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ITALIANS ANNIHILATE AUSTRIAN COLUMNS

Heavy Fighting on Austro-Italian Front. Italians Compelled to Withdraw at one Point but Re-captured Position.

(Special to the Guardian.) ROME, June 1.—An official statement at midnight last night reads: "On the heights north of the valley of the Adro and in Rivazone numerous enemy movements are evident with uncustomed activity in defensive work."

FURTHER REPORTS DEVELOPMENT COMMIS'N

IMMIGRATION.

Among the reports submitted by Mr. Percy Pope, Chairman of the Sub-committee on "New Industries" developed Resources and Immigration was the following:

As I understand the "New Industries" part of our sub-committee's work is pretty well covered by other members, I intend to confine myself to a few suggestions on the subject of Immigration.

There are several special heads, such as Agriculture and Fisheries, under which this question will doubtless receive consideration, while in a general way we may assume that our province is not yet prepared to take care of a large influx of foreign population.

Prince Edward Island is the only province in Canada which does not take any part in the effort to procure immigrants. Nova Scotia has an agency and immigration officials in London, and as a result of their work in the year 1915 over 5,000 immigrants were secured.

These figures refer to agricultural immigrants specially, but we are all aware that in our largely undeveloped fishing industry there is a wide field for desirable people; while it may be suggested that some effort may be made to secure from abroad.

In order to place our province on an equality with other parts of Canada in this regard we must be prepared to spend some money. I fully agree with the opinion that Prince Edward Island is capable of supporting a population of half a million people.

There are many plans in successful operation in other parts of the world by which settlers on the land are assisted to purchase and equip farms on easy terms. Some such plan should be considered by our Provincial Government and it should be made to apply to desirable native born as well as to immigrants.

the attacking columns. Fighting was fiercest around Cot di Buole where our gallant troops pursued the enemy with bayonets. Further east concentration of enemy artillery fire compelled us to evacuate a position on the Mont Pria front but a desperate counter attack regained it for us. Nevertheless, owing to violent artillery our troops withdrew slightly on the southern slopes of the mountain.

grants adapted to our conditions. Such an official could at any time select people specially required for the prosecution of some new industry or fisheries, etc. Much might be said in elaboration of a scheme along these lines, but though I have thought to some extent about this matter, I do not feel sufficiently qualified on the subject to take up too much time with my views.

Education

Rev. Dr. P. C. Gauthier, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Education, submitted his report, of which the following is a synopsis:

General Education: The committee stated that our schools are progressing slowly but surely. Following are the improvements which have developed within the past 10 or 20 years: An increased attendance, keener interest on the part of the parents, larger salaries for teachers, better normal training, establishment of school libraries in many districts, summer schools for teachers, more and better inspection, more up-to-date school buildings and equipment in several localities, the introduction of Rural Science in the Prince of Wales College, and in our schools.

The war has taught us where the European countries stood before the war in the matter of Education, and what a small country such as Belgium could do and had done in the way of rural organization and education, both general and technical.

Our raw material in this province is excellent, consequently, the finished product of our schools has been good for the most part. We should aim to excel and mediocrity should be eliminated.

The committee find that our educational machinery is not up to the standard. We have in the public schools about 18,000 pupils. Of these 2,500 leave school each year, yet but 200 advance to higher school grades.

The vast majority are ill-equipped for the struggle of life. The remedy lies in the inauguration of a system of high schools in all our principal centres.

This will necessitate a higher grade of teachers than we have at present, or rather teachers specially trained and educated.

NORMAL TRAINING.

Twenty years ago we had no normal training. To-day though it is somewhat of a real quantity, it is far inferior to that given in the other provinces.

FRENCH TROOPS CAPTURE ENEMY POSITIONS ON VERDUN FRONT

Took 250 German Prisoners and Captured Seven Machine Guns. French Positions Strongly Fortified and Enemy Repulsed in Every Attack.

PARIS, May 31.—Official communication: "On the left bank of the Meuse there was violent bombardment with shells of large calibre in the region of Avocourt and Hill 304."

"In the afternoon in a spirited attack our troops gained possession of a German work strongly organized on the slopes to the southwest of Le Mort Homme. We took 220 prisoners including five officers and captured seven machine guns."

"On the slopes southeast of Le Mort Homme a surprise attack last night enabled us to capture 25 prisoners."

"On the right bank there was great activity of two batteries between the Meuse and Port Vaux but no infantry action."

"Our batteries took under their fire and dispersed enemy concentrations north of Bois des Fosses. Cannoning was intermittent on the rest of the front and more in the east of Metzeral Hartmanns Willer Kopf."

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, May 31.—French troops northwest of Verdun in the region of Le Mort Homme have turned on the offensive against the Germans and in spirited attack have captured strongly organized positions on the slopes southwest of Le Mort Homme. Seven machine guns and 225 prisoners were taken in an attack, which was only interrupted by a counter-attack reported in the latest French official communication.

