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THE PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

Last Hours Devoted to Consideration of Pensions for Soldiers. Prorogation was Without Usual Ceremonies.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, May 18.—Parliament prorogated at 4.30 this afternoon. It did so with little fuss or ceremony. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick as Deputy Governor General officiating in the absence of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, who is absent in Montreal. There was no last minute flurry in the Senate as has been the case at the close of the two preceding sessions, the upper chamber having finished its work last week. The Commons had also disposed of practically every item on the sessional programme which was fated to receive consideration and put in its time until the hour of prorogation discussing the report of the pensions committee and hearing a number of suggestions for economy in government printing from the committee which has considered this matter. Both reports were accepted, that of the pensions committee, which suggests an upward revision in the rates to be paid in the lower ranks and which has not been embodied in the legislation this session for the reason that it is desired to allow the pensions board which the government will appoint shortly to apply the test of practical experience first. Hon. J. D. Hazen then moved that the report of the special committee on pensions be approved. On the suggestion of Hon. Wm. Pugsley that no money could be appropriated by the House except on the recommendation of the Governor General he changed the motion to read that the report be commended to the consideration of the Government.

BRITISH AND RUSSIAN SUBMARINES IN BALTIC

Three German Ore-laden Steamers Were Sunk and German Baltic Trade Paralyzed.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, May 18.—A large number of British submarines are operating in the eastern and southern portions of the Baltic Sea which is now free, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Copenhagen. It was one of these submarines that sunk the German steamer Hera. Last fall British submarines which made their way to the Baltic through the Skagerak and Cattegat carried on a campaign against the shipping between Scandinavia and German ports, through Baltic waters. In special they appear to have worked havoc with the ore trade between Scandinavia and Germany, sinking a number of ore vessels and, according to some reports, virtually paralyzing the traffic for weeks because of the peril to the shipping, due to the presence of these craft. Despatches from Scandinavian sources to British newspapers in Copenhagen recalled when German submarines were believed to be in the Baltic by British submarines. One list printed contained the names of twenty German ships sunk during October. German accounts however denied there was any stoppage in traffic as claimed by British sources, citing the movement of hundreds of ships from various Baltic ports during the period of the submarine operations in these waters. In an effort to prevent the entry of more submarines Germany, according to reports has laid additional mines to block the narrow entrance to the Baltic and placed obstructions to trap the craft. The coming of winter put an end to British activity in these waters.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS MEETINGS ETC.

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GERMAN DEMORALIZATION APPARENTLY COMPLETE

Further German Attempts in Verdun Sector Meet with Ever Increasing Disaster. French Curtain of Fire Halted Another Furious Attack with Terrible Losses to the Enemy. French Troops Capture Another Position.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, May 18.—A communication issued by the war office says: "North of Aisne we dispersed an enemy detachment which attempted to reach one of our trenches south of Nouvron. On the left bank of the Meuse the enemy after a violent bombardment launched about 5 o'clock a strong attack on our positions in Avoncourt Wood on Hill 304. Our curtain of fire and our machine guns stopped the enemy who appeared to have suffered serious losses. Artillery action continued very violently on the whole sector. There was intermittent bombardment on the right bank of the river, more intense at Les Eparges. official statement of today, says the Germans were repulsed a third time that they lost heavily. French troops after severe fighting, captured a German fort on the northeast slope of Hill 304. A German trench north of Hill 287, was raided by French forces, which killed or captured the occupants of these positions. On the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, the artillery on both sides, was active during the night. Two French aeroplanes dropped eighty more shells on the railway station at Metz, on the night of May 16. LONDON, May 18.—A British official communication says yesterday there was again considerable aerial war. Thirteen combats took place. One hostile machine, believed accounted for, was last seen descending vertically. During the afternoon after a strong bombardment the enemy gained a mine crater held by us on Vimy-rod. Last night a strong hostile patrol tried to rush one of our posts near Wietje but was driven back. To-day except artillery activity about Angres and Stelot there was no important incident to report. PARIS, May 18.—The French repulsed several German attacks at Avoncourt last night. Enemy lost heavily. The French captured a fort on Hill 304, raided German trenches at Hill 287 and killed or captured the occupants. LONDON, May 18.—Sir Edward Grey announced in the Commons today that the Vatican has made representations to Germany with a view of inducing Germany to abandon its submarine warfare.

GERMANY'S PLEDGE AGAIN BROKEN

LONDON, May 18.—The American embassy was informed today that Luigi Martini Mancini, an American citizen, was drowned when the steamer ship Bataclav V. was blown up. Two other American citizens who were on board the steamer were saved. Mancini was a wireless expert, was from Rosewell, N. Wisc.

