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YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Sir George Foster Tells What Government is Doing and has Done to Encourage Shipbuilding in Canada and Scathingly Rebukes the False Critics of the Government.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA.—"I cannot go into particulars but I can say that today every shipyard in the Dominion which is able to build ships and is equipped with the actual contracts for building every ship and every vessel they can turn out and that today the building of vessels in this country for the specific purpose of warding off and fighting the submarine peril is being carried on in all the shipyards in the country...

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This was the emphatic statement made to Parliament today by Sir George Foster, acting Prime Minister, in the course of a vigorous reply to Opposition attempts to create the impression that the Dominion Government was not only failing to do anything to encourage shipbuilding in Canada to replace submarine losses but was leaving the Atlantic coast insufficiently protected. The discussion was started by E. M. MacDonald of Pictou who moved the adjournment of the House to discuss "a matter of urgent public importance," the submarine menace. Mr. MacDonald assured the House that his remarks were not actuated by partisan motives. He spoke of the great necessity of an aeroplane station on the coast as a protection against submarines, chided the Government for not having its own coast protective force, and even went so far as to reflect upon the protection given Canadian transports crossing the ocean.

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SYDNEY TO HAVE FLOATING DRY DOCK

The Sydney Foundry Company Making Extensive Preparations for Building Marine Engines and Ship Equipment, Having Secured Large Contracts from British Admiralty.

(Canadian Press Despatch) S. DNEY.—The purchase of a floating drydock to be used in repairing the smaller class of steel and wooden ships is announced today by the Sydney Foundry Company. This is a complete dock and is expected to arrive in Sydney in a few weeks.

The company have arranged for the purchase of new machinery to build marine ships equipment, having been recently awarded extensive contracts for ships equipment by the British Admiralty. Minard's Liniment cures toothache.

GERMANS' FRANTIC EFFORTS TO RETAKE LOST POSITIONS

Hurling Fresh Reinforcement into the Slaughter and Using all the Most Terrible Devices of Warfare to Loosen the British Grip on Hindenburg Line, but so Far They Have Failed.

(Canadian Press Despatch) BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, IN FRANCE.—(From the Associated Press Correspondent)—While there is no general battle in progress intensely bitter fighting has flared up at various sections of the British line in the vicinity of Lens and almost south of St. Quentin. Much of this is due to desperate attempts of the Germans to retake some of their old positions. They still are hurling fresh reinforcements by day and by night into the conflict which is ever becoming more sanguinary. The Germans resorted to the use of liquid fire in their most recent at-

tacks but even that barbaric weapon has failed them. It has been employed several times in the tragic fighting which has raged about Bullecourt in the past ten days. This village and sections of the Hindenburg line which adjoin it has been the real storm centre of the war during this period along the British front. The Germans appear absolutely frantic in their efforts to hold the northern half of the village of Bullecourt and to oust the Australians from their grim hold on the Hindenburg line. A short distance to the east fighting has been marked by all the worst devices of warfare for in addition to

liquid fire, gas has been used time after time, boiling oils are thrown, and hand grenades, rifle grenades, trench mortars and every character and calibre of artillery. BERLIN REPORT (Canadian Press Despatch) BERLIN.—Mutual artillery firing of the greatest violence prevailed over the entire Ayras front in France yesterday, says an official statement issued today by the German Army Headquarters Staff. Eighteen British and French airplanes were downed yesterday on the western front.

ITALY PREPARING FOR GREAT OFFENSIVE

(Canadian Press Despatch) ROME.—Indications that Italy may have started a general offensive movement with Trieste as the objective were contained in despatches received via Switzerland today. They indicated a sudden resumption of intense fighting in this theatre which has been almost quiescent for five or six months.

GERMAN DESTROYER BADLY WOUNDED

(Canadian Press Despatch) AMSTERDAM.—A German torpedo boat was badly hit in a battle between German and British destroyers early yesterday morning, according to a flushing correspondent of the Telegraaf. The correspondent says that a very hot battle took place near North Sinder Lightship. Great flames were visible and firing could be heard in flushing and elsewhere in Holland. The Germans passed North Sinder at great speed about 4.20 o'clock the British pursuing and both sides firing rapidly. One of the German boats was seen to be severely injured. The British followed their quarry until near the minefields of the Flemish coast, the Germans taking refuge in Zebrugge. All Thursday night fire signals were being sent up from Zebrugge and searchlights were flashing continuously.

BRITISH ADVANCE IN MACEDONIA

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON.—Attacking on a front of about four miles in the Lake Doiran region of Macedonia British troops on one wing took the Teutonic Allied trenches on a front of two miles and on the other flank advanced on a front of about a mile, according to a British official communication issued last night. (Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON.—Furious assaults along practically the entire Bulgar-German lines in Macedonia by the Allied forces are reported in a very long and detailed Bulgarian official report issued on Thursday. The report claims the repulse of all attacks but says that a most violent artillery action is proceeding day and night.

SAD TRAGEDY IN CHATHAM, N.B.

(Canadian Press Despatch) CHATHAM, N. B.—A startling tragedy took place here yesterday when Mr. Andrew H. Marquis, a leading merchant, met instant death and William Cable an employee of the town electric light plant suffered painful injuries from a live wire. The fatality occurred at a fire which broke out in Marquis' barn. The firemen were at work on the blaze when a ladder was placed against the building near the spot where the electric light wires coming from the house entered the barn and supplied light for the stable. The tragedy followed.

