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The Situation.

The decision of Great Britain to add still further to her already vast land forces is in full accord with the unchecked determination of her other Allies to stay in the business on hand until Prussian militarism has been finally crushed. In the British Empire the world around, in France, in Russia, in Italy, and even in badly-crushed Serbia and Belgium, there is still the one undaunted purpose to carry through the task which has joined them together for the common good and the great cause of liberty. John Bull's "contemptible little army" now has to be spoken of in millions, with more to be added as the need arises. The Teutons must now realize to the full that the day of their final humiliation cannot in the end be staved off. Failing to get anywhere of importance on the big fronts, they have earned cheap and inglorious successes in two small countries, and their power for mischief may yet transpire in other quarters, but in the essential features of the Titanic struggle they are whipped right now, and the end for them is only a matter of time.

Russia has revived as an offensive factor in a most remarkable way; France is still as full of fight as ever; Italy continues to fight in accordance with the best traditions of Garibaldi and his armies: Great Britain, with characteristic bulldog tenacity, is taking still further hold, and plucky Belgium is already planning for the rebuilding of her sorely shattered state. On the other hand, Germany is beginning to feel the enormous drain upon her resources and the cutting off of her trade, the while her people are on a regulated food allowance, and Austria has called up her last line of reserves. In every direction the outlook for the Allies is of a most reassuring nature.

Mr. Henderson's Letter.

The municipal elections in this city on Monday demonstrated in a marked manner the very inadequate nature of the machinery in use, both in method and effectiveness. It is true that there was an exceptional diversity of ballots to be handled out—for mayor, aldermen, railway commissioners, school trustees, local option by-law and railway by-law—but even with some of these deducted the defects would still have been most marked. Had a vote been also necessary with regard to water commissioners and hydro board, as they might have been, it is difficult to imagine what might have happened. As it was, matters were had enough in all conscience.

City Solicitor Henderson has taken up the subject in a very cogent way in a letter to the City Council, a copy of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

His suggestion that there should be more polling booths, with larger boxes and more rooms than one in which ballots can be marked, are all excellent. To very many the task of marking a number of ballots becomes an onerous proceeding. That is only natural and should be considered as an always present factor of delay. To have only one room for such a procedure is ridiculous. In the matter of the boxes, so full did they become on Monday that it was necessary to keep pushing them down with a stick or other article, and in some cases overflow baskets had to be used. The receptacles in use look as if they had been instituted at about the same time as the old city hall. In appearance and everything else they seem to be of about the same vintage. More polling booths are also a very obvious necessity. In other directions Mr. Henderson likewise talks out to good and reasonable effect.

Voting machinery should be such as to facilitate the recording of the free will of the people in a prompt manner, and not to hinder it, as undoubtedly proves the case under conditions which now exist.

It will be the plain duty of the new City Council to remedy the existing disabilities.

In addition returning officers should be selected with care. It is not every man who can jump in and efficiently discharge the duties of such an onerous job.

Conscription in Britain.

There can be no doubt that Great Britain is passing through a crisis just now, not alone in the war sense, but also with regard to another matter arising out of said war—the adoption of a conscription measure.

It pleases some to talk of the move as "modified conscription," but that in reality is only a polite phrase covering an obvious intent.

It is not unnecessary criticism to say that Premier Asquith has not shown any very direct course in this matter. His chief skill—and he possesses it in a remarkable degree—has been to keep divergent elements together in a most adroit way. In this matter he has been faced with a direct issue which did not permit of acrobatic work. Finally he became fronted with his promise to the married men, which has resulted in the introduction of a heart-hearted measure which apparently does not satisfy anyone. He would have been on sounder ground had he directly proposed conscription some time back. The clause excluding those who from conscientious reasons do not believe in fighting is not the least of the many phases of the bill open to attack.

Ireland, it is announced, will be excluded from the terms of the measure. For what good reason does not appear. Whatever wrongs the Emerald Isle may have suffered in the past—and readers of history know that they were many—she has of late years been given many special considerations. Her sons are splendid fighters—none better in the world—and it does not seem reasonable that a rule which it is proposed to apply to the rest of the United Kingdom should not also be invoked in her case.

Meanwhile many labor men object to conscription in any form. It is their not unnatural fear that with the State controlling the shop supply much of what they have built up through the years may be broken down.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Herald of that place makes the announcement:

"Harry Barber was re-elected Mayor of Guelph for 1911."

That is pretty swift going—for Guelph.

Mr. Ford's peace party is soon to disband. Anyway, a bunch of them had a good trip for nothing.

The Ottawa papers contain the following birth notice:

"On Jan. 2nd, to Sergt.-Major and Mrs. E. F. Morgan, 75 Cobourg St., Ottawa, a son. Both well. Our King and country need men."

Petroleum cards have been introduced in the German capital. It will also be petroleum which will be applied to the Kaiser's superstructure of a world domination.

The Australian Cadets have closed their all-too-brief visit to Brantford, and have left nothing but pleasant memories behind. They proved themselves to be a fine lot of young fellows, fully worthy of a great country.

The old City Hall must give a sly wink to itself when it realizes that Brantford's municipal voting machinery is about as antiquated as itself.

TWICE DEFEATED

Both Brantford quintets lost to the London Braves last evening in the Y.M.C.A. The senior score was 35-9, and the junior totals were 48-8. Brantford, in the senior game, were weak in their shooting, and made too many long shots. The whole game was exceptionally clean and fast, as well as being a continual tussle.

