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THE SITUATION.

The Canadians have added to their ments by the capture of Hill 70 in eration. A fair portion of the crop the Lens fighting. The height in already has been harvested, question overlooks the coal city and ate counter attacks. It is also satis- has begun in some quarters. factory to know that their losses in Peas are a most promising crop at connection with this magnificent ach- present appearance. ievement were 'comparatively' small. Reports regarding beans run al If the Allies can once regain this the way from poor to promising. transportation of coal to France,

last week showed a total of fourteen be seen in some fields, the grain vessels of over 1,600 tons and two crops having overtaken the mower under that figure. The falling off as Apples, which did not set heavily, compared with the previous week is dropped considerably during the seven, and the figures are decidedly summer, and will be a poor yield

reassuring. but they cannot be expected to do were available. Von Mackensen's men.

through German sources that a conference of neutral nations is to take crops. Farmers are exchanging work through German sources that a con- in the clearing off of the ripening place in September with Spain, more largely than ever, and their Switzerland, Holland, Norway and wives and daughters are helping with others represented. What they the rush in the fields. More milking should do is to get together against machines are being installed in the the Tenton

THE VATICAN PROPOSAL

posals of Pope Benedict do not find ready for the new fall wheat. any favor with the Allies. The mere restoration of land to Belgium and the other cruelly devastated coun- When it comes to getting there tries will not suffice. There must be the Canadian troops still continue the levy of heavy indemnities and to go ahead without any referendum. other drastic provisos must be enacted if Germany is to be prevented from again ruthlessly imperilling the front worth backing? Well, are they? peace of the world. Then again there is that old score of Alsace and Lorraine to be wiped out. Without propriate the entire harvest of potaany doubt the Teutonic Allies would toes. Probably the eyes of the tubbe mightily pleased to have matters ers will be opened before those of restored as they were before the war the people. but such a thing cannot be for them. They realize now that they have made a mighty hard bed for them- the greatest disappointment over the

cant signs as far as Germany is con- cold haberdashers" have been at it cerned, consists of the fact that again. many of the leading papers of that country have become very critical It is now said Romanoff and famwith regard to the message of the ily have been transferred to a point Kaiser to President Wilson, as dis- in Siberia. The Kaiser's toe hold is closed by Mr. Gerard, the ex-U.S. also weakening. Ambassador to Berlin. They all agree that efforts to explain away the matter have not been a success and criticize the power of the Kaiser to draft such an important state document without consultation with a responsible Minister.

When the papers of the Fatherland commence to question the dicland commence to question the dic-tum of the "all powerful" then in-bad when it comes to cornering the deed the Emperor may begin to get market. It is true that much must some glimmering of the fact that instead of the war precipitated by him, Allies but it certainly looks as if the leading to a personal world domination, it will in reality shatter his leterious basis. own deified standing.

WOULD RETAIN SHIP. Mexico City, Aug. 16—(Associated Press)—A movement has been war was declared. The reaction soon started here to induce the government to forbid the sale of vessels flying the Mexican flag and engaged in commerce to and from Mexican ports and their transfer to other came and the Dominion figures continue to tell a wonderful story. The increase for July is officially reported at alomst one hundred million dol-

A PACIFIST By Courier Leased Wire,

Montreal, Aug. 16.—"Keep your sons at home in time of trouble, do not give those people at Ottawa the opportunity that they wish of putting martial law into effect in Montreal," urged Napoleon Seguin, M.P.P., at a Liberal meeting here.

A large honor roll of members of the motive power and transportation departments of the Grand Trunk, Stratford, who have enlisted for overseas, service has been prepared and contains about 500 names.

THE CROP OUTLOOK This week's report of the Ontario

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Forento Office: Queen City Chambers, 32 Church Street, H. E. Smallpiece, Representative. Chicago Office, 745 Marquette, Bidg., Robt. E. Douglas, Representative. Most of the fall wheat has been Editorial ... 276 Night ... 452 tal acreage, of course, as previously Business ... 139 Night ... 2056 explained, is smaller than usual. Spring wheat will be above 'its average in yield and in the length

of straw, with probably an increased acreage as well. Rye has a similar record to that f the fall wheat.

Barley never showed to better advantage, taking quantity and quality already long list of notable achieve- of both grain and straw into consid-

