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PROCEEDINGS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Debate on Woman Suffrage Elicited from Sir Robert Borden a Forecast of the Enactment of a Dominion Franchise Law. Federal Health Department Discussed.

(From our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The enactment of a Dominion franchise law was forecasted in the House to-night by the Prime Minister. Toward the close of a debate on the question of woman suffrage late to-night, Sir Robert Borden delivered a short speech, in which he said that the whole question of the franchise would be taken into consideration by the Government, and with it the question of granting the franchise to women.

Michael Steele, of Perth. It brought only two speeches, one from the mover and the other from the Acting Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. D. Hazen and the debate was then adjourned.

The arguments advanced in favor of the establishment of a Public Health Department were that the British North America Act had left this question to the Dominion to deal with as distinct from those activities, such as the establishment of hospitals, charities and the like, reserved to the provinces and that the Government already administered many branches of the subject such as quarantine, adulteration of foods, inspection of meats, etc., which it would be advisable to centralize in one department. Dr. Steele dealt with the proposal from the standpoint of hygiene, sociology and economy, pointing out that it would embrace the supervision of immigration to prevent the admission of mental defectives into Canada, the prevention of infantile mortality, the stamping out of tuberculosis and other plagues.

The House had been discussing a resolution moved by Hon. William Pugsley to the effect that women entitled to vote in any province should also have the right to vote in federal elections.

Sir Robert Borden opposed the resolution as tending to create different conditions in different provinces. He stated that Mr. Pugsley had raised questions in view of which the whole matter would be taken into consideration by the Government. Any proposals as to woman suffrage would be upon a broader basis than had been proposed by the St. John Member.

Hon. J. D. Hazen admitted the advantage of centralizing those public health activities already carried on by the Dominion in one body but stated that to go farther than that and include in its operations those duties now attended to by provincial boards of health would be a matter requiring serious consideration. He urged the adjournment of the debate for the present since the war was now the one great problem occupying the mind of the country.

That appointments to the Civil Service should be made as a matter of racial representation as far as possible and English Canadians were concerned and that all higher officials in the Civil Service should be bilingual was the proposition advocated in the House to-day by Mr. Boulay, of Rimouski. The debate on the subject was adjourned.

COMFORTS FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS

174 Provided, 926 Unprovided

"Provided" got a good lift yesterday, and reduced "Unprovided's" lead by 26. "Provided" having made such a good beginning, the end of the week should see at least another \$100 to his credit.

The Fund yesterday jumped from \$569 to \$599, and included a welcome and much appreciated contribution of \$40 from the committee of the Women's Club responsible for the enjoyable cabaret dance of the other night. Already 174 boys are assured rubber boots, and at the present rate the total should exceed 200 by the end of the week. A suggestion has been made to The Guardian by a well-known citizen that rubber boots should not be donated to those members of the 105th who have failed to assign part of their pay to their dependents or those left behind them. He points out that the Fund is being adversely affected by the fact that a number of the boys in khaki are frequently to be seen sleighing in hired sleighs. The great majority of the boys, of course, cannot afford this, as they have assigned half or more of their pay, but the few who give the impression that the whole are in affluence. The gentleman in question suggests that only those who have assigned part of their pay should benefit from this fund, and as the suggestion is a reasonable one it will in all probability be acted upon. Readers should bear in mind that the boys are a free will offering to the boys as a whole, the great majority of whom will appreciate them as such. It is more blessed to give than receive. Thousands of ladies are working daily to provide comforts for soldier-boys whom they never see, and who on holidays may spend their pay even more extravagantly than those who hire sleighs and go joy-riding. But the ladies never allow this to interfere with their good work. It is to be hoped,

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BATTLE OF VERDUN RAGING FURIOUSLY

French Claim they have Repulsed all German Attacks while the latter claim to have made advances. Fort Douamont is in Ruins. In Hand-to-hand Encounter French drove Germans out of small Redoubt Captured by latter. French also Repulsed two German Attacks in Woevre. In Champagne Germans by surprise attack entered portion of French Trench over front of nearly a mile Capturing more than 1000 Men.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Attacks by the Germans north of Verdun, where the battle for the fortress is still raging furiously, were driven back by the French, and the French counter-attacked successfully, according to an official communication issued by the War Office to-night. Hand-to-hand encounters recurred west of Fort Douamont, and the Germans were driven from a small redoubt which they had taken. A German attack on Fresnes, in the Woevre region, the communication adds, also completely failed.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The tide of battle around Verdun is not apparently in favour of either side. While the Germans claim further advances, the French are equally emphatic in their claim to having checked attacks of the masses of German infantry sent against them. Fort Douamont has fallen to the Germans, but it is reported to be in ruins, and that the position the most desperate fighting of the battle has been going on since Friday. Here the French counter-attacks were delivered with such crushing force that some of the Ger-

