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REPORT OF ARCHITECTS ON OTTAWA BUILDINGS

Undamaged Portion of Structure as it now Stands Represents an Asset of Approximately Two Million Dollars.

(From our Own Correspondent.) The internal and external walls, have suffered no material damage. The west wing, which was recently built on modern fireproof methods, is uninjured by fire but slightly damaged by water.

COMFORTS FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS Rubber Boots Wanted

Ninety-six Pairs of Rubber Boots are now Guaranteed. The Friends of the 105th Regiment are Rallying to their Support. A Lady says She Looks the List first thing every Morning to see it Grow.

In a letter received yesterday a lady writes: "I never thought so much of the three Charlottetown dailies as I do today. This Comforts Fund is just bulky and shows what can be done when you stand shoulder to shoulder in a good cause."

Yesterday's receipts bring the total for seven days up to \$365—a dollar for every day in the calendar year, or \$52 per day from the time the Fund has been open. Everyone should send something to the Fund be it ever so little or ever so much.

Send your subscriptions at once to Mr. A. W. Hyndman, Hon. Treasurer, Royal Bank, Charlottetown.

- William Agnew, \$5.00; A. W. Hyndman, \$4.00; R. V. Mallett, \$4.00; Mrs. R. H. Campbell, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnett, \$2.00; Miss Burnett, \$1.00; Ian Burnett, \$1.00; Willie Burnett, \$1.00; E. A. Foster, \$1.00; Mrs. F. R. Hearty, \$1.00; Mrs. Harry Johnson, \$1.00; Cornwall School, \$1.00; Mrs. Jas. Lynds, 1 pr. rubber boots \$2.00; R. E. Bagnall, \$2.00; Hon. A. E. Arsenault, \$4.00; J. W. McKinnon, \$4.00; Mrs. W. H. Pethick, \$4.00; Mrs. Pethick, \$4.00; Robert M. Beer, \$4.00; W. J. Stewart, \$2.00; W. A. Weeks, \$2.00; David Reid, \$314.00; Previously acknowledged, \$314.00; Alexander Grant, Bangor, \$1.00; Mrs. Alfred Phillips, Arlington, \$1.00; Mrs. F. P. Taylor, \$1.00; Wm. Duffy, \$1.00; Andrew Bradley, Blooming Pt., \$1.00; Robert L. Cotton, \$1.00; Alex. N. McKeeney, Long Creek, \$1.00; W. R. Aitken, \$1.00; James Paton, \$1.00; Mrs. James Paton, \$1.00; Moore & McLeod, 4 pairs \$4.00

YESTERDAY'S SUBSCRIPTIONS: Previously acknowledged, \$347.00; M. P. Hogan, \$1.00; John Johnston, Long River, \$1.00; A. Friend, \$1.00; W. R. Taylor, Granville, \$1.00; Hammond Vessey, York, \$1.00; A. W. HYNDMAN, Hon. Treasurer, \$365.00

CORNELL LOSES LABORATORIES IN \$300,000 FIRE: ITHACA, N. Y., February 16.—Morse Hall, erected in 1890 and containing Cornell University's valuable chemical laboratories and scientific equipment, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$300,000 and is covered by insurance. The cause has not been determined. There was no one in the building at the time.

GALLANT CANADIAN FORCES AGAIN DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES AT YPRES

Sustaining only a Slight Loss, they Repulse Furious Onslaughts of the Enemy, Leaving Large Numbers of Germans Dead in the Trenches from well-directed fire.

(From our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—(Special)—In reply to an enquiry by Mr. E. M. McDonald, General Sir Sam Hughes stated in the House today his department had received official information that there had been a German attack on the British and Canadian lines south-east of Ypres, along a front of some miles. It had been preceded by a heavy bombardment, lasting some two or three days. The Canadian troops, however, had evidently taken to the dugout, since they did not seem to have suffered in anything like the proportion which would be expected, the record being one killed yesterday and five or six the day before. The Germans, following their bombardment, got into our trenches at many points," continued

the Minister. "My information is that the Germans are still there, but dead." (Special to the Guardian.) OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The Canadians have been in action again at Ypres and have successfully repulsed that part of the aggressive German movement which was directed against the Canadian lines. Our casualties are very small, while whole platoons of Germans lie dead in Canadian trenches. Word to this effect was received by the Militia Department today, directly from the front. The Germans adopted the usual tactics of preceding their attack with sustained artillery fire which caused the Canadians temporarily to evacuate the front trenches

