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THE SITUATION

British forces continue to make gains on the Tigris. They have captured a town on the Shatt-el-Hai River, and have cleared the right bank of Turkish troops with the exception of one small strip of land. The fall of Kut-el-Amara would not seem to be far distant.

Petrograd reports that the Teutons have suffered great losses in the Roumanian fighting. Vice Admiral DuRoi, of the French naval forces who has just returned from a special mission states that "for the future one can expect to see the German armies in the Balkans more and more mastered by the defending Russians, and Roumanians." He states that heavy Russian reinforcements are daily arriving on the Sereth line and that the situation all round is much improved. Meanwhile it is announced the Roumanian port of Galatz is now under fire. Lt-General Smutz, in command of the British forces in German East Africa is to attend the Imperial conference. The announcement in this regard states that matters are now so well in hand in this field of fighting that he can well be spared to make the trip.

FOR THIS RELIEF MUCH THANKS

The ever amusing local Grit organ gives this information to a waiting community:

"The Expositor is not disposed to find any particular fault with the 1917 state of the City Council."

Ye Gods! What a relief. The aforesaid waiting community can now go on with its affairs in the usual manner, and eat and sleep once more after normal fashion.

Having relieved its system of this weighty pronouncement and the people in general of a morbid apprehension, our cotem goes on to say in effect that politics—the self same thing which the Expositor by the bye carries into everything—has been the blight of the Brantford municipal system. This particular blight it may be remarked, has only been noticed by the organ since Conservatives have had control of municipal matters. When the Liberals had the say the aforesaid blight was worked over-time, not a Conservative alderman was allowed a committee chairmanship, or a look in, and the Expositor used to look on with a benign smile and openly boast that the Tories had been dished.

Under Conservative auspices there has been fair play—take this years list as a sample—and the former brigandage of Grit aldermen has become obliterated.

Meanwhile it is indeed a beatific satisfaction and a sweet solace to know that the Expositor "has no particular fault to find."

It had there would have been nothing else for the people of this community to do but to order sack cloth and ashes and let briny tears spoil the front of their habiliments.

THE WEST SIMCOE RESULT.

The outcome of the West Simcoe bye election cannot be regarded as altogether thin in emphatic endorsement of the Heart government. It is true that the majority of 631 is 454 less than that secured by the late Hon. Mr. Duff in the general contest but on that occasion, as no local man could be found to oppose him, an opponent was dragged in from Toronto. Moreover Mr. Duff, or "Jim" as he was known to all, enjoyed immense personal popularity, so that he always scored ahead of the normal Conservative majority in the riding. Under the circumstances the plurality achieved by Mr. Allen cannot be regarded as otherwise than exceedingly satisfactory.

The Rowellites had built high hopes upon the outcome. The Toronto Globe had a special staff correspondent in the riding and late last week he thus advised that paper of the prospects:

"On the eve of polling in West Simcoe shrewd political prognosticators have thrown up their hands. The result, they say, will not be known till the last vote is counted. Conservative campaigners, it is true, still talk in loud tones of 500 majority, but in reality they are whistling in the dark to keep up their courage. There is no genuine confidence beyond a species of auto-intoxication generated by the records of the past, a steady series of substantial majorities in a traditional Conservative stronghold. But there are no indications of a substantial Conservative majority this

time; the tide has turned. In every part of the riding the ebb is evident. There is a steady quiet stream of support slipping silently to the side of Scott; the Simcoe farmer has proved a splendid candidate."

Well instead of the 500 there is 631, and the supposed turning of the tide towards the Liberal nominee, was in reality a strong wave in his direction under which he found himself submerged.

Perth, and one of the Toronto seats were recently won by an alliance with the liquor men and the Opposition fondly looked for a similar result in the fight just closed. The outcome is a lesson to them that snatch verdicts on the basis named are now at an end. The sober and the sound sense of the people is that the Heart government is worthy of public support and there will undoubtedly be the same story of approval when the general contest comes as that recorded in the Simcoe constituency.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The mercury just now is proving itself a dabster at dipping the dip.

Grit candidate Scott will now be apt to consider that the proper name of Simcoe should be limbo.

Already the outstanding joke for 1917 is the recent claim of the Kaiser that he has a conscience.

That man Lawson, would seem to have launched a whole broadside of torpedoes in Washington.

The American-Mexican joint commission has dissolved without any conclusion. As for Villa, he is still getting three square meals a day.

All the poisoned gas that the Grit manipulators could manufacture failed to shake the staunch riding so long represented by Hon. Mr. Duff.

Mr. Bowman, chief Liberal whip, who took part in the Simcoe contest, states that he blames Premier Hearst for the "foul fight." The trouble with Bowman is that some of his own chickens came home to roost.

Speaking in Collingwood on the Saturday night before the bye-election, Mr. Dewart, M.P.P., declared that he was confident that the electors would return the Liberal standard bearer. Collingwood's answer on Monday was 191 against him. Dewart should have spoken there some more.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Jan. 16.—The Ontario legislature will be opened on February 13th. Although this has not been officially stated, it is understood that this is the date on which the session will start this year. It had been rumored that it would be around about February 7, or 14, but it is thought now that everything will be in shape for the opening on the 13th.



