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FERCE FIGHTING AROUND VERDUN

Along All the Fronts Artillery Duels are in Progress with Little Change of Relative Positions.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, April 24.—Artillery bombardments alone are taking place on the French and Belgian fronts, the scenes of greatest activity being the region of Le Mort Homme and in Arzonne forest with the Germans as aggressors in the former and the French in the latter sector.

(Continued from page 1.) In an operation near Duerdar Egypt repulsing with heavy losses a Turkish attack. In Kut-el-Amara region in Mesopotamia despite the recent check the British are keeping up their efforts to relieve the siege of Kut-el-Amara. The town of Sannayat is still under bombardment of British guns.



HON. MURDOCH MCKINNON.

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO LAND GUNS IN IRELAND

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, April 24.—Sir Roger Casement has been captured from a German ship which attempted to land arms in Ireland and was sunk. An official announcement was made tonight as follows: During the period between the afternoon of April 20 and April 21 an attempt to land arms and ammunition in Ireland was made by a vessel under the guise of a merchant ship but which in reality was a German auxiliary, in conjunction with a German submarine.

EASTER SUNDAY IN THE CITY CHURCHES

Easter Sunday in the churches of Charlottetown was observed by the usual services and sermons appropriate to the occasion. In the First Methodist Church the men of the 105th Battalion were present. The church was beautifully decorated. The music by the choir was rendered in the able manner for which the choir of this church is so well known. Miss G. Coombs singing of "Consider the Lilies was a pleasing feature. The pastor Rev. R. G. Fulton delivered an excellent sermon. In the evening lantern views were shown descriptive of the last days of the Saviour on Earth, the pastor dealing with each in a very lucid manner. The Easter services at the Baptist Church were bright and fully in keeping with the joyous festival. At the morning service Rev. Mr. Hoaney delivered an able address on "The Risen Lord" and in the evening the subject was "The Risen Life." Both discourses were listened to and greatly appreciated by large congregations. The evening musical service was of

an exceptional high order. The numbers included "The Resurrection" by Lorenz by the Choir; a soprano solo Bailey, "Faith and Patience" by Miss Glydon; Anthem "Christ our Passover" Schilling, with solo parts by Mrs. Henderson, Miss Boyer and Mr. Duffy. Also Mozart's Gloria, Chorus. The last named difficult classical selection received a splendid rendition by the Choir. The morning's musical programme included Rodney's Anthem, "Galvary" with baritone solo by Mr. C. H. Dingwell, the anthem "Christ is Risen." The floral decorations were very beautiful.

The Easter services in St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday were fully in accord with the spirit of the great Christian festival. At the 11 o'clock service there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion at which Rev. D. J. McDonald was the celebrant. Rev. Canon Simpson delivered an able sermon on the Resurrection. In the evening Rev. Mr. McDonald was the preacher. The various hymns and canticles, etc. were capably rendered. The music being under the direction of the Choirmaster Prof. H. A. Tanton. The evening service was brought to a conclusion by a procession and Solemn Te Deum.

In St. James' Church on Sunday evening the pastor Rev. Dr. Fullerton delivered a very able sermon in which he dwelt upon the sacrifices made by the Canadians at Ypres. It being the anniversary of that notable engagement. Two beautiful anthems for Easter were sung, Mr. A. Bruce taking the Solo parts very effectively. The services in Zion Church on Sunday were of a decidedly joyous character for the great festival. A duet by Misses Ross and Sutherland, "Our Lord is Risen" was rendered with fine effect. The splendid baritone voice of Mr. R. B. Dann was heard to great advantage in the beautiful cantata which was given in the evening and in which all who took part sang exceedingly well. Owing to indisposition Mrs. F. E. Colwell who was to have sung was unable to be present, much to the regret of many. There was also a Solo by Miss Lawson which was a splendid number.

At St. Paul's Church the soloists were Miss Thorne, Miss Amy Earle and Mr. Roy Procter. The music was splendid throughout and the sermons by the pastor were in every way appropriate. (Continued on page three.)

"OUR GREATEST STATESMAN" HON. H. D. MCEWEN'S TRIBUTE

In an Eloquent Speech in the Closing Hours of the Debate, the Hon. H. D. McEwen Proves that the Government has done Ten Times Better in Four Years than the Liberals did in Twenty. It is Against the Same Reprehensible Tactics of the Opposition that the British are now at War. It is not British Fairplay---"They Just Want Our Job."

