthusiastic and well attended meeting of members of the Sydney street Methodist Sunday school was held last evening when steps were taken toward the formation of a Sunday school orchestra, a large number of able musicians volunteered their services. Officers were elected as follows:—President, J. Laing; secretary, Miss Batters; conductor, Mr. L. Davidson.

WRIST CRUSHED A nasty accident sustained yesterday afternoon by Mr. Garnet Bonn assistant pressman at The Courier might have had much more serious results, but for prompt aid. Mr. Bonn was engaged in threading the press, and, believing himself to be clear of danger, signalled for the press to start, whereupon his wrist was caught between the rollers and painfully crushed. Only the prompt stopping of the press availed to save the young man's arm, and hopes are entertained for his speedy recovery from his injury.

COURT HOUSE REPAIRED. About two weeks ago improvements on the coal cellar at the Court House, authorized by the court council at its last meeting, were completed. A cement floor replaced the wooden flooring, and the bottom of the cellar has been lowered about two feet, thus allowing for the storing of almost an extra car load of coal. Last winter 140 tons of soft coal were purchased by the county, and there is about two tons of this left at the present time. Tenders have been called for for the next season's supply, which will be about one hundred and six tons.

REPAINTING LIBRARY. The work of repainting the exterior of the Public Library is progressing as rapidly as could be expected, and the building is now assuming a much improved appearance.



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