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MOST SANGUINARY BATTLE YET IN PROGRESS NEAR VERDUN FORTRESS

Inspired by Presence of Emperor and Led by Crown Prince Germans Staking all on Attack on French Lines Regardless of Life. Field Piled with German Dead. All Attacks Repulsed.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, February 24.—Inspired by the presence of the Emperor and led by Crown Prince Frederick William, the German troops are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the war on a front centering around the fortress of Verdun. Attack succeeded against the French line after a bombardment incessant and terrific continuing for several days. While the Germans have not been able to break the French line, nevertheless the French, on the right and left wings have been compelled to withdraw their lines, and north-east of Meuse, and north-west of the town of Samogneux, six miles north of the fortress. Only between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse has there been any diminution in the intensity of artillery fire. With Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux and the wooded sections north and west of the town of Meuse, the possession, the Germans from the Meuse eastward from Sancy are forcing the fighting, seemingly regardless of the cost of life. The French guns have answered the German guns shell for shell and the casualties on both sides are very great. A French official report describes the battle field between the Meuse and Ornes as piled with German dead.

In Champagne at several points and in Argonne Forest German works have been pounded by the concentrated fire of French guns, while in Lorraine the French repulsed a German reconnoitering party which attempted to capture a French post north of St. Martin.

On the second line near Hullych, the British exploded a mine and occupied the crater, they also bombarded German trenches near Freilginghen Bouslogne.

On the Russian front, from the Riga region east of Galicia there have been engagements at various points. No great results have been attained by either side. In the Caucasus, Petrograd reports that the Russians continue to successfully press back the

Turks. The usual activities by Austrians and Italians on the Austro-Italian front continue.

A French air squadron dropped a large number of bombs on the outskirts of Metz, a big fire being observed after the attack.

Official announcement has been made in the Japanese diet by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, that Japan does not intend to send troops to aid the Russians.

Earl Derby has accepted the chairmanship of the joint army and navy board which is to control the British air service.

President Wilson in a letter to Senator Lodge, chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, announces in regard to the movement of Congress to favour warning Americans from taking passage in armed merchant ships, that he will not consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens in any respect. In announcing the stand of the United States in the situation, President Wilson says, the honour and self-respect of the nation is involved. We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honour.

(Special to the Guardian.)
PARIS, Feb. 24.—An official communication tonight says: We have carried out a concentrated fire on enemy organizations West of Malson de Champagne and South of St. Marie Apy. In Argonne destructive fire have been directed against German works at Pille Morie. In the region North of Verdun the enemy continued to bombard with the same intensity on our front from the Meuse up to South of Fromesery. Artillery activity has slackened a little between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse. No infantry action has yet occurred in this region. Between the right bank of the Meuse and Ornes the enemy has shown the same activity as on the preceding day and multiplied furious attacks, leaving on the ground piles of dead without succeeding in breaking our front. On both wings we have withdrawn our line, one part behind Samogneux and the other to the South of Ornes. Our artillery has replied without respite to the artillery of the enemy.

COMFORTS FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS

A Good Response Yesterday

Fourteen Subscribers sent in their Contributions Yesterday, and the Fund now Reaches \$531 and Ten Pairs of Rubber Boots. This means 143 Boys are Provided for, but there are still 957 out in the cold. Please send your Subscriptions at once to Mr. A. W. Hyndman, Hon. Treasurer, Royal Bank, Charlottetown.

- There was a splendid response yesterday when no fewer than fourteen subscribers forwarded their contributions to the Comforts Fund. This, together with the ten pairs of rubber boots promised, means that 143 soldier boys are provided for. Before the Committee can accept tender there must be considerably more funds available, and it is to be hoped intending subscribers will hurry up. Every little counts. If you cannot afford \$25 send five, four, two or even one dollar; it will be greatly appreciated. Time is passing, and the regiment is nearly recruited. Let the Fund be fully subscribed in time to hand over the gifts before the worst of the slushy days are upon us. A Guardian reader states that the price of rubber is likely to advance considerably in the near future, and unless the contract for the rubber boots is made almost immediately, more than was estimated will have to be paid for them. Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Hyndman, Royal Bank, Charlottetown.
- The following subscriptions have been received:
- Capt. J. W. Dorsey, \$4.00
 - John Agnew, 10.00
 - W. K. Rogers, 8.00
 - A. Friend, 2.00
 - Artemus Lord, 4.00
 - Mrs. W. H. Aitken, 4.00
 - McKinnon Drug Co., 2.00
 - Two Macs, 2.00
 - J. W. Bruce, 1.00

