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THE SITUATION
The Lloyd George government has weathered a threatened storm in the House of Commons during which, after the British way was much plain speaking, it was shown that the Premier had been extravagant in some of his ship and other production forecast but Bonar Law put the matter simply when he said that he would much rather have an optimist for a leader than a pessimist.

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KEEP FAITH

Shall Brantfordites fall down in response to the Patriotic Fund appeal for \$150,000? A thousand times no.

And yet this will be the case unless there is a more generous response than has hitherto marked the four day campaign now in progress in this city.

The brave men when they left here to fight our battle, "somewhere in France" were given the solemn assurance that their dependents should be properly looked after.

Can those of us who remain behind, sheltered in the comforts of peaceful surroundings, afford to prove apostates to that pledge?

Most assuredly not. To fail would prove a blow to the decent self respect, the common honesty, and the patriotism of this community such as would forever leave a blot upon the hitherto fair name of the place.

The threatened big drive of the enemy upon the western front will not much longer be delayed and our boys, who as usual will be in the thick of it, must not have the added anxiety of false faith to those they have left behind.

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RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD IN FRANCE

Paris Feb. 13.—Victor Boret, the food minister, to-day made public through a letter to President Poincaré, the outline of a newly enacted restrictive food law by which "parliament has for the first time entrusted to the government extended and efficacious powers for governing national provisioning."

The minister declares that the efforts of his department will be devoted to reserving for soldiers and family consumption, the resources of French soil and overseas products; to assuring a supply of bread by forbidding the making of biscuits, to assure a supply of sugar by interdicting pastry made of sugar and honey; to assure milk for children, the aged and the sick by restricting the production of inferior brands of cheese. The minister further places limitations on meals served in public eating places. These will be confined to certain hours in order to prevent waste.

Minister Boret says that hotels and restaurants were compelled to stop offering menus "exaggeration of which impoverishes our resources, raises the cost of living and risks disturbing the public spirit."

The law passed by the Chamber provides penalties for all infractions of the ministerial decree which, the food minister says, will be enforced severely or lightly according to the circumstances. Grave or repeated infractions will receive the full rigors of the law.

The minister's letter concludes by asking the president to sign a decree which will put the law passed by the Chamber of Deputies and the ministerial decree into force.

SIXTH AND NINTH.
The West Brantford Sixth and Ninth met at the home of Mrs. Clegg, 52 Richardson St., when a large number of members turned out.

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The speaker emphasized the importance of that element in the present campaign. Not only was a national brotherhood developing among the men overseas, but there church union was worked out to a finality. The different churches co-operated in the most close and sweetest brotherhood imaginable.

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All social differences were abolished in the army. Wealth and position were forgotten, and when men dressed in the same uniform, they learned to love one another, and were united in the most perfect democracy possible. Such a brotherhood should only be spread over a wide area, and be made to imbue all, and the world would indeed be made safe for democracy.

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body of women in Canada. He looked to every team captain to keep in touch with his workers and to see that all were present at to-night's supper.

Mr. Spence closed with a word of praise for the ladies of St. Basil's and St. Mary's churches, who had served the meal, three hearty cheers and a tiger being given, followed by the singing of "My Wild Irish Rose."

Capt. J. W. Magwood, who went overseas with the 216th Bantam Battalion, now on duty at Exhibition camp, was next introduced to the gathering. Someone attempted, with some degree of success, the crow of a Bantam rooster as the visiting officer rose to his feet.

Capt. Magwood told of the splendid work being done by the Bantam Battalion overseas, many of its members having already made the supreme sacrifice. He counted the joy and the privilege of his life to have had the experiences he had among Canadian soldiers. Those two years would not exchange for any previous seven.

He told graphically of the trip overseas, and of the sight of British destroyers advancing before dawn to meet the transport ship. The strain under which the command and crew of troops labored daily, declared the speaker, could not be fully appreciated by anyone who had not taken the trip.

The world was learning to-day of the wastage of peace, as well as the cost of war. In some parts of the United States, fifty per cent of more of the men drafted had been found physically unfit. War was teaching many lessons; lessons of patriotism, sacrifice and economy.

Hurled against the greatest war machine the world had ever known, the untried soldiers of Canada had not suffered by comparison. Heroes were bred on all sides, and nothing possible under heaven had not been essayed and achieved by the Canadians.

