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As Result of Negotiations Between Bankers, Munitions Board and Finance Minister. Imperial Treasury Secures this Amount for Purchase of Munitions.

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, March 15.—The negotiations which have been proceeding for some time past between the Canadian Bankers association, Mr. J. W. Flatville, Chairman of the Imperial munitions board, and the Minister of Finance, and which have extended over several conferences held during the past three weeks have resulted in an offer made by the Canadian chartered banks to establish in Canada a credit of \$75,000,000 for the Imperial Treasury to be expended in payment of further munition orders to be placed in Canada during the next two months.

TARIFF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN COMMITTEE

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, March 15.—The tariff resolutions which were adopted in committee in the House today after a lengthy discussion bearing chiefly upon the increased duty on apples. Liberal members from the West complained that the new duty imposed an additional hardship on the consumer in the prairie provinces for the benefit of the apple growers of British Columbia. The Finance Minister explained that the demand of the British Columbia fruit growers, whose industry had been suffering from depression and the competition of surplus supplies from the United States dumped at low prices in the Canadian West, for increased protection had been before his department for three years. It had been acceded to after careful consideration. Moreover, Sir Thomas White considered that it was indispensably necessary to protect the Canadian Fruit Growing industry and it would benefit the apple growers of Ontario and Nova Scotia as well as those of British Columbia. There was also a discussion on the proposed change in the duty on fuel oils. The minister explaining that the oils affected did not include illuminating, lubricating oils, gasoline, naphtha, or benzine. The resolution was passed with a promise of further debate later. The new taxation resolution and a resolution conferring upon the government additional borrowing powers will be taken up tomorrow.

CANADIAN VESSELS FOR HOME TRADE

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, March 15.—The Dominion government has passed an order-in-council under the war measures act prohibiting vessels of five hundred tons and over from trading between Canadian and foreign ports, other than ports in the United States, except by license. The prohibition becomes effective April 1 and all vessels failing to obey the new regulation will be subject to forfeiture. This action follows upon a step taken some months ago by the Imperial government for the purpose of conserving by British register shipping for British carrying. The order-in-council provides that "all Canadian registered steamers whose gross tonnage exceeds five hundred tons are, from the first day of April, 1916, prohibited from proceeding on any voyage excepting voyages from a port in Canada to a port in the United States and vice versa, unless a license to do so has been granted to or in favor of the owners or charterers of such steamships." Authority is given to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. J. D. Hazen, to appoint a licensing committee for the purpose of granting the licenses, "which may be general in reference to classes of ships or their voyages or special." It is understood to be the intention of Mr. Hazen to appoint the deputy ministers of Marine and Fisheries, Naval service and Trade and Commerce and the Commissioner of Customs to act in this capacity. There are something over three hundred vessels in the Canadian register of the tonnage affected in the new order, but of these there are a number on the Great Lakes, trading between Canadian and United States ports, and these are excluded from the prohibition.

MAJOR-GENERAL S. S. LONG HAS RESIGNED.

LONDON, March 15.—A sensation has been caused at the War Office by the sudden resignation of Major-Gen. S. S. Long, director of supplies and transport. Regarding the resignation, the Express remarks: "His has been one of the master successes of the war. Why is such an enormously valuable asset as his experience permitted to be lost to the Government at such a time?"

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MRS. J. H. BELL DIED THIS MORNING

(Special by Phone) SUMMERSIDE, March 16 (3 a.m.)—Mrs. Bell, wife of Mr. J. H. Bell, K.C., died at her home here this morning about 3 o'clock. She had been in somewhat delicate health for some time, but was about as usual until Monday when she became seriously ill. Funeral Saturday at 2 p.m. (No flowers.)

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, March 16.—Maritime: Strong winds and gales, northeast and north with snow. THE WEATHER Yesterday was fine clear and cold. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 28 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 14 above; at nine last night 20 above. The coldest the previous night was 10 above. The tide will be high this morning at 9.30 and tomorrow at 8.41; it will be high tonight at 8.16 and tomorrow at 9.14. The sun sets this evening at 6.07 and tomorrow at 6.09; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.08 and Saturday at 6.06. The moon rises this afternoon at 3. The first quarter of the moon was on Saturday, March 11th at 2.33 p.m. There will be a full moon on Sunday, March 19th at 1.27 p.m. The length of today will be eleven hours and fifty-seven minutes.

