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## PROCEEDINGS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

### Mr. F. B. Carvell Delivers a Four Hours Speech with His Accustomed Violence and was Sharply Rebuked by Mr. Bennett of Calgary.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 9.—An eloquent and powerful speech in support of the Government's position regarding the motion for armistices, inquiry was delivered in the House today by Mr. F. B. Carvell of Calgary. It was an appeal for an undivided effort in prosecution of the war, an effort unimpeded and unimpeded by attacks from within. "I do not defend the Shell Committee," said Mr. Bennett. "I do not attack it. I say the time is not opportune for an inquiry of this nature."

Mr. Bennett followed Mr. F. B. Carvell, who concluded a four hour speech begun on Tuesday and delivered with the Carleton member's customary violence. Mr. Carvell repeated the statement made previously by himself and others, that excessive prices were paid for shells by the former Shell Committee, that deliveries were slow, that there was a wide distribution of contracts among munition companies. He asserted that these contracts went to United States companies in which Col. Wesley Allison was interested, and that every dirty trail led to Col. Allison. He took advantage of the absence of General Hughes to say that the Minister of Militia had run away. "It all goes back to the same dirty trail which leads to Col. J. Wesley Allison," said Mr. Carvell. "All dirty trails lead to Allison, this man who is playing sick, who is said to have pneumonia, who for the last two nights, including last night, has taken passage to Canada and before the train would get has slipped back to his hotel. He thinks he is watched and he is. We know where he is and what home he will be closeted in to-morrow morning." Mr. Carvell said that a Minister who had been anxious on Tuesday "to

## GERMANS BEATEN IN VERDUN BATTLE

### French now hold nearly all of Corbeaux Wood out of which they are Gradually Driving the Enemy. German Attack on Douaumont was Repulsed with Heavy Losses to the Enemy. A German Assault on Fort Vaux in Solid Formation Repulsed with Enormous Losses. French have made Progress on both Sides of Meuse.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, March 9.—Further progress for the French in Corbeaux Wood is reported in an official statement issued by the War Office to-night, as well as a German repulse along the front of Douaumont to Vaux. The text of the communication reads: In Belgium our artillery has displayed activity against enemy positions to south of Lobberitz. In Champagne we have effectively bombarded defensive organizations of the enemy to west of Navrin, to east of Butte du Messil, and in the region of Massiges. West of Meuse our troops continued to make progress during the day in Corbeaux Wood, almost the whole of which we now

hold. East of Meuse the Germans directed attacks against our front from Douaumont to Vaux. At the outskirts of the village of Douaumont their attack was broken by our infantry and artillery fire. Furious assaults against the village of Vaux likewise were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy. Finally the Germans launched against our trenches bordering the foot of the ridge dominating Fort Vaux violent attacks in solid formation, which were driven back. The Germans suffered from our curtain of fire enormous losses. Artillery activity west and east of Meuse has been very violent. On both sides bombardment in Woivre has been intermittent. In

upper Alsace we carried, after grenade fighting, one section of an enemy trench in the region of Entrelargues, east of Soppis. A Belgian communication says there were reciprocal artillery actions in the region of Dixmude and farther north.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, March 9.—A British communication issued tonight says: "Last night we repulsed a small attack near the Hohenzollern redoubt. Today the enemy sprang a mine near Giverny but made no infantry attack. There has been considerable artillery activity near Ypres."

## GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON PORTUGAL

### This Action was the Outcome of the Seizure of German Ships Interned in Portuguese Ports and was Expected by Portuguese Government.

(Special to the Guardian.)

BERLIN, March 9.—"The German government considers herself from this time at war with Portugal," is the conclusion of a declaration handed to-day by the German Minister at Lisbon to the Portuguese government and by the German government to the Portuguese Minister at Berlin. The German government announces that this step was made necessary by the recent seizure of German ships in Portuguese ports which is claimed to be a grave breach of neutrality and of special treaties. The declaration enumerated a long list of alleged breaches of neutrality by Portugal, such as permitting free passage to British troops through the Portuguese colony of Mozambique, permission given to British war vessels to use Portuguese ports for time exceeding that given neutrals, permission given

England to use Madeira as a naval base, frequent engagements between Portuguese and German troops on the frontier of German Southwest Africa and Angola, insults to the German nation by members of the Portuguese parliament who were never reprimanded. In conclusion the statement relates circumstances connected with the seizure by Portugal of German ships in Portuguese ports and negotiations carried on since Germany claimed payment for vessels so seized, and on March 4 the Portuguese Minister at Berlin handed to the Foreign Office an official statement denying the justice of German claims. Portugal is the thirteenth nation to enter the war. Her regular army consists of 20,000 men, with 230,000 reserves, and she is credited with a total strength available of about 870,000 men. Her navy is a negligible quantity.

## REPORT OF GOVT. RAILWAYS

### Prince Edward Island Railway Makes Good Showing.

OTTAWA, March 9.—The Prince Edward Island Railway is beginning to prosper. In the annual statement of the railway Dept. administration presented in the House tonight by Hon. Dr. Reid, acting Minister, it was reported that the deficit on the Island Railway was during 1915 greatly reduced. There has for years past been such a yearly deficit, Dr. Reid said, that last year it was \$182,731 and has been reduced \$26,500.

