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AUSTRIAN AEROPLANES IN ITALY

Special to The Guardian. GENEVA, Feb. 15.—Austrian aeroplanes which raided northern Italy yesterday flew over the Alps in three formations...

AEROPLANES PLAY PROMINENT PART

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The whole western front is a scene of heavy engagements. At some points big guns have been roaring incessantly for days...

RUSSIANS AGAIN DEFEAT THE TURKS

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 14.—There have been no important events on the eastern front, but the Russians in Caucasus occupied one of Erzerum...

U. S. SENATE CONCERNED

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The resolution to declare that the Senate was anxiously concerned over the recent order of the German Admiralty that armed enemy merchant ships may be sunk without warning was introduced today by Senator Sterling of South Dakota...

by the British along their lines in Flanders. In addition, there has been great activity south of Labasse Canal, where the Germans exploded seven mines. There have been heavy bombardments and an infantry attack in that section...

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION ACCORDED SIR THOMAS WHITE'S WAR BUDGET

Finance Minister's Taxation Scheme Met with Popular Approval, and Anticipated Attack by Mr. A. K. McLean, Liberal Financial Critic, Ingeniously Forestalled.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—The features of the Budget presented in Parliament this afternoon were:—25 per cent. tax on net profits since the beginning of the war, in excess of 7 per cent. of financial, industrial, milling, transportation, public utility and other corporations and munitions arms; 25 per cent. tax on the net profits since the beginning of the war in excess of 10 per cent. of individuals, partnerships and associations with capital of more than \$50,000; no exemption as to capital is made in the case of munitions manufacturers. An increase from 40 to 90 cents per barrel in the general tariff on apples; a duty of half a cent per gallon on petroleum fuel oil...

tion announcements until the last. The enthusiasm with which the Finance Minister's statements were received by the Conservative side of the House proved that the budget was a popular one. The financial critic, based upon what they believed the country and was in sharp contrast to the chagrin which manifested itself in the ranks of the Opposition. The latter had prepared a case which was to have been presented by Mr. A. K. McLean, the Liberal financial critic, based upon what they believed the country and was in sharp contrast to the chagrin which manifested itself in the ranks of the Opposition.

BRITISH CRUISER SUNK BY MINE

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 14.—Another British cruiser has met with disaster. The Arethusa, noted for her fighting qualities, struck a mine and is believed to have been totally wrecked. Ten men lost their lives.

THE SURVIVORS.

(Special to The Guardian.) CHATHAM, Eng., Feb. 15.—Three hundred survivors of the British cruiser Arethusa, which sank as the result of striking a mine on the east coast of England, arrived here on Saturday night. It is now believed 16 or 17 men were in the stokehold when the vessel struck and they were lost.

TWO LARGE BANKS FAILED IN GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The Daily Express to-day gives prominence to despatches from Switzerland announcing the failure of two large banking institutions in the south of Germany, one with alleged liabilities of over \$125,000,000. The Daily Express says it is of the belief that these are the forerunners of others and more extensive failures, due to the ruin of Germany's export trade and the depreciation in the value of the mark.

DEPLETION OF WHEAT STOCKS.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The Times, in an editorial article this morning, discusses the present depletion of the wheat stocks, as revealed by the issue of the official returns for January 1, which it declares are not of a reassuring character, and urges the formation of wheat reserves. It admits, however, that little is known of Government purchases in Canada, about which, it states, great secrecy is preserved, and moreover there have been hints in trade papers that the Government has been a heavy purchaser of wheat during January.

SASKATCHEWAN BRIBE CHARGES

(Special to The Guardian.) REGINA, Feb. 15.—Saskatchewan Legislature has referred to a special committee the charges made that certain Liberal members accepted bribes in connection with legislation in 1912. The charges were made by Mr. J. E. Bradshaw, Conservative member from Prince Albert.

AMERICAN WOMAN GETS HONOUR BADGE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—Decorations of the silver and gold honour badge of the Scottish "Black Watch" Regiment has been conferred upon Mrs. William R. Taylor, of this city. "In recognition of her kindly act in writing more than 1,000 letters to British soldiers in the trenches." The Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, sent the decoration by Sir William K. Macnaught.

BROTHER OF FRENCH AIRMAN A SUICIDE

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The body of Francis Pegoud, brother of Adolphe Pegoud, the aviator, who was killed in action nearly six months ago, was found by a passer-by yesterday hanging from a tree in the vicinity of Versailles. He was thirty-six years of age and had been employed in a munition factory. He had been depressed owing to his brother's death and to financial difficulties it was said.

COMFORTS FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS Rubber Boots Wanted

Over Three Hundred Dollars now Subscribed. A Mother writes Commending the Fund and Suggesting that every Mother who has a Son should interest herself in Raising Subscriptions.

