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PROCEEDINGS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

\$3,000,000 Agricultural Estimates Passed and House Again hears E. B. Carvell's Hay Story. Hon. J. D. Hazen Refers to Removal of U. S. Embargo on Potatoes.

OTTAWA, Mar. 5.—The house spent a dull but businesslike day of it. Agricultural estimates formed the subject of discussion all the afternoon and again in the evening. A number of items totalling about three million dollars, were passed during the intervals of opposition which were held by a small group of Maritime Liberals.

Mr. F. B. Carvell endeavored to make use of the occasion to explain the new famous hay contract, which as Secy-Treasurer of the New Brunswick Hay Company during the South African war he had been a party to and was forborne under pain of penalties provided, sub-contractors to pay more than \$8 per ton for the farmers' hay. Mr. Carvell admitted the responsibility of the contract, but claimed the price restriction was inserted at the request of one of the sub-contractors to protect him against themselves engaged in purchasing hay from the farmers. The statement was also made by Mr. Carvell and Mr. J. G. Turfitt that a report by the Dairy Commission of Canada, which had been printed had been recalled and altered because it contained the assertion that purchases of the war office were being made "under the same satisfactory methods as during the South African war."

"The Acting Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. D. Hazen, stated that any alterations which had been made had been the deletion of information which it was not in the interest of the public to circulate and that nothing had been eliminated which contained any reference to hay contracts or anything of the kind. As for Mr. Carvell's hay contract the Minister reminded the Carleton member that the Minister of Agriculture had already discussed the matter in the House and had shown the would-be champion of the New Brunswick farmers in a light which was making him extremely unpopular in his own constituency.

Reference to the epidemic of powdered scab led Hon. J. D. Hazen to announce that the United States embargo against potatoes had been removed and that the tubers could now be shipped into that country after an examination which was by no means severe. The Minister maintained that the removal of the embargo was largely due to work of the agricultural department.

With this view Mr. J. J. Hughes of P. E. I. and Mr. Carvell of Carleton however, did not agree. They took the ground that there had never been any serious outbreak of powdery scab in the State of Maine who were afraid that the Underwood Tariff Act would place only a small duty on potatoes and that the Canadian potatoes in large quantities. Finally, the United States authorities had grown ashamed of the situation and had removed the embargo. Mr. Carvell suggested that the Canadian Government should now dispense with the services of the potato inspectors which it had appointed to deal with the outbreak.

BATTLE OF VERDUN IS NOT YET ENDED

Heavy Enemy Attacks Repulsed in Artois and their Organizations and Shelters in Argonne Demolished. Germans Driven out of Douaumont Friday Night but they Succeeded in Gaining a Footing there again Saturday Morning. Struggle Continues Desperately with Alternate Advances and Recoils Several Sections of German Trenches Captured in Lorraine.

(Special to the Guardian.)
PARIS, March 5.—Saturday night's official statement says: In Artois an attack by the enemy with the object of driving us from a crater which we occupied near the road from Neuville to Latolle was repulsed. In Argonne we cannonaded German organizations and demolished several shelters.

DOUAMONT TAKEN AND LOST

In Verdun violent bombardment was progress all day on the left bank of the Meuse at Hill 304 and Cole-De-Lol. On the right bank the enemy after an intense bombardment directed on Hautomont and Cote-Du-Poivre, launched our positions an attack which was stopped by our machine gun and infantry fire. In the morning the Germans had succeeded in gaining a foothold in the village of Douaumont from which we had driven them Friday evening by a counter attack. The struggle continues desperately with alternate advances and recoils for possession of the villages in the part of our artillery.

In Lorraine, near Thiaville, after artillery preparation we carried several sections of an enemy trench. Sixty prisoners were taken, including one officer, two machine guns and one bomb thrower also remain in our hands.

