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THE SCOTIAN AT ST. JOHN

Only One Islander Among Her 1,600 Troops—Melita also Arrives.

(Special to The Guardian.) ST. JOHN, April 4.—Towed by three powerful tugs and escorted by the Garrison Military Band, the R. M. S. Scotian entered port this afternoon. She had on board fifty four officers, 13 nursing sisters, 40 cadets, 18 non-coms and 1601 other ranks.

Representatives of fifteen welcoming committees were on hand and the fruit, candy, chewing gum, cigarettes, cakes and other comforts given out would amount to several tons. Troop trains were waiting on the sidings and the men were placed immediately on board, the last man to leave for his home in Vancouver district, four hours after the boat docked. The only Islander on board was Private James W. McKay, Charlottetown who went over with the 105th and was transferred to the 23rd.

The R. M. S. Melita came in tonight and will unload tomorrow.

GEN. FOCH NOW AT SPA

Confers With Erzberger Decision of Entente Submitted. Erzberger Deeply Moved.

(Special to The Guardian.) SPA, April 4.—Marshal Foch arrived in Spa at 8:20 o'clock this morning and immediately informed Mathias Erzberger, head of the German armistice commission, that he would confer with him in his private car at 9:30 o'clock.

The conference took place at the appointed time in the presence of Major General Weygand, assistant to Marshal Foch, and a French interpreter, and lasted forty minutes. Marshal Foch laid before Erzberger the decisions of the Entente.

Erzberger after the conference hurriedly returned to his train. He appeared deeply moved. After a conference of one hour with General Baron von Hammerstein, a member of the German armistice commission, and his official technical advisers, Erzberger returned to his hotel, where the German members of the armistice commission are lodged. The poultry acclaimed Marshal Foch on his arrival in Spa. During the day the marshal visited General Nudant, his representative in Spa.

WIN OR LOSE MAY DEPEND ON A WORD

Guardian Free Automobile and Piano Contestants Should Realize The Importance of The Little Conjunction "If"

The difference between success and failure is the little word "if." "If I had done this, I might have won." "If I had not quit working at the time when victory was within reach, I would have easily won." "If I had only tried a little harder things would have come my way easily." "If I had only collected the subscriptions that were promised me I would now be one of the fifteen winners."

When the votes are counted in The Guardian's great contest, and the winners announced, do not be one of those to employ regretfully the use of the word "if" in decrying failure. Get busy now and give a correct imitation of cyclone.

A cyclone doesn't stop until it has swept everything before it. The contestants who sweep everything before them in The Guardian's contest will win. If you want something in which to make a clean sweep, just get a sufficient number of subscriptions, and the votes which are issued on them will help you do the rest. Plenty of time is left in which to do the work you may have neglected heretofore.

Hundreds of friends and acquaintances are available as Guardian subscribers, and to them your expression of hope to win should be made. All work which is being done up to the present time reflects credit on your ambition. You intend to go just the necessary step further to victory, and with proper effort and rightly directed mental and physical force, you can do so. Did you ever have the opportunity before of having an Overland touring car offered you for a few days effort on your part?

"THE EASIEST WAY"
"Miss Innocence" met "The Bachelor" at "an Englishman's home" and in a "Woman's Way" proposed that he take out a year's subscription to The Guardian and help her win that Overland car.

Now, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" lived in "The House Next Door" and she had a "Mascot" in the shape of a easy flowing tongue, and knowing "What Every Woman Knows," that "The Easiest Way" to win an Overland Car is to get "The Servants in the House" to help you, the girl from "Way Down East" secured the co-operation of Mrs. Wiggs.

She, in turn, advised a friend of hers, "A Gentleman from Mississippi," to subscribe for The Guardian for a year and he would be as happy and contented as "The Newlyweds and Their Baby" in "A Candy Shop." She introduced the gallant Major from the south to the pretty contestant, who had a "Beauty Shop" dimple on each cheek, which took the Major's heart by storm. As he lighted a "Havana" for a quiet smoke, he said to himself, "I guess I'm going some," and "The Climax" was reached when "The Fair Co-Ed" put him through "The Third Degree" and led him to believe that the hitherto "Fool There Was" was only "A Sham" and the Dawn of a Tomorrow would fulfil "The Writing on the Wall" and "A Happy Marriage" would follow.

BOLESHEVIKI THREATENED

Kiev Nearing Recapture Ukraine Forces are Already Within 30 Miles of the City.

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, April 4.—Advices to the French Foreign Office indicate that the forces in Ukraine under Petura are within 30 miles of Kiev, threatening the recapture of the city from the Bolsheviki.

SITUATION IN RUSSIA

British Public Alarmed British Front in Russia in Danger from well Equipped Bolshevists.

LONDON, April 4.—The curtain was raised for the British public on the position of the Allied armies in North Russia for the first time this afternoon. The serious situation in the Murman region and the attempt by the Bolsheviki to drive the Allied troops on the Archangel front into the sea are the cause of much anxiety. The London afternoon papers circulated posters through the streets with startling phrases of which "the British army imperilled" was typical.

The public bought the papers eagerly, having no idea which army was referred to. Some of the papers declared that another Kut surrender or Khartoum tragedy threatened.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, Director of Equipment and Transport of the Northern Russian expeditionary forces, has just returned from Murman and Archangel. He declares in an interview that both fronts are in danger, and that the Bolsheviki peril is a very real one because the Entente forces are outnumbered by disciplined and well armed, and well equipped troops, in close touch with the Allies' extended but by no means strong front. "We must avoid the possibility of another Khartoum," says Sir Ernest. He urges the need of sending reinforcements immediately. These, he asserts, can reach Murman from England in less than a week.

Odessa Garrison Strengthened.