The speaker refuted charges against the morals of the army. "Man for man," he declared, "our troops are as pure as man for man here, and as far as venereal diseases are concerned, the odds are in favor of the soldiers."

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PARIS RESIDENT IS LAID TO REST

Funeral of Late Chas. R. Buckborough Took Place To-day

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
The funeral of the late Chas. R. Buckborough, who died at his home Tuesday, on what is known as the Whitlaw Farm, took place this afternoon at the Paris Cemetery. The services at the home and grave were conducted by Rev. Mr. Wells, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Deceased was born in Oxford county 74 years ago, and is well known by many in this vicinity. He had farmed nearly all his life. In 1887 he was married to Mary Ann Laughlin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laughlin of South Dumfries. The late Mr. Buckborough had been ill for some time with heart trouble, and some days ago he had a paralytic stroke, and death came as a happy release to his suffering. Besides his sorrowing wife he leaves four sons: H. W. Buckborough of Lansing, Mich.; H. P. Buckborough of Paris, Ontario; S. A. Buckborough of Paris, Ontario; and three sisters, Mrs. George Dawson of Wolverson, Ont.; Mrs. C. Patten of Drumbo; Mrs. A. Holdaway of Ayr, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their sad bereavement.

On Monday, February 11th, Mrs. E. D. Little, familiarly known as "Ann Beady," by the younger people, celebrated her 101st birthday at the home of her nephew, T. Scott Davidson, M.P.E., with whom she resides. Mrs. Little received a number of greetings, cards and flowers from her friends.

The Red Cross society has to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: Mr. J. P. Numan \$10; "Billy," \$2; Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Buck, 1 dozen towels; Young Women's Bible class of the Presbyterian Church, forty-eight personal property bags.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. Wallace Flaungan of Bassano, Alta., formerly of Paris, in the death of his wife, who passed away in Galt on Sunday. Deceased had been ill for some months, and was brought home to see if a change of climate would prove beneficial to her health. Mrs. Flaungan was in her 31st year, and was the youngest daughter of Mr. J. McClelland of Galt. Besides her husband, a little daughter, 4 years old, is left to mourn her loss.

Prior to leaving for Brantford, two valued members of the Methodist choir, the Misses Lillian Mitchell and Hattie Stevens, were presented with suit case umbrellas by the members of the choir. Miss Mitchell has taken a position in the C. O. E. office, and Miss Stevens has entered the John H. Stratford Hospital, Brantford, to train as a nurse. The presentation took place at the home of Mrs. Harry Evans. After a social hour was spent, a dainty repast was served.

About 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the firemen had a run to the flats, where Kempthorne's detached summer kitchen, 29 x 29 feet, was on fire. They had a quantity of beef inside curbs, and it is surmised that some party knowing about same, was lighting around after meat with matches, and dropped one which caused the fire. They heard some one around about 5.45, and a quantity of meat is said to be missing. The prompt work of the firemen prevented the fire from spreading to the other part of the house.

disregard of the established rules of warfare.
Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice will be buried in Ottawa.

Lord Richard Neville, comptroller of the household of the Governor-General, announced this morning that the funeral services for the deceased will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church of England on Sunday, at noon, and that interment would be made in Beechwood Cemetery. His Lordship, Bishop Roper, will conduct the services assisted by Rev. F. H. Brewin, rector of the church.

PERSONAL
Mr. J. Blakeney and Mr. U. O. Kendrick have returned from the Ontario Hydro-Electric Convention in Toronto.

Mr. J. Cooper of Brantford was in Waterloo yesterday.—Kitchener News Record.

Mr. Charlie Vetter passed the holiday in Brantford.—Kitchener News Record.

The many friends of Mrs. Bond, Northumberland St., will be pleased to learn that she is doing nicely after undergoing an operation on Tuesday in the Brantford general hospital.

NOTICE!
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford has passed a by-law under the provisions of The Factory, Shop and Office Building Act, requiring that all barber shops within the City of Brantford shall, from and after the 15th day of February, 1918, be closed at the hour of eight o'clock in the afternoon of each day of the week except Saturdays and except on the day next preceding a Statutory holiday when the same shall be closed from the hour of ten o'clock in the afternoon and shall in each case remain closed for the balance of the day; and that any person convicted of a breach of the provisions of said by-law may be fined the sum of \$50.00 exclusive of costs, and in default of payment thereof may be sentenced to twenty-one days in the Common Gaol.