One of the London junior players made himself prominent by his clever shots and well played combinations. The first half was rather restrained, but as the whistle sounded for the last period, everyone on the floor let loose in a rough and tumble battle. Vansickle received a nasty blow on the head, and had to be replaced by Tom Truss. Buckborough was Brantford's strong man. The teams were: Brant Seniors—R. Brantford, L. 3; H. Fleming, r. l. 2; S. Dodds, c. 2; G. McKay, lg. 2; B. Woodley rg. o. Total 9. London Seniors—A. Smith lf 11; C. Sutherland rf 6; W. Duffield c 8; A. Eastwood lg 6; E. Shaw rg. 4. Total 35. Brant Juniors—Buckborough lf 3; Vansickle rf 2; Johnston c 1; J. Whitaker lg 2; R. Smith rg. o. Total 8. London Juniors—N. Grant lf 20; G. Pelton rf 8; B. James c 8; G. McBurney lg 2; Lightfoot rg. 4. Total 42. Colin Duffield refereed both games. N

900,000 Refugees are Cared For

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Jan. 5.—A semi-official note issued says that thus far 900,000 refugees or repatriates have been sent to the various French departments, where with the aid of the government they have been cared for by the population. The note was issued in reply to criticism based, it is alleged, on inaccurate information. Among this number, the note says, it is necessary to distinguish those who have resources from those desti-

tute persons who have appealed to the government. The latter constitute an immense majority and everything possible has been done for them. At government expense they have been sent to various places of refuge and at the same time furnished with lodging and food.

LLOYD GEORGE AND BONAR LAW DREW UP BILL

New Conscription Measure Compromise of Opposite Views.

WHAT IS A "CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR"?

Peculiar Clause of Measure Evidently for Benefit of Quakers.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Jan. 6.—The criticism of Premier Asquith's Conscription Bill in the lobbies of the House of Commons last night turned largely upon the question, "What is a conscientious objector?"

The onus of proving a conscientious objection will, it is believed, rest upon the person claiming exemption and will be difficult for anyone except clergymen, ministers of various religious denominations and Quakers to sustain.

It would appear that the clause was introduced in the bill primarily as a concession to the Society of Friends, rather than with a view to meeting general religious scruples. Any objector to service will be required to prove to an appointed tribunal that his objection is of long standing and not due to conversion since the national register was instituted. The Society of Friends has a membership of about 20,000 and it may be predicted that a few objectors will get through the net.

LLOYD GEORGE AND LAW.

It is understood that the new bill was mainly the work of Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies and David Lloyd-George, the Minister of Munitions, and the difficulty of reconciling the strongly opposed views of the virtual leaders of the two opposite parties is regarded as possibly accounting for the unsatisfactory nature of the compromise reached. It looks as though the conscience clause might provide food for acrimonious debates. Already there are indications that the bill is very far from satisfying to the conscientious party.

LOOP HOLES FOR EVERYBODY

It is "a bill to cause an earthquake," says the Daily Express, which complains that the measure provides loop holes for everybody. The newspaper predicts that the bill will be so whittled down in the House of Commons by the opposition, Laborites and other opponents, that it is doubtful whether it will secure even 100,000 men for the fighting line.

The Daily Express describes the conscience clause as farcical and agrees with Sir John A. Simon that so far as the nation is prepared to grapple whole-heartedly with the problem it would have been better to have given a further trial to "voluntary means."

PUTS PREMIUM ON HYPOCRISY.

The Morning Post says the conscience clause puts a premium on hypocrisy and gives every prig and shiner a easy way to escape his duty and amounts to a breach of the premier's pledge to married men. The newspaper adds that the country will find it impossible to make omelets without breaking eggs.

To The Editor

Brantford, January 5, 1915. To the Editor Brantford Courier. Dear Sir—Permit me to convey through your columns an expression of our sincerest gratitude and appreciation of the many kindnesses and members of our party were made the recipients of during the very happy stay in your city. We shall ever retain the most grateful recollections of the pleasant hours in Brantford, for which the hospitality of your citizens is responsible. We especially desire to thank Mr. D. T. Williamson to whose initiative our visit is due and to whom we owe so much for his very effective organization of every detail in connection with our plans. Yours sincerely, J. J. Simons.

Reign of Bedlam in Sing Sing is ended, says John B. Riley, Superintendent of Prisons. Horse is about to be sold for steaks and roasts in New York, but health inspector interferes.

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try that we are billeted in it is impossible to buy such luxuries as it contained.

At present we are billeted in barns some distance behind the firing line, usually sleeping on the Frenchman's unthrashed grain. As to the barns they would not do credit to the average Canadian farmer.

They are old, weather-worn and the roofs full of holes. However, we are generally able to find a sheltered corner which looks so attractive after a long march or a day's work, that 8.30 p.m. finds everybody in bed.

The winter weather is setting in with a vengeance. The many rains have made the country into one big mud puddle; nevertheless every effort is made to make the soldiers as comfortable as possible. With fur coat, waterproof cap and rubber boots we are ready to withstand the wintry elements as well as the Germans.

Thanking you again for your kindness. I am, Yours sincerely, George Stratford.

Prosecutors in final arguments denounce New Haven defendants as inexcusable. Eighteen wealthy Americans in England pay \$3,625,000 in income taxes yearly.

DON'T FORGET Chris. Sutherland's ANNUAL PANT SALE \$7 Values For \$5 THIS WEEK

Arranging a Date. New Orleans, Jan. 6.—Announcement was made by a local fight promoter last night that Freddie Welsh, lightweight titleholder, had agreed to terms for a 20-round championship fight here either February 20, or March 4, with an opponent to be selected later. It was said that Johnny Dundee of New York would probably be signed to meet the champion.

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