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HEAVY FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT

Despite Desperate Attacks by Germans the Allies Hold the Initiative and are Steadily Improving Their Position. Infantry Combats are Fierce, Trenches Frequently Changing Hands. 31,829 Prisoners Taken Since April 15.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE.—(From Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Between April 15th and May 24th the number of German prisoners falling into French hands reached a total of 31,829 of whom 28,945 were unarmoured. The period covers three phases of the general attack, now temporarily abandoned, which the French undoubtedly will continue when the proper moment arrives. As a result of their successful attacks they possess the initiative and occupy more important positions than when they began the forward movement in April. Artillery duels continue incessantly at all points on the front, occasionally intermingled with local infantry combats in the course of which short stretches of trench sometimes change hands. Thus far the French always regained any position taken from them and at some places have bitten further into the German lines. The Germans are showing great nervousness as to what is about to happen and the slightest movement in the French lines calls forth a hurricane of artillery and machine gun fire.

of Arras Plain west of Lens, by our heavy howitzers continues day and night. It had been hoped that the mine heads and other essentials for the early resumption of operations in the mine fields might be spared but the enemy has done the work of destruction most effectively and the ruined buildings are used now as shelter for his guns and emplacements for his machine guns. To refrain from firing on such places would leave the German garrison in Lens in almost impregnable lines. That part of the front on which the electric light station stands resembles the most shell pitted part of Vimy Ridge. Projectiles making holes in the earth scarcely distinguishable from small mine craters, have been thrown there during the past few days. Retaliation of the enemy is light although now and then when what he believes is an unusual gathering in our lines is suspected he puts on a barrage. Infantry activity along the line has been confined to exploration of German trenches by our patrols. Sometimes these are found badly mined and unoccupied but in these cases the enemy is occupying posts behind his trenches.

FRENCH CAPTURE GERMAN POST AND PRISONERS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PARIS.—French troops last night captured a German post south of Cheux taking a number of prisoners. The war office announces that raids by Germans and an attack on Casque were repulsed.

BRITISH TROOPS GAIN GROUND.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—Our troops gained ground slightly during the night west of Cherisy, Arras front, says today's official announcement. Patrol encounters resulted in our favor last night in the neighborhood of Graucourt. Successful raids were made by us northeast of Loos and near Ploegstreet woods. Many tons of bombs have been dropped by British air craft on the Belgian towns of Ostend, Zebrugge and Bruges, says an official statement issued this afternoon by the British War Department.

ARRAS PLAIN AND MINE FIELDS A RUIN.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS.—(By Stewart Lyon, Representative Canadian Press.)—The shelling

ITALIANS REPEL HEAVY AUSTRIAN ATTACKS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) ROME.—A massed counter-attack thrown in force against the newly won positions on heights 592 and 652 in the Voilte section was completely repulsed. The Italian war office asserted today. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy.

67 DEATHS FROM MISSOURI STORM

(Canadian Press Despatch.) ST. LOUIS, MO.—Sixty-seven persons were killed in the tornado that swept through several counties in southeast Missouri and southern Illinois on Wednesday. Hundreds were injured and the property loss was enormous. Wires are down in the storm swept districts and communication virtually is impossible.

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CRISIS PENDING IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

(Canadian Press Despatch.) COPENHAGEN.—Austrian despatches to German papers give the impression that the Hungarian crisis is gradually working in the direction of a dissolution of parliament and new elections. In the interim the minority ministry would hold office and Count Andrássy is mentioned as the possible head for such a Cabinet. Unless the Hungarian electoral policies are changed the Cabinet in power during the elections would probably emerge with a majority.