man detachments were driven back, one regiment being almost encircled. To west of this fort in a hand-to-hand encounter the French have ejected the Germans from a small redoubt which they captured. Throughout the entire sector of Verdun, except on the western bank of the Meuse River, where the German bombardment has slackened somewhat, artillery duels are still of vast proportions. To the south-east of Verdun the French have advanced their front at Fresnes in the Woevre region put down two German attacks against the town, but the Germans have inaugurated an important movement in the Champagne district, where by a surprise attack they succeeded in entering the French advanced portions of a supporting trench over a front of nearly a mile, capturing more than a thousand men. Notwithstanding that fresh reserves of French have been thrown into the fray at Fort Douamont, the German War Office declares their efforts have been fruitless and that the Germans have advanced their lines toward Bras and Vacheranville. It is also claimed that the Germans entirely expelled the French from the Meuse Peninsula, southward from Samogneux, west of Vacheranville.

On the Russian front, around Friedriehstadt and Ilonkist there has been heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle firing.

In Galicia the Russians repulsed an attempt by Austro-Hungarians to capture trenches on the Middle Stripa River.

The Austrians, according to Vienna, put down with sanguinary losses an Italian attack against positions on both sides of Monte San Michele, east of Azzo, and also destroyed an Italian trench on Gorizia bridge-head.

The Russians are still operating successfully against the Turks who fled from Erzerum and Ottoman forces in the Persian battle zone. Farther south in Mesopotamia the bombardment by the British of a Turkish camp on the left bank of the Tigris River resulted in heavy casualties to the Turks.

The German Ambassador at Washington officially informed the Secretary of State Lansing that the assurances given in the Lusitania case with respect to submarine warfare have not been modified by the recent German memorandum respecting that government's intention to treat armistice captives as warships after March 1st.

Another Fire On Munition Ship

(Special to the Guardian.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Fire broke out today on the Eurymachos, a Russian ship laden with munitions of war, and which was about to sail for Vladivostok. The fire was extinguished after the ship had been seriously damaged. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)
TORONTO, February 29.—Maritime: Strong North-West winds; fair and very cold.
THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was clear and cooler.
The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 28 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 28 above; at nine last night 14 above. The coldest of the previous night was 26 above.
The tide will be high this morning at 7:46 and tomorrow at 8:46; it will be high tonight at 6:30 and tomorrow at 7:52.
The sun sets this afternoon at 5:46 and tomorrow at 6:48; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:38 and Thursday at 6:37.
The moon sets this afternoon at 1:18.
The last quarter of the moon was on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 5:54 a. m.
There will be a new moon on Friday, March 3rd at 11:50 p. m.
The length of today will be eleven hours and seven minutes.

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COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

ONE CENT per word each insertion of the advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents.

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ITALIAN HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK BY MINE MANY LIVES LOST

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Feb. 28.—The sinking of the Italian hospital ship Mare Chiaro, near San Giovanni di Medua, Albania, is reported in a despatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The vessel is said to have struck an Austrian mine. It is reported there were numerous victims.

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- CARPENTER WORK OF ALL KINDS done at short notice. Charles Hansen 22 Upper Hillsboro St. 7510-2-28M11pd.
- FOUND—LEFT AT STEWART & Son's Grocery store about Jan. 1st a new. Owner may have same by calling for it. 7572-2-29M24.
- FOR SALE, FARM OF 75 ACRES, 8 miles from Charlottetown, for further particulars apply on the premises to Mrs. John D. Campbell, Cornwall, R. R. No. 2, P. E. Island. 7599-2-29M71.

German Version of Capture Durazzo

(Special to the Guardian.)
BERLIN, Feb. 28.—An official Austrian statement of yesterday which reached here today says that by the capture in Albania of the port of Durazzo the Austrians took 93 cannon, including six coast defence guns, 10,000 rifles and a large amount of artillery ammunition and provisions. The flight of the Italians from Durazzo, the report says, was carried out hastily and in great disorder.

