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THE SITUATION.

The crisis in Russia is now of a double-headed variety—disloyalty of troops with regard to opposing the foe, and internal troubles of such a marked nature that civil war may result. Gen. Korniloff, commander-in-chief, having made the demand that all civil as well as military power be conferred upon him, Premier Kerensky promptly ordered him to resign, which the general has refused to do.

On the Italian front, Cadorna's men continue to maintain their pressure in excellent style, and it is said that in addition to German reinforcements, Turks have now also appeared on the Isonzo in a desperate attempt to stem the tide. Austrian claims of ground recovered, are officially denied.

THE PARTIZAN CRY

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his nominations to the board of selection under the Military Service Act, has been careful to select only men of the most eminent fitness, who are not active partisans, for the work. A sample of his nominations is that of Sir John Gibson, one of the two men from Ontario. The government, on the other hand, seems to have made its nominations on the basis of partisanship as usual.

The above comment is eminently characteristic of the organ. The idea of depicting Sir John Gibson as a non-partizan, is one of the richest things that even our amusing cotem has ever perpetrated. It is true that Sir John presided at a Win-the-War meeting, in Hamilton, addressed by Dr. Clark, M.P. It is also true that when the doctor told some plain truths about Laurier's failure to measure up to the status of a true statesman in this crisis, Sir John very promptly sprang to the rescue of his chief.

Sir Wilfrid's nominees are all Liberals, which is natural enough. Borden's nominees are all Conservatives, which is equally to be expected, yet the Expositor prates of large-mindedness in the one case and partisanship in the other.

This cry of partisanship in connection with the war has been frequently hurled by the Expositor against the administration.

The Courier hates to put such matters on a political basis, and though should not be so rated, but as a matter of fact there has been any partisanship shown locally in the matter of munition contracts, selection of officers and men, naming of conscription boards, and so on.

There has been absolutely none and that which is true of Brantford and Brant County is equally true of other portions.

And then in the matter of the entire Dominion, what partisanship was there about the matter of Borden to Laurier of a United Government, on a fifty-fifty basis?

Any answer, or is the organ too busily engaged in weeping over the fact that the loyal Austrians and Germans are not to have a vote in the approaching general contest?

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

3B Courier Leased Wire—Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 11.—The noon casualty list contains only 107 names of which 19 are shown as killed or died. There are three corrections in the list; also two names previously reported wounded and one previously reported missing. All three are now removed from the casualty list.

CASTORIA

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THE FRANCHISE BILL.

The proposed Dominion Franchise Act has been received in Quebec with all kinds of heated comment.

That was to be expected for the province in question is again the present government, or any other government which contemplates Canada doing her full share in this time of crisis.

In the other provinces some Liberal papers of the extremely partisan sort have also ventured upon some caustic criticism, but speaking generally the fact seems to be recognized that an unusual menace calls for unusual treatment.

The Hamilton Herald (Independent) in referring to the matter points out that criticism of the bill is such as would be reasonable enough if the conditions were framed to meet normal conditions and to construct permanent machinery for the taking of the vote in future Dominion elections. But it is not that sort of measure. It is a makeshift measure, designed to deal with the abnormal conditions developed by the war. In time of peace it would be intolerably unjust to deprive, by legislative enactment, any class of citizens of the electoral franchise which they had already acquired and exercised. Even in war time there is a certain degree of injustice in disfranchising naturalized citizens of enemy origin who have given a cause for doubting their loyalty. But, with the country at war, should men who are not only disloyal British subjects but who regard themselves as still owing allegiance to a monarch with whom Canada is at war, be allowed to share in the government of this country and use their political power to hamper our government in its efforts to prosecute the war with the vigor which is desirable? It is a time of national danger, and measures which would not be justifiable in time of peace may well be defensible now, even if, in depriving friends of the enemy of their power to do mischief, injury be incidentally done to some loyal citizens of enemy origin.

It should be considered too, that compensation is provided for those citizens who are to be arbitrarily disfranchised. All such are to be exempted from military service. If they are not allowed to vote, neither will they be liable to conscription. This is absolutely just. And it is expedient too. A citizen who is disfranchised because his loyalty is under suspicion could not safely be trusted to bear arms in defence of his adopted country and sovereign.

Some of those who were looking for the complete enfranchisement of women in the approaching Federal election have also expressed disapproval over the clause referring to that matter but not all of them. For instance Mrs. L. A. Hamilton (Toronto) President of the National Equal Franchise League, and vice-President of the Women's Citizen's Association has frankly expressed the opinion that the bill is "quite satisfactory in view of the conscription issue and the question of the foreign woman." When interviewed she said: "In war time we should all be willing to make sacrifices, and we women should be willing to sacrifice the test of ser democracy to the greater. We want the freedom of the world most. The greater will include the less. We should keep before our eyes the fact that the war is not yet won."

That is well said and should be earnestly pondered by those affected.

INDIGNATION Continued from page one adding that nothing had been held in reserve and that there is not now any verbal, with Germany, limiting in anyway the freedom of Argentina's shipping. Further doubt concerning Argentina's faith and truthfulness after this declaration must be considered a national offense, the foreign minister declared. He added that the best proof of the inexactness of Count Luxburg's May 19th despatch was that eight Argentine steamers cleared for the war zone during June.

Dutch Views. Amsterdam, Sept. 11.—The Dutch newspapers give prominence to the exposures regarding the action of the Swedish legation in Buenos Aires. The Handelsblad says the Swedish Government has committed an act forbidden by international law and must await the consequences. The revelations harmonize with all that has been hitherto known regarding the methods of German representatives abroad, says the Nieuwe Van Den Dag, though it is extraordinarily cynical and impudent for a representative to advise that ships of a country with which he maintains friendly relations should be sunk without trace being left of them, which means in fact that all on board should perish.