SHIPPING LOSSES SINCE MARCH 1ST

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—Eighteen British merchant vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sunk during the past week, it was officially announced tonight. But one vessel of less than 1,600 tons and two fishing vessels were sunk. The text of the announcement reads: "Weekly summary: Arrivals, 2,719; sailing, 2,768. "British merchant vessels sunk by mines or submarines over 1,600 tons, eighteen; under 1,600 tons, one. "British merchant vessels unsuccessfully attacked including one previously reported, 17. "British fishing vessels sunk, two. "The report invariably includes all merchant tonnage known to have been sunk by mine or submarine whether employed by the government or otherwise. "The losses of British shipping from the submarine war as reported this week total 21, as compared with a total of 30 lost in the previous week. While the losses of vessels exceeding 1,600 tons each remain the same as in the last previous report, the number of vessels of less than 1,600 tons is reduced from nine to only one. The number of fishing vessels sunk is reduced from three to two.

Fourteen Weeks' Summary.

A summary of shipping losses since the weekly statements were first issued, follows:

Table with columns: Date, Over 1,600 tons, Under 1,600 tons. Rows include February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

REPORT OF LADIES AID SOCIETY OF P. E. I. HOSPITAL

Following is the report of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, which was read at the annual meeting on Thursday evening:—

I hereby submit the following report of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Prince Edward Island Hospital. The annual meeting was held May 8th, 1916, at the residence of Mrs. F. P. Taylor. The following officers were elected:—

- Honorary President, Mrs. F. P. Taylor. President, Mrs. J. A. Matheson. President-at-large, Mrs. Tidmarsh. Vice Presidents, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. T. G. Taylor, Mrs. Starns, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Full, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Waller, Miss Williams. Treasurer, Mrs. John Gordon. Secretary, Miss Catherine McLeod. Six meetings were held during the year.

The first undertaking for the year was the exhibition lunch held in September. This lunch is not only a financial help to the Hospital, but is a great convenience to the public. Proceeds amounted to \$400.00. In March, the manager of the Arena Bank, kindly gave use of the rink (free) for a skate with band in attendance. Proceeds amounted to \$63.70. The next undertaking was flag day on Easter Saturday. On account of the day not being favorable, the sum realized was not as large as in former years. Proceeds amounted to \$158.36.

Amongst the articles provided during the year were linens, sheetings, pillow cotton, bed spreads, dishes, material for doctors' gowns; also material for dressing gowns. The Society assisted in furnishing a sitting room for the housekeepers, and head nurse, also voted \$60.00 towards furnishing the lady superintendent's sitting room and \$50.00 towards papering and painting of nurses' home.

The nurses' graduating exercises were held in P. W. C. Hall, May 15th, Mr. Tait as usual, presented the three graduate nurses with beautiful bouquets. The sum realized was a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Taylor for the use of her rooms.

CATHERINE McLEOD, Secretary

SOLDIERS PREVENT CONSCRIPTION PROTEST

(Canadian Press Despatch.) REGINA.—A meeting of the working people of Regina, called for consideration last night of conscription and kindred matters, was controlled by returned soldiers and the expected protest against conscription was not made. Instead a resolution expressing loyalty was passed. AND MADE AN ANTI SING GOD SAVE THE KING.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) GUELPH.—There was a lively time last evening at large anti-conscription meeting in the Trades and Labor Hall, organized by Socialist democrats. A large number of men from the 65th Battery and returned soldiers in the front seats made things awkward for the speakers. "One of them, Marvin Smith, of Kitchener, was expelled by the soldiers to sing "God Save the King" and later to march at the head of a parade which they organized.

THOUSANDS OF AUSTRIANS IN PEACE DEMONSTRATION

(Canadian Press Despatch.) VIENNA.—Reports are current that simultaneously with the opening of the Austrian Parliament thousands of workmen ceased work and attended meetings in different parts of the city. A great procession was organized which paraded the streets a demonstration for peace.

THE U.S. PROFITS BY CANADA'S EXPERIENCE

NEW YORK.—In gauging the probable effects of our entrance into the war, attention has been turned to Canada's experience, as in some points her position is more nearly like our own than that of any other nation. When the war broke out, however, Canada had been borrowing heavily for some years and her imports largely by exceeded exports, whereas we have been reaping the benefits of very large profits from the European war for two years and have long since passed the period of uncertainty of nearly a year, which followed in Canada after the war broke out. The May circular of the Canadian Bank of Commerce compares the situation in the two countries.