FALL OF BAGDAD NOW IMMINENT

(Special to the Guardian.)
PARIS, March 5.—Sunday night's official statement says: "North of the river our batteries carried out a destructive fire against enemy works. In Argonne our artillery bombarded German organizations near the road to Benarville, north of Harazee. North of Verdun there was a very violent bombardment, particularly between Hautomont, Wood and Fort Douaumont. The enemy, however, was not able to renew his attacks in that region. There has been no change as regards the village of Douaumont, in the woods to the east of Cacherville an attack directed by Germans against our advanced position was completely repulsed. In the east of Hautomont, our artillery is very active on the whole of the enemy front and cannonading moving troops near Illouk for possession of craters of fourteen mines exploded by the Russians. Petrograd reports that six craters were captured by the Russians. The Germans are surrounded in a partly demolished blockhouse and suffered severe losses.

LIBERAL ELECTED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

(Special to the Guardian.)
VICTORIA, March 5.—The bye-election Saturday for the British Columbia Legislature Brewster, Liberal was elected with 4,972 over Flumerfelt, Conservative, who had 2,526.

GERMANS CLAIM SCOP BY MOEWE

(Special to the Guardian.)
BERLIN, March 5.—It is officially announced today that the German cruiser Moewe had arrived in a German port. She had on board British prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold. The statement declares that the fifteen vessels were sunk by the Moewe which also laid many mines. One of these mines it is claimed, sunk the British battleship King Edward VII.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, March 5.—The British steamer *Arcton* has been sunk, according to Lloyd's. All the crew were safely landed. The *Arcton* was built in 1914 and was owned by the Petroleum Steamship Company of London.

Alleged Attempt to Poison Family

QUEBEC, QUE., March 4.—Muriel Goudreau, of this city, 18 years old, arose and excelled all his previous attempts to those who had engineered the pleasant affair and especially to the ladies, the Sergts. of "B" Coy. After the skate the happy crowd formed two deep and wended their way to the Kozey Korner where a sumptuous repast had been provided by the Sergts. of "B" Coy. Having done justice to the dainties, Capt. McLeod arose and excelled all his previous attempts to those who had engineered the pleasant affair and especially to the ladies, the Sergts. of "B" Coy. After the skate the happy crowd formed two deep and wended their way to the Kozey Korner where a sumptuous repast had been provided by the Sergts. of "B" Coy. Having done justice to the dainties, Capt. McLeod arose and excelled all his previous attempts to those who had engineered the pleasant affair and especially to the ladies, the Sergts. of "B" Coy.

STEAMER BURNING AT MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER, Mar. 2.—The British steamer *Spiraces*, from Philadelphia, while discharging oil in barrels here, caught fire last night. The fire is still burning along the full length of the ship.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Home-Cooking Sale, Carter's Book Store, Saturday, March 11th. 7:30-3:30 p.m.

NOTICE.—Rev. Dr. Bennett, Charlottetown will lecture in Mayfield Hall, Tuesday, March 7th, Admission 15c. Home made candy for sale. Doors open 7 p.m. Proceeds for the purchase of stock and farming implements. 7:40-3:40 p.m.

NEW SOUTH WALES PROVIDING FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 3.—via London.—The New South Wales Government has approved a comprehensive scheme for settling returned soldiers on the land. Steps already have been taken to survey suitable crown lands, and proposals have been made to make advances to each settler up to £500 sterling for improvements and the purchase of stock and farming implements.

SENTENCED TO PRISON BY GERMANS

AMSTERDAM, via London, March 3.—According to the Echo Belge, a German court marshal in Brussels has sentenced two Belgian priests and two civilians to imprisonment, with hard labor, for treasonable acts against the German administration. The Rev. Jean Baptiste Bostels was sentenced to twelve years in prison, the Rev. Jean Pierlot, to six years, Chas. Duc-Jean Pierlot, to six years, and Jean Dufosse, of Namur, to four years.

GERMANS LIED ABOUT THE ARABIC

British Government Brands as Knowingly False the Official German Memorandum which Tried to Justify Sinking of White Star Liner Arabic.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The British government is in possession of evidence, which has caused it to brand as knowingly false, the official memorandum, in which Germany sought to justify the torpedoing of the White Star Liner Arabic on August 19th last.

The German statement declared the submarine commander of the U-27 reported the Arabic had attempted to ram the submarine.