The enemy rushed forward but was promptly repulsed by well directed fire from the Canadian troops. The slaughter appears to have been deadly. "There are lots of Germans in our trenches; whole platoons of them" says the report received here; "but" it adds "they are all dead Germans. Our losses are very slight. The trenches which were attacked extended over an area of 4,000 yards and those which were evacuated temporarily were soon afterwards retaken." No word has yet been received as to whose Canadian division or what battalion participated in the engagement but it is clearly indicated again, as at St. Julien and Festubert and Givenchy, that the Canadian forces have acquitted themselves with great gallantry and have done most effective work.

DEBATE ON THE BUDGET IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Pleads for Co-operation and says Canada is Determined on Victory.

(From our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—The Liberal party in the House to-day sides with the so-called "big interests." Mr. A. K. MacLean, of Halifax, the financial critic of the opposition, speaking with such authority as attaches to that position, opposed the Finance Minister's scheme of war taxation on the following grounds:—That a re-election business tax was unjust; that, in the administration of the proposed tax, inequities would occur, leaving regard to the question of capitalization; that it would discourage investment; that it would not reach the bulk of inherited and invested wealth; that a general income tax would be more equitable and just.

The main objections advanced by Mr. MacLean had to do with the retroactive feature of the taxation scheme, and the alleged difficulties likely to arise in the determination of profits as between companies having substantial reserves and those whose capitalization did not represent actual cash investment. As a matter of fact, the last named objection is removed by the terms of the Bill to be introduced by Sir Thomas White, founded upon the resolutions already before the House. The Legislation provides that companies which have in past years built up reserves, are permitted to treat a portion of such reserves, the larger portion as capital. In other words, a small percentage only of such reserve will be treated as other than capital for taxation purposes. By this means the Minister of Finance places these companies on an equal footing with those of larger capitalization and correspondingly restricted percentage of earnings. The re-elective feature of Sir Thomas White's legislation has been regarded as one of the strongest factors in the Budget, in the present opinion of the House. It is well known that it has been made in many industries during the first war period, profits which have been the subject of frequent criticism by Liberals themselves. Mr. MacLean urged that these profits should be left untouched, and that it would be better to prevent undue profit than to tax them, and he declared that a general income tax would be preferable to the business tax proposed.

Mr. MacLean also charged the Government with profligately and extravagance in its administration. Objecting to the retroactive feature of the Bill, Mr. MacLean said it might be proper if the Canadian or British Government had been obliged to pay excessive profits on war supplies, to seek restitution by taxation, but he was of opinion that the retroactive feature of the taxation measure would yield but little revenue. Again, companies having a large volume of watered stock would be permitted to pay a 7 per cent. dividend upon that stock before paying any tax. The Finance Minister's proposal was, therefore, placing a premium on watered stock, on improper methods of industrial finance, and industrial inefficiency. While companies with watered stock would get off easily, thousands of smaller concerns, which were capitalized at least that \$50,000, and which were earning handsome dividends, would also escape.

The other two speakers to-day were Sir George Foster and Mr. W. A. Buchanan of Medicine Hat. The debate was then adjourned. It will be resumed on Tuesday and concluded on Thursday. Sir George Foster did not deal with the details of the Budget, though he replied to one or two of Mr. MacLean's criticisms. His speech was rather a plea for serious consideration with a view to preparedness for the economic struggle which he said would resume when the war of fleets and armies was over. The country was entering a period of abnormal prosperity, but he would be a foolish optimist who would regard this as likely to prove permanent. The Minister of Trade and Commerce said he would like to hope for a period of unexampled prosperity following the war, but he could not believe it. Neither could he find grounds to assume that immigration on a large scale would follow the declaration of peace. Unfounded optimism at this time, said Sir George Foster, would do greater harm than a tinge of pessimism. He made an eloquent plea for the co-operation of both parties to the end that Canada might acquit itself as well in the economic struggle that would follow the declaration of peace, as her soldiers were doing in the present conflict on land and sea. Sir George also condemned the influence of patronage and urged that all the financial resources of Canada should be placed in the scale for the presumption of the war. As to increasing expenditures of which Mr. MacLean had spoken, Sir George said: "The People of Canada are behind this war; it is their determination to pay every expenditure and to bear every burden till victory is won."