EFFORTS TO SAVE LOBSTER MARKET

The following telegram was received yesterday by a firm of lobster buyers in Charlottetown, and speaks for itself. "The French Government has issued a decree prohibiting lobster imports as a luxury. Advise your packers and politicians to make strong representations to Ottawa to try to get it withdrawn by pointing out that it will ruin a Canadian industry, although many Canadians are fighting for France. We advise you to publish this news wherever possible, although the restriction may possibly be withdrawn." Senators McLean, Murphy and Yeo, and the federal members of the Maritime provinces were communicated with and were asked to use their influence in having this decree rescinded. Its enforcement would seriously affect the lobster business of Canada as France has been ever since the outbreak of the war, one of the largest buyers of lobsters, Germany and France, previous to the war, absorbed a very large proportion of the lobster catch. The former is now out of the market for good, while France has continued a large customer. Should the French market be closed now to this product the effect would undoubtedly be serious. It is hoped that Ottawa may be able to exert such an influence on the friendly French Government as will result in continuing this profitable trade.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF SUMMERSIDE TOWN COUNCIL

An adjourned meeting of the Summerside Town Council was held Monday night. The resolution passed at the last meeting granting exemption from poll tax to certain persons was reconsidered. Exemption was granted to all residents who are enrolled as soldiers and also to all citizens who are crippled, deformed or who are over 70 years of age and unable to earn their living, such persons to file a declaration to that effect. A license fee of \$15 on billiard and pool rooms and bowling alleys was authorized. The police were instructed to see that the law requiring ladders to be placed against buildings was strictly enforced. The matter of constructing a concrete sidewalk along the south side of Notre Dame Street from Summer to Granville Streets, authorized at last meeting of Council was again brought up, a number of residents addressing the Council on the matter. Those residing on the side on which the sidewalk would be placed protested against it while those on the opposite side strongly urged its construction. It was finally decided to build the sidewalk on the side originally planned, namely, the south side. The Property Committee was instructed to have the lighting system in Town Wharf put in proper condition. After consideration of some other matters Council adjourned. C.

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STEAMER ASHORE Near Glace Bay

HALIFAX, May 17.—A despatch to the Marine and Fisheries yesterday reported the steamer Ennisbrook, from Quebec, jammed in by the ice. The ship is not leaking. She is in 19 feet of water at high tide. The harbor of Sydney is closed by ice, making it impossible for a steamer to go from there to the Ennisbrook's assistance. The seal has gone from Halifax, and as soon as possible other steamers will be on the way.—The C. G. S. Stanley left Charlottetown on Tuesday morning to assist this steamer.

SUCCESSFUL CREAMERY

The Dunstaffnage Creamery is an object lesson of what can be accomplished through centralization coupled with cooperation. This business had been carried on for years as a local creamery, drawing the supply of cream from within a few miles of the creamery, until three years ago when the Directors, who are always alive to the best interests of their patrons, decided there was an opening to extend their business by bringing cream in by rail and to-day they are receiving cream from stations extending from Elmira in the east to Kensington in the west. Distance from the creamery is no handicap, freight charges on cream are paid at destination. In other words the co-operative principle applied to all shipping and a farmer seventy miles distant from the creamery has every advantage enjoyed by the farmer living in its immediate vicinity. The success of this policy is shown in the development of the business.

INHUMAN CONDUCT OF THE GERMANS TO BRITISH CREW

LIVERPOOL, May 16.—Chief Officer Collins, of the British fourmasted ship Calgate, which was sunk by a German submarine in the Atlantic who landed at Liverpool yesterday protested vigorously against the submarine commander's inhuman and barbarous conduct in setting the seamen adrift in open boats after sinking their ship and during a terrific gale and in a high sea. "I reckon nobody calling themselves white men or humanity would cast men adrift in sea-boats during such weather," said Collins "when I was leaving the ship I did not think the boats could live through such a sea." The Calgate's crew belonged to many nationalities. The chief officer's boat was adrift for forty-five hours before its occupants were rescued by a patrol vessel.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE MOON ETC.

TORONTO, May 18.—Maritime moderate to fresh winds mostly southeast and south occasional showers not much change in temperature. The tide will be high this morning at 11:08 and tomorrow at 11:56; it will be high tomorrow evening at 12:53 and Saturday at 1:48. The sun sets this evening at 7:30 and tomorrow at 7:31; it rises tomorrow morning at 4:22 and Sunday at 4:20. The moon rises tonight at 10:36. There was a full moon on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:11 a. m. The last quarter of the moon will be on Wednesday, May 24th, at 1:16 a. m. The length of today will be fifteen hours and seven minutes.

FIERCE FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT

Italians Capture Much Booty Left by Austrians and Retake Positions Lost to the Enemy on 15th. Austrians Driven Back.