- Andrew Mooney, 1.00
 - Sewell Robertson, 1.00
 - Mrs. Edith Peak, \$4.00
 - Miss Haylan, 1.00
 - A. J. Douglas, 1.00
 - Mrs. H. W. Longworth, 1.00
 - Chas. H. Chandler, 1.00
 - Joseph Francis, 1.00
 - Geo. E. Hughes, 1.00
 - Mrs. G. E. Hughes, 1.00
 - Mrs. Benj. Hearts, 1.00
 - J. H. Dinna, 1.00
 - Minderson & Cudmore, 1.00
 - Hyndman & Co. Ltd., 1.00
 - G. H. Taylor, 1.00
 - A. Friend, 1.00
 - A Soldier's Wife, 1.00
 - Mrs. G. E. Auld, 1.00
 - Miss Marion Auld, 1.00
 - Master Geo. Auld, 1.00
 - Mrs. A. E. Sabine, 1.00
 - Miss M. A. Coles, 1.00
 - Mrs. Jas. McLean, 1.00
 - Dr. J. B. Brown, 1.00
 - Dr. W. J. McMillan, 1.00
 - A. Friend, 1.00
 - E. T. Higgs, 1.00
 - M. F. Macklin, 1.00
 - J. Gordon McKay, 1.00
 - J. Louis McKay, 1.00
 - Allan L. McKay, 1.00
 - A. E. Lyon, 1.00
 - Adolphus McEwen, St. Peters, 1.00
 - F. J. Holman & Co. Ltd., 1.00
 - A. W. Hyndman, 1.00
 - H. V. Mallett, 1.00
 - Mrs. R. H. Campbell, 1.00
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PROCEEDINGS IN THE COMMONS

Budget Debate will Probably Continue Till Tuesday Night.

Seven Speeches Delivered Yesterday Touching on the Budget but Introducing Extraneous Questions.

Several Members Criticized the Budget Proposals and Displayed Lamentable ignorance of Provisions of the Act.

(From our own correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The budget debate which was to have closed today is lingering on and will probably continue till Tuesday night. Seven speeches were added to the record, and though all had reference to the budget a number of extraneous subjects were touched upon.

Mr. Hermingdale Boulay, of Rimouski, for instance, made a strong anti-semitic utterance in which he advocated the prohibition of Jewish immigration.

Mr. Alphonse Verville, of Maisonneuve, said that as a labor representative he had changed his attitude toward the war and now took off his hat to every member who had decided to go to the front.

Mr. L. T. Pacaud, of Megantic, a Liberal, as well as Messrs. Boulay and Verville, dealt with the bilingual issue, and strongly criticized those whom they described as former Nationalist members of the Conservative party, whose volte face Quebec would not forget and whose ultimate chastisement by that province was only postponed.

Hon. George P. Graham delivered the chief opposition speech of the day. Except for commending the non-participation of the United States in the war, as best for Canada's interests, he dealt with the budget proposals.

He objected to those proposals because under them wealth and water, he said, would be industry and integrity were "soaked." He said that the proposals would tax improvements, would result in the transference of companies' head offices from Canada to the United States to escape the levy.

Mr. Merham presented a statement of apparent inequalities in the operation of the tax with regard to a number of well-known Canadian companies.

It transpired that Mr. Graham was in ignorance of the announced intention of the Finance Minister to de-capitalization in such a way as to prevent undue advantage being taken in cases of over-capitalization. The Finance Minister assured Mr. Graham that he had already informed the House of this. This the South Renfrew member denied, but on reference to page 1047 of Hansard Sir Thomas White's statement made on Tuesday last appears.