13 AUSTRIAN SUBS SUNK IN 3 WEEKS

(Canadian Press Despatch) NEW YORK.—A News Agency despatch from Washington says: "13 Austrian submarines were sunk in the Mediterranean in the past three weeks by Italian naval forces, it was learned here officially today."

MISSIONARY WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA

Rev. Walter A. Cotton, C. R., gave a most interesting lecture Wednesday evening in St. Paul's school room. The attendance, owing to the very disagreeable weather was not large, but all present were deeply interested in the excellent description given of the work of the church in this interesting portion of the British Empire. The lecturer gave an account of the history of the clashing of the white immigrants—Dutch and English advancing from Capetown and the South—with the African tribes who came before them into the country from the north. He noted several interesting points of likeness between these pastoral tribes and the Israelites of Bible Story. It is plain that he considers them a young hopeful people, with a future. He also spoke of the five or six hundred thousand half-castes who stand between the million and a quarter whites and the six or seven million Africans, thus making up the main constituents of South Africa's population. He dwelt at length on the colour problem and the friction resulting from the interaction of white and coloured people. Apart from skilled labour the colored are South Africa's working classes. The problem is immensely important for the Church. He compared it with the Jew and Gentile controversy of early Christianity. It is essential, he claimed, that there must be no divisions in essential church life on color lines. Christianity must be a binding peace keeping power, upholding the rights and showing the duties of each to the other. It is necessary also in South Africa to promote harmony between Dutch and English that they may supplement each other in good measures towards the solution of the native question; and again to impress on natives the need of patience. He showed how in the diocese of the Transvaal where there are 46,000 native members of the English church. These are represented in Synod along with the whites, all under one Bishop and church organization. But in the ordinary routine of worship, the different races are in separate congregations. He spoke of the attractiveness of the natives, their simple faith, and their loyalty, quoting a message from General Smuts to the effect that the German East Africa Campaign is being concluded by African native troops. All men, the lecturer thought, are alike in their higher qualities. If this is dwelt upon, the differences will not avail to perpetuate friction and the future for the Empire, with its multiplicity of races in a commonwealth, as of the church which is for all nations, will be full of hope.

WHEAT PRICES AGAIN SOARING

(Canadian Press Despatch) CHICAGO.—Highest peaks in wheat prices were again overtopped today. The opening quotations which range from half a cent off to three cents advance with May at \$3.18 and July at \$2.47 1/2, to \$2.49, were followed by a sharp general advance carrying May to \$3.19 and July to \$2.52 1/2. September made a still greater jump, \$1.51 1/2 to \$1.61 1/2 and touched \$2.16.

MEETING OF GOVERNMENT

A meeting of the Provincial Executive was held yesterday afternoon when considerable routine business was put through in response to petitions from the roads from Mount Stewart to Georgetown and Souris were opened to motor vehicles. Mr. J. D. Stewart, Barrister and Attorney, was appointed a King's Counsel, Sheriffs Curran and Dougan, of King's and Queen's Counties respectively, were re-appointed, and Mr. A. E. J. Wright, Summer side, appointed Sheriff for Prince George. Mr. J. P. Gordon was re-appointed trustee for the Charlottetown School Board and Mr. Edward Strong re-appointed for the Summerside School Board.

SEVERE BLOW TO NATIONALIST CAUSE IN IRELAND

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON.—The Daily Telegraph commenting on the result of the South Londonderry election refers to the severity of the blow for the Nationalist party and continues: "It scarcely falls with less force upon all in this country who have hoped against hope through all the terror and tragedy of these last years for the attainment of an Irish settlement and the removal of the most outstanding failure of statecraft in the records of our own governing Empire." The extreme Unionist view as expressed in the Morning Post is that people now know exactly where they stand. The Liberal pro Home Rule Press on the other hand lays blame on the Unionists. Thus the Daily Chronicle says: "Our plain interest has strengthened John Redmond's party by every concession in our power. Unfortunately, the reactionary wing of the Tories has been allowed to veto all concessions and although the splendid loyalty of Mr. Redmond and his associate has not been altered thereby their leadership of the Irish people has been shaken to its foundations. The Liberal pro Home Rule Press on the other hand lays blame on the Unionists. Thus the Daily Chronicle says: "Our plain interest has strengthened John Redmond's party by every concession in our power. Unfortunately, the reactionary wing of the Tories has been allowed to veto all concessions and although the splendid loyalty of Mr. Redmond and his associate has not been altered thereby their leadership of the Irish people has been shaken to its foundations."

ISLANDERS IN CASUALTY LIST

Those who with fame eternal their own dear land endowed Took on them as manly the shade of death's dark cloud; Yet dying thus they died not on whom is glory shed By virtue which exalts them above all other dead. (From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA.—Tonight's casualty list includes 12655 Emilie Gallant, St. Timothy; 7130019, Mark W. Heckbert, Bedouque, wounded. In Thursday nights list, the following are announced. Jas. V. McDonald, Mount Stewart P. E. I., wounded; Henri Arsenault, Abrams Village, P. E. I., gravely ill; Jas. Hopkinson, Charlottetown, died of wounds.

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