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THE SITUATION

The fighting on the Western front develops in severity. Strong defence points have been taken by the Allies, and the British forces at this writing are close to St. Quentin, one of the basic points of the "Hindenburg line." Incidentally, ten more villages have been taken. The French are also advancing somewhat but the present initiative rests with the British. Rumors still persist as to a big German offensive on the Eastern front, with also with regard to an assault on the Italian front. Maybe, but to the average observer it began to look as if there was quite enough doing in the Western arena just now to keep the Hun busy without detaching big bodies of men for much other work elsewhere.

From Mesopotamia there comes word of a series of Turkish defeats and retreats. The British and Russians are working together on the job, which is apparently approaching a satisfactory completion.

The devilish devastation of the enemy in France has very properly provoked a strong resolution in the French Senate, in which the civilized world is asked to note that the foe has violated all the terms of the Hague Convention, and has exhibited a wantonness and barbarity without parallel.

BRITISH SEA POWER

One of the claims of Germany is that she wants freedom of the seas. As a matter of undisputed fact she has had it, like all other nations, ever since Britannia has been mistress of the waves. In this regard it is satisfactory to note the following acknowledgment in the "Saturday Evening Post," a United States journal with a circulation approaching two millions: "Since the Battle of Trafalgar, England's supremacy at sea has not been challenged. For a hundred years the British Navy has been the mightiest weapon that any modern nation has possessed. It is doubtful that even the Rome of Augustus could assert so decisive a superiority over any probable hostile combination."

On the whole, no invincible weapon was ever used with greater moderation. The period of British naval supremacy has been the period of ever growing freedom of the seas. Trade of other nations multiplied undisturbed. England adopted the most liberal navigation policy ever known, throwing open even the home coastwise trade to all vessels without restriction.

England's material interests required moderation; and the fact that moderation best served her own material interests was the surest guaranty of the continuation of that policy. Years ago her ablest men saw that she had already made all the conquests which would be profitable to her, and that what she most wanted was an orderly peaceful world in which to enjoy and develop her possessions. Her situation inclined to a liberal, peaceful program; and it was highly probable that she would have the wisdom to see it.

For a hundred years British naval supremacy put no obstacle in the way of the United States. We came to accept it with no more misgiving than over the geological possibility that an earthquake may happen in the Mississippi Valley. But if Germany could starve England this naval supremacy would undoubtedly end, and sea power would shift to the hands of a new nation, formed on concepts of conquest, ambitious for territorial expansion. Germany rejected proposals for reduction of armaments, preferring the system that kept the Continent of Europe armed to the last available man, each nation watching its neighbors, finger on trigger, and straining its resources to muster more battalions.

Sea power in Germany's hands would at once extend that system of competitive armaments over the world. Very few events of a political nature could give the United States greater ground for apprehension than a transfer of naval supremacy from England to Germany.

Ladies see Coles ad. on page five of this issue for two new styles in high-top shoes. Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne Street.

SINISTER WORK

Every cable from Europe deepens the conviction that the war has entered a critical stage, possibly the last phase. The soldiers of the Allies at the front face the test the world has been waiting to see, confident of the final result. The armies realize that never before has the demand been so insistent for the concentration of every energy upon the prosecution of the war.

In the British Parliament, the Lloyd George Government has developed a development of events which might force the Administration to appeal to the people, with consequent disruption of vital national activities.

What of Canada? Is there enough patriotism, enough respect for the best interests of the brave men at the front, evident in this country, to spare the nation the rude experience of a partisan political campaign? Will an attack be made on the war government which, if successful through the wiles and arts of professional politicians, must send a message to Germany to cheer and endorse the Kaiser's government?

Unfortunately the signs of the times indicate that Canada contains "a little band of wilful men" capable of exercising the accidental privilege they have in their hands and forcing a general election. Already the "bloody key" is fumbling at the lock. Under the spur of a lust for office, pledges to the country are being broken and scraps of paper are being torn up, while enemy conspirators in the neighboring country are invited to enthrone over the prospect that shortly the people of Canada are to be divided into belligerent factions.