The last speaker on the Government side in the Budget debate was the hon. H. D. McEwen. Hon. H. D. MCEWEN said that almost since the opening of the session he had been sitting down watching the Opposition chewing hay and oats. (Laughter.) He really thought they had come down there to business and not to listen to long senseless speeches by the Opposition 97 per cent of which had nothing in them. The Opposition had a duty to perform, and they in the Government side recognized it. It was their duty to criticize the acts and measures of the Government, and to see that it lived up to its profession. They in the Government side had no objection of the Opposition making the most of these opportunities. The Opposition had a perfect right to say how in their opinion things should be done. But while they admitted the Opposition were entitled to discharge these duties, still they expected them to speak the truth and not to twist the facts and figures round to suit their own convenience and to misrepresent them to the country. (Applause.) He did not like railing and personalities, as these were objectionable, under any circumstances and did not add to that dignity which should characterize the debates of that House. There was no one so perfect that he could afford to indulge in personalities at the expense of others, and if they once permitted it, they would soon degrade the proceedings of the House and bring it into disrepute in the country. (Applause.) Some one had said "there is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us" and the best of us cannot afford to say ill of the worst of us. Now, if they would just bear that in mind in the course of their discussions they would be less inclined to indulge in personalities. Of course the Opposition had been scolding them, and he believed block their measures and insinuating all kinds of things against them. But the Government was not afraid of honest criticism for it had nothing to hide. They had near a lot about extravagance and waste, but they had not heard one suggestion as to any items in which they could have with advantage economized. What, then, was all the fuss about, why all the talk and veiled insinuations? It was not hard to understand. "They just want to get our job." (Applause.) They were throwing mud, casting reflections, and making imputations in order to discredit the Government so that they could get their job. And they were perfectly right in enjoying their positions so long, as they used fair means to oust them. But they had no right to descend to misrepresentation and a distortion of the facts for that purpose. (Applause.) The Opposition had been harping on deficits almost ever since the present Government came into power. They said at the outset that they did not recognize a surplus, and he believed for they never had one, it was something they had never seen, and therefore they could not recognize one when they saw it. They had shouted and raved and sent through the mail the allegation that the Government had a deficit of \$150,000. Now that year they were very sorry for it, but the circumstances were such that he defied any Government to have done better than they had done. He would go further and say this, that in the four years the Government had been in power it had done ten times better than the Liberals had done in the 20 years they were in power. (Applause.) The deficit during the past four years had been only \$150,000 or \$4,000 per year, whereas the average deficit of the Liberals was \$45,000 per annum or more than ten times that of the present Government. He knew something about figures and therefore knew what he was talking about and he challenged anyone to prove that his statement of the case was wrong. He would go further and assert that these were facts that they could not get over unless they were prepared to dispute the authority of the external Auditors, and if they disputed that then there was no use talking because the external Auditors were trained, skilled accountants whose reputations were at stake, and who were not going to sacrifice them to please any political party. Included in their expenditures was an item of \$32,000 for special war purposes and if they made allowances for that, then the Government would have had an average surplus of \$4,000 during the last four years. The Opposition knew all this just as well as he did, yet they would not admit it. What was the meaning of all these attacks and noise about extravagance? The Opposition had been challenged again and