(Special to the Guardian.) ROME, May 18.—An official communication today says: "In Adamello Seone we captured booty in arms, munitions and material which was abandoned by the enemy in Topete, Fargorice passes. During the course of Wednesday our Alpine troops extended the conquest to Crev, north of Fargorice as far as Mattarotzone. At the source of Arcar river in Ledro valley, after intense artillery preparations throughout the night of 16th, the enemy attacked our positions on slopes of Monte Parli but was repulsed with serious losses. In Legarina valley yesterday the enemy renewed by means of numerous powerful batteries his bombardment of our positions on Seegnerta after which he launched five violent attacks each time being repulsed with sanguinary losses. In the zone between Terragnolo valley and upper Astico the enemy has continued uninterrupted artillery fire against positions of our main line of defense. We repulsed the customary night attacks in San Pelegrino valley, in Marmolado Zone, on Pedia Pass, on the upper Astico and on upper Cordevole. On Isanzo front there was moderate artillery activity. In Monfalcone sector by a brilliant counter attack our troops recaptured part of the trenches which remained in enemy's hands after the action of the 15th. ROME, May 18.—The vast region in central Italy, extending from Aquila through the Abruzzi provinces, to Pescara, Pescara, Ferentino, Terracina, on the north, and including the republic of San Marino, has been shaken by an earthquake, the shocks being repeated many times, Tuesday night, and throughout yesterday. So far as is at present known, there were no casualties, but details reaching here are still meagre. PARIS, May 18.—It is believed that the great Austrian offensive expected for some time has begun along the entire Italian front. No importance is attached here to the falling back of the Italian lines as they were not strong enough to resist the attack on a larger scale. The French military authorities are satisfied that the Austrians are doomed to failure no matter what their efforts.

CHARLOTTETOWN'S FIRST MODERN APARTMENT HOUSE NOW BUILDING

Charlottetown's first apartment house, with all the most up-to-date and useful means of shortening and making easy the work of the lady without a maid—without a care as to how that precious coal pile has diminished—or whether the furnace fire will last till morning, not even a kitchen fire to kindle—these will be a few of the many worries taken care of in a four family apartment house now being built in Charlottetown's most beautiful residential sections. Mr. Charles Coles, an Island boy who has spent some ten years in the Canadian West and has had a chance to see all that is new and up to the minute in the construction of present day homes in the United States, has been selected contractor for this splendid apartment which is being built for Mr. I. Y. Redden at the rear of the two fine residences which he built last year, at Brighton. To describe in such a way as to do justice to the arrangement and finish of these apartments before their completion, is hard—but it is to be hoped that the public will have an opportunity of judging for themselves by the middle of September next. A rough description of the building will suffice during a lunch by wind and rain and the exterior finish will be of white stucco. There will be two apartments on the ground floor and two above. The heating and such like is looked after by a janitor. The kitchen is fitted with an oil range, and no coal whatever is required. The janitor calls in at morning and noon. The appearance of the building will be that of a private single residence. The interior for each tenant contains a large living room with built-in fireplace extending the entire length of one side of the room with floor place seats at each end, beamed ceiling, paneled walls and lighting fixtures etc., to match. Through sliding doors access is given to the dining room finished in British Columbia fir. The scheme here is more or less "mission," with wood paneled walls—a built-in buffet and china cabinet, etc. Adjoining the dining room is a pantry and large linen closet—the kitchen with a tiled wall—blue flame oil ranges and water supply and all that has to do with the well-appointed kitchen. To complete the apartment is a large bathroom and two large bedrooms with lots of sunlight and fresh air. Work on the foundation is already well under way.

LAST HOUR ACTS OF THE SENATE

OTTAWA, May 17.—The bill appropriating the acquisition by the Government of the three roads comprised in what is generally referred to as the Quebec and Saguenay System, was passed by the Senate tonight after six months' hoist had been moved by Senator Bostock and defeated by 22 to 8. The supplementary estimate appropriating \$4,000,000 for the purchase of the roads and the commencement of work there on, was also passed in the commons to-night after a motion to strike it out, made by Mr. E. W. Nesbitt had been defeated by a standing vote of 29 to 12. Mr. W. F. Nickle voting against the Government. Senate amendments to Hon. C. J. Doherty's prohibition bill were accepted by that minister, though he stated he did so only because he did not wish to have the bill drop altogether and that he considered they seriously prejudiced its effects. The house then passed a supply bill totalling \$120,000,000. Other matters discussed during the day including the matter of shipment of goods from east of Canada to New York in bond and thence by boat via the Panama Canal to the Pacific Coast. Mr. J. C. Turritt advocating the appointment of a Canadian customs official in New York for that purpose. Hon. Dr. Reid announced that he was endeavoring to promote a steamship service between Canadian ports in the East and the Pacific Coast via the Panama Canal and that he did not think it would be wise to tie the Government's hands by allowing wood to be shipped from New York in the interim.

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