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GERMANS CHECKED IN VIOLENT ATTACKS

Another Fierce Infantry Attack Launched by Germans after a Fierce Bombardment was Completely Checked by French Curtain of Fire.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, April 2.—The following official statement on the campaign on the western front was issued to-night: There was considerable activity yesterday on both sides. Hostile artillery was active to-day along the front between the Hohenzollern Redoubt and Souchez. We retaliated by shelling the enemy's positions. Enemy artillery was active about Ypres. The enemy fired mines yesterday and to-day opposite Fricourt and in the Hohenzollern Redoubt. Little damage was done to our trenches. Last night there was heavy shelling on both sides about St. Eloi and the enemy made three bombing attacks against our new position. All their attacks were repulsed.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, April 2.—The Germans continued their intense bombardment of French positions between Avocourt and Malancourt to-day. A heavy bombardment was also carried out east of the Meuse. This was followed by a German attack between Douaumont and Vaux which, according to the communication of the French War Office, was completely checked. The text of the statement read: In Belgium our artillery bombarded enemy cantonments at Langemarck, north-east of Ypres. In Argonne our batteries were active against German organizations north of Laharézère and Laflie Mort and against enemy camps in the northern part of Cheppy wood, west of the Meuse. Bombardment has been intense against our positions between Avocourt and Malancourt. East of the Meuse a quite violent bombardment was followed in the course of the afternoon by a German attack on the ravine between fort Douaumont and the village of Vaux. The attack was completely stopped by our curtain of fire. In Woëvre artillery activity has been less marked. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report. A Belgium official communication read: Artillery actions on both sides

A P.E.I. ISLANDER IN CASUALTY LIST

Major Sinclair Hamilton, P. E. I., attached to the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles is reported dangerously ill in the last casualty list.

NEW WAR MINISTER.

TOKIO, April 1.—Lieut.-General Ichinoseki Oka, Minister of War, has resigned owing to ill-health. He has been succeeded by Lieut.-General Koki Oshima, who had held the post of Vice Minister of War.

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FURTHER EXPOSURE OF LIBERAL MISREPRESENTATION

Premier Mathieson and Other Government Members Continue to Lay Bare the Fallacies and Inconsistencies of Liberal Criticism.

THE VALUATION OF FOXES.

How did we dare to change the valuation of foxes? Now the fox industry is a very important one to this province. It is flourishing and we trust it will flourish again and that again it will yield a good revenue to the province. But hard times had struck it and we felt it was due to the Province not to kill the goose that was laying the golden egg—and it was due to the goose to some consideration should be given it. We followed this plan: We found that the average valuation that people were willing and ready to accept would sum up to about one-half, and everyone who spoke to me in regard to it was satisfied with that. Some had already paid taxes in full. To those we gave credit upon the basis that had been agreed upon. People who had valued foxes at \$10,000 and had not been able to sell them had to hold them over. We brought them within this practical clause, and if they had over paid we placed that overpayment to their credit. We considered the question with all the ability and the best advice that could be brought to bear on it and arrived at that conclusion; and I am sure that any one of the gentlemen in the House who examined the facts would readily agree that we took the best course we could. Here comes in the constitutional lawyer whose law is subject to variation and whose law is subject to change. He says, how could we make such adjustment? I will tell him how and he should have known. The fox Tax Act at section 24 reads: "The Governor in Council may from time to time make such regulations not inconsistent with this act as may be deemed necessary for the following purposes or any of them, that is to say: for regulating the amount of tax in particular cases where special circumstances may call for its adjustment. I would leave it to any lawyer or any member on the other side of the House if that does not cover the case and authorize the government, where special circumstances may call for adjustment, to make that adjustment. Then he tells about putting the tax to \$2,000. It is one of those statements of mixed facts and falsehood that are most dangerous and difficult to deal with. It is only where the owners fail to comply with the requirements of the statute and put the value on their own foxes that the government comes in and fixes that value. But no man need pay that unless he is a defaulter and fails to put his own valuation on his foxes. The hon. gentleman said that foxes were worth last year about six or seven hundred dollars a pair. I know that some foxes were sold at those prices, but I think that such sales were a very great mistake, and every man who has to do with the fox business now realizes that if he has good foxes he can get good prices, and that the business is sound. By what right, he says, did we fix 1914 at \$5,000 a pair and 1915 at \$2,000? By what right? By the right of the statute and by the right of the government to adjust those things which call for adjustment.

