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THE SITUATION.

The Canadians have added to their already long list of notable achievements by the capture of Hill 70 in the Lens fighting. The height in question overlooks the coal city and its previous occupation was of very great advantage to the enemy.

The submarine toll of British ships last week showed a total of fourteen vessels of over 1,600 tons and two under that figure. The falling off as compared with the previous week is seven, and the figures are decidedly reassuring.

Matters on the Roumanian front are no better. The Russo-Roumanian forces are putting up a splendid fight but they cannot be expected to do the whole thing.

THE VATICAN PROPOSAL.

Although of course nothing of an official nature has yet been given out it is very clear that the peace proposals of Pope Benedict do not find any favor with the Allies.

They realize now that they have made a mighty hard bed for themselves but they will have to lie on it. Meanwhile one of the most significant signs as far as Germany is concerned, consists of the fact that many of the leading papers of that country have become very critical with regard to the message of the Kaiser to President Wilson.

When the papers of the Fatherland commence to question the dictum of the "all powerful" then indeed the Emperor may begin to get some glimmering of the fact that instead of the war precipitated by him, leading to a personal world domination, it will in reality shatter his own deified standing.

WOULD RETAIN SHIP. Mexico City, Aug. 15.—(Associated Press)—A movement has been 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 flags.

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.

THE CROP OUTLOOK.

This week's report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture with regard to farm conditions may be characterized as pleasing.

Most of the fall wheat has been cut and housed, but some is yet in the shock. In yield per acre it will be about an average crop, although the returns per acre vary greatly even in the same localities.

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 of the fall wheat.

Barley never showed to better advantage, taking quantity and quality of both grain and straw into consideration. A fair portion of the crop already has been harvested.

Oat fields, as a rule, have been a revelation of growth. Some of the yields reported run as high as 70 and 80 bushels to the acre, while 50 and 60 are common.

Peas are a most promising crop at present appearance.

Reports regarding beans run all the way from poor to promising.

Hay has turned out to be an excellent crop, being well above the average in yield, and most of the cut being of good quality.

Apples, which did not set heavily, dropped considerably during the summer, and will be a poor yield generally. Peaches and plums have done somewhat better.

With harvesting about half through, a keen demand for farm laborers is still on. During the past week there has been an improved response from the towns and cities to calls from the farm.

Notes and comments. When it comes to getting there the Canadian troops still continue to go ahead without any referendum.

Are those Dominion boys at the front worth backing? Well, are they?

The German authorities will appropriate the entire harvest of potatoes. Probably the eyes of the tubers will be opened before those of the people.

Teuton Socialists are stated to feel the greatest disappointment over the fact that the Stockholm conference would appear to be wrecked.

It is now said Romanoff and family have been transferred to a point in Siberia. The Kaiser's toe hold is also weakening.

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.

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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.

Mountain Barriers Handicap Italy's Red Cross Workers



Over Italy's far-flung 450-mile battle line where Austria, aided by nature in the ice-bound ramparts of the Alps, has striven to keep free Italy shut out from enslaved Italy, the Italian Red Cross Society is heroically waging its fight for the relief of suffering humanity against odds far greater than those surmounted by the Red Cross banner-bearers on other Allied battle fronts.

REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. (Continued from Page One.) mense benefit to be derived from disarmament, so "Italy" set out 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 justice and equity, but these pacific agreements with the immense advantages to be derived from them, are not possible without a reciprocal restitution of the territory at present occupied."

"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 conflict 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 family."

"The same spirit of equity and justice ought to be followed in the examination of other territorial and political questions, notably those relative to Armenia and the Balkan states and territories, making a part of the ancient kingdom of Poland, whose noble and historical traditions and sufferings which it has endured, especially during the present war, ought to conciliate the sympathies of nations."

"Such are the principal bases upon which 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 economic question so important for the future and for the material well-being of all belligerent states."

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BEEFLSS 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 published today.

The order-in-council passed at the request of the food controller, prohibits the serving of beef and bacon on Tuesdays and Fridays and at more than one meal on any other day.

Heavy Penalties. Heavy penalties are provided for violation of the regulations. Proprietors, managers and employees of public eating places are liable upon summary conviction, for the first offense to a penalty not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$25 and for each subsequent offense to a penalty not exceeding \$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 the gazetting of the order-in-council to-day. Copies of the order can be secured from the food controller's office.

Kerensky's Denial. London, Aug. 15.—A despatch to the Daily Mail, from Petrograd, says that Premier Kerensky denied that he told Albert Thomas, Socialist member of the French War Council, that he personally opposed the Stockholm Socialist conference.

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Therefore, in presenting to you, who direct at this hour the destinies of the belligerent nations we are animated to see, when 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 is, in the end, the word of the fraternal invitation which we send you in the name of the Divine Redeemer, the Prince of Peace, to 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 benediction with all those faithful souls which sigh for peace, we implore for you the light and counsel of the Divine Spirit."

Signed, "Benedict," at the Vatican, August 1, 1917.

American View. Washington, Aug. 15.—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 received.

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LOCAL

STATUTE LABOR. Returns for the township of labor have been made much promptly this year than for and the township clerk was busy yesterday receiving the that have been filled out with necessary information.

FALSE ALARM. Dense volumes of smoke flames were seen rising from Market Square at an early hour morning. Hopes, perhaps, rose the breasts of some citizens that the city hall was yielding up its to the flames, but upon investigation was found that the fire was in a small pile of waste paper in a room being burned by the care of the venerable building.

CUTTING IT OUT. A vigorous system of censorship has been adopted by the new slaver government. The offending of letters leaving Russia were merely blackened over with the censor, but now the rules more rigid, and these lines of the letter, Mr. Peter of this city, receives letters his daughter in Petrograd, and noticed the change with some grin, as often large parts of are cut out of the letter entirely.

RETURNED SOLDIERS. The Courier has been informed the Military Hospital Commission, Toronto, that six men are expected to leave the Queen City for tomorrow are J. Draner, 118 street, J. A. Merrell, 32 Lew Geo. J. Patte 25 Ada Avenue Prior, 222 Market St. W. S. 11 Aberdeen Ave. and D. W. ers, Farrington Hill.

POLICE COURT. Fines aggregating \$14 were lected in the police court this morning from eight bicyclists who fer the sidewalk to the road, practice is providing quite a lately, and has swelled the cost justice to a considerable d. Those who dropped their super change in the treasury, he morning were Gerald McInty J. Silverthorne, Ross Cooper, Bloomfield, Kenneth Tench, Hind, Charles Krazmier and Clement. Albert Amos was charged with a breach of the by-law, but was warned and a to go.

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