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TWO STEAMERS SUNK BY SUBS

One a British Steamer Carrying American Troops 56 of Whom are Unaccounted for, the Other a Steamer 37 of Whose Crew are Missing.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 25.—The British armed merchant steamer Maltavia, with American troops on board, has been torpedoed and sunk according to an official bulletin issued by the Admiralty this evening. The text of the Admiralty statement follows: The armed merchant cruiser, Maltavia was torpedoed and sunk yesterday morning. There were no casualties among the crew, but of the American troops aboard, 56 up to the present have not been accounted for. It is feared they were killed in one compartment by the explosion.

LONDON TIMES ON QUEBEC SITUATION

Commends Firmness of Borden Government and Moderation of French Canadian Leaders.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 25.—The Times, editorially discussing today the improved recruiting situation in Quebec, says the firm attitude of the Borden government toward the sporadic disorder before it could do any serious harm was the foundation for this revolution in sentiment. Due weight must be given, too, to the moderation and restraint of French Canadian leaders, especially of Laurier and Gouin. Meanwhile, Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues have shown they can be firm with political supporters as well as opponents.

4000 CADETS CELEBRATE EMPIRE DAY

(Special to The Guardian)
TORONTO, May 25.—Cadets reviewed by Col. Bickford marched four thousand strong at the celebration of Empire Day. It was an inspiring scene, and Ven. Archdeacon Cody treated them to a patriotic address in the armories.

PRINCE OF WALES VISITING IN ROME

(Special to The Guardian)
ROME, May 25.—The Prince of Wales arrived here this morning. He was met at the station by representatives of the King and Premier, as well as by members of the diplomatic corps and some of the civil officials.

FIXING COAL PRICES IN UNITED STATES

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, May 25.—Government fixed prices of coal to the public will be reduced as soon as the result of an agreement reached today between the fuel and railroad administrations, under which the railroad will pay more for coal than they have paid in the past.

MORE ARRESTS MADE IN IRELAND

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 25.—Several more arrests were made in Ireland. Two men will be court-martialed for carrying explosives.

IRISHMEN WANT TO JOIN UNITED STATES ARMY

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 25.—A prominent engineer has received many applications from young Irishmen anxious to join the American army, states that he has submitted the matter to responsible heads of the governments concerned, a Dublin despatch to the Daily News reports, and that a strong committee representative of the different orders already has been formed to facilitate the movement as soon as they are authorized to do so.

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR KING AND COUNTRY

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Taylor and family of Granville have the sympathy of the entire community in the sad news they received May 12 of the death of their son George Melvin who was killed in action in France on April 24th. He enlisted in the fall of 1915 and crossed to England with the 105th Battalion. He was drafted to the 26th Battalion and went to France in February 1918. Melvin was a splendid type of young manhood and a general favorite with all who knew him. He was only 22 years of age when he enlisted and gave up a good position to do his "bit" for King and Country. He was not only a soldier of his country but also a true soldier of the Heavenly King. Melvin will be greatly missed in the social circles of his home community. The last year he was home he was asst. Superintendent of the Sunday School and a valued member of the Division. He always left a good impression with those he came in contact with. He leaves to mourn his sorrowing parents two brothers and two sisters, Tupper, Fred and Ruth at home and Mrs. Wm. Pound of Fredericton.

BRITISH BOMBARD LIEGE TRIANGLE

Two Formations Took Part in Operation, Dropping Many Heavy Bombs and Causing Destructive Fires.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 24.—At dawn Wednesday two formations set out on a heavy bombardment of Liege. The machines reached their objectives and dropped 22 heavy bombs. Those dropped by the first formation caused very large fires, which were burning fiercely three quarters of an hour. Later when the second formation flew over Liege, other machines dropped 12 heavy bombs on the railway stations at Metz. All the machines returned.

EVERY MAN OF AGE IN U. S. MUST FIGHT

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, May 24.—Every man in the United States of draft age must fight, is the latest edict. The Military Service Act has been amended at the request of President Wilson, to include men up to forty-five.

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON PARIS.

PARIS, May 24.—German aviators made another attack on Paris last night and this time succeeded in reaching the city. Bombs were dropped at various places, an official statement reports.

U-BOAT SINKINGS GREATLY REDUCED

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 25.—According to the official report U-boat sinkings have been cut to one-third. Losses for the past quarter being less than in a month in the preceding quarter.