TURKISH REPORTS OF BRITISH LOSSES

(Special to the Guardian.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 17.—A Turkish statement says that in fighting in Batiska near Korna the British lost heavily and that at least 2,000 men were killed. On the Caucasian front the claim is made that in the fighting of the last three days the enemy lost 5,000 men. From the Dardanelles it is reported that a cruiser, torpedo boat and monitor of the Allies fired shells at Tekke Burnu but were forced to withdraw by the fire of the Turkish coast batteries. The fire from the warships is reported to have been ineffective.

THE AFRICAN CAMPAIGN ENEMY'S ACCOUNT OF THEIR OWN GAINS

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 17.—A British official statement to-night on the African campaign says: "The General officer commanding the British forces in East Africa states that on February 12 a reconnaissance in force was carried out against Salatia Hill to locate the enemy's position and ascertain his strength. The hill was found to be strongly held, with the main German reserves in the neighbourhood. Our casualties amounted to 172. The branch railway has now been carried to Njoro. In the Kamerans, it is reported the French have closed the frontier up to Ngosa and all east thereof. Only a few miles remain to close from the sea."

BRITISH AND GERMAN IN DEADLY GRIP

(Special to the Guardian.) BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Repulse of Russian attacks on eastern front and of Italian assault against Monte San Michele on Austrian frontier was announced in Austrian headquarters report tonight. The report claims the Italians lost heavily in fighting in Rombon district and that the ground in front of the new Austrian positions was covered with Italian dead.

RUSSIAN VICTORY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 16.—Erzerum, Turkey's chief city in Armenia, is in the hands of the Russians. Heavy assaults by the Russians against a long line of detached forts protecting the city, lasting over a period of five days, described by the Grand Duke, the Russian Commander-in-Chief as "unprecedented," have resulted in the capture of the fortress. Unofficial reports early in the present month said that German Field Marshal Von Der Goltz, with 80,000 men, besieged in city, with provisions for only a fortnight. The capture of Erzerum is considered a great strategic importance. From it radiate roads leading in all directions, over those to the southeast and south it will be possible for the Russians now to fight their way towards their compatriots operating against the Prussians and Turks in Northwest Persia, or proceed south toward Bagdad to the relief of the British bottled up in Kut-el-Amarah, on the Tigris, south east of Bagdad. The immediate effect of the Russian victory on the situation in Persia and Mesopotamia is problematic, however, for despite roads, the country is mountainous and there is still much ground to be covered, something over 200 miles before Lake Urumiah district of Persia reached, and over 600 miles before the junction with British at Kut-el-Amarah.

OFFICER IS UNDER ARREST AT AMHERST

(Canadian Press.) AMHERST, N.S., Feb. 16.—An officer from New Brunswick who has been on duty at the internment camp here for alien enemies has been under arrest since he was found with a letter to a German agent with allowing the eleven Germans who escaped from the camp some weeks ago to make their getaway. The case has aroused the greatest interest and inquiries have been made here from all parts of the Maritime Provinces as to the truth or falsity of the news, which apparently have spread all over the country. The officer in question was a member of the 74th Regiment and formerly resided in Kings County, N. B. The military authorities will not say what has been or is to be done in the case.

SAY ACTRESS WAS EXECUTED AS SPY

CLEVELAND, Feb. 16.—According to information received by Cleveland, Hungary, Sarajevo, famous Hungarian actress, who was noted in England for her beauty, has been executed as a British spy in Budapest. Letters received in Cleveland declare that she was tried by court martial and convicted of getting military secrets from Austrian and Hungarian officers and sending them to England. The reports declare that some of her letters were intercepted and that one of her dupes confessed. She was well known in London where she was appearing in "The Marriage Market," at one of the big theatres when the war started. Her cause of execution was kept secret and came as a shock to the theatre-going public abroad when it became known, the letters received here declare.

