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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.

But what if the Hun should triumph? Calls are many; we all know that. The cost of living is getting more burdensome; we also all know that. But what if the Hun should triumph? Calls are many; we all know that.

Germany apparently doesn't trust Trotzky and is suspicious of what he may have in view. It is now alleged that Berlin will decline to continue relations with Russia unless a regular peace treaty is signed. This the Bolshevik are likely to refuse to do.

The Austrians have been repulsed in attacks upon the Italian lines. British aviators made a reprisal attack on the German town of Ofenbourg.

A NOTABLE MAN. The sudden death, while on a visit at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, until recently British Ambassador to the United States, removes a diplomat of remarkable and outstanding efficiency. He was of the very highest type of that noted service always courteous, yet firm of purpose, and ever keenly alert on behalf of the interests of the great nation which he represented.

No man could have had a more difficult task than he, when during the early stages of the war, the German embassy was still a power in the U. S. Capitol, and through confidential agents he knew right well of the intrigue and misrepresentation by which he was surrounded. Furthermore, he had to reconcile Uncle Sam to what were regarded as offensive blockade regulations on the part of the Allies, and to smooth many other threatened points of friction.

Men of his calibre are peculiarly of British development and the services which they render to the Empire at large are beyond computation. If the council fails to take action, the citizens who attended the meeting declare 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 ask to refuse to finance the city, as the council did not represent the will of the citizens.

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.

HYDRO OFF. Transcription on the Municipal railway was halted at noon today when the hydro power was turned off for a short time. Service was resumed by two o'clock.

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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Can one of us with red blood in our veins refuse to go over the top for them in this righteous appeal on their behalf, when they are so willingly going over the top for all our sakes?

There should be only the one answer and that in emphatic tones. Citizens of Brantford, following all of your vocations, and pursuing your pleasures in safety, think of the trench-begrimed, vermin pestered heroes over yonder, subjected to a very hell on earth and risking all for you.

Then see to it that of your earnings, even to the pinching point, you set aside enough to assure the material comfort of their anxiety racked loved ones. To do any less would be an act not only of repudiation but also of poltroonery.

Obituary F. W. BOOTH The death occurred yesterday afternoon of Frederick William Booth, 157 Oxford street, aged 51 years. 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.

RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD IN FRANCE

Paris Feb. 13.—Victor Boret, the food minister, to-day made public through a letter to President Poincare, the outline of a newly enacted restrictive food law by which "parsimony has for the first time been 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 milk by forbidding the making of cheese.

The world was learning to-day of the wastage of war, as well as of the more of the men drafted has been found physically unfit. War was teaching many lessons; lessons of patriotism, sacrifice and economy. It 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."

In three months' time overseas, Capt. Magwood had seen but one Canadian soldier. He had a word of high praise also for the Canadian nurses overseas, telling forcefully of the raid on Folkstone, and of the heroic service done afterwards by the Red Cross workers from the Dominion.

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The different churches co-operate in the best and closest and sweetest brotherhood imaginable. He referred to Capt. Fallon, brother of Bishop Fallon, of London, as "one of the finest men in the Canadian Government" ever.

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 he made to imbue all, and the world would indeed be made safe for democracy.

"Play the game," was the watchword of the army, and that was what Brantford was now called upon to do. "You cannot mention life and money in the same breath without insult," declared the speaker. But those at home must pay the lesser price when opportunity demanded. It must not be said that Brantford had broken faith with the dead.

PATRIOTIC FUND

(Continued from Page One.) 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 officers 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 contrasted 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 commanding officers and crew of troops labored daily, declared the speaker, could not be had not been the trip.

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

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 Whiffaw Farm, took place this afternoon to 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. Sisk, and Thomas of Paris; also three sisters, Mrs. George Dawson of Wolverson, Ont.; Mrs. C. Patton 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 beg 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 woollen 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 cases, umbrellas by the members of the choir. Miss Mitchell has taken a position in the C. O. 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 war. 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 afternoon, and that interment would be made in Beechwood Cemetery. His Lordship, Bishop Roper, will conduct the services assisted by Rev. F. H. Brevin, rector of the church.

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 19th 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.

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.

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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. Store Open at Night. COLES SHOE COY. 122 Colborne Street Both Phones 474

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