Oat fields, as a rule, have been a its previous occupation was of very revelation of growth. Some of the great advantage to the enemy. The yields reported run as high as 70 and taking of the hill defied the efforts 80 bushels to the acre, while 50 and of British troops in 1915 and Gen- 60 are common. The straw is of uneral Haig in his report says that the usual length, but only a little rust defences since then "have been im- is so far reported. The heads as a proved and strengthened by every rule are well filled, but occasional method and device known to our en- complaints of smut are made. The emies." Not only did the boys of the only fear expressed regarding oats is Maple Leaf penetrate the lines of the the possibility of rains "lodging" the foe to the depth of nearly a mile, crop before cutting, owing to the but they also fought off five desper- rather rank growth of straw. Cutting

region, that fact will release a num- Hay has turned out to be an ex ber of ships now engaged in the cellent crop, being well above the average in yield, and most of the cut The submarine toll of British ships being of good quality. Coils may yet

generally. Pears and plums have Matters on the Roumanian front done somewhat better. Peaches will are no better. The Russo-Roumanian be fair, relatively. Raspberry growforces are putting up a splendid fight ers did well this year where pickers

the whole thing. The Austro-German With harvesting about half forces have occupied the Roumanian through, a keen demand for farm positions on a height west of Ocna, laborers is still on. During the past and there is not much in sight cal- week there has been an improved reculated to seriously stem the tide of sponse from the towns and cities to calls from the farm. Fortunately The announcement is made good harvesting weather has helped dairy districts, and larger field implements are being purchased. Regarding the use of improved mach-Although of course nothing of an inery, one representative stated that official nature has yet been given out he is "snowed under" by requests for it is very clear that the peace pro- the use of the tractor to get the land

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Are those Dominion boys at the

The German authorities will ex-

Teuton Socialists are stated to feel selves but they will have to lie on it. fact that the Stockholm conference Meanwhile one of the most signifi- would appear to be wrecked. The "ice

Mr. W. F. O'Connor, cost of living commissioner continues to stay on the job in good style. His latest monthly statement shows an enormous quantity of food piled up in cold storage. That system is all right insofar as it holds produce for stack margin was on a top heavy and de-

Everybody will recall the trade fears which existed in Canada when increase for July is officially reportflags. The originators declare that lars over that of July of 1916 and the removal of these vessels from the Mexican trade would have a detrimental effect on Mexican commerlike period last year is nearly \$290,-000,000. The big growth in exports has been remarkable and there is buoyancy all round.

contains about 500 names.

Mountain Barriers Handicap Italy's Red Cross Workers



battle line where Austria, aided by mountain trails. Intense suffering nature in the ice-bound ramparts of the Alps, has striven to keep free hospitals, miles away, are reached. Italy shut out from enslaved Italy, the Italian Red Cross Society is and the extreme cold, cause many heroically waging its fight for the relief of suffering humanity against diers. Thousands of amputations odds, far greater than those surmounted by the Red Cross banner-bearers on other Allied battle fronts.

On the western front the autoful for orphans of fallen Italian

But the task of caring for the Italian wounded camong the unstable snows and mountains of the Seriptions. Campaigns will be conducted during August and September.

Every dollar given to the Italian

mobile ambulances quickly speed soldiers ask of their Canadian ally back the wounded from the front lines. Likewise medical attention this appeal Southern and Western and hospitals are near at hand for Ontario have fixed a goal of \$100,the Russians on the Eastern battle | 000 to be raised by popular sub-

stable snows and mountains of the Alps is almost inconceivable. Often Red Cross Society will shorten the the sufferers must be transported in box-like cars sliding on overhead cables or even lowered by ropes down the mountain sides. On snow sledges or by burrow back are efficient fighting forces—thus hasthe most common methods of carry- tening the war's end.

ARMAMENTS

(Continued from Page One.) mense benefit to be derived from disarmament, so much so that one will understand the continuation of a similar carnage solely for reasons of an economic order. Territorial Changes

"If, for certain causes, there exist particular reasons, they would deliberate upon with jus tice and equity, but these pacimense advantages to be derived from them, are not possible without a reciprocal restitution of the territory at present oc-

"Consequently, on the part of Germany, the complete evacuation of Belgium with the guarantee of her full political, military and economic independence towards if.

"As regards the territorial questions, as for example those which have arisen between Italy and Austria, and between Germany and France, there is reason to hope that in consideration of the immense advantages of a durable peace with disarmament, the parties in con-flict would wish to examine them with a conciliatory disposition, taking into consideration as we have said, formerly the aspirations of the peoples and their special interests and of

the general welfare of the great human society. "The same spirit of equity and justice ought to be follow-ed in the examination of other territorial and political ques-tions, notably those relative to Armenia and the Balkan states and territories, making a part of the ancient kingdom of Potraditions and sufferings which it has endured, especially during the present war, ought to conciliate the sympathies of nations.

"Such are the principal bases whereon we believe the future organization of the people ought to be built. They are of a nature to render impossible the return of similar conflicts, and to prepare a solution of the econ-offic question so important for



the future and for the material well being of all belligerent

L'Envoi

"Therefore, in presenting to you, who direct at this hour the destinies of the beligerent na-tions we are animated to see them accomplished, to see thus the conclusion at an early date of the terrible struggle which more and more appears a useless massacre.