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RUSSO-ROUMANIANS

Continued from page one. so-Roumanian success. Further inroads upon the Teutonic lines have been made as the result of attacks in the Kasno river region. It is declared, and hostile attacks have been beaten off.

Neither side has anything definite to report on the struggle for Galatz, on the Danube end of the Sereth line, but the Russians appear to be holding on desperately to their positions. Along the Sereth, in the region of Vadani, six miles southwest of Galatz, the Petrograd war office reports fighting still in progress.

Local News

COUNTY COURT.

The case of Delbridge vs. the Township of Brantford, will be heard before His Honor Judge Hardy on Friday morning, December 26th, at ten o'clock.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Adella Riley entertained a few friends last night at a birthday party, at her home, Oak Glen, Spadina street. Cards and other games served to while away the hours, and the party broke up at a late hour, having enjoyed a splendid time.

RECRUITING MEETING.

In response to the invitations issued by the Brant County Recruiting League, there should be a large attendance at the meeting which will be held at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A., to-night for the purpose of taking the necessary steps for renewed recruiting activity in this district.

RETURNED SOLDIERS.

The Mayor of Windsor has communicated with City Clerk H. F. Leonard for the purpose of ascertaining what steps are taken locally as regards the reception accorded soldiers returned from service overseas, and whether or not they are met upon their arrival in the city at the station by representatives of either military, municipal, sportsmen or citizen organizations.

WON COMPETITION.

M. C. H. Ludlow, of the firm of Ludlow Brothers, of this city, was recently the winner in a guessing competition held by the Terrault Show Manufacturing Company. Ludlow took first prize, \$75.00, by guessing within \$267.67 of the company's total sales during the year 1916. A commendable feature of Mr. Ludlow's winning is that he has devoted the prize to charity.

SELLING BRIDGE.

The members of the Township Council are to-day selling the Township Bridge, number 5, over Fairchild's Creek. This structure is being disposed of to allow for the erection of a more substantial and modern bridge. The plans for the new bridge are being prepared by Jackson and Lee, township architects.

STORY HOUR.

The subject for the story hour at the Public Library this week as decided upon by Miss Middlemiss, promise to be particularly attractive to the little folk who take an interest in this feature of library work. This afternoon, "The Sunny Master of Sunnyside," a story from the life of Washington Irving, by Ariane Gilbert will be related to the children, while on Thursday afternoon, "Master Skylark," a tale of a little boy who once sang to Shakespeare, written by John Bennett, will be attractively told.

ST. ANDREWS Y. P. G. A very interesting meeting was held last evening at the St. Andrew's Young Men's Guild. Miss Drew's evening at the Guild. Miss J. Lee very ably occupied the chair. Miss O. Taylor gave a splendid paper on "Influence," after which Miss M. Cook gave a solo. The main part of the evening, however, was an interesting and profitable subject, "Resolved that an untidy good-natured wife is to be preferred to a tidy ill-natured one." The judges awarded their decision in favor of the negative.

CARPETBALL.

A good game of carpetball was played on the Liberal floor last night when the Beavers team coming out of their obscurity met and trimmed the soldier team by 7 points. Not being in the league this year this was the Beavers' first appearance of the season and they did well to get away with a win from such a strong team as the soldiers have. This is only the first clash of arms between these two however, the soldiers are not so easily disposed of and will have their own back with interest within a few days. The teams and scores were:

- Beavers 215th No. 1
T. Symons Corp. Rowe
A. Dowling Sergt. Monkman
T. Brown... 42 Pte. MacDonald 42
A. Stuart E. Costen
G. Legack S. White
R. Lyle... 42 B. Fletcher... 46
84 77

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to see friends of personal interest. Phone 139.

Mrs. Fred E. Elliott will her little daughter, Mildred, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Trembert, Bedford street.

Rev. A. A. Trembert, Cobourg, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Trembert, Bedford street.

Benefit Concert For 215th Battalion Held

Creditable Performance Given at Conservatory of Music Under Auspices of Ladies' Auxiliary

A very attractive programme was put on last evening in the Conservatory hall by Mr. Thomas for the Women's Auxiliary of the 215th Battalion. Miss Briggs opened the concert with a spirited and masterly rendering of Chapin's Polonaise Militaire and Miss Muriel Bennett's charming voice was heard to great advantage in "Lilac Time," and again in one of Lehmann's delightful little bed-songs, Miss Jean Peterson sang two numbers very sweetly and daintily, Miss Muriel Bennett delighted the audience with her violin solos played with a fine tone and with musically understanding. The programme was varied by a graceful dance given by Miss Jean Milne and by the two recitations by Miss Young who charmed her hearers with her clever interpretations. A recent and welcome addition to the ranks of Musical Brantford is Mr. McKinley whose rich and mellow voice was heard by many for the first time last evening. Both he and Sergt. Oldham who sang two soldier songs in fine voice, added greatly to the success of the concert. During an interval the Rev. I. B. Fotheringham, the new Rector of Grace Church in a few graceful words expressed his pleasure at being present and his interest in all things military. The chairman was Col. H. Cocksbutt who introduced

the numbers in a very humorous way and the accompaniments were admirably played by Mr. Thomas and Miss Sanderson.