litigation will show that those poor unfortunate Arsenaults who are made to play the role of informants and rogues will stand forth in very much better colours than those who tempted them to do the wrong and urged them to continue in the wrong. Now, the hon. gentleman can have his committee and I will go further and say that even if he and his colleagues who made the charges have not the courage to make a charge of fraud—if their courage fails the committee will still be appointed. MR. BELL: Will the Leader of the government insist on selecting the committee? THE PREMIER: I will have the House select the committee. The hon. Leader of the Opposition refers to a mistaken conclusion of his own mind. He thinks he may select a committee. Let him purge his mind of that. His position is tremendously important but he is not so important that he can override the will of the House in any single particular. Proceeding to speak on the last electioneering campaign the Premier said: "I don't think we could, certainly not within the memory of those in this House, point to a campaign in which there was so much scandalous misrepresentation as was made by the members of the Opposition; and I don't charge it against any of those gentlemen. They would necessarily take the information from those who were leading them, and who indeed sorely misled them. The salary of the Premier was one of those things dealt with by them, and yet there sat in that seat opposite four years ago a gentleman who, I think, is as great a man as the present incumbent, and he and his colleague both voted for the salary and they both put it through. I would like to know from the hon. gentleman what his policy is in that regard. I would like to know whether he considers the amount paid the Premier of this province is in excess of what is absolutely necessary to live upon. There is no office in P.E. Island that takes a man more and requires more close attention than the Premier's office. It is none today, in proportion to what has to be done and the importance and magnitude of the work, that is so poorly paid. We suffered many years in this province because the Premier, giving his services free, unless he was a man of wealth, might have to look for way out quickly. I think in this I have the support of the House when I say that when we have come into power I have devoted the whole of my time and whatever ability I possess, solely to the interests of this province, and that in dealing with the Government at Ottawa and in presenting our claims and working out the conditions of the province, we have had a single eye to the advantage of the province.

TWO FIRES IN AMHERST

(Special to the Guardian.) AMHERST, April 2.—Two fires occurred last night. The first fire was in the store of P. T. Smith & Co., general furnishing. The fire broke out shortly after they had closed, in the rear of the store. Considerable damage was done by smoke and water. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

RECRUITING BRISK IN THE WEST.

WINNIPEG, April 1.—Reports for the month of March obtained from the commanding officers to day, indicate that between 7,000 and 8,000 men will have been signed on since February 29, when figures for March are submitted to the local War Office on Friday evenings. This is a record.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, April 3.—Maritime: Moderate to fresh north-westerly winds, fair and comparatively cold.

THE WEATHER—Yesterday was mostly fine and mild with showers in the forenoon.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 37 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 38 above; at nine last night 38 above. The coldest the previous night was 33 above.

The tide will be high this morning at 11:03 and tomorrow at 11:34; it will be high tonight at 11:48 and tomorrow at 12.

The sun sets this evening at 6:32 and tomorrow at 6:33; it rises tomorrow morning at 5:33 and Wednesday at 5:31.

The moon sets this evening at 8:14. There was a new moon on Sunday, April 2nd, at 12:21 p. m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Monday, March 10th at 10:36 a. m.

The length of today will be twelve hours and fifty-eight minutes.

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Automobiles. The automobile question, said the Leader of the Opposition, was submitted to the school meetings and we didn't abide by their decision. That was heard all over the province and every man who heard it would like to know what was made against the Government. The people were told all the Government was going to do was to open up the whole country and defy the law. There never was any reason for making that statement. Why are motors not running in Prince County? Because the people at the meetings said they did not want them, and they never revoked that decision. If the people of King's County desire to have motors run and so petition the Government they can have them and will not be held in check by a few narrow-minded people who happen to be supporters of the Leader of the Opposition and would like to impose their will upon the whole province. The Premier then dealt with the oaths scandal and the statements made by the Opposition in this regard in the election campaign, pointing out clearly that there was no foundation in fact for any of them.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The hon. gentleman has referred to the Public Works Department. He charged negligence and incompetence and so on. He might have extended his charges. We had a case where a mistake was made in the Public Works Department. It was not the first mistake made by a long way. Now the campaign in Souris opened, and this certainly had been manufactured for the purpose. The first I heard of it as a great public scandal was at the meeting at St. Margarets, where one of the hon. members assisting the Leader of the Opposition in that great failure of theirs made the announcement that he had the affidavit. When I called for the affidavit I found he had what purported to be a copy and I challenged him to produce the affidavit at the next meeting, but he did not do it. However, we learned that that affidavit that was sworn to was sworn before a partner of the Leader of the Opposition, and as the circumstances were disclosed we found that those men who were endeavoring to cheat the government were hand in glove with the hon. Leader of the Opposition and his partner and that they were standing by them. Look at the attitude of the Leader of the Opposition. He went to enquire what proceedings were being taken. There is just one honourable course that members of a Parliament may take in a matter of this kind, and that is, if they have a charge to bring against a member of the Government or against any other member they should rise in their place and assume the whole responsibility for the truth of their charge. They should be prepared to make the charge in such a way that if it proved to be false they would vacate their seats and they can apply for a committee of the House; and I will tell those gentlemen that in such a case they can have their committee and I believe that the result of that invest-