By 1916 Canada had reversed the excess of imports, which were in 1913 \$309,000,000, and in the fiscal year ending March, 1916, exported \$219,100,000 in excess of imports. This excess had increased for the 1917 year to \$223,900,000. Higher prices are, of course, to some extent, responsible for this increase.

Bank deposits in Canada increased from \$993,000,000 on December 31, 1913, to \$1,303,000,000 on December 31, 1916, and in a similar period bank exchanges increased from \$9,060,000,000 to \$10,557,000,000. In this increase in deposits, the savings bank section showed the most growth, from \$628,000,000 at the end of 1913 to \$845,000,000 at the end of 1916, reaching \$888,000,000 at the end of March, 1917. This growth was steady and showed that thrifty Canadian workers were taking advantage of the high wages to put by a good share of the increase.—Bache's Review.

SIR RICHARD BARBRIDGE DEAD.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—Sir Richard Barbridge died at his home here last night. He was a member of the advisory board of the Ministry of Munitions and was created a Baronet last year.



Private J. Maxwell Murphy, Tighish, attached to the Canadian Reserve Cyclists.

This Cycle Platoon arrived safely in England and are enjoying good health and at present are very busy with bombing cycling and the courtesies necessary to the army standing. The corps is now at Cheseldon Carrs, Wilts., England, but the boys hope soon to enjoy a visit to Ireland, Scotland, and London.

Minards Liniment cures colds, etc.

ONE RUSSIAN DIFFICULTY SETTLED

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETROGRAD.—The conflict between Vice-Admiral Kollchak, Commander in Chief of the Black Sea fleet and the counsel of soldiers and workmen's delegates, has been settled. The government commission at Kronstadt has resigned as a result of declarations by the council of soldiers and workmen's delegates that it was sole authority at Kronstadt, the fortress defending Petrograd.

AMERICAN SCHOONER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—The American sailing ship Dirigo was sunk by a German submarine. The crew has been landed with the exception of J. Ray, third mate, who was drowned when the boat was attacked without warning. A statement issued by the British Admiralty says that the Dirigo was attacked by gunfire by a German submarine which gave no warning. The vessel was subsequently sunk by bombs after it had been ransacked by the crew of the submarine. The sinking occurred on May 31 and the crew was landed at Plymouth.

ANOTHER VESSEL ATTACKED.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON.—The Admiralty reports that the American sailing vessel Barbara was attacked by gunfire from a German submarine at seven o'clock on the morning of May 24. All members of the crew were landed at Gibraltar.

SPAIN SEIZES CARGO OF WHEAT

(Canadian Press Despatch.) BILBOA, SPAIN.—According to news received from Madrid the government has ordered the seizure of a cargo of Argentine wheat on board the steamer Rosario which arrived here Wednesday. The cargo was consigned to Switzerland by way of Cetta. The Spanish Cabinet, the advice state, maintains that it is entitled to take over the wheat to meet the needs of Spain.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR LEAVING CONSTANTINOPLE

AMSTERDAM, via London.—A despatch sent yesterday from Constantinople to the Frankfurter Zeitung says that Abraham I. Elkus, who was American ambassador to Turkey until diplomatic relations were severed and has since been detained in the Turkish capital by illness, was to depart on that date for Switzerland by way of Vienna. Accommodations were provided in a special car on the Balkan express for the ambassador, Mrs. Elkus and twenty-six others from the American embassy were in the party.

P. E. I. CASULTIES

OTTAWA.—The following names appear in today's casualty list: Killed in action—Eugene J. Harrington, Clinton, P. E. I.; wounded—George A. Perry, Plusville, P. E. I.

INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CADETS TO-DAY

A large crowd of citizens gathered at Victoria Park at 7 o'clock last evening in anticipation of seeing the inspection of the cadets of Queen Square and West Kent schools. Owning to the inspecting officer, Captain R. Robinson Black, not having arrived the inspection did not take place. Capt. Black, however, got here at 8 o'clock by the car ferry steamer and it has been decided to hold the inspection today at the Park at 2.30 p. m. sharp. The boys are asked to meet at their respective schools at 1.30. Much interest is being taken in the inspection, the Mayor having offered a trophy to the corps which makes the best all-round showing.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, June 2.—Moderate southerly winds with showers. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 68 degrees above. At 10 a. m., it was 50 above; at 9 p. m., it was 38 above. The coldest the previous night was 52 degrees. The tide will be high this morning at 7.37, tomorrow at 8.19, and Monday at 9.01. It will be high this evening at 7.57, tomorrow at 7.58, and Monday at 7.59. The sun sets this evening at 7.57, tomorrow at 7.58, and Monday at 7.59; it rises tomorrow morning, Monday and Tuesday at 4.33. The moon sets Tuesday morning at 2.46, and Monday at 3.26. The first quarter of the moon was on Monday, May 28th, at 6.34 p. m. There will be a full moon on Tuesday, June 5th, at 8.07 a. m. The length of today will be fifteen hours and twenty-four minutes; and of tomorrow fifteen hours and twenty-five minutes.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SIR WILFRID

Sir Wilfrid Not Likely to Co-operate with Government. Outlook Now is That Two New Parties will be Formed, Unionist and Nationalist. Shipbuilding in Canada Discussed. Large Number of Steel Ships Under Construction for British Admiralty.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA.—Ottawa Should know tomorrow whether Sir Wilfrid Laurier prefers to lead a Quebec party or lead one of the great National parties and be a factor in a War Government. Sir Robert Borden was to have received a reply from Sir Wilfrid today and meet the Liberal Leader, but no announcement has been made this afternoon. Many English Liberals admitted they had about given up hope of Sir Wilfrid consenting to co-operate with the Government. If he refuses, and such a course is probable, there will arise two new parties in Canada, Unionists and Nationalists,—the former composed of most of the Conservatives and nearly all the English Liberals west of Montreal, with some also from the Maritime Provinces, led by Sir Robert Borden; the latter will include ninety per cent of the Quebec representation and a considerable part of the Liberal representation from the Maritime Provinces. The situation is too tense to continue. A settlement must be reached in a few days.

SHIPBUILDING DISCUSSED.

The House spent all the afternoon in discussing shipbuilding. Hon. Wm. Pugsley again advocated Government aid to construction of small wooden ships.

Mr. Hazen replied that the wooden ships being built in Canada for the British Government must be over 2,500 tons. In addition to shipbuilding in the Maritime Provinces and on the Pacific Coast there were six steel ships of 7,000 tons, one of 2,300 and several of 2,000 tons at the Island of Orleans, five steel ships of 3,400 tons at Port Arthur, and eight of the same size at Toronto. Steel ships were also being built at Collingwood and Sorrel. In all 48 large ships and several small vessels were under construction in Canada. The Admiralty, he said, had excluded sailing ships from the war zone, owing to their inability to escape the submarines.

CLEVELAND BUILDING WAS BLOWN UP

(Canadian Press Despatch.) CLEVELAND, OHIO.—A terrific explosion of dynamite early today in a frame store and apartment building on Woodland Avenue demolished the building and injured thirteen persons, three of whom are in hospitals. The police are investigating on the theory that the blast was the result of a dynamite plot.

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TOBACCO FUND GROWING

The growing interest in the Tobacco Fund for the Island boys in England and at the front is gratifying. Many are commending it and promising to contribute and quite a little fund has already been handed in. As already stated the tobacco will be forwarded duty free and will be distributed among the different Island units by the Island representatives on their arrival in England. Contributions may be sent to the Guardian, or any of the other dailies, to Mr. B. Graham Rogers or Hon. A. E. Arsenault, Summerside and will be acknowledged through the press. It is a treat for the boys, a treat from home delivered to them by friends from home. Give it a boost by sending in at the earliest opportunity a contribution big or little.

The following contributions have already been received.

Table listing names and amounts for the Tobacco Fund. Includes names like Mrs. D. J. Walker, Jno. B. Acorn, Alex. Acorn, Leo McMaster, etc., with amounts ranging from \$0.50 to \$1.00.