H. F. LEONARD, City Clerk.

Dominion Victory Bonds
Those who were unable to obtain these Bonds at the time of issue, and persons desiring to increase their holdings may purchase the same from.
THE Royal Loan & Savings Co.
OFFICE—38-40 MARKET ST.

Valentine Season
We have now on display a complete line of Valentines from 5c up
Tally Cards, Tissue Napkins, Candle Shade, Candles, Seals, Hearts, Cupids, Decorations, Etc.
STEDMAN'S BOOKSTORE
PHONE 569. 160 COLBORNE ST.

HEATERS FOR COLD WEATHER
FOR KITCHEN COMFORT - RANGES
Gurney Heaters
Mean comfort in your home. We have a complete line—all sizes and prices in both styles. You can not make a mistake if you buy a GURNEY make.
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R. FEELY
181 Colborne Street. Phone 708.

Go To Sutherland's February Sale!
and buy yourself some GLASS or FRENCH CHINA at prices away below the regular.
ELECTRIC LAMPS and ORNAMENTS.
JAS. L. SUTHERLAND Colborne Street

HERTLING TO REPLY
An Amsterdam despatch received in London Tuesday, reported that Count von Hertling intended to answer President Wilson's message in the Reichstag next Tuesday.

Bargains For All On FRIDAY
Owing to the recent closing order issued by the Fuel Controller, the store will be closed Saturday, therefore a FRIDAY Bargain Day will be in order. Just at this time you are going to benefit, for there are still a lot of good bargains left from Dollar Day at Dollar Day prices. Come Friday. Come early. Store Open at Night.

COLES SHOE COY.
122 Colborne Street
Both Phones 474

Obituary

F. W. BOOTH
The death occurred yesterday afternoon of Frederick William Booth, 157 Oxford street, aged 51 year. The deceased was a son of the late Joseph Booth, and a foreman at the Steel Company of Canada plant. He is survived by a widow, three brothers, George E., of Ingersoll, F. W. of Lunenburg, and W. O. of this city; also by one sister, Grace, of this city. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon to Greenwood cemetery.

The death is announced in Toronto where she was on a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Powley, of Elizabeth Jewell, mother also of Mr. J. Albert Wedlake and Mrs. W. Brown and Mrs. W. G. Helliker of this city. She was an ardent member of the Wesley Street church and the bereaved will have the sympathy of many friends.

PRESENTATION

On the night of Feb. 11th, a very pleasant surprise was tendered to Mr. Thomas Cheevers, of 151 Oxford St., prior to his going overseas by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Summehays. The following address was read: Mr. Cheevers making a brief but appropriate reply: Dear Mr. Cheevers—It is with great pleasure mingled with feelings of regret that we are gathered here to express to you our appreciation of your joining our brave Canadian forces in this fight for liberty and freedom. Your friends have arranged this pleasant evening as a means to wish you a good-bye, and also ask you to accept this small present of remembrance of the many happy hours we have spent together; your bright and splendid disposition will be greatly missed, and you will always be remembered in our prayers. Trusting you will have a safe journey and a speedy return with our other brave lads to this fair Dominion and enjoy a final peace.

God be with you till we meet again.
From Friends in West Brantford.

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

DEMAND FIRE CHIEF'S SCALP

By Courier Leased Wire.
Edmonton, Feb. 14.—A citizens mass meeting which packed the First Presbyterian church last night voted unanimously to send an ultimatum to the city council, giving that body 48 hours to accede to the petition, signed by 10,000 petitioners, which demands that Fire Chief R. G. Davidson be removed and the position filled from the ranks of the firemen, who struck as a protest against Davidson's appointment.

If the council fails to take action, the citizens who attended the meeting declared that they would go on strike to the extent of refusing to pay for any of the city services, such as water, light and telephone, and furthermore that the head office of the Imperial Bank to asked to refuse to finance the city, as the council did not represent the will of the citizens.

HYDRO OFF.
Transpiration on the Municipal railway was halted at noon to-day, when the hydro power was turned off for a short time. Service was resumed by two o'clock.

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