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## NO CANADIANS IN BATTLE OF VERDUN

### Sir Sam Hughes in Reply to Question Stated that Canadians are not near Scene of Big Battle. Heavy Artillery Fighting on Canadian Front but Casualties Light.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The Canadians are not in the Verdun fighting. At the opening of the House Mr. E. M. MacDonald of Picton asked the Minister of Militia if the Canadians were taking part in the battle which was raging north of Verdun.

Mr. Sam Hughes in reply said that according to reports which had been received by the Department the attack was being made to the north and north-east of Verdun, which is perhaps the most strongly fortified place in Europe with the exception of Metz. He was informed that the French had succeeded in smashing the first attempt (applause) and that the German troops now coming on were re-

## GERMAN LOSSES FIRST FOUR DAYS ARE ESTIMATED AT 150,000

### Object of German Offensive now Recognized as Beginning of Determined Effort to Capture Verdun. 300,000 Germans Engaged Supported by 15 and 17-inch Guns. Confidence of French Unshaken. Heavy French Re-inforcements being brought up. Slaughter is Terrible. One Entire German Brigade Advancing in Close Formation Caught by French Fire and Annihilated in few Minutes.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, Feb. 25.—German losses during the first four days of the battle of Verdun are authoritatively estimated at 150,000. The German offensive is recognized now as probably only the beginning of a determined effort to capture the fortress, formerly the key to the French front, and compares in violence and losses to the battle of Yser. The French assume that the battle may continue for a fortnight.

German forces are known to be at least 300,000, supported by numerous 15 inch and 17 inch Austrian mortars, with all the heavy artillery used in the Serbian campaign and part of that employed on the Russian front.

Preparations for the battle were observed early in December, when the first troops assigned to the operations were brought up. Eight divisions, which returned from Serbia were sent to Belgium for rest and then trans-

## PROCEEDINGS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

### Debate on Budget resumed and Liberal Members Show Wide Range of Ignorance on Subject each Repeating Charges Previously Explained by Minister White.

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—Another day devoted almost wholly to the debate on the Budget found the Opposition still labouring under some curious misconceptions as to what the Finance Minister's legislation really proposed. This wide range of ignorance on the subject of the Budget itself was apparent yesterday when Hon. George P. Graham argued at length against alleged inequalities in the operation of the business tax, after the House had received a definite statement from Sir Thomas White that the question was covered in the bill founded upon the resolutions before the House.

Mr. Hughes, of King's, Prince Edward Island, resumed the debate on the budget and indulged in a lengthy diatribe in which he charged the Government with padding the estimates for the coming year and with extravagance in expenditure on immigration, Indian affairs and Dominion lands. He spoke of transactions which were investigated by the House Accounts Committee last session and referred to the contract given the Millvale Steel Company, of Philadelphia for the manufacture of 25,000 shovels at \$1.35 a piece. The patent on these shovels was held by a young lady who was a stenographer in the office of the Minister of Militia. The shovels, he said, could have been made in Canada for 35 cents each. Six thousand of them were exported to England with the first contingent but had gone no further. He asked if a young woman could be expected to have sufficient knowledge to invent a useful military implement and asserted that the country had been called upon to buy the shovels in order to make the lady in question rich. Mr. Hughes also devoted some time to the discussion of the work of the Old Shell Committee, saying that, since the money of the British taxpayers was spent, the Government was opposing requests for an investigation of the committee's operations.

## COMFORTS FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS

### 149 Provided, 951 Unprovided

### This is the State of the Poll at the time of going to Press this Morning: Provided 149, Unprovided 951. As this is a Case of Open Voting we know exactly from day to day how the Poll Stands and Who is Who in the Way of Supporting the Respective Candidate. "Unprovided" is Steadily Losing Ground, and all Duty Qualified Voters are Rallying to the Support of the Popular Candidate "Provided."

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The following subscriptions have been received:

Capt. J. W. Dorsey. \$4.00  
(Continued on page two.)

WANTED—SECOND CLASS TEACHER for How Bay School, No. 112, Sailor's Hope, King's County. Supplement, \$20. C. W. Stead, Sec'y. 7534-2-26M3pd.

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## SUMMARY OF WAR SITUATION

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Along the front in the region of Verdun the Germans and French continue the great struggle, with the Germans on the offensive. Their aim evidently being the great French fortress of Verdun. Despite a heavy fall of snow the Germans to the north of Verdun have attacked with what Paris terms unprecedented violence and with large forces. The French positions were attacked at several points but, according to the French official communication, the attacks were without success. Especially this has been true of La Cole du Privre, about four miles north of the fortress, the attainment of which would give the Germans a fine vantage point from which to operate against Verdun. The artillery on both sides are keeping up the bombardment. So intense are the detonations of the big guns that the sound penetrated eastward to the Rhine in Hensch Prussia. Heavy casualties are inflicted on both sides, and the Germans claim to have taken a number of prisoners, the aggre-

gate at last report being a total of ten thousand. East of the Meuse, the fortified villages and farms of Champ Neuville, Marmont, Beaumont, Chantret and Ornoes are declared by Berlin to be in the hands of the Germans, as likewise the French positions to north of Verdun reaching to the ridge of Louvemont.