Another example of opposition ignorance as to the meaning of the budget was given by Mr. D. D. McKenzie, of Cape Breton, who talked of a tax on illuminating oils "which gave light to the workmen." The tariff resolution specifically exempts illuminating oil. Mr. Graham submitted a list of companies with their capitalization and the amount of taxes they would pay to show that there would be discrimination.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT AMHERST, N. S.

(Special to the Guardian.)
AMHERST, Feb. 24.—One of Rhodes Curry Co's men, Robt. Hopper, while cleaning fire extinguishers today was badly scalded about the head and shoulders. He was cleaning the extinguishers by a steam hose and in some way the young man turned the steam on too rapidly and before it could be turned off he received the full force of the hot steam. He is now in the hospital at High View Hospital. The doctors say his case is a painful one, but expect he soon will recover.

SOLDIER'S SOCIAL IN Y. M. C. A. HALL

The second in the series of socials to be given for the benefit of the soldiers by the different churches was held last night in the Y. M. C. A. hall and was a splendid success. There were about 150 soldiers present besides quite a number of civilians and the affair from start to finish was most enjoyable and augurs well for the future of the series. An excellent programme was rendered, opening with a characteristically interesting and practical address by Miss Smith, Miss Love, and Professor Hinton, the latter with a chorus in which the audience joined. A reading by Mr. Samuel Proffitt and piano selections by Prof. Hinton were also thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. E. D. Sterns presided as chairman. Refreshments were served during the evening by the ladies of the First Methodist Church, by whom this week's social was given. This will be followed by others under direction of the other churches in turn. Secretary Clark announced that a French class will be opened next Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, the teacher of which will be Prof. Blanchard, of Prince of Wales College. This class should be of great value to soldiers who are shortly to fight side by side with Frenchmen and many of whose comrades at present are Frenchmen. A vote of thanks was proposed by one of the soldiers and heartily carried.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was fine, clear and cool.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 21 degrees above zero; at nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 11 above; at nine last night 8 above. The coldest the previous night was 4 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 2:14 and tomorrow at 2:49; it will be high tomorrow morning at 3:54 and Sunday at 5:09.

The sun sets this afternoon at 5:42 and tomorrow at 5:43; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:44 and Sunday at 6:43.

The moon sets this morning at 9:32. 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 3:24 a. m.

The length of today will be ten hours and fifty-seven minutes.

Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows
Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria.

REPORTS SUBMITTED AT MEETING OF DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year. Excellent Address of Secretary. Interesting Comparison of Dairy Output for 1914 and 1915. Result of Herd Competition in the Three Counties.

At Wednesday's meeting of the Dairymen's Association, splendid papers were read by Mr. W. M. Lea on Most Economical Feeds for Dairy Cattle and a general Survey of the Dairy Industry by Prof. Ross, which brought out a profitable discussion from Messrs. W. J. Gibson, C. J. Cook, Prof. Reek, Prof. McCready and others.

At the close of the meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—J. A. Dewar.
Vice-Pres.—W. J. Gibson.
Instructor—F. T. Morrow.
Sec'y Treas.—C. E. McKenzie.
Auditor—R. H. Jenkins.

The election of Directors resulted as follows:

Hon. Pres. Hon. L. McDonald East Point.
PRINCE COUNTY
W. M. Lea, Victoria. Ernest Ellis, Tyne Valley.
QUEENS COUNTY
W. J. Gibson, Marshfield. J. H. Simpson, Bay View. David McDonald, Glenfinnan.
KINGS COUNTY
P. J. Mullally, Gowan Brae. J. A. Dewar, New Perth.

held among the different cheese centres during the coming summer.

It is a pleasure for me to have to report an increase of the amount of milk and financial returns for the year, and I think with the gradual change to winter dairying, when farmers can have their cows freshen in autumn they will be better able to raise their young stock in a thrifty condition and be in just as good a position to supply milk to factories and creameries in summer. One thing is very noticeable when going over the returns, viz., that our smaller factories are all or nearly all slowly going to the wall, and I think that we should turn our attention toward centralization and in this way cheapen the cost of manufacture.