THE FINISH IN SIGHT OF VERDUN BATTLE

French Troops are now on the Offensive and the Germans are being Driven Back. Several German Trenches Captured and Prisoners Taken. German Spirit is Broken and Situation in Country is Painful. The Russians Making Splendid Progress in Persia.

(Special to the Guardian) PARIS, March 15.—A War Office communication to-night says that in Champagne an attack launched by us on German positions south of St. Souplet, enabled us to occupy an enemy trench and take prisoners. West of Meuse the bombardment slackened during the day on Bethancourt Cumières front, where no infantry action was reported. On the right bank there has been considerable activity in the region of Vaux and Damloup, and skirmishes with grenades have been fought by our advanced groups on the slopes east of Fort Vaux. In Woëvre villages at the foot of Meuse Hills have been bombarded and our artillery is very active along the whole front, especially east of Wavrille Woods, where an enemy convoy was dispersed and in the neighbourhood of Mouthouille and Hannonville where our fire caused an explosion in a German battery. (Special to the Guardian) NEW YORK, March 15.—A News Agency despatch from Paris says: "That the desire for peace is rapidly increasing throughout Germany, and the information brought to Paris today by Sidonio Paes, Portuguese Minister to Germany, who was recalled when war was declared. The spirit of the people is dropping rapidly, he says. Economic conditions are very bad. The recent issue of Potato cards shows the desperate food situation. Prussia is the hardest hit of all Germany and the situation there is really painful." (Special to the Guardian) NEW YORK, March 15.—Germany is playing the Allies' game by continuing the offensive at Verdun, according to B. Brathwaite, shipowner, of London, who arrived here today. Reports from the front, he said, are to the effect that the war will be over soon, anyway before another winter. In about six weeks the weather will be such that the Russians can resume their offensive and the same applies to the other Allies. In the meantime Germany is playing the game by her attacks on Verdun. Her losses are becoming tremendous and she cannot hold out much longer at the pace she is going. As long as she continues her offensive the Allies will be satisfied, as the losses are always heavier on the attacking party. But if she slackens it the Allies will in turn start, as they are determined this war will be fought to a finish quickly and not prolonged indefinitely by digging the soldiers into trenches." (Special to the Guardian) PARIS, March 15.—General De La Croix, Military critic of the Temps, concludes a technical review of the battle of Verdun thus: "One may presume the third phase of the battle of Verdun has begun. We will again have to overcome severe attacks, but in my humble opinion the Germans will not succeed in their offensive. We have ample means to repel it and when the hour comes the Allies will begin liberating an offensive." (Special to the Guardian) PETROGRAD, March 15.—The following official communication was issued to-day: "Western Russian front. A German aeroplane flew over on the vicinity of Pétrogradskaya but disappeared after our guns opened fire on it. Intense gun fire was exchanged near Jacobstadt. Our artillery dispersed a strong enemy convoy in the neighbourhood of Iloukist and Poniewiesch railroad in Divinsky region. Between Lakes Medmush and Demnean we successfully shelled marching enemy columns."

WAR SUMMARY

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, March 15.—The German Crown Prince's army has apparently paused to take breath or to bring up reinforcements for a continuance of the advance against Verdun fortress and its outlying defences. Meanwhile big guns are exchanging shells at various points along the entire line from Belgium to the Vosges Mountains. The latest assault by the German infantry, between Bethancourt and Cumières, resulted in the winning of important positions, but by counter-attacks the French succeeded in retaking a portion of the ground and according to the official statement of the French War Office, they hold Bethancourt, height of Le Mort Homme, the village of Cumières and the southern boundary of the Cumières Wood, all positions of great strategic importance. To the east of Verdun there has been considerable activity around Vaux and Damloup and fighting at close range is still in progress around the eastern slopes of Fort Vaux, which for days past has been the object of the hardest fighting. The French have taken a German trench south of St. Souplet, which indicates that in the region of the contending forces are still endeavouring to take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen their lines. Advances from Petrograd describe remarkable progress in Persia of Russian troops who are moving swiftly over difficult roads in the region of considerable opposition towards the Mesopotamian frontier, where shortly they expect to be in touch with the British forces at Kut-el-Amara and the relieving columns under Generals Lake and Aylmer. The Russians are now said to be within fifty miles of the last difficult road in the region of Mesopotamian frontier, where shortly they expect to be in touch with the British forces at Kut-el-Amara and the relieving columns under Generals Lake and Aylmer. The Russians are now said to be within fifty miles of the last difficult road in the region of Mesopotamian frontier, where shortly they expect to be in touch with the British forces at Kut-el-Amara and the relieving columns under Generals Lake and Aylmer. The Russians are now said to be within fifty miles of the last difficult road in the region of Mesopotamian frontier, where shortly they expect to be in touch with the British forces at Kut-el-Amara and the relieving columns under Generals Lake and Aylmer.