"The whole world recognizes that the honor of the armies of both sides safe. Incline your cars therefore to our prayer. Accept the fraternal invitation which we send you in the name of the Divine Redeemer, the Prince of Peace. Reflect on your grave responsibility before God and before man. "On your decision depends

the repose and destiny of innumerable families, the life of thousands of young people, in a word the happiness of a people for whom it is your absolute duty to obtain their welfare. "May the Lord inspire your decision in conformity to His

very Holy will. May God grant that while meriting the applause of your contemporaries you will also obtain in the future generations a splendid name of pacificators. "As for us, closely united in prayer and penitence with all those faithful souls which sigh

for peace, we implore for you the light and counsel of the Di-Signed) "Benedict," at the Vatican, August 1.

American View. Washington, Aug. 16-The text of Pope Benedict's peace note received here early to-day in cabled dispatches from London, discloses that it does not differ from the unofficial outline previously requived. The foundation stones of the Pope's proposals for ending the world war are reduction of armaments, freedom of the settlement of all international disputes by arbitration and that there shall be no retailiatory struggle for economic world supremacy after the

Publication here to-day of the text of the Pope's proposal gave officials and allied diplomats opportunity to make a closer study of the Vatican's peace move than was from the advance outline.

Officials while evincing much interest refrained from making any com-ment pending receipt of the official text of the Pope's communication nor would they intimate the nature of the reply to be sent the Vatican.

The text of the communication serrice text of the communication served to strengthen the prevalent opinion that there is no likelihood of the proposals being accepted in their present form. That public opinion in the allied countries, insistent on a favorable decisive culmination of hostilities will sense the offer to be hostilities will cause the offer to be rejected was generally conceded here. Action to put into effect plans of leaders to forestall any attempt at open discussion of peace in the Senate appeared imminent when that body convened to-day. Present plans call for executive sessions to consider closing the doors for peace debute. Senators of the so called pacifist group were expected to approse fist group were expected to opp

BEEFLESS DAYS NOW IN EFFECT

Order In Council Brought Into Effect By Extra Issue of Gazette

PENALTIES SEVERE

Violation Of Restrictions Will Bring Exemplary Punishment

Ottawa, Aug. 15-An extra issue of the Canada Gazette bringing into effect the order-in-council, regulating eating places, was publish-

The order-in-council passed at the request of the food controller, pro-hibits the serving of beef and bacon on Tuesdays and Fridays and at more than one meal on any other day. Substitutes such as corn bread, oat cakes, potatoes etc., must be provided at every meal at which white bread is served. The use of wheat in the distillation or manufacture of alcohol is prohibited except for manufacturing of munitions purposes, and then only after obtaining a license from the food controller.

Heavy Penalties.
Heavy penalties are provided for violation of the regulations. Proprietors, managers and employees of public certific places are likely lic eating places are liable upon sur mary conviction, for the first offense to a penalty not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$25 and for each sub-sequent offense to a penalty not ex-ceeding \$500 and not less than \$100 or to imprisonment for any three not exceeding three months or to both fine and imprisonment.

Any person violating any of the provisions regulating the use of distillation or manufacture of alcohol is liable upon summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars.

The regulations go into effect with he gazetting of the order-in-council to-day. Copies of the order can be secured from the food controller's of-

Kerensky's Denial

London, Aug. 16.—A despatch the Daily Mail, from Petrograd, says that Premier Kerensky denicd that he told Albert Thomas, Socialist member of the French War Couneil, that he personally opposed the ockholm Socialist conference. On the contrary he thought it very important, though it would have been ore important if held when the Russians were advancing, instead of nder present conditions. He de clared that any opposition by the allied governments and any difficuljes put in the way of the delegates was simply playing into the hands of then outlines the government's at

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STATUTE LABOR.

Returns for the township of labor have been made muc promptly this year than for and the township clerk was busy yesterday receiving the that have been filled out winecessary information.

FALSE ALARM

Dense volumes of smoke flames were seen rising Market Square at an early ho morning. Hopes, perhaps, rep the breasts of some citizens the city hall was yielding up its the flames, but upon investigation was found that the fire was in a small pile of waste pap was being burned by the ca of the venerable building.

CUTTING IT OUT

A vigorous system of ce has been adopted by the ner sian government. The offending of letters leaving Russia w merly blackened over with pe the censor, but now the rul more rigid, and these lines out of the letter. Mr. Peter of this city, receives letters his daughter in Petrograd, an noticed the change with som grin, as often large parts of are cut out of the letter ent

RETURNED SOLDIERS

The Courier has been informathe, Military Hospital Comm Toronto, that six men are leave the Queen City for ford on Friday of this week. men expected to arrive ho morrow are J. Draper, 118 street, J. A. Merrell, 32 Le Geo. J. Patte 25 Ada Avenu Prior, 222 Market St., W. S. 11 Aberdeen Ave., and D. W. ers, Farringdon Hill.

POLICE COURT

Fines aggregating \$14 wer lected in the police court this ing from eight bicyclists wh fer the sidewalk to the road. practice is providing quite a r lately, and has swelled the col justice to a considerable d Those who dropped their super change in the treasury box morning were Gerald McInty Silverthrone, Ross Cooper, omfield, Kenneth Tench, Hind. Charles Kratzmier and charged with a breach of the by-law, but was warned and



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