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THE SPLENDID WORK DONE BY CANADA

Canada's War Effort Praised in England. Fifteen Per Cent of War Ministry's Total Expenditure Made in Canada and Large Proportion of Shells of all Calibres, Besides 450 Miles of Rails.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 18.—Some idea of the work being done by the Imperial Munitions Board and of the volume and importance of Canada's output of munitions and other war material may be gathered from a recent publication of the British War Cabinet, giving a report of their activities for the year 1917. This official publication states that "Canada's contribution during the last year had been very striking. Fifteen per cent of the total expenditure of the Ministry of Munitions in the last six months of the year was incurred in that country. She has manufactured nearly every type of shell from the 13 to the 9.2."

DRAPER'S FORECAST OF COMING DRIVE

Expects Offensive to Begin During Moonlight Nights and That Battles Will be Waged on Sea, Land and in Air.

(By Arthur S. Draper)

LONDON, May 17.—The full moon continues. Though sharp bursts of fire at various points occur at frequent intervals they are not the big storm itself, but merely signs that it is brewing.

Flanders and the plains of Picardy are heavy with mud. Every other day showers sweep over the battlefield and swell the brooks and rivers between the belligerents.

There is a general belief that Ludendorff has timed his blow for the beginning of next week, when the moon will be in the same phase as it was March 21. Every ounce of German strength will be put into the next thrust. On land, on sea and in the air the enemy will strive desperately to crash the British defences.

The daring British attacks on the Belgian coast are almost certain to bring naval action. Not since early in March has a German airplane appeared over the district around London. When the great thrust is launched Britain expects that Germany will use anything, her bombing planes, her U-boats and destroyers, and possibly her high seas fleet.

Next week the moon will be in the right phase for nocturnal activity, will furnish enough light for the movement of troops and for aerial

EYE-WITNESS DESCRIBES AN AERIAL BATTLE

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN PICARDY, May 16—All the interest in the front today centered in the air. From the moment the sun rose into an almost cloudless sky the air, infantry, and every other fighting unit suspended operations to watch the most spirited air battle even seen in the Mont Didier sector. At daybreak two long lines of sausage balloons ascended slowly and then hung lazily in the air. One line was plainly distinct behind the curve of the Mont Didier salient. Far off in the distance hung another line of the ever-watchful enemy bags describing the same general curve. These two hostile lines of balloons were watching every move on the roads, every wisp of smoke from the big guns. The result was there was little traffic and practically no shelling.

What took place above, under, between and around the sausage balloons was air war as it was prophesied long ago. French and German planes were fighting continuously. The usual rattle of guns and shells on the ground, where all was now quiet, was replaced by the almost continuous dull booms made by the anti-aircraft shells which exploded around the machines of both Nations.

The white puffs from the French arches and the black ones that came from the German planes made it

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, May 19.—Fair and very mild. The tide will be high this morning at 7:32 and tomorrow at 8:13; it will be high this evening at 7:51 and tomorrow at 8:56.

The sun sets this evening at 8:41 and tomorrow at 8:42; it rises tomorrow morning at 5:46 and Wednesday at 5:45.

The moon sets tomorrow morning at 3:18.

The first quarter of the moon was on Friday, May 17th, at 3:14 p.m.

There will be a full moon on Saturday, May 25th, at 5:32 p.m.

The length of today will be four hours and fifty minutes.

BELLIGERENTS READY FOR NEXT MOVE

Apart from Occasional Raids all is Quiet on Western Front in Anticipation of Biggest Drive Yet. Kaiser in Belgium.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 18.—Intense, sun-baked calm holds a grim proclamation of fresh Hun onslaught. The rumbles of guns, whirr of planes and dust clouds are sole war signs. The Allies wait for Hindenburg's move, and warn their people to prepare for what promises to be the fiercest push of all.

Germany is well supplied with young officers who are able to act upon their own initiative and upon them will fall the tactical direction of the coming thrust. If the next blow comes in Flanders or at Amiens it is not likely that there will be any preliminary bombardment. Because neither side is deeply entrenched, it is probable that the coming will have a lot of gas shells followed by a rain of high explosive. Last night he used a lot of gas shells around Dieckebusch Lake, south of Ypres, and in the fighting on the front before Amiens but the infantry remained in the trenches.