An increase in total mileage, the fact that the past year had been the best in the history of the Intercolonial, as a statement of revenue and expenses on the National Transcontinental Railway which indicates that for the first twelve months the operation of that line has broken even, were features of the railway statement. With the addition of the National Transcontinental and the International and the New Brunswick and P. E. I. railways, the last two roads being in the Maritime Provinces, 4,057 new miles of

## Supreme Court At Georgetown

In the Supreme Court at Georgetown Tuesday and Wednesday before Mr. Justice Hazzard and a jury the case of James Henry versus William H. Scott was tried and a verdict returned for the plaintiff for the sum of \$204 the full amount paid by him. This was the second time the case was tried. In February 1915 the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for the same amount as on this occasion but the verdict was set aside at last Easter term and a new trial ordered. Counsel for Plaintiff A. A. McDonald, K. C., and J. D. Stewart, for defendant Gaudet K. C. and Martin K. C.

## Recruiting Meeting At St. Peters

A well attended and successful Recruiting meeting was held at St. Peter's Bay, Wednesday night. The meeting was arranged for by His Honour Judge Fraser, recruiting officer for King's County, Mr. C. E. Pratt, acting chairman, the speakers were, Judge Fraser, Rev. Father McAulay, Sergeant Major McNutt. The following recruits responded to the appeal: John S. Docherty, St. Peter's; James Brabant, St. Peter's; Joseph Aeneas McDonald, St. Peter's; Plus Barry, St. Peter's; and John R. McAulay.

## TURKS TO FIGHT ON WESTERN FRONT

(Special to the Guardian.)  
ODESSA, March 9.—It is reported here that Germany has given formal assurance to Turkey that she will not make peace without compensation to Turkey and that Turkey has consented to send Turkish troops to assist the Germans on the western front. Several engineering regiments have been withdrawn from Asia-Minor to Constantinople.

## SEVENTY P. E. ISLANDERS HAVE SIX DAYS LEAVE FOR HOME VISIT

HALIFAX, March 9.—Seventy Prince Edward Island boys in the Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column have been granted six days' leave of absence and will arrive in Charlottetown by car ferry on Saturday, returning on Wednesday.

## ISLAND SOLDIER DIES IN FRANCE

Mr. Harvie Manderson, Malpeque, has received the following telegram from Ottawa, March 7: "Deeply regret to inform you A. 44165, Pte. Gordon William Manderson, 14th, formerly 55th Battalion, officially reported, died at Hospital, Havre, March 7, of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis Signed. ADJUTANT GENERAL

## Y.M.C.A. Social For 105th Battalion

Another most successful and enjoyable social was held last night in the Y. M. C. A. Hall in the series of socials given fortnightly by the choir of the different City Congregations, last night's function being given by the St. James Church Choir. There was a large attendance, some 125 of the soldiers present, besides quite a number of citizens.

## Plant of Chemical Company "Bombed"

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 8.—The explosion which occurred in the chlorate department of the Niagara Electro-Chemical Company, shortly before nine o'clock today, threatened to complete the destruction of the plant begun last night, when several explosions and the resultant fire inflicted damage estimated at \$150,000.

## To Disfranchise All German Born Electors

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 8.—The cabinet has decided to disfranchise all German-born electors for the duration of the war, following the arrest and internment of several hundred aliens who are considered of hostile disposition.

## Meeting of P.E.I. Floral Association

A meeting of the Floral Association of P. E. I. was held last night in Dr. Pethicks office. The principle business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following are the officers: Hon. President, Lieut. Governor McDonald, Hon. Vice-President, Hon. Murdoch McKinnon; Commissioner of Agriculture, President, Queens, Mrs. W. Hodgson; Vice-President, Prince, Miss Hunt; Vice-President, Kings, Mrs. (Senator) James E. Robertson; Secretary Treasurer, J. Leslie Tennant.

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## OFFICERS ELECTED GRAND L.O. LODGE

The following Grand officers were elected at the annual session of the L.O.L. of P. E. Island—Provincial Grand Master, G. D. Wright, City Councillor of Charlottetown; Deputy Grand Master, J. T. Phillips; J. R. Deputy Grand Master, J. H. Cudmore; Grand Chaplain, Rev. George Orman; Grand Treasurer, Rev. D. McLean; Grand Secretary, C. E. McKenzie (re-elected); Grand Lecturer, Geo. W. Hooper (re-elected); Grand Auditors, Geo. W. McLeod and D. P. Murdoch; Deputy Grand Chaplains, Rev. J. J. Bamford, Rev. A. J. McNeill, Rev. Dr. Bennett; Deputy Grand Secretary, N. Stewart; Trustees of Orphanage in addition to Executive, Hammond Kelly, W. L. McEachern and Malcolm McDonald.

## WHEELS OF HEWSON'S TO COMMENCE TURNING AT EARLY DATE

The Bondholders Committee of the Hewson Woolen Mills have succeeded in selling the entire property to brokers representing large interests, but not yet clear just who the active parties are behind the deal, but it is expected that the plant will soon be in operation and this will surely be good news for Amherst. It is understood that the Committee succeeded in getting quite an advance over the price at which they bid in the property last November. The sale is for cash and a certified check for a large amount has been handed to the Committee.

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## FILE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE MOON, ETC.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was clear and a little milder. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 32 above; at nine last night 26 above. The coldest the previous night was 18 above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 2:21 and tomorrow at 2:54; it will be high tomorrow morning at 3:53 and Saturday at 4:53. The sun sets this afternoon at 5:59 hours and thirty-eight minutes.

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