The British government now makes the unqualified statement that the submarine which sank the Arabic was the U-27 commanded by Lt. Schneider, as stated in the memorandum, but after the Arabic was torpedoed, a British naval patrol boat overhauled the submarine and destroyed it.

At least two members of the crew of the U-27 were rescued—both of them mortally wounded—and before they died, they admitted that it was their boat, which had torpedoed the Arabic. Lieut. Schneider went down with his submarine.

Subsequent salvage operations resulted in the recovery of parts of the U-27 wreckage.

GERMAN LOSSES AT VERDUN BETWEEN 125,000 AND 130,000

PARIS, March 4.—The exact figures of the French losses at Verdun have been given to the committee of military affairs, of the Chamber of Deputies by Col. Bouabaille, chief secretary to General Gallieni, minister of war. It is stated that they were not high.

The Petit Parisien says that the German losses to date, in the Verdun fighting amount to between 125,000 and 130,000 and constitute about one third of the German effectives, actively employed.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, March 5.—Saturday night's official statement says: During last night and early this morning there was sharp grenade fighting in mine craters near Vermelles. The enemy bombarded our trenches while trying to capture the crater. All craters remain in our hands. The situation elsewhere is normal.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE BIJR IN PERSIA

PETROGRAD, March 5.—Saturday's official statement says: On the western Russian front on the Dnieper, between Dvinsk and Jacobstadt, near Iller, our scouts made successful observations. To south and on the Galician front there has been the usual exchange of fire. On the Caucasus and Persian fronts we occupied the town of Bijar, about fifty miles northwest of Hamadan after an engagement.

Portugal Will Not Give Up Ships

NEW YORK, March 4.—A news agency despatch from Lisbon today says:—

Sixty leading members of the German colony left hurriedly for Spain today to receipt of reports that Germany has declared war on Portugal. The majority of the German business houses have been closed.

The Foreign Office is reported to have despatched an answer last night to the German note demanding the release of about fifty German ships seized by official decree. It is rumoured that the Portuguese answer is very brief, but contains a flat refusal to comply with the German demands.

90,000 German Troops Near Buzy

LONDON, March 4.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Central News says that Fort Vaux, five miles to the north east of Verdun, has been destroyed by heavy mortars, but that the German reports, but that the French have brought heavy artillery to bear on the approaches. It is added that a German battery has been destroyed by French shells, and that the Germans have concentrated 90,000 men near Buzy, who are to resume the offensive with reinforcements from Argonne. Buzy is about 16 miles east of Verdun.

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WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN FOR 85TH HIGHLANDERS

(Special to the Guardian.)
AMHERST, March 5.—The past week has been a record one for the men of the 85th Highlanders in their whirlwind recruiting campaign. About one hundred and seventy men signed on during the week and the results from many sections have not yet been received. Captain Rastson, one of Amherst's boys, has been doing strenuous work holding recruiting campaigns in the different churches at Parrsboro, throughout all sections of the county and the country giving their quota. Farmers are making great sacrifices in giving up their sons and depending on those physically unfit for home purposes. From one industry in Amherst twenty-eight of their men signed on during the week, many of them being skilled mechanics who have given up splendid positions. Many of the merchants are rendering splendid assistance to the recruiting campaign by promising their employees who feel it their duty to go positions on their return. Young women are filling the men's positions in the industries, banks and mercantile houses. Recruits will continue throughout the month for some time. The Highlanders' Band will be here on the 14th inst.

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THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)
TORONTO, March 5.—Maritime: North-west to West winds, fresh at first, fair and moderately cold.

THE WEATHER Yesterday was fair and cold with occasional light snow.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 19 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 11 above; at nine last night 14 above. The coldest previous night was 10 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 12:21 and tomorrow at 12:52; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12:48 and Wednesday at 1:24.

The sun sets this afternoon at 5:55 and tomorrow at 5:57; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:27 and Wednesday at 6:25.

There was a new moon on Friday, March 3rd at 11:53 p.m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, March 11th, at 2:33 p.m.

The length of today will be eleven hours and nineteen minutes.

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