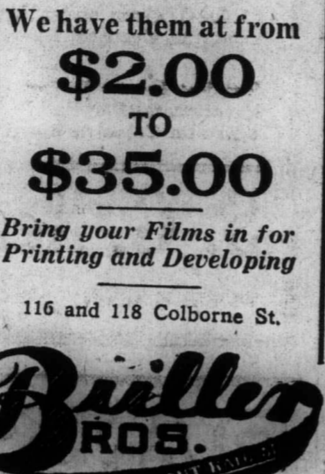
The Telegram says: "The first question that arises is: Will it mean war for Sweden, and adds that the Entente inclination to hold the Swedish people as a whole responsible, will be satisfied with the punishment of the guilty individuals. The Swedish people, it says, have adequate means for making their resentment felt by throwing out the present government. The Telegram concludes by saying that the disclosures indicate that there could hardly be a more unsuitable place for a peace conference than Stockholm.

Made Supreme Sacrifice. Two more Paris boys have made the supreme sacrifice in the heavy fighting around Lens. On Friday the Misses Barlow received word that their brother, Pte. Chas. Barlow had been killed, in the fighting around Lens on August 25th. He enlisted in the 173rd Highlanders early in 1916, and went overseas in October of the same year. In March 1917 he went over to France in a draft for the 16th batt. Pte. Barlow came to Paris six years ago, and at time of enlisting was employed in the Penman firm.

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PARIS Y.W.C.A. DIRECTORATE Business of Importance Transacted at Board's First Session. POLICE KEPT BUSY. Fresh Casualties Reported in Paris; Two Make Supreme Sacrifice. OTHER NEWS OF PARIS Lt. Lorne Rehder of 125th In Air Raid.



Paris, Sept. 10.—(From our own correspondent) At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Young Women's Christian Association on Friday night, considerable business of importance was transacted. Mrs. J. Bonner presiding. It was reported that the Furnishing Committee had purchased from the wholesale houses in Toronto, through our local merchants, bedding, linen, towels, etc. The Lend-a-hand Club of Paris Plains had kindly contributed \$10.00 worth of linen. The executive also kindly accepted donations of furniture for the new building, suitable for bedrooms, such as chairs or small tables, and anything for sitting rooms. Also pillows or feathers for pillows. They expect the new building will be opened on October 1st, when the executive would be glad to receive donations of vegetables, fruit, etc. the same being sent in care of Mrs. C. M. Meddle, who is in charge of that department for the time being. A number of applications for the position of Secretary and matron of the Young Women's Christian Association were received, and after careful consideration, Miss Winifred Dench of Niagara Falls, was appointed. The young lady has had considerable experience, and is in charge of a similar institution at the present time. Messrs. Orr and Creeden did remarkably well with the exhibit of single comb brown leghorns at the Toronto Exhibition. They took 2nd for cock, 1st and 2nd for cockerel, 1st and 4th for hen, 2nd and 3rd for pullet. Also taking the silver medal for best exhibit. This makes the fifteenth year in succession that Messrs. Orr and Creeden have carried off the medal. John Atkins, employed at the Screw Works, received a painful injury on Thursday. He was operating a band saw when his left wrist came in contact with same, causing a gash that required six stitches to close. The police had a busy week-end. One man on the Indian list was fined \$10 and costs for being under the influence of liquor. As a sequence to this, others may be implicated. One party was fined \$5.70 for running his automobile without a tall light, and another case of similar infraction of the law was adjudged for one week for further evidence. One of the local hotel keepers was fined \$10 and costs for selling cigars to minors. In this connection the Chief has been informed that minors have been in the habit of purchasing tobacco from stores. He states that the same must not be done without an order from their parents. A citizen in upper town was fined \$4.75 for a breach of the garbage by-law.

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in the machine gun section. Another brother, Lieut. Duncan McCosh, is serving in France with the Imperial army. The sympathy of the community will be extended Mr. and Mrs. McCosh in their bereavement. The name of Lance-Sergt. Dugan of Paris was given in Saturday's list as being seriously ill in hospital. In a recent aeroplane raid in the old land Lieut. Lorne H. Rehder was wounded. He is with the 125th bat-

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LOCAL

RETURNED TO PULPIT After several weeks' vacation, Rev. Wm. Stuyvesant has returned to the city, and occupied his Sydneyham St. Methodist church Sunday. The congregations were a warm welcome to their pastor, and expressed their appreciation of his excellent sermons.

FELL FROM LADDER Mr. Coles, janitor of the A., met with a painful accident morning while placing some in the reading room. He a step-ladder, sustaining a fracture about the head and as stitches being required to wounds.

EPWORTH LEAGUE The Epworth League of St. Methodist church held its regular meeting Sunday evening, the attendance was satisfactory. Plans for the winter include a members' picnic and other undertakings.

BUILDING PERMIT A building permit was issued by the office of the city engineer to Fred Wedlake, Avenue for the erection of a frame garage.

COLBORNE ST. LEAGUE Last evening Colborne St. held their regular meeting, Chester Sills in the chair, lightful solo by Miss Phyllis. The subject for the evening "Women and the War," was ably taken by Miss M. W.

TYPHOID UNDER CONTROL An epidemic of typhoid has been under way in the city during the past two weeks is under control. Fourteen cases have been reported at the office of the sanitary inspector. An investigation has been conducted and traced to one milkman in the East Ward, whose supply is blamed for the rapid spread of the disease through the city. In the past ten days none of the cases entered the city and the epidemic is under control.

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