DUTCH COMMANDER KILLED NEAR BATAVIA

BATAVIA, Java, Feb. 16.—Lieut. General P. T. Michielssen, commander-in-chief of the Dutch forces in Java, was killed in an aeroplane accident yesterday near Kravang, 35 miles south-east of Batavia. General Michielssen made an ascent with Aviation Lieutenant Terpoeten in an aeroplane which had been rebuilt from an American hydro-aeroplane. While they were in the air the machine became unmanageable and fell, killing General Michielssen and injuring Lieut. Terpoeten.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, February 18.—Martime: Mostly cloudy, then mild, some light local snow or rain. THE WEATHER Yesterday was clear and mild, turning colder at night. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 27 degrees above zero; at nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 16 above; at nine last night 20 degrees above. The coldest the previous night was 5 above. The tide will be high this morning at 11 and tomorrow at 11:35; it will be high tonight at 10:20 and tomorrow at 11:05. The sun sets this afternoon at 5:31 and tomorrow at 5:32; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:55 and Sunday at 6:54. The moon rises this afternoon at 5:19. The first quarter of the moon was on Thursday, Feb. 10th at 6:20 p. m. The moon will be full on Friday Feb. 18th at 10:29 p. m. The length of today will be ten hours and thirty-four minutes.

HAS CHANGED HIS MIND: WILL RUN AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Wilson to-day formally gave his consent that his name be used as a candidate for re-nomination. President Wilson reached no decision on whom to appoint as Secretary of War, while he was on his week-end trip down the Potomac and a successor to Mr. Garrison may not be announced for several days. Those in a position to know say that the President will not name any army man for the cabinet vacancy. That would eliminate Major General Goethals, who has been recommended for the place. The President was expected to discuss with Secretary of State Lansing to-day, Germany's announced intention to regard armed merchantmen of the Allied powers as war vessels after February 29.

SUSSEX WIFE DESERTER ARRESTED

HARTLAND, Feb. 16.—On Saturday Officer A. R. Foster, acting for Constable Ashell of Sussex, arrested a man calling himself Little, for wife desertion and unfaithfulness, and took him to Sussex. The prisoner has been masquerading here since last summer under the name of Little, boarding in different places with a young woman from Woodstock as man and wife. It developed that his real name was Biggar, and that he had left a wife and child in Sussex in destitute circumstances.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia. 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. **The Rustico Dramatic Club intend repeating their play "Down in Maine" on Monday February 21st. There will be step dancing and solos between acts. Should weather prove unfavourable play will take place Wednesday February 23rd. 7415-2-17-M31. Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges, twenty-five cents. "IDEAL" SAUGAGES ALWAYS ON HAND at Holman's, Charlottetown. BOY WANTED—APPLY 188 QUEEN ST. 7282-2-10MIF. WANTED SMART BOY ABOUT 15 Jessops Bakery, St. George St. 7423-2-18M3IP. FOR SALE, 400 BAGS FISHING SAIL. Apply Capt. J. R. Perry, Miminegash, P. E. I. 7425-2-18M3IP. FOR SALE.—NO. 8 HOME JEWEL cooking stove. Cheap. Apply at 230 Euston St. 6503-1-11M2IF. WANTED, GOOD STRONG SALESMAN, line gas engines, cream separators, etc. Box 116, Charlottetown, P.E.I. 7424-2-18M2IF. WILL THE PERSON WHO TOOK the Mink Marmot muff by mistake from the Rink Thursday night return it to 155 Euston St. 7430. FOR SALE.—2 SHARES IN THE Upton Bank Fox Co., will be sold at a bargain. Reason of selling party going on overseas service. Apply Box 103 Charlottetown. 7288-2-10MIF. FOR SALE.—1/2 SHARES IN THE Central Fox Co., Ltd., will be sold at a bargain. Reason of selling party going on overseas service. Apply Box 103 Charlottetown. 7289-2-10MIF. TO LET.—A SMALL BEDROOM suitable for nurse or gentleman, in private family with all modern improvements including phone. Apply 84 Hillsboro Street. 6341-1-7MIF. FOR SALE, A PROCTOGRAPH check writer. This machine was never used and is something that every person using checks should have, can be seen at any time, by applying at this office. 7208-2-8MIF.