MISSANABIE ARRIVES SAFELY IN ENGLAND

The Missanabie which had on board a number of Islanders bound for the fringing line, has arrived in England. The steamer left St. John on February 28th. Among the Islanders on board were Mr. W. E. Cotton, son of Mr. W. L. Cotton, Editor of the Examiner, and is a brother of Private Robert L. Cotton of the 105th Battalion. He resigned a good position in a bank and enlisted with the Highland Regiment, then he was transferred to the Munition Column 10th Artillery Brigade at Victoria, B. C. He was on the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada in Charlottetown for a time and was very popular. He was also a member of St. Peter's Church choir. A cousin of Mr. Cotton's, George Norris of Victoria (whose mother was formerly Miss Marion Lawson, of Charlottetown) was also one of the soldiers on board the Missanabie. Sergeant William Harris is a native of Charlottetown and a South African veteran. He is in the Ammunition Column with Mr. Cotton, and like the latter is a fine looking soldier. Mr. Stanway is a native of Halifax, is a Staff Sergeant in the 37th Battery, 10th Brigade, and is at present filling two positions. Orderly room Sergeant, and Assistant Pay Master Sergeant. He is a splendid specimen of manhood and weighs 207 pounds. He was a qualified Sergeant in No. 9 Field Ambulance, Charlottetown, which he had joined when only fourteen years old. Mr. Stanway joined the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Charlottetown. He was made Accountant, and then promoted

MAJOR GAULT'S DIVORCE APPLICATION REFUSED

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, March 15th.—The divorce application of Major Hamilton Gault, has been unanimously rejected by the Senate Divorce Committee. The committee had a meeting this afternoon shortly before the senate session when this action was taken. The finding was then reported to the upper chamber and there ratified. It has been decided in view of the finding not to print the evidence. The position of Manager at Kelvin Street Branch, Winnipeg, after a little over three years' service. He was then transferred to Cudworth, Sask. When leaving Winnipeg he told a friend to wire as soon as he was ready to enlist, and he would join too. The wire arrived at Cudworth in July and Mr. Stanway immediately resigned his position, wrote and wired other boys he knew, saying he was going to Winnipeg to enlist and to come along too. The result was that seven of the bank boys joined him along the party at Winnipeg. They intended to enlist in the A. M. C., but on arriving in Winnipeg they were disappointed in finding there was no room for any more, so they took places with the first branch of service in which there was room and this happened to be the 37th Battery. The summer and fall were spent in training at Sewell Camp, Manitoba, and the winter in Winnipeg. A draft was sent to England from the battery in December. There were two island boys named Clarke in the same battery. Sergeant Stanway is a brother of Captain G. W. Stanway, of the 105th.

ISSUES APPEAL AGAINST EXTRAVAGANCE IN DRESS.

LONDON, March 12.—The national organizing committee for war savings has issued an appeal against "extravagance in women's dress," which says that while many women have recognized that elaboration and variety in dress is bad form in the present crisis, there still are a large number both among the rich and those not so well to do, to whom the war appears to have made little difference, with respect to their apparel. Minard's Liniment cures Distemper. COMMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC. ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents. *Consul Pierce will give an interesting account of his experiences in the "Orient" at Herby Hall tonight. *Fresh Salmon, Halibut, Mackerel, Cod Fish and Smelts today at Charlottetown Fish Supply Co. 7830-3-16M&E.L. *The Wheatley River Egg Circle will hold its annual meeting on Saturday March 18th. at 7.30 p. m. All members are requested to attend. 7856. *Don't fail to attend the concert in Hartney Hall, (Village Green) Tuesday March 21st. Doors open at 7.00 p. m. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. A good time is assured. It might prove unfavorable the first five night following. Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria.