Fighting is going on in the Champagne district and bombardments of German positions in the Forest of Argonne and Vosges mountains have taken place. In Champagne the French report the capture of a German salient south of St. Marie-a-Pay and taking 500 prisoners, including twenty-one officers and non-commissioned officers. Artillery and mining operations are in progress along the British front. Bombardments, infantry attacks and fights with hand grenades have taken place. In Russia and Galicia there have been no important changes of position. Bombardments between Austrians and Italians on the Austro-Italian front continue. Russians in

Caucasus and Persia have taken additional towns from the Turks and pursuit of Turkish forces driven out of Erzerum continues. Late reports from the British force surrounded by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara say the Turks long ago ceased attacks upon the besieged position. Vienna reports a further drive of the Italians before the Austro-Hungarians East and South of Durazzo.

In Albania eleven Italian officers and over 700 soldiers were captured Durazzo docks are under fire of the batteries of the Teutons, hampering the embarkation of Italians.

The situation in Congress since the publication of President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone concerning the stand of the Chief Executive regarding the submarine controversy between the United States and Germany has become more quiet. It seems apparent that no action in either House which might embarrass diplomatic negotiations will be taken for the present.

## REGRETTABLE ACCIDENT AT SUMMERSIDE

A most regrettable accident occurred in Summerside yesterday by which Mr. Thomas Brown, aged about 25, had the misfortune to lose his left hand. He was operating a saw-cutting machine, run by a gas-oil engine, in the barn of Mr. J. W. Callbeck, when by some mischance his hand got caught and was drawn in to the knives. It was only the prompt act of Mr. George Callbeck, in stopping the engine, that prevented the whole arm from being drawn in. As it was, the hand was crushed in the wrist. The unfortunate man was hurried to the Prince County Hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the hand at the wrist. At a late hour last night he was resting comfortably.—C.

## Canadian City Wants New Name

BERLIN, Ont., Feb. 25.—Canadians will have an opportunity of offering suggestions for the new name of this city. A public subscription is being raised to-day and liberal prizes will be offered for first, second and third choices.

Suggestions will have to be accompanied by reasons why the name should be chosen, and the competition will be Dominion-wide. The judges will be named by the city council.

## Canada is Paying \$2,000,000 in Separation Allowance

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The monthly payments of assigned pay or separation allowances to relatives or dependents of the men under arms now aggregates over \$2,000,000. Over fifty thousand cheques are made out each month by the branch dealing with this part of the work.

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

(Special to The Guardian)  
TORONTO, February 26.—Maritime: Easterly winds with rain.

THE WEATHER—Yesterday was fair and chilly with occasional rain. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 33 degrees above zero; registered 24 above; at nine last night 33 above. The coldest the previous night was 5 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 2.29, tomorrow at 3.46; and Monday at 5.03; it will be high tomorrow morning at 5.09, Monday at 6.35 and Tuesday at 7.46.

The sun sets this afternoon at 5.43 tomorrow at 5.44 and Monday at 5.45; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.43, Monday at 6.42 and Tuesday at 6.40.

The moon sets this morning at 10.15 and tomorrow at 11.08.

There was a full moon on Friday, Feb. 18th at 10.29 p. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, Feb. 26th at 3.25 a. m.

The length of today will be ten hours and fifty-nine minutes and of tomorrow eleven hours and one minute.

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## COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

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\*Pastry, doughnuts, cake candy, white and brown bread, and various other good things will be sold at moderate prices this afternoon in Moore & McLeod's store. 7527.

\*\*An entertainment and basket social will be held in Stanhope Hall on March 6th commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Admission 15c. Ladies with baskets free. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross work. Should the night prove unfavorable social will take place first fine night following. 7492-2-24M2pd. Minard's Liniment cures Distemper.

\*\*The Smith Premier keyboard is the natural keyboard for anyone who operates their own typewriter. I have placed a great number of these throughout the towns of Prince Edward Island, and they have given great satisfaction wherever sold. A Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 7526-2-26Mtl.

## CANADA HAS PAID OVER \$57,000,000 FOR THREE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAYS

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—What Canada has paid for its three Transcontinental lines in the way of subsidies or bond guarantees was told in the House today in replies given by the acting Minister of Railways, Hon. Dr. Reid, to questions by Mr. Jameson. The total amount paid by way of subsidies was \$39,369,374.

In land grants 19,816,010 acres and in bond guarantees \$3,093,700, assumed direct by the Government December, 1906. To the Canadian Northern the total cash subsidies has been \$26,155,360 and land subsidies 3,422,528 acres. The bond guarantees have been as follows: 1902, \$1,923,287, three per cent bonds; 1908, \$1,622,586, three and a half per cent bonds; 1910, \$647,260 three and a half per cent bonds; 1911, \$7,493,335, three and a half per cent bonds; 1912, \$733,561, three and a half per cent bonds; 1914, \$45,000, four per cent bonds. Of this last mentioned bond guarantee the Canadian Northern has sold securities valued at \$17,500,000 and a portion of the remainder has been pledged for purposes set out under the act.

To the Grand Trunk the only subsidy paid was \$500,000 for the Victoria Jubilee Bridge. There have been no land grants and no bond guarantees.

This means a total of a little over \$57,000,000 in direct cash subsidies while land subsidies total over 22,000,000 acres and bond guarantees approximately \$125,000,000 of which the share of the Canadian Northern is about \$110,000,000.

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