GERMANS EXPECT TO TAKE CALAIS

LONDON, May 25.—German papers affect confidence that Calais will be captured and contemplated as a long range run will be able to fire into London when the French port is captured.

GERMANY READY TO STRIKE

EDINBURGH, May 25.—That Germany is straining every nerve to strike a decisive blow before the American armies can be brought into the field was the statement made today by David Lloyd George, the British Premier, in an address on the occasion of his being tendered the freedom of the city of Edinburgh. The allied commanders who knew best what the prospects were, he added, felt most confident about the result.

ALLIES READY

LONDON, May 25.—The Allies are watchful for whatever may be coming. They may have to yield ground, but no part of the Entente line can be overwhelmed.

GERMANS PREPARED FOR DRIVE

LONDON, May 25.—German preparations for resumption of the great offensive along the western front are complete, and legions await the command to attack the Allied line.

DUBLIN MAYOR MUST SHOW PAPERS

Before Receiving His Passports for Intended Visit to United States.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, May 24.—At the anti-conspiracy conference at Mansion House today a letter was read from A. J. Balfour, the British Foreign Secretary, to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, declaring that passports would be granted to the Lord Mayor only if he agreed to submit to the Irish government all documents he intended to carry to America on his proposed trip there. It was announced that the Mayor had replied that the only document he intended to carry was one direct to President Wilson from the Mansion House conference, and that he would decline to submit this to the Lord Mayor of Dublin. The matter was considered in a two-hour sitting, after which the conference adjourned until tomorrow.

FIRE ALARMS

The fire alarm sounded about 7.30 on Saturday evening for a slight fire on the roof of the residence of Mr. Huestis, Grafton Street. The damage was trifling. The firemen had another call-out about 9.30. Sunday morning for another small blaze at the Conolly building on Sydney Street west where some of the troops are quartered. This fire was caused in exactly the same way as the one to which the firemen were called out at this building a week or so ago, ashes from the same stove getting under the zinc lining of the floor and setting fire to it. It is said that there is no proper bottom to this stove. If such is the case this surely is a matter which requires immediate attention as the next fire might not be so easily extinguished as was this one.

WINNIPEG TROUBLE PRACTICALLY SETTLED

WINNIPEG, May 25.—Following three special meetings of the city council yesterday, the trouble between the city and the civic departments—firemen, waterworks, electricians and teamsters—seems to have been practically settled.

ITALY DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN N. Y.

(Special to The Guardian)
NEW YORK, May 25.—Secretary of War Baker announced in an address here tonight in celebration of Italy Day, that American infantry, American machine gun units and American artillery soon would be fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Italians on their front.

UNITED CELEBRATION OF VICTORIA DAY

(Special to The Guardian)
MONTREAL, May 25.—English, French and Irish Canadians fraternized yesterday on the occasion of the Victoria Day celebrations in this city, when Mr. A. S. Claron, President of the St. George's Society, Mr. Victor Moran, President of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, and Mr. J. T. Hackett, representing the Irish-Canadian community, made from the same platform, addressing a crowd of some 3,000 persons.

WAR TIME CHANGE IN BANK HOURS

(Special to The Guardian)
TORONTO, May 25.—A change in banking hours has been announced. The change is owing to the drain on the staffs caused by enlistment. While the banks desire to render all essential services including any special services arising out of the war, they have decided that innovations will have to be made in the interest of greater efficiency. On and after June 1st bank hours on five days a week will be 9.30 to 2.30 and Saturday 9.30 to 12.

CANADIAN OFFICER KILLED IN ACTION

(Special to The Guardian)
TORONTO, May 25.—General MacInnes, reported killed in action, was a well known Canadian officer attached to the Imperial Forces, and had a fine record. He was a son of the late Senator MacInnes, and served in South Africa.

GOVERNOR GENERAL ON 30 DAYS TOUR

(Special to The Guardian)
TORONTO, May 25.—The industrial development of Ontario will be reviewed by the Governor General during a thirty-day tour of the province beginning today. The Duke of Devonshire leaves Toronto at 7.30 this morning and will visit sixteen cities over the lines of the Grand Trunk Railway system.

HON. A. S. SIFTON HOLDS DUAL OFFICE

(From our own Correspondent)
OTTAWA, May 25.—The official announcement has been made of the appointment of the Hon. A. S. Sifton as Minister, both of the Department of Customs and of Inland Revenue. The merging of the two departments was indicated by the Prime Minister during the session.