SUCCESSFUL FAIR HELD AT SOURIS

Seed Fair and Poultry Show the Most Successful Ever Held in Town. Grain and Root Exhibits were Specially Praised by the Judges.

The Eastern Seed Fair and Poultry Show was held in the Drill Hall at Souris, yesterday. The attendance was very large, the number of exhibits greater than formerly, and the quality excellent. The fair was regarded as the best ever held in Souris. The grain was judged by Professors Clark and Tennant and Mr. John Andrews; the potatoes by Professor Theodore Ross and the poultry by Mr. George Chelton, Charlottetown. With the exception of two exhibits of Dakota Reds they were very smooth and of good quality. The old Dakotas were very good. The overgrown, rough potatoes, frequently with hollow hearts, are no longer seen at the shows. The white-skinned exhibits were not as good as the others. There were quite good but the others showed less care in collecting. The exhibits of oats with very few exceptions were especially good. In the banner oats there was an exceptionally good exhibit. There were also very good lots of ligowo. In old Island Blacks as usual there was as good a seed as could be seen anywhere in this class, not only good plump grains but very well graded. The barley was very good also. The wheat was not as good as might be expected. There was a considerable quantity of smut in some of the exhibits, also a great quantity of weed seeds, chiefly spurry and wild oats. The samples of White Russia were very good. More care should be taken by the exhibitors in the selection of seeds. JUDGES REMARKS "The potatoes were particularly good. Out of 30 bushels of McIntyres 25 were good enough to win first prize in any show. They were all smooth, uniform, free from scab and disease and of good quality. Several varieties of potatoes came out in the class for white skinned. The Green Mountains and Carmes were not as uniform as they might have been, but were smooth and free from scab. Some exhibits of the long white were quite good while others lacked uniformity.

ANOTHER ENJOYABLE NIGHT AT PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE

The Rossleys Gave Another Excellent Performance Last Night in which the Talented Young Artists Again Delighted a Large Audience.

The Rossley English Pantomime Company gave a performance last night in the Prince Edward Theatre that was certainly a treat, and those who missed it missed what was probably the finest piece of pantomime work and the best juvenile singing and dancing seen or heard in Charlottetown. The title of the pantomime was "Santa Claus and the Fairy Sword" and in its rendition from beginning to end there was not a dull moment. Santa and the fairies were real, the "dolls" were real living ones, the tin soldier and the toy soldier were also real and very much alive. Santa had gone to the war and the good fairies undertook to supply the children with toys. The carrying out of this good intention on the part of the fairies gave splendid opportunities for a number of dances, solos, and choruses which were really admirable and which were greeted with well deserved applause. Especially noteworthy were the solos by the Misses Kathleen Barnes, apparently the youngest in the group, and who, sings with her whole being and with most artistic grace and expression, Miss Bonnie Rossley who also has a voice of wonderful range and flexibility for one of her years. The Misses Florence Baird, Gertrude Kennedy, Dot Marshall, and Gertie Richardson, each of whom sang several solos added much to the enjoyableness of the programme while the dancing by all was wonderfully clever and graceful. The play was composed and arranged by Mrs. Rossley who also sang several selections in excellent voice. A most pleasing number was the solo and chorus "Are we all here," the solo being taken by Mrs. Rossley and the chorus by a band of little girls continued to represent each of the allied countries now at war. This was a magnificent rendition and appealed strongly to the audience. Humorous and catchy breezes were given throughout Percy Orth (Santa Claus), Jack Rossley (Tommy Toy Soldier), and Joe Burkhart (Happy Joe, Toy soldier). The play tonight will be "Blue Beard" and no one who enjoys clever and artistic dancing and pantomime and good singing by really clever and well trained children, should not miss it.

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