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LIBERALS DISMAYED OVER NEW SITUATION

Instead of the Fishing Expedition They Wanted for Campaign Purposes the Royal Commission now duty Authorized will Investigate to a Definite Conclusion.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, April 2.—The Government has not yet appointed counsel to act in connection with the Royal Commission which is to investigate the Kytte charges, but the matter is under immediate consideration and will be settled within the next few days. Among the names mentioned most prominently are those of Mr. I. N. Helmuth, K.C., of Toronto, and Hon. A. W. Atwater, K.C., of Montreal. There is no intimation yet as to whether or not Sir Wilfrid Laurier will name counsel and to that extent withdrawal his refusal to accept the Government's proposal. It is apparent to-night that the termination of the debate on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution for a general investigation of the Shell Committee's operations by the Parliamentary Committee will not be delayed beyond Tuesday. It is frankly admitted what the Opposition seeks to obtain under this resolution is the opportunity to conduct a protracted fishing expedition. On the assumption that the Shell Committee has done a number of reprehensible things that nobody knows anything about, except the committee,

the Opposition would, of course, have a minority representation of such a committee, which would enable them to complain if the report of the committee was unfavourable to their purpose. The Royal Commission will deal with the four specific charges and will bring in a verdict. A notice was issued on Saturday from the office of Lieut.-Colonel John Stanfield, Chief Government Whip, informing the Ministerial members of the intention to conclude the debate on the Laurier resolution on Tuesday. It will be remembered that on Thursday night Hon. George P. Graham, on the motion for adjournment, suggested that the debate be not resumed until the return of Sir Sam Hughes. There seems to be no reason for this course, as Sir Sam Hughes will make his statement properly before the Royal Commission and will still have the opportunity of stating his position in the House on a question of privilege. The Commission will begin its investigation before the arrival of General Hughes, who sailed for New York on a French liner on Saturday. The Cabinet has passed the Order-in-Council formally constituting the Royal Commission.

ZEPPELINS AGAIN VISITED ENGLAND

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, April 2.—Scotland and the northern and south-eastern counties of England received a visit from

Zepplins which dropped bombs. In the air raid on the north-east coast of England Friday and Saturday nights 59 persons were killed and 166 wounded.

HIS LEG GONE, RALLIED MEN AND WON V.C.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, April 1.—Six new awards of the Victoria Cross have been announced. The most amazing act of courage was that of Corporal Cotter, of the Sixth East Kent Regiment. When his right leg had been blown off at the knee, and he was also wounded in both arms, he made his way, aided, for fifty yards, to a mine crater and staided the men who were holding it, controlled the fire, issued orders and altered the dispositions of his men to meet a fresh counter-attack by the enemy.

CANADIENS WIN DECIDING GAME.

(Special to the Guardian.)

MONTREAL, April 1.—Canadiens last night defeated the Portland, Oregon, team in the final game for the Stanley Cup and the hockey championship of the world, winning by a score of 2 to 1. Each team had two games to its credit previous to to-night's contest, hence there was great interest in the outcome of this deciding game. The game was hard and fast throughout.

CONSPIRATORS ARE NOW UNDER ARREST

(Special to the Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Department of Justice officials announced to-day that two alleged conspirators with Captain Tans Tauscher in a plot to blow up the Welland Canal, were under arrest in New York, that a third was under surveillance in New England, and that they expected to arrest a fourth in a few days.

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