Germany Protests To Portuguese Government

(Special to the Guardian.)
BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Germany has addressed a sharp note to Portugal in protest against the seizure of German merchant vessels by the Portuguese authorities. The measure is characterized as a violation of Germany's treaty rights, and the hope is expressed that Portugal will rescind it.

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LOST—BETWEEN KENSINGTON and Margate a silver purse containing 50s of money. Finder please leave at Kensington Station. 7569-2-29M31.

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WILL THE LADY WHO BY MISTAKE took a muff, not her own, from the dressing room at the Caledonian social last night kindly leave same at this office or phone Bruce Stewart & Co.'s office. 7586.

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FURTHER DETAILS OF EGYPTIAN BATTLE

Tribesmen Driven from Strong Position by Brilliant Charge, their Leader Killed, His Lieutenant Wounded and taken Prisoner. Turks left 200 Dead on Field.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Additional advice regarding the fighting in western Egypt, in which the South African troops defeated tribesmen commanded by Turkish officers, were received by the War Office today in despatches from Major-General Sir John Maxwell, commander-in-chief of the forces in Egypt. The report says the fighting ended in a decisive victory for the South African troops. The enemy, under the personal command of Nuri Bey, a brother of Enver Pasha, the

Turkish Minister of War, were holding a strong position some fifteen miles south-east of Barani. The attack by the South African infantry under General Lukin was completely successful, while in charge by the Dorsetshire Yeomanry was brilliant and most effective. In the charge Nuri Bey was killed and his chief lieutenant wounded and made a prisoner. The enemy left more than 200 killed or wounded on the ground. One machine gun was captured.

Caledonian Club Social and Dance

The social and dance given last night under the auspices of the Caledonian Club was one of the most enjoyable functions of the kind yet given by those officers and entertainers. There was a very large attendance including quite a number of the men of the 105th who were specially invited.

After a few bagpipe selections Mr. D. Edgar Shaw, President of the Club, in a short and happily worded opening address explained that the object of this getting together was, according to custom, to spend a few hours in a social way, to renew old acquaintances and associations and possibly to make and enjoy new ones and especially to become acquainted with some of the officers and soldiers of the 105th, whom he cordially welcomed.

The German Ambassador at Washington officially informed the Secretary of State Lansing that the assurances given in the Lusitania case with respect to submarine warfare have not been modified by the recent German memorandum respecting that government's intention to treat armistice captives as warships after March 1st.

INTERMISSION—SONGS, CHORUSES, ETC.

Duet—Messrs. Robins and Bruce. Step Dance—Corpl. Marshall.

Waltz.

Gavotte.

Paul Jones.

Whistling Solo—Pte. Daniels.

Waltz.

AULD LANG SYNE.

The party broke up about midnight after voicing the appreciation of the good time enjoyed.

PARIS HAS ZEPPELIN SCARE BUT RAIDER DID NOT APPEAR.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The lights of Paris were lowered at 11 o'clock to-

Patriotic Concert Prince St. School

A good reputation, previously well earned, no doubt accounted for the record attendance at the concert given last night by the pupils of the Patriotic Fund, and the contribution of \$54 to be handed by them to-day to the Treasurer, is ample proof of its success as a financial proposition. Needless to say, as an entertainment it was fully equal to it, if not even more enjoyable than any of the events that had given the school its enviable reputation. The hall was packed to the doors and every number on the programme was a gem, practically all of them being encored.

Mr. Henry Smith, Chairman of the School Board, presided as chairman. The programme consisted of choruses "Britannia," the "Russian Nation Anthem" and "Canada" by the classes, recitations by Miss Marjorie Cox, Miss Eleanor Lowe, Miss Elizabeth Coleman, Miss Bessie Donaldson, Dorothy Davies, Miss Della Welsh, piano duet by Miss Dorothy Winchester and Miss Florence Lantz; piano duet by Miss Constance Wheat and Miss Dorothy Stewart; a whistling solo by Private Alfred Daniels.

During the afternoon the pupils held a sale of candy and bulbs, the latter having been grown by themselves, from which a handsome sum was realized, the total proceeds, as stated above, amounting to \$54.

Teachers and pupils are to be congratulated on the splendid success they achieved and especially on the excellent example they have set for other schools in "doing their bit" for the Empire's cause.

At night, the military governor having issued a warning of the threatened approach of an airship, as the airship did not appear the lights were turned on again at 11:40, when all danger was declared over.

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