Already on the record is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's picturesque estimate of the responsibility that would be undertaken by the man, who, during wartime, tore the Canadian people apart and held up the prosecution of the war by forcing a general election. Already Sir Robert Borden, when tempted to seek an expression of public approval to still the voices of petty, partisan criticism, resisted the temptation out of respect for a phase of the war by no means so critical as the present one. Yet those who have followed recent political history in Canada will not be greatly surprised that there are men in this country fully capable of the surrender to partisan expediency, as they view it, and lending the enemy the comfort of witnessing another British Dominion "temporarily" put out of action by a domestic convulsion.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Better cultivate that garden plot if you want to feel "fed up" this year.

The Turkish war minister has left for a conference with the Kaiser. It is a safe wager that there will be an absence of any strutting performance.

The celerity with which Uncle Sam is getting into the war is not fast enough to warrant moving pictures.

Now then it is up to you to take a turn in cultivating the acquaintance of the frisky carrot and the valiant potato.

Our West railway workers will be detailed to help with the farms. It is to be hoped that no sleepers will be included in the levy.

Notwithstanding the temperance wave, the British have taken Beer-sheba, and the French are tackling Champagne.



This Bush Yields only 2 1/2 ozs. yearly.

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See Our Windows



RETURNED SOLDIERS IN SESSION

Meeting Held in City on Saturday Evening Last APPROACH COUNCIL For Purpose of Asking For Grant From The City

Important matters were disposed of at the meeting of the local branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association at its meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night. It was decided to send Mr. L. Watson as a delegate to the Dominion conference to be held in Winnipeg, April 10th-12th. Brantford is now well represented on the Provincial body, Capt. the Rev. C. E. Jenkins being president, and representation will also be sought on the Dominion organization. The report of the Provincial conference was submitted by Capt. Jenkins. The choir of the Congregational church has offered to provide a concert, the proceeds to be devoted to the returned soldiers. The offer was accepted. It is the intention of the Association to hold a smoker in the near future but as yet arrangements have not been completed. The local veterans are proposing approaching the city council for a grant with which to carry out their work. The men are desirous of securing funds with which to establish club rooms and plans are being made to accomplish this purpose.

PROF. ALEXANDER AT VICTORIA HALL

Interesting Series of Lectures By Noted Phrenologist Continues

Prof. Alexander, who has been delighting his audiences nightly at Victoria Hall, will lecture again tonight on Mental Temperament and Practical Education, and on Tuesday evening will give his famous lecture on Love, Courtship, Marriage and Jealousy.

Those who have not heard the Professor, should not fail to do so, as these lectures are filled full of good sense and ready wit.

Children Cry FOR FLEICHER'S CASTORIA



THE WIND worse. If winds should cease to blow, we'd have a lot of snow, or rain, or hail, or slush; perhaps a thunderbolt would give my muse a jolt, and make my harpstrings hum. However bad things be, I look on them with glee, embalm them in my verse; when evil things are gone, we'll likely see the dawn of something twelve times worse. I look on things like this, and so I'm full of bliss, when I'm full of prunes; and all the windy day I wend my cheerful way, and warble sprightly tunes.

CHURCH PARADE HELD AT PARIS

Paris Men of 215th Attend Divine Service

RECRUITING MEETING Held in Gem Theatre There Last Evening

OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

Mr. John L. Folsetter Passes Away

Paris, April 2.—On Saturday afternoon Miss Gladys Govier, of Paris Junction was united in marriage to Mr. Bentley of Hamilton. Rev. J. C. Nicholson officiated.

On the previous evening a number of friends as also the members of her class at the Paris Station Mission paid a surprise visit to the home of Miss Govier's parents and presented her with a miscellaneous shower.