Costa Rica Declares War On Germany

(Special to The Guardian)
SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Costa Rica, May 24.—The government of Costa Rica has declared war on the Central Powers, according to advices received here.

THE "SANTA MARIA" UNDER NAVAL GUARD

The steamer Santa Maria, lying at Bruce Stewart & Co's wharf, and which was to have sailed this week en route to Chicago, has been further detained. Two armed sailors from a government patrol boat, which has been in port for several days, are in charge of the little ship, the captain having been ordered ashore on Saturday. It is understood that the order to place the vessel under custody came from the Department of Customs. A representative of the Guardian called on Mr. Robertson, the collector, who stated that he was not in a position to make any statement except to say that this step had been taken in accordance with orders received.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Lecture—Rev. Dr. McEwen will lecture in Orange Hall, U.S.G. on Tuesday evening, May 28th at 8.30 new time. Refreshments served. Admission 15 and 10 cents. If weather unfavorable next fine evening. meet

PARLIAMENT CLOSED ON FRIDAY MORNING

Government Will Make Announcement Regarding Cases of Hardship Where Young Men, Farmers and Others, are Called to Military Service. Ministers Going to England.

OTTAWA, May 24.—Parliament prorogued after midnight. Considerable uncertainty prevailed as to the possibility of finishing the business still before the house until a late hour and at times it looked as though the ceremony would have to be deferred. Estimates passed at the evening sitting included over 100 items, amounting to many millions of dollars. They provided a considerable amount of discussion and members had to be appealed to limit their remarks if pro-rogation was to take place. During the evening Sir George Foster summarized a statement, submitted by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick in regard to the payment of \$75,000 to him by way of allowance covering two years during which he did not attend privy council meetings in London. Sir Charles intimates his willingness to return the amount if it was the wish of the house that he should do so. There was one division during the day, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved for the repeal of the war-time elections act. The proposal was rejected on a vote of 74 to 53, a government majority of 21.

Military Service Act

After the estimates had all been passed, Thomas Vieu (Lotbiniere) called the attention of the House to the fact that a large delegation of farmers had recently addressed the government on the military service act and its relation to food producers. He said they had embodied their requests and conclusions in the form of a report, and had addressed a communication to the speaker. Mr. Vieu then read the communication. Mr. Vieu asked if the government had any change of policy to announce in regard to the calling up of farmers for military service. Sir George Foster: "The government has given and is still giving the most careful and earnest consideration possible to the cases of extreme hardship which may occur in the working out of the military service act of the order-in-council which has been recently passed. These cases of hardship will be considered not only as they affect farmers, but will be considered as they affect others as well. There will be no distinction made as to classes in which similar cases or special cases of extreme hardship occur. With reference to these cases, an order-in-council has been passed.

To Be Made Public

It will be issued to the public, accompanied by regulations which are now receiving the consideration of the government.

BACK FROM OVERSEAS

Lieut. Lyman H. Davison, who left here in April, 1917 in charge of fifty men as reinforcements for the 5th Siege Battery, (now the 8th) has returned to Charlottetown. Lieut. Davison who is the son of Col. H. M. Davison, City, has made several trips across to France as conducting officer with troops, but owing to ill health was never able to participate in active hostilities. When the war first broke out Lieut. Davison went to Sydney Mines afterwards being attached to the Fort Ives Battery. He is to be hoped that after undergoing medical treatment here his health may soon be fully restored.

ARCHBISHOP CODY MI- NISTER OF EDUCATION

(Special to The Guardian)
TORONTO, May 25.—Archdeacon Cody has been appointed Minister of Education for Ontario.

FINLAND IS WARNED.

LONDON, May 22.—Any measures directed by Finland against the Mourmansk railway will be regarded by Great Britain, France and the United States as a breach of neutrality, the Dispatch of Stockholm says. A Stockholm despatch to the Morning Post quotes this newspaper to the effect that the Finnish government have thus been informed by Great Britain.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

FOR SALE.—A FARADAY MACHINE (almost new). Apply 244 Buxton Street. 6086-5-25MELT.
WANTED.—AT ONCE, A GIRL FOR general housework. Apply at Guardian Office. 4707-4-24M
WANTED, GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. No washing. Apply at Guardian Office. 6078-5-7MELT.
TO LET.—CENTRALLY LOCATED a bright, front bedroom in private family. Apply at Guardian Office. 6084-5-27MELT.