The use of the Hall was very generously given by the Conservatory authorities and at the close of the concert a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Thomas and to all those taking part.

The programme was as follows: Piano solo, "Polonaise in A major," (Chopin) Miss Evelyn Briggs; vocal, "Smile, smile, smile," (Powell) Sergt. Oldham; vocal, "Lilac Time" (Willeby) Miss Muriel Bennett; violin solo, "Mazurka de Concert" (Musin) Miss Mildred Sanderson; reading, "For He was Scotch and so was She" (Blewett) Miss Young; vocal, "The blue Alsatian Mountains" (Adams) Mr. E. McKinley; vocal, "Little Boy Blue," Miss Jean Peterson; character dance Miss Jean Milne; vocal, "The Wood-pigeon," (Lehmann) Miss Muriel Bennett; violin solo, "Canzonette (d'Ambrosia) Miss Mildred Sanderson; vocal, "On the road to Mandalay" (Kipling) Speaks, Mr. E. McKinley; reading, "The Pettison Twins at Kindergarten" (Hill); vocal, "Maytime," Miss Jean Peterson; vocal, "Hats off to the King and the Flag" (Brazil) Sergt. Oldham; God Save the King.

SUBMARINE HAS PRISONERS

Four Merchant Captains Taken as Captives to Germany

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Jan. 15.—A German submarine has just returned from a cruise with four captains of merchantmen on board as prisoners, according to an Amsterdam despatch to Reuters' quoting German newspapers. One of the prisoners is in charge of Commander Arnould, who visited the city of London on Submarine U-35 and delivered a letter from Emperor William to King Alfonso.

SHIPPING FIRMS UNITE IN ITALY

Four of Largest Concerns Combine to Develop South American Trade

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 16.—Formation of a corporation by four of Italy's biggest shipping concerns to develop trade between Italy and South America, is described in despatches reaching the Department of Commerce to-day. The combination has behind it the principal Italian shipping interests with joint resources of about \$20,000,000. The company's first move will be the establishment of a steamship line between Italian ports and Rio de Janeiro. There has been no shipping service between Italy and Brazil by Italian maritime interests since the outbreak of the war.

Obituary

Gladys Fleves The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Gladys Fleves, the widow of Mrs. W. L. Hughes, Lorne Crescent. Funeral services will be held at the residence of Mr. Hughes to-night, and the remains will be taken to Toronto in the morning for interment.

Jump from Bed in Morning and Drink Hot Water

Tells why everyone should drink hot water each morning before breakfast.

Why is man and woman, half the time, feeling nervous, despondent, worried; some days headachy, dull and irritable; some days really incapacitated by illness.

If we all would practice inside-bathing, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of half-sick, anemic-looking souls with pasty, muddy complexions we should see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out, else it ferments and forms poison-like poisons, which are absorbed into the blood.

Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from the furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must clean the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins. Men and women, whether sick or well, are advised to drink each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Millions of people who had their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning inside-bath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone, its cleansing, sweetening and freshening effects upon the system.

ALL JUIET

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Jan. 16, via Sayville.—There is nothing important to report, says to-day's army headquarters' announcement, regarding the Russian front.

A call to Rev. D. Wallace Christie, of Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian church, Toronto, presented by Chambers church, Woodstock, was unanimously sustained by the Paris Presbytery, and he will be inducted Feb. 22nd.

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LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION. The inaugural meeting of the Board of Education for 1917 will be held in the City Hall Thursday night. POLICE COURT. One case only occupied attention of the Magistrate in the court this morning, that is, a case of alleged breach of the building law. On payment of \$3.00 Charles VanDusen, who was with the violation of the by-law allowed to go.

TAX EXEMPTIONS. The Town of Oakville has ten city clerk, H. F. Leonard, the purpose of ascertaining procedure is taken here as applications from firms or persons who wish to locate in the city for manufacturing purposes and in what manner they are for bonuses and occupation taxes are disposed of. The clerk of that town states that he understands that there exists a by-law enabling the city to deal with such questions with a special vote of the electors such as the case, desires to special legislation was securing the passing of such law.

FIRST BAPTIST The special services that are in progress at the First Baptist church will close to-night. The series has been a success to start. The audience last night was the best yet, when Rev. R. R. Pott of Hamilton, preached a message on "A great deed a great appeal." The message made was deep and will be forgotten by those who heard it will preach again to-night. "The Lord's Need." Mrs. Sang last evening "The Shepherd and I have a Saviour" in an effective manner. Mrs. Sang will sing again to-night. The desire a good seat must come. The annual meeting and the church mortgage will be to-morrow (Wednesday) ev-

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