Yesterday the Paris members of "P" Company, 215th battalion paraded to the Methodist church, where a hearty service was conducted, the pastor, Rev. J. H. Wells delivering a most inspiring sermon. During the offertory, Mrs. C. Martin rendered "Land of Hope and Glory," very acceptably. The regimental band was in attendance.

In the evening a well attended recruiting meeting in the interests of the 215th battalion was held in the Gem Theatre at the close of church service. Mayor C. B. Robinson presided and stirring addresses were delivered by Mr. Raymond and Capt. McKenney. Selections were rendered by the regimental band and Sergt. F. Oldham favored with a solo.

Miss Renwick, of Hespeler, who was on a visit to her sister here, Mrs. John Inksater was in one of the cars in the L. E. and N. railway when a collision occurred Saturday morning and she was badly cut about the head and face by flying glass.

Another link in the chain of history of the past was broken on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. John L. Folsetter passed away at his residence on Banfield street, in his 72nd year. Deceased was a native of the Orkney Islands, Scotland, and came to this country in 1864, and was employed on the farm of the late James Deans, Keg Lane, South Dumfries. Later he went on the old Davidson farm, where he remained until some forty years ago, when he retired from active life and took up his residence here. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Plett, who predeceased him some 21 years ago. In religion he was a member of the River Street Presbyterian church, took a very active interest in the building of the new church here, and for some years served as school trustee, was also Councillor and Reeve for South Dumfries for some years, and represented the same at the County Council. Although busy with farm duties, the late Mr. Folsetter found time to act as President of the Paris Agricultural Society, and for some years was on the Board of Directors.

In politics he was a staunch Liberal, but always fair and charitable in his views with all. A family of two daughters, Daisy and Hazel at home, and one son, George, of Brantford Township, are left to mourn his loss. The funeral took place to Paris cemetery this afternoon, the services at the home and grave being conducted by Rev. J. C. Nicholson.

The town was startled on Saturday morning to learn of a serious head-on collision that had occurred on the L. E. and N. railway about one mile this side of Glenmorris. It is understood that the passenger car was to blame for the trouble, in not waiting at the Glen for the express car from Paris to pull in on the siding there. About 16 passengers, as well as the conductor and fireman of the express car, were seriously injured, and some 10 or 12 slightly injured. Taxi cabs and medical men from Galt took several passengers to that town, back while eight were conveyed by the L.E. and N. to Brantford for treatment at the hospital there. Just how the mishap occurred is not fully known at present, as it is said there are no very serious curves on the road near where the collision happened. A wrecking crew from Brantford had the line clear in about an hour after the accident.

CHILDREN'S SHOES.

The new wide last for children is the correct thing. See the different qualities in Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne Street.

Americans Lost on British Ships

Washington, March 31.—Two British steamers, the Snowdon Range and the Booth Liner Grispin, both with Americans aboard, of whom a number are unaccounted for, were reported to the state department today to have been sunk without warning by a submarine.

On the Grispian the torpedo which struck the engine room, killed five men, two of whom are believed to have been Americans.

A NEW VAMP. Carmen Phillips, well known as a vampire actress, has been engaged by the Lasky company to play the heavy role in support of Vivian Martin and Sessue Hayakawa in a production which will be staged by Paramount under the direction of Robert Thornby.

STATISTICS. Vital statistics for March: Births, 59; marriages, 23; deaths, 40.

Advertisement for The Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve Overseas Division. Includes image of a sailor and text: 'Come along Canadians! Men are wanted to help Britannia "Rule the Waves." Get overseas at once by joining. PAY \$1.10 a day and upwards—Free Kit—Separation allowance as in C. E. F. No experience necessary—Candidates must be sons of natural born British subjects—Experienced men from 18 to 45 may enlist for service in the Canadian Naval Patrols to guard Canadian Coasts. Apply at once to COMMODORE EMILIUS JARVIS, Naval Recruiting Officer, Ontario Area, 103 Bay Street, TORONTO, or to the Naval Recruiting Secretary, Ottawa.'

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