Another thing that I find in our returns is that the sections of the country where our farmers have taken up (and stayed with) cow testing, the amount of milk per cow is increasing and hence the farmer is more prosperous. Brother farmers, I would say, take up the scales and testing and "Stay with it," as success to-day is based on actual results. Let us go into farming and dairying on a proper business basis, keeping a credit and debit on your cows and in fact all your stock in trade. If we do this I may say we will have no need to fear as to the future of our island.

Then let us take weighing, testing and co-operation as our motto for the future and I am sure it will spell success.

Net Value to Patron.	
1914	Cheese. \$254,109.84
1915	265,623.80
Increase	\$11,513.96
1914	Butter. \$139,016.59
1915	129,511.63
Decrease	\$9,504.91
1914	Butter and Cheese. \$393,126.43
1915	395,135.48
Increase	\$2,009.05
Patrons Supplying Milk.	
1914	Cheese. Number 2,418
1915	2,488
Increase	70
1914	Butter. 1,676
1915	1,511
Decrease	159
1914	Butter and Cheese. 4,088
1915	3,999
Decrease	89

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Milk Supply.	
For cheese, 1914	23,803,007 lbs.
For cheese, 1915	25,774,151
Increase	1,971,144
For butter, 1914	14,045,311
For butter, 1915	12,110,835
Decrease	1,934,476
Butter and cheese, 1914	37,848,318
Butter and cheese, 1915	37,884,986
Increase	36,668
Gross Value of Output.	
1914	\$313,232.31
1915	327,700.04
Increase	\$14,467.73
1914	Butter. \$164,156.11
1915	151,064.49
Decrease	\$13,091.62
1914	Butter and Cheese. \$477,388.42
1915	478,764.53
Increase	\$1,376.11

HERD COMPETITION FOR YEAR 1915.

PRINCE COUNTY.						
Factory.	Percentage of Fat.	Number of Cows.	Gross Fat.	Fat Per Cow.	Gross Milk.	Milk Fed Cow.
Kensington	3.7	6	2,123.2	353.8	56,017	9,336
Crapaud	3.5	10	3,299.4	329.9	96,091	9,509
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Crapaud	3.7	10	2,676.3	267.6	75,912	7,891
Tryon	3.7	8	2,108.7	263.6	57,662	7,207
Tryon	3.7	7	1,830.8	261.5	48,437	6,919
Emerald	3.8	7	1,830.3	261.4	48,165	6,880
Tryon	4.0	9	2,335.9	259.5	57,325	6,389
Tryon	3.7	5	1,127.6	225.5	30,477	6,095
Tryon	3.8	5	1,107.2	221.4	29,531	5,906
QUEEN'S COUNTY.						
Crapaud	3.75	7	2,359.7	337.1	62,812	8,973
Kensington	4.	5	1,563.4	312.6	39,020	7,804
Dunstaffnage	4.14	5	1,506.7	301.3	37,028	7,491
Emerald	3.9	10	2,846.4	284.6	74,912	7,491
Stanley	3.7	6	1,452.6	242.1	39,255	6,542
New Glasgow	3.4	8	1,926.6	240.8	59,866	7,458
Cornwall	4.3	7	1,446.6	206.7	33,632	4,804
KING'S COUNTY.						
Red Point	3.75	7	639.5	91.8	17,025	2,432

CONDENSED MILK, TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges, twenty-five cents.

"IDEAL" SAUSAGES ALWAYS ON HAND at Holman's, Charlottetown.

BOY WANTED—APPLY 188 QUEEN ST. 7283-2-10Mtf.

CARPENTER WORK OF ALL KINDS done at short notice. Gerald Hansen 22 Upper Hillsboro St. 7510-2-25M2tpd.

FOR SALE—16 CORDS OF FIRE wood, also a quantity of good fir shingle wood. Everest Stevenson, North River. 7520-2-25M2tpd.

WILL THE LADY WHO TOOK BY mistake a pair of button boots at the St. Dunstan's Skate instead of her own, kindly return them to 139 Elm Avenue.

FOR SALE—1 1/2 SHARES IN THE Central Fox Co. Ltd., will be sold at a bargain. Reason of selling party going on overseas service. Apply Box 103 Charlottetown. 7283-2-10Mtf.

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