In the course of an interesting letter to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Hyndman, manager of the Royal Bank, "A Mother" commends the Soldiers Comfort Fund. She writes that every mother who has a boy in the 105th Regiment will bless the subscribers to the fund, and feels sure that no better gift could be given to a soldier boy than a pair of strong rubber boots. "We all know the condition of our spring roads here," she writes "and we have been told what like are the camps in England and the trenches in Flanders. We are proud to have brave boys of the Prince Edward Islands First Regiment. "Proud! are we proud of them? Why, they are part of us. Sons of us, brothers, all marching to fight. Swift at their Country's call, ready each man and all, Eager to battle for us and the right. Hurry up with your subscriptions! Eighty pairs of rubbers have already been promised—make it a hundred today!

- A. Friend 2. A Soldier's Wife, 2. Miss Marion Auld, 4. Mrs. A. E. Sabine, 2. Miss M. A. Coles, 2. Mrs. Jas. McLean, 4. Dr. J. B. Brown, 4. Dr. W. J. McMillan, 4. A. Friend, 2. E. T. Higgs, 2. M. F. Macklin, 2. J. Gordon McKay, 3. J. Louis McKay, 1. Allan L. McKay, 1. A. E. Lyon, 1. Adolphus McEwen, St. Peters, 1. F. J. Holman & Co. Ltd., 1. Angus McPhee, 1. Mrs. Henry J. Hooper, 1. Thomas W. May, 1. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnett, 1. Matilda Clark, 1. N. Gay, Pownall, 1. Harold A. Messervey, 1. Grace Messervey, 1. Robert B. Messervey, 1. Ethel Messervey, 1. Miss Ruby Stewart, 1. Miss Leota Stewart, 1. A. W. Hyndman, 1. R. V. Mallett, 1. Mrs. R. H. Campbell, 1. Miss Ruth E. Campbell, 1. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnett, 1. Mrs. Burnett, 1. Ian Burnett, 1. Willie Burnett, 1. Nal Burnett, 1. E. A. Foster, 1. Mrs. F. R. Heartz, 1. Mrs. Harry Johnson, 1. Cornwall School, 1. Mrs. Jas. Lynds, 1 pr. rubber boots 1. Previously acknowledged, \$283. R. E. Bagnall, 2. Hon. A. E. Arsenault, 1. J. J. McKinnon, 4. Dr. W. H. Pethick, 4. Robert M. Beer, 2. J. W. Stewart, 1. W. A. Weeks, 1. David Reid, \$314.

YESTERDAY'S SUBSCRIPTIONS. The sun sets this afternoon at 5:28 and tomorrow at 5:29; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:58, and Friday at 6:57. The moon rises this afternoon at 3:01. The first quarter of the moon was on Thursday, Feb. 10th at 6:20 p. m. The moon will be full on Friday, Feb. 18th at 10:29 p. m. The length of today will be ten hours and twenty-eight minutes.

Divorce Law Is Discussed In Commons

(From our own correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—The first division of this session and one of the few non-party votes of recent years took place last night in the House when a resolution, proposed by Mr. W. B. Northrup, Minister of Justice, and the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Mr. Lemieux opposed the motion principally on the ground that to provide better facilities for divorce tended to increase the number of divorces and to fasten on Canada an evil which statistics proved to be rampant in the United States. The Minister of Justice pointed out that as there were no divorce courts now in five Canadian provinces a necessary preliminary to the establishment of federal courts would be the enactment of a substantive divorce law. The Minister of Justice pointed out that as there were no divorce courts now in five Canadian provinces a necessary preliminary to the establishment of federal courts would be the enactment of a substantive divorce law. The Minister of Justice pointed out that as there were no divorce courts now in five Canadian provinces a necessary preliminary to the establishment of federal courts would be the enactment of a substantive divorce law.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to The Guardian.) TORONTO, February 16.—Maritime; North and north-westerly winds, fair and moderately cold. THE WEATHER. Yesterday a fine, clear and cold. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 10 degrees above zero; at nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 1 below; at nine last night 5 degrees above. The coldest the previous night was 16 below. The tide will be high this morning at 9:41 and tomorrow at 10:22; it will be high tonight at 8:37 and tomorrow at 1:34. The sun sets this afternoon at 5:28 and tomorrow at 5:29; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:58, and Friday at 6:57. The moon rises this afternoon at 3:01. The first quarter of the moon was on Thursday, Feb. 10th at 6:20 p. m. The moon will be full on Friday, Feb. 18th at 10:29 p. m. The length of today will be ten hours and twenty-eight minutes.