again to cite specific instances. Had they done so? Would the Opposition tell them one bridge they should not have built, one man they should have discharged, one salary they should have reduced? If they knew any one of these things, then let them tell it for goodness sake! There was no reason why they talked in generalities about extravagance but would not say where anything had been spent that could have been saved. Mr. McEwen then proceeded to review the past record of the Liberal Governments and showed how they had wasted and squandered money especially at election times. He knew the Opposition did not like to be referred to the past, some hon. gentlemen would rather see their great grandmother's ghost than have their past record exposed. He dwelt at some length on the twenty years of Liberal misgovernment and the generalities associated with them, especially those in which the present leader of the Opposition had had a hand. He then referred to the prohibition Law and asked if any unbiased person would say that the law was not better administered now than during the Liberal regime. There was not a church or temperance society but admitted that conditions were infinitely better than they were under the Liberals. There was one thing they could say, they had not discharged their duty for doing so. The Liberals did in the case of Mr. Edwards. (Applause.) Passing to the Auto question, Mr. McEwen was surprised that any man should stand up in that House and say that the people could not have autos if they wanted them. What right did he have to say that? He had a few people in Bedoue for instance, who arrogate to themselves the right to say what any other part of the Province should or should not have? What right had these people to say to the people of Kings, for instance, that because "we don't want autos, you shall have them." The thing was preposterous. Mr. Hughes presumed there was only one side to the question and that his own. That was not the attitude of the Government. It had adopted the fairest methods he knew of. It said: "The facts are before you, only better collected. Mr. McEwen dealt with the facts, he said the action of the Opposition in this matter was too contemptible for words. Here were men pretending to represent the people of the province coming into that house and making serious imputations upon the reputation of one of the most highly respected men not only in the Province but in the Maritime Provinces and without the faintest foundation in fact. They seriously alleged that the firm of Carvell Bros had made a profit of \$200,000 when they could have ascertained without the least trouble that the firm, whose reputation for honesty and integrity was unchallenged, had made but 29c per ton on about 3,000 tons. Now was that British fairplay? Was it not just against such reprehensible tactics that the Empire had gone to war. (Applause.) It was a scandal and a shame that business men and business firms of unblemished character should have to submit to such unwarranted and unjustifiable attacks on the floor of the House and have the slander circulated broadcast through the mail by means of the Opposition Newspapers. The same thing happened with the oats, and he knew some Liberals in his own district who went into Charlottetown to investigate the matter for themselves and when they discovered how they had been misled said it was a shame that such gross misrepresentations should be allowed in the public press. (Applause.) The financial critic of the Opposition had stated that House that because the school supply department had an overdraft at the bank it should have been included among the liabilities, although there were more school supplies in stock than would cover it. That was the sort of childish criticism the Government had been subjected to. Touching upon the salary question Mr. McEwen said a cheap man was no good at any price. He believed it was in the interests of any business, or country or province to pay a man a living salary in order to retain his services, and not drive him away as the Liberals had done. Prof. McMillan by paying him starvation salary. (Applause.) The money spent on education, both elementary and Agricultural, had been well spent. They would find in history that the countries that spent the most on education were the best and most progressive countries, and he

could not see why the Opposition had made such a dead set at the progressive educational policy of the Government. The Liberals had starved education, had starved public works, had run the country headlong into debt. It was strange but true that wherever you found a Liberal Government in power you found deficits and huge public debts. That was the case with Nova Scotia where the Liberals had been in power for 30 years, and where they had piled up a debt of \$13,500,000, in Alberta, where the interest charges absorbed 43 per cent of the revenue, and in Saskatchewan. It had been the same here. For twenty years there had been nothing but deficits, deficits, deficits, until people came to look for nothing else, and the only question asked, was "how much this year?" The Liberal Government here had taxed everything in sight and out of sight—the living and the dead. (Applause.) In 20 years they had drawn \$1,000,000 in taxes from our people, and when they went out of office they left \$1,072,000 debt behind them for the present Government to shoulder in the present party came into power, with its progressive policy and its motto of "onward and upward" in the path of progress and prosperity. Their friend the Leader of the Opposition had been composing an epitaph for the Premier in the case of Mr. Spurgeon McLean. He was not in a position to judge what posterity would say of the Premier or any other of his contemporaries. History however, usually did justice, and they would find that many of those men whom their contemporaries praised and lauded were quickly forgotten. While many of these men who during their lifetime were abused and bitterly attacked by their contemporaries were done ample justice to by an appreciative posterity. The epitaph of the Premier would be the verdict of an impartial posterity: "Here lies one of the island's ablest and most progressive statesmen." (La Applause.)

NEW SIEGE BATTERY IS NOW 60 STRONG

The First Parade Held Yesterday. A Magnificent Body of Men. Other News of the Battery.

Following is a complete list of the men who have signed the service roll of the new P.E. Island Siege Battery to be known as No. 5 Siege Battery: Harry Boyce, Bonshaw. Arthur McKinnon, City. Ernest Hine, City. Cornelius Gaudet, City. James McKenna, City. Edward Donnelly, Peake's Station. Andrew Byrnes, City. Patrick Murnaghan, City. Louis J. Macdonald, City. E. W. Sterns, City. Leo B. McKenna, City. Ferdinand McKenna, Tracadie Cross. Peter McLellan, Red Point. Louis Coyle, City. Joseph Bell, City. Watson Craswell, City. Edward McLellan, Summerside. Edgar W. McInnis, City. Elmer R. Boyver, City. Pope Clarke, City. R. H. Davison, City. G. A. Ferguson, City. Joseph Gaudet, City. Chester A. Craswell, City. John F. Cutcliffe, City. Robert Hurry, Charlottetown Royalty. Frank E. Dingwell, City. James M. Campbell, Brooklyn. Robert Bell, City. Harry Donovan, City. Ernest L. Essary, City. Austin Hamill, City. Wm. Boisner, City. Arthur E. Jenkins, Mt. Albion. Chester Garrett, City. James McDonald, City. Chas. McDougall, City. Hilbert Johnston, City. Alex. S. Murray, Pictou Landing. Arthur G. Bruce, City. Leslie Bourke, City. A. H. Webb, Howlan. F. L. Coyne, City. E. B. Bearsto, Malpeque. H. A. McLeod, Park Corner. John F. Blanchard, City. Spurgeon McLean, Cardigan.