The town of Avocourt and Hill 304, in the immediate vicinity of large calibre and being used. Bombardments are in progress north of Verdun from the Meuse river to Port Vaux and up in the Vosges mountains in Hartmanns-Waller-Kopf region.

On Asiaga-Arsiero sector of the Austro-Italian front the Austrians have taken additional points of vantage from the Italians and put down attempts by King Victor Emmanuel's men to recover the lost ground.

According to an Austrian communication, during the present offensive the Austrians have captured 31,082 and 298 cannon. The Italian war office reports the evacuation of positions at Monte Priatoira and Punt Ocrdin on the Asiaga Plateau.

The Lakt region south of Dvinsk on the Russian front is again the scene of heavy bombardments, probably a prelude to more infantry fighting. Farther south on the Volynian front and along the Besarabian border there is increased activity by the Teutons and the Russians.

Petrograd reports the capture of a Russian position in the region of Diarbekr but says the Russians in a counter-attack ejected the invaders.

Nothing new has come through concerning the invasion of Greek Macedonia by the Bulgars and Germans, but on the extreme western part of the Balkan front the Austrians along the Vovusa river in Albania have pursued Italian patrols.

The British invasion of German east Africa continues and has reached a strongly entrenched German position between Egare mountains and Panagni river where a fight seems possible.

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD, May 31.—An official communication says: "In the Lake region south of Dvina artillery has been active at many points. The enemy aerial engagements have been increasing in activity over the whole front. One of our aeroplanes fought an enemy Albatross with a machine gun. The Albatross was brought down northwest of Sanovitchi enveloped in smoke. In the Caucasus in the direction of Diabeta on Sunday the Turks opened an offensive from the direction of Ognote on Margabasar and a portion of the forces occupied Genret. Our troops then took the offensive and ejected them."

CHARLOTTETOWN MAN KILLED AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, May 30.—Robert Bowden, aged 20, of Charlottetown, a seaman on the steamer Halifax, was fatally injured by a train here tonight. He visited his brother and fell off the train in the railway yard. Both his legs were cut off and he died in the hospital after midnight.

Another Islander Killed in Action

Last night's casualty list issued at Ottawa reports Lance Corporal Hugh Allen Steele, Newport, P. E. I., killed in action.

CONSOLIDATION.

The number of our schools with attendance of less than 15 (some with only 4 or 5) is to-day 143.

How is the number of small schools to be reduced? Consolidation is the only practical and rational solution.

A campaign must be inaugurated. The people must be educated to see and appreciate the educational value of larger and better equipped schools.

The advantages of consolidation were named as follows: (1) Greatly increased attendance. (2) Development of a "spirit of co-operation and community interest."

(3) The country school shall come to possess all the advantages of grade classes, proper equipments and the teaching under properly qualified teachers of such subjects as agriculture, domestic science, and normal training.

ANNUAL MEETING P. E. ISLAND HOSPITAL

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Hospital was held last night in the Board of Trade Rooms. There was a large attendance of citizens including a number of ladies.

The chairman Mr. Percy Pope presided and submitted the annual report covering the operations for the year. There was a large increase in the number of patients passing through the hospital. This was the first full year on which the hospital was operating since the addition of the new and commodious wings, but even with the increased accommodation the institution was taxed to its capacity.

The financial report was very satisfactory, showing a large increase in revenue as well as in expenditures.

The retiring trustees were Messrs W. A. O. Morison and David Schurman and both declined re-nomination Messrs Murdoch McLeod and W. H. Tidmarsh were elected to fill these vacancies.

Col. H. T. Johnson now on active military service has placed his resignation in the hands of the trustees. This resignation was accepted and Mr. D. G. Wright was appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Henry Cundall who had served on the Board for many years and was also one of the largest supporters of the institution was in account of advancing years and inability to attend the meetings, retired from the Board and Dr. James Warburton was elected to fill the vacancy.

Notes of appreciation to the trustees and the hospital staff were passed unanimously.

CANADIANS PRISONERS GET ALL PARCELS

LONDON, May 30.—Colonel Noel Mihal confers with Colonel Hodgkiss and Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley, of the prisoner-of-war department at the Canadian Red Cross Headquarters here yesterday, when it was decided that in view of questions raised as to the House of Commons yesterday regarding rationing given prisoners in German camps, to issue a statement of reassurance to relatives and friends of interned Canadian soldiers and those interested in Red Cross work.

That all parcels which the society sends out in the name of the society are promptly received.

A number of acknowledgements of the safe arrival of food and clothing were received this week, dated May 28th. No complaints have reached the Canadian Red Cross. One writer speaks of the care at Hanover as good and adds: "What we greatly need is sporting gear—footballs, boxing gloves, etc.—and if you can do anything for us we shall be grateful." In this camp there are 400 British prisoners, most of whom are Canadians.