According to the German press reports the recent emergency conference resulted in an agreement under which Germany and Austria pooled their military resources. What really happened, probably, was that Emperor Charles agreed to Ludendorff's demand that Austria strike against Italy. The German militarists dictate Austrian policy today with the same authority that they handle affairs at home.

French Downed 322 Enemy Planes In March and April

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, May 19.—French airmen brought down 322 enemy planes during March and April, compared with 96 French airplanes lost in the same period. The inferiority of the German air service is causing the General Staff grave anxiety.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN ODESSA BY AUSTRAINS

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 18.—Martial law has been proclaimed at Odessa by the Austrian Commandant, at the request of the Germans, according to Berlin advices forwarded in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. Street fighting in Odessa is reported. At Kiev Austrian patrols are in the streets day and night and thousands of persons are fleeing from the city.

Senate Hanzard May be Dropped

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, May 19.—The Hanzard of the senate which records the speeches of senators is never seen by the public, rarely read by the editors of newspapers, is not necessary and is an unjustifiable waste of public money and therefore should be discontinued, is the opinion of Senator Win Dennis, who in the upper house today gave notice of a motion he will move to that effect. Senator Dennis' motion will be dealt with on Monday.

Germany Cannot Be Allowed to Hold Russia

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 19.—Parliament is through a bill amounting to business yesterday, and it was about midnight when they decided to call it a day's work. The debate on the report of the Committee on Education and Privileges regarding the Young Men's Reserve Bill, which passed through committee and the House of Commons yesterday, was passed and given its third reading yesterday in the House.

OLDIERS FIGHTING A GREAT FOREST FIRE IS THE COUNTY OF HANTS

(Special to the Guardian.)

WINDSOR, May 15.—About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Clarksville, about twenty miles from here, on the Midland Railway, was in an emergency call for help to check a forest fire arising between that place and West Gore. The fire started in the two-mile stretch of woods between West Gore and Clarksville, about a quarter of a mile from the station. A gale blowing from the west towards West Gore. Unless it is checked and the wind falls there is a grave danger that West Gore, a prosperous village, where the autonomy mine is situated, will be wiped off the map. A call for volunteer help brought from the B. E. F. depot here about fifty stalwart soldiers. They were marched in double quick time to the station and left on the Midland express under the command of Adjutant Barnes. They will be of inestimable service in helping to extinguish the fire. A call for help was sent to all the nearby places along the Midland and other places.

A letter message from Windsor said the wind had gone down and the work of the detachment of soldiers was having effect. An checking progress of the fire. A black iron farm property was being burnt over.

Canada Must Restrict Imports

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 19.—The Finance Minister has returned to Canada with the message that we are still spending money far too freely upon ornaments, musical instruments and other luxuries of amusement and pleasure. We must forego many of the luxuries in which we are now indulging before we can hope to rectify the adverse international trade balance with the United States and place the rate of exchange on a normal level. Canadians as a people must become far more economical than they are today if they wish to keep the Canadian dollar, just as it is, in their own country.

COUNTRY PLEASED TO SEE SIR THOMAS BACK ON DUTY

The country is glad to know Sir Thomas White has returned to his post. The Minister of Finance has been a vital factor in the war cabinet.

Prorogation Likely this Week

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 19.—Prorogation of Parliament is now expected for Wednesday next with the Canadian North-West Bill practically through, and the discussion of the General Railway Bill advanced. There is not a great deal to hold Parliament beyond five or six days. It is expected that the consolidated railway act will go over there will be some supplementary estimates, but only for appropriations already agreed to. The chance of a good prorogation is looking up. Some of the members are leaving for home tomorrow but the most of them will stay to the end.

Premiers to Decide Eligibility for Honours

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 19.—In the House of Commons today a number of members drew attention to statements in the Canadian press that the Colonial Office was preparing to give the title of baronet to the British Empire and that the Colonial Secretary had recently proposed upon Sir Robert Borden to advance him to a peerage. The Premier, Mr. Lloyd George, said that he would refer the matter to the Privy Council. He said that he would refer the matter to the Privy Council. He said that he would refer the matter to the Privy Council.

Toronto Postmaster Dies Suddenly

(Special to the Guardian.)

TORONTO, May 19.—William B. Brown, died suddenly. Deceased has been postmaster of Toronto since 1908, a keen business man and was instrumental in the formation of the Bank of Toronto.