Parts of Montenegro Still Holding Out

PARIS, Feb. 14.—A despatch from Rome says that, according to the Durazzo correspondent of the Idea Nazionale, the strength of the Austrian forces attacking the Durazzo coast is estimated at 30,000 men. The rest of the invading army, the correspondent says, is engaged in guarding the country behind the advancing troops. He adds that the disarmament of Montenegro is not yet completed and parts of the little kingdom have not been occupied, as a result of the vigorous resistance of the followers of General Martinovitch.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ONE CENT per word each insertion of the advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents. \*Remember the social and dance in Afton Hall, New Dominion, Thursday, Feb. 17. 7386-2-15m21. \*\*Come to the social at Union Road, Wednesday 16th. Admission 15 cents. Ladies with baskets free homemade candy for sale. Proceeds aid of Red Cross work. 7371-2-15-M2p. \*\*E. S. Rust, Luncheon, Special Dinner, Cream of Chicken soup, roast dressed goose, black currant jelly, cream of potatoes, mashed turnips. Steamed English Plum Pudding with sauce. Reasonable price 7395.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*The Rev. R. G. Fulton, will give an illustrated lecture on the Great War, at Brackley Church, Thursday 17th inst. Music and home made candy admission 20 cents, proceeds in aid of Red Cross work. 7387-2-15M21. \*\*The World's Record for accuracy was made... on... the REMINGTON TYPEWRITER. Two operators who finished first and second wrote on a REMINGTON for a quarter of an hour absolutely without error. A Milne Frasier, Halifax, N. S. 7379-2-15M11. \*\*The congregation of the Old Historic Belfast Church, propose holding a social in the Church on Tuesday evening, 22nd Feb. Admission 15 and 10 cents. Ladies with cake or party free. Everyone are cordially invited. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Should the night prove stormy the social will be held on the first fine night following. 7391-2-15-M11.

MEETING PROVINCIAL SEED FAIR COMMITTEE

Arrangements Completed for Exhibition Beginning on February 29. Interesting Matters Discussed. A meeting of the Provincial Seed Fair Committee was held in Summerside yesterday to complete arrangements for the seed fair which is to be held in the McGee building on February 29 and March 1 and 2. There were present, Rev. P. C. Gauthier, Messrs. J. J. McNally, Horace Wright, Alexander McFarlane, Fulton Simpson, Jesse A. Wright, Robert Agnew, Thos. Wauwh and Professor Ross. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Rev. Dr. Gauthier expressed regard for the household science exhibit. He thought the ladies had taken a great interest in the fair and that there should be an exhibit if at all possible. A committee appointed at a former meeting reported that no hall could be procured and that after discussing the matter with some of the ladies they thought it was wise not to hold a household science exhibit as the ladies were all very busy with Red Cross and patriotic work. The report of this committee was adopted. The prize list was then considered. Professor Ross was asked to secure from the secretary of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association a list of those who operated seed plots in 1915. Class "A" is open to members operating seed plots and to applicants. In class "B" the leading merchants of Summerside are not named, but the amount intended is 4 bushels and a circular will be sent to possible exhibitors in this section. In class "A" and "B" prize winning exhibits become the property of the seed fair committee and will be sold at public auction on the last day of the fair. After some discussion it was considered inadvisable to hold the regular educational meetings. It was agreed, however, to secure the Salvation Army Hall directly opposite the McGee building for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. This will be used as a club room for farmers during the seed fair, and it is probable that informal addresses will be delivered. The fair will be formally opened in the McGee building on Wednesday at 2 p.m. by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor. The matter of judging came up and it was decided to ask Messrs. J. A. Clarke and Horace Wright to judge the exhibits of the members of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Professor Ross and Mr. Vaughn to judge exhibits from the standing fields of grain, Messrs. Leslie Tennant and John Andrews to judge grain in general competition, Messrs. Robert Robertson and J. J. McNally to judge potatoes. The question of train arrangements was considered. It was decided to have two specials for Wednesday, March 1, one from Charlottetown and the other from Tignish. As there is to be no evening meeting these trains will leave Summerside at about 6 o'clock. A committee was appointed to wait on the leading merchants of Summerside to solicit their co-operation in connection with the fair. All agreed to "feature" the fair in their advertisements and to offer special bargains for the days of the fair. It is generally expected that the fair of 1916 will be quite equal to any previously held.

PREDICTS THE WAR WILL END IN JULY

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Edmund Bristol, of Toronto, member of the Canadian parliament, returned Saturday on the White Star liner Adriatic very optimistic as to the final victory for the Allies, and predicted the end of the war in July. "When I visited the Canadian forces in the trenches in western France," Mr. Bristol said, "I found the officers and men were in excellent health and spirits and confident of going through the German lines when the combined concentrated drive was made in the spring. Brigadier General Watson, told me that they had smashed the enemy lines twice, but did not make a big gap. This time it is to be done on a big scale. The general also told me that French's last words to him before he went back to England were: 'Cheer up General, you'll be sailing for home at the end of July.' General Watson said that the prisoners who were being brought in now appeared to have lost heart, and seemed glad to be captured. When a trench was rushed by the Canadians the Germans surrendered at once without a struggle, if they could manage to do so unseen by the officers in the rear, who would order them shot down for the act. At the present time there are fully 1,350,000 British troops in France and Flanders, and 150,000 Canadians. In England there are at least 3,000,000 men under arms besides another million recruits drilling."

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The Ministers of War and Commerce have authorized that, beginning to-day, all railway stations throughout France be opened for freight traffic on Sunday, under the same regulations as are in force on week days. It has been found that the traffic at many stations is much heavier than it was in time of peace.

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