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BRITISH ADVANCING IN GERMAN E. AFRICA

LONDON, May 31.—British invasion of German East Africa has been carried further into the interior and one of the British columns is now confronted with a German army which has taken a strong defensive position.

The official statement says General Smuts (British commander) reports our columns which is advancing down the Egare Mountains on the 29 and located the enemy near Nkochen, occupying a strong entrenched position on the narrow neck between the mountains and the river."

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CLOSING EXERCISES AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

A Most Successful Year Reviewed. Excellent Valedictory Address and Good Programme of Music and Inspiring Addresses.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather of yesterday the commencement exercises of St. Dunstan's College were well attended.

Among those present were Lieut. Governor McDonald, Premier Mathieson, His Worship, Mayor Brown, His Lordship Bishop O'Leary, U. S. Consul Pierce, Judge Fraser, Rev. Canon Simpson, Mr. A. B. Warburton, Rev. Dr. Gauthier and others.

The proceedings opened with a chorus "O Canada," by the Glee Club, followed by the reading of the Alumni Essay by Mr. Finley Mullally.

The title of this essay was "Canada's Place in the War." It was an exceedingly well-written essay, showing how Canada is indebted to the Motherland for many things, including our system of Government with its many cherished privileges.

The writer pointed however to the main fact—that Canada is fighting to preserve her very existence—for victory for our high ideals of liberty, the dearest possessions of the people. Canada's duty is to so conduct her affairs as to be of the greatest assistance to the Allies—that, concluded the essay, is Canada's place in the war.

Next came a nicely rendered duet in French by Messrs R. Finol and A. Caron—"La Charite," which was followed by the distribution of the Medals and special prizes to the successful students as follows:

Gold medal for Christian Doctrine—Pope McMahon, Kensington.

Gold medal for best essay—Finley Mullally, Souris.

Gold coin for second best essay—Robert McCarthy, New Brunswick.

Gold medal for Senior Philosophy—William Monaghan, Kelly's Cross.

Gold medal for Junior Philosophy—Edmund Gagnon, Quebec.

Gold medal for Physics—George Morrison, St. Andrew's, and Pope McMahon, equal—drawn by George Morrison.

Gold medal for History—George Morrison and Richard St. John, Souris, equal—drawn by R. St. John.

Gold medal for Economics—George Morrison and Richard St. John, equal, drawn by G. Morrison.

Gold coin for English—J. Storey Hynes, Kensington.

Gold coin for French—Peter Le Clair, Hope River.

Gold coin for Latin—Thomas Hogan, Tryon.

Gold coin for Greek—Amedee Caron, Quebec.

Gold coin for Mathematics—Chas. Trainor, Fall River, Mass.

Gold medal for Chemistry—Chas. Trainor, Fall River, Mass.

Gold coin for best student of the Third Year—Charles Trainor.

Gold coin for best student of the Second Year—Norbert Hughes, Charlottetown.

Gold coin for the best student of the First Year—Peter Hughes, Millbrook.

Gold coin for best student in the Commercial Course—Simon Paoli, Charlottetown.

Special prize for Physics—Pope McMahon.

gentlemanly conduct has always received and always will receive due appreciation from those with whom you daily come in contact and your future conduct will I trust be such as to reflect credit upon your Alma Mater. In closing, I may say the foundation of your future career has been well and deeply laid. It lies now with you to complete the year of your structure and complete the edifice."

A four part chorus, "O' Hall Ps, Ye Free," was then sung by the Glee Club, being splendidly rendered.

The rector, Rev. Dr. McLellan, then delivered his address to the fourteen graduates, Messrs. R. J. Brown, E. J. Boyle, R. Finol, P. R. McCarthy, F. McDonald, L. McDonald, A. McIntyre, P. L. McMahon, P. J. Mellady, W. E. Monaghan, G. Morrison, P. R. Smith, R. R. St. John and J. T. Valley. Dr. McLellan's address was an admirable one. Speaking of the graduates he said that some of their number were equal to the best graduates of former years and he had every confidence that their conduct would mark them as citizens of the first order and that they would be a credit to the College. Fourteen of the students—almost a foot team—had answered the call to arms and are now preparing to do their share in the great world war. A more extended report of Dr. McLellan's address will appear in tomorrow's issue.

A decidedly fine address was that of Bishop O'Leary, who said that the past year at St. Dunstan's College had been a year of some sense a successful one. There are 127 students on the roll—call and the students have done well in the objects for which they aspired.

He commended the action of the young men who had answered their country's call, and remarked that it was a coincidence that the first Islander to fall in the present struggle was an old S. D. C. student.

His Lordship affirmed that if it became necessary there was not a single student but would make the same sacrifice. In choosing professions he hoped that the graduates would remain in their native Province and thus help build it up to be the great country which it deserves to be. Concluding His Lordship congratulated the graduates. He hoped the latter would make next year the biggest and best in the history of the College.

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