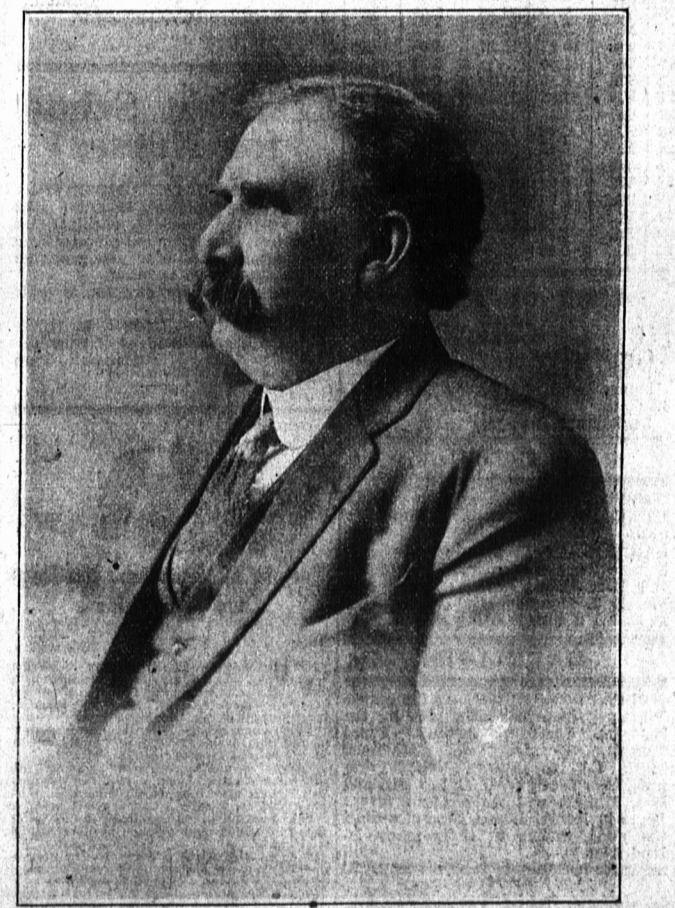
Roland Harper, City. Robert Macdonald, City. Harry Taylor, City. Daniel Matheson, Forest Hill. Harry Bearsto, Pownal. W. C. Campbell, Cape Traverse. LeRoy Procter, City. Sidney Fielding, Alberton. George A. Macdonald, Souris. Hadden McLeod, Uigg.

The men of No. 5 Siege Battery who have been drilling in the Market House since recruiting started, had their first turn-out on Prince of Wales College grounds yesterday. Judging by the smart appearance of these men it would seem that they might be old artillery men or if not both officers and men deserve a great deal of credit.

Charlottetown has done nobly so far in the recruiting for the New Siege Battery now in course of formation by Lieutenant Col. Peake. No less than forty men from the city have been enrolled. A large number of applications have been received from the country and when the roads are fit, it is expected that the men will be coming in at a lively rate. The strength of the Battery up to last night was sixty men. P. E. Islanders desirous of joining this popular branch of the service should lose no time in getting their application as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are both trying hard for a place in the Battery.

Lieut. Murphy of No. 5 Siege Battery returned yesterday from the Western part of the island where he was successful in obtaining a number of recruits.

Lieut. Stanley Bagnall is advanced to the rank of Captain. He is expected here today from Halifax to take up work as Captain with the New Siege Battery.



HON. H. D. MCEWEN.

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THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE MOON ETC.

TORONTO, April 25.—Maritime: Moderate winds, fair and mild. THE WEATHER Yesterday was clear and mild. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 53 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 40 above; at nine last night 35 above. The coldest the previous tide was 37 above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 3.10 and tomorrow at 5.18; it will be high tomorrow morning at 6.02 and Thursday at 7.01. The sun sets this evening at 7.01 and tomorrow at 7.03; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.54 and Thursday at 4.52. The moon sets tonight at 11.25. The last quarter of the moon was on Monday, April 24th at 6.38 p. m.

There will be a new moon on Thursday, May 2nd, at 1.39 p. m. The length of today will be fourteen hours, and six minutes.

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