Canada Egg Market Better Than U.S.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TORONTO, May 19.—The Canadian egg market is from three to four cents higher than the American. Because of this fact the British Commission buying eggs for overseas have been in demand to purchase out side of the American market.

SERIOUS FIRE AT HUNTER RIVER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A serious fire yesterday destroyed four barns, a dwelling, house and six horses on the farm of Mr. Joseph H. McPherson, Hunter River, two miles from the Malpeque Road. The fire originated in a heap of manure near one of the barns while the farmer and his family were at dinner. All the contents of the barns, including four bushels of oats, were destroyed, but fortunately the machinery was out at the time. The loss is estimated at over \$2,000 and is only partly covered by insurance.

THE CRISIS NOT PASSED WARNING BY LORD READING

(Special to the Guardian.)

COPENHAGEN, May 18.—The Germans still are of the belief that they will be able to reach the English Channel coast, but navigation of the waters and harbours of southern England, and that then it will be easy to begin peace negotiations, according to an interview the Politiken has had with a prominent German politician, a member of the reichstag who requested that his name be not used. He added that the German offensive thus far had proved a failure owing to heavy losses and the German command was waiting to obtain more artillery. German had lost in killed, wounded and made prisoners, three million men, he added.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Warning to the people of the United States against false optimism in the war, especially as regards the great battle in Flanders, was sounded by Earl Reading, British high commissioner to the United States, in addressing the New York city bar association here tonight. "The crisis is not passed," he said, "and it never will be passed until the victory is won."

GERMAN CONSPIRACY DISCOVERED IN IRELAND

Chief Secretary Calls Upon all Loyal Irishmen to Aid in Defeating Manœuvres of the Enemy.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 19.—Evidence that the Sinn Feiners are in direct communication with the German Government has now been obtained by Great Britain.

A proclamation issued tonight says a German plot in Ireland has been discovered. In the proclamation, the Vice-Chief Secretary calls upon all loyal Irishmen to aid in defeating the manœuvres of the enemy. The proclamation, signed by Edward Shortt, Chief Secretary for Ireland, asserts that certain persons in Ireland have been in communication with Germany, a "Reflection on Ireland's fair name." The proclamation calls upon all loyal

LT. ELMER RITCHIE HOME FROM ENGLAND

Saw Thirteen Months Active Service in France and was Over Ten Months in Hospitals in England.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LT. G. Elmer Ritchie, of Charlottetown, who left here in November, 1915, with No. 2 Siege Battery, arrived home Friday night. He was one of 677 Canadians—35 officers, 6 nursing sisters and 636 N.C.O.'s and privates, who arrived in Halifax on Wednesday evening, from England after serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

Lieut. Ritchie has been invalided home, suffering from arthritis, a painful form of rheumatism, which has kept him in the rounds of various hospitals in England, for quite a while.

FREED FROM GERMAN PRISON DR. BELAND MAY BE OFFERED A PORTFOLIO IN THE BORDEN CABINET

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, May 16.—A suggestion has been made in political circles that Hon. Dr. Beland, member for Beauce, who has been released as a prisoner from Germany, and is on his way home to Canada, be offered a portfolio in the union cabinet as representative of Quebec, taking the place of either Hon. Albert Serigny or Hon. Pierre Blondin, the present postmaster-general, who cannot continue much longer to hold his portfolio without a seat in the house.

Dr. Beland was taken into the Laurier government before the election of 1911 as postmaster-general, succeeding Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who had been transferred to the marine and fisheries. His tenure of office was short, as the Laurier administration was defeated shortly after. The suggestion has been made that he be offered his old portfolio of postmaster-general.

Whether the idea will be carried out, remains to be seen. It is also of course a question whether he would accept even if offered. Dr.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

THE NORWEGIANS ARE INDIG-
NANT
Over Sale of French and Belgian Furniture by Germans in Scandinavian Countries

LONDON, May 18.—A despatch to Reuters' Limited from Christiania says that indignation continues to appear in the Norwegian newspapers on the sale by Germans of French and Belgian furniture in Scandinavian countries. A writer in the Tidens Tegn demands that the authorities shall step in and prevent this disgraceful traffic.

"Why do not these merchants," he asks, "advertise at the same time 'slaves, children and delightful young women from France and Belgium' to be sold by public auction on the Raadshusplads in Copenhagen and the eat the market in Christiania?" This would be no worse than the advertising for sale of French and Belgian furniture.

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