LONDON, April 4.—It is authoritatively stated that the Allied garrison at Odessa is now greatly strengthened, the French commander is confident of being able to hold the town. The Bolshevists have now reached the outer defenses which are very strong.

Irish Question Again Up

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, April 4.—The House of Commons debated the Irish question last evening. Liberal members endeavoring to elicit some indication of the government's policy. Sir Edward Carson urged a postponement of the question until the end of the war and declared he regarded the question of reconstruction in Ireland, education, housing and similar matters as far more important than the rising of controversies over Home rule.

Joseph Devlin, a Nationalist, said he thought Sir Edward's speech was the most powerful indictment of British Rule in Ireland.

Denmark May Recover Schleswig

PARIS, April 4.—The aspirations of Denmark are regarded favorably by the peace conference, the Matin says. Indications are that Denmark will recover the part of Schleswig which she desires. The conference, the paper adds, has decided to return to Denmark absolutely the natives of Schleswig who served in the German Army and were taken prisoners by the allies.

Commission On Reparation

PARIS, April 4.—The council of four has appointed a committee consisting of H. Loucheur, French Minister of Reconstruction, Edwin Samuel Montague, British Secretary for India, and John W. Davies, American Ambassador to England, to put into definite form proposals for the solution of the reparations question. These will be passed upon in principle by the council it is reported from French sources.

Proceedings in the Local Legislature

Mr. J. H. Bell, Leader of the Opposition, Held the Floor Yesterday and Pointed to Numerous and Easy Methods He Knew of Whereby this Province Could Easily Get Rich Quick.

Friday, April 4.

The House met at 11:30 a. m. The Premier gave notice of a bill to be entitled "An Act Respecting time in the public offices."

Mr. Johnston gave notice of a resolution regarding reduction of the customs tariff, seconded by Mr. McMillan.

Another claim we have, the Leader of the Opposition continued in a fair and just portion of the school lands of the Northwest. These formed a part of the lands purchased by the Hudson Bay Company from the Dominion. These lands were reserved for the benefit of the whole of Canada for the purposes of education. The Dominion Government set apart a certain portion of them for two purposes. One-eighth of all the lands were set apart for school purposes. Today the several provinces of the northwest were trying to get hold of them. It is beyond doubt these school lands were held in trust for all the Provinces. The present number of school lands in the Northwest is 27,000,000 acres.

THE PREMIER.—If your contention is right how is it that annually the interest is paid to the western provinces?

MR. BELL.—That is purely a matter of concession. They never have conceded that they are the owners.

THE PREMIER.—Neither they are.

MR. BELL.—What is the value of these lands? At any rate from \$12 to \$15 an acre. This amounts to over 325 millions of dollars. If we

Horrible Cruelties By Bolshevists in Kiev

(Special to The Guardian.) COPENHAGEN, April 4.—It is reported from Kiev that the Bolshevists have shot eleven journalists, four professors, the mayor of the town, a general and several other persons accused of working for a counter-revolution.

President Wilson Ill in Paris

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, April 4.—President Wilson is confined to his bed in Paris with a severe cold. Colonel E.M. House took the president's place at the meeting of the council of four today.

Lenine's Peace Proposals

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS April 4.—Premier Loucheur's informal peace proposals to the Allies is virtually an ultimatum, it was learned from an authoritative source today. The Russian Bolsheviki leader is known to have suggested a time limit for acceptance of his offer beyond which he would not undertake to abstain from consideration of Chancellor Schiedemann's proposal as conveyed to Foreign Minister Trotsky. The time limit is understood to be a matter of only a few weeks.

The German Government was reported unofficially recently to have sent Karl Kautsky to Russia for the purpose of studying the situation there and possibly effecting an alliance between Germany and Russia.

The recent statement in the House of Commons by Bonar Law, denying the Allies have received a formal peace offer from Russia is technically correct. The fact remains however that the Peace Conference has a definite statement of Russia's position.

Egyptian Crisis Practically Over

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, April 4.—A delayed Reuters despatch from Cairo under date of March 24, reviewing the uprising, says that within a short time Egypt was aflame from Alexandria to Assuan. The depredations and excesses recorded must have struck horror into the heart of every civilized being. Owing to the prompt military measures, however, the disturbances in Cairo and Alexandria were not so serious as elsewhere.

First Division Coming Home

LONDON, April 4.—The remaining details of the Third Division having now been evacuated from England, The First Division will commence embarkation. The Carmania is sailing from Liverpool on April 5. Of the Toronto battalions concerned the Third will form a part of the 5,000 sailing from Southampton on the Olympic, April 12th. No accommodation has yet been allotted to the Forty-eighth Highlanders.

The Wild Beast Must be Mastered

PARIS, April 4.—"I have seen the scourge of war twice loosed on France by Germany", Premier Lloyd George told the Petit Parisian today. "We do not intend that there shall be a third time and should it be fifty years hence France again will find England by her side with all her wealth and power, for, mark well my words, the wild beast must be mastered."

Premier Lloyd George To Return Shortly

LONDON, April 4.—We are in a position to anticipate that within a comparatively few days the stage will be reached in the Peace Conference which will permit Premier Lloyd George to return to England. Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, the Minister of Labor, declared today at the reassembling of the Industrial Council.

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THE WEATHER.

TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, April 4.—Light winds, mostly cloudy with showers. The lowest temperature recorded Thursday night was 25 and at 9 o'clock yesterday morning 26. The highest yesterday was 37 and at 9 o'clock last night 30.

The lowest temperature recorded Wednesday night was 31 and at 9 o'clock yesterday morning 32. The highest yesterday was 34 and at 9 o'clock last night 34.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 12:56 and tomorrow at 1:40; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2:10 and Sunday at 3:08.

New moon Monday March 31st. First quarter of the moon Monday, April 7th.

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