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GENERAL MAURICE VS. LLOYD-GEORGE

The Late Director of Operations Takes Exception to the Statements Made by Messrs Lloyd-George and Bonar Law Regarding His Removal from Office and a Court of Honour Has Been Proposed. Mr. Asquith Gives Notice for An Amendment Recommending Investigation by Committee of the House

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 8.—Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, ex-Premier, has given notice of motion for Thursday (today) in the House of Commons for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charge made by General Maurice in a letter to the press that the statements made by Premier Lloyd George and Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law, regarding his removal from the position of Director of Military Operations, were inaccurate. Sir Frederick Maurice's letter concluded: "My reasons for taking the very grave step of writing this letter are that the statements above are known to a large number of soldiers to be incorrect; and this knowledge is breeding such distrust of the Government as can only end by impairing the splendid morale of our troops at a time when everything possible should be done to raise it. I ask you to publish this letter in the hope that parliament may see fit to order an investigation into the statements I have made."

Following the example of Sir Robert Borden in the case of the charges against Sir Sam Hughes, Mr. Lloyd George intimated that the Government preferred to ask two judges to act as a court of honor to investigate the charges. As, however, considerable feeling has been manifested both within and without the House of Commons, certain members have pressed for a discussion in the House itself, hence Mr. Asquith's notice of motion.

The Government has consented to allow the motion to be discussed, but have let it be known that it will be considered in the light of a vote of censure, and if carried, will resign. There is no likelihood, however, of such an eventuality, as there is at present no alternative to the Lloyd George ministry. An attempt was made recently to get a coalition of Asquith (Liberal), Landsdowne (Conservative), and Henderson (Labor), to take the place of the present ministry, but the combination found practically no support in either House. As it is expected a general election will take place in October on the new register, including women and all soldiers of whatever age, no individual or no party is particularly anxious to assume office with its momentous responsibilities in the interim. General Maurice's action in writing to the press does not meet with general approval, as it is felt he could have attained the same end more constitutionally by sending a memorandum through the regular channel to be given to the House, and failing that by getting Mr. Asquith or any other member of the House to move for particulars.

Though certain sections of the press have made a sensation of the differences between the Government and their expert direction, the general feeling in well informed circles is that the procedure of the Government has been correct, and that the reference to a court of honor is in the nature of a sequel which a soldier cannot afford to refuse.

REGULATIONS AS TO MILITARY SERVICE

Correspondence Between Premier Arsenault and Minister of Militia re Order in Council.

In view of the recent Order-in-Council drafting men of 20 to 22, both inclusive, the Premier has been in correspondence with the Minister of Militia with the object of trying to get some modification of the Order and especially in its application to farmers. Below is the reply of the Minister, together with a copy of the memorandum issued by the Dominion Government. The statement made by the Minister of Militia in the House of Commons on April 30th on this subject was published in the Guardian yesterday.

LETTER TO PREMIER ARSENAULT

Department of Militia & Defence,
Minister's Office,
Ottawa, May 3rd, 1918.

Dear Mr. Arsenault.—
Re Military Service Act

I have your letter of the 30th ult. with reference to the effect of the present regulations regarding military service.

The question of production was taken into full consideration when these regulations were brought into force, and I am enclosing a Memorandum containing the regulations respecting the granting of leave of absence to men called up by the Military Service Act, together with a copy of my statement in the House of Commons, and a Memorandum prepared showing the necessity of taking such action.

Undoubtedly there will be some cases of hardship, but the present need for men is urgent and must be met.

Yours faithfully,

S. A. MEWBURN.

The Hon. A. E. Arsenault, M. P. P.,
Premier of Prince Edward Island,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.

MEMORANDUM

Since the passing of the Order-in-Council of the 20th April, 1918, empowering the Governor in Council to call out men of specified ages regardless of exemptions granted or claimed, numerous representations have been received by members of the Government expressing the view that the proposed action will prejudicially affect production in certain industries. Such representations have been received from those engaged in agriculture, in mining, in the production of munitions of war, in shipbuilding, in transportation, and other similar activities that are important, if not essential, for war purposes. The Government weighed most carefully all these considerations before entering upon the policy above set forth. With a view of interfering as little as possible with production, and of providing men who would be most readily available, and would be most efficient for reinforcing the Canadian Army in France, it was decided in the first instance to call out men from 20 to 22 years, both inclusive.

The importance of production in the various essential industries, and especially in agriculture, in munitions and in shipbuilding, is fully recognized, but all such production is of no avail unless the Canadian forces in France are sustained by adequate reinforcements. If such aid is not afforded the line cannot be held; and if the line is not held our production will in the end enure to the advantage of Germany rather than of the Allied Powers.

More than one hundred thousand Canadians are exposed to attack by overwhelming numbers, and they will be so exposed until the termination of the terrific struggle which began on 21st March last, which will probably continue for months, and which may be decisive of the war. If the scattered and broken remnant, overwhelmed because not reinforced, should return to Canada, it would profit little to tell them that while they were being decimated our production had been largely increased.

Those who have not been closely in touch with the purpose of the German offensive may fail to realize the tremendous development of submarine warfare which would undoubtedly take place if certain channel ports should pass into German occupation. What portion of our productins could then find a market in Europe would be wholly problematical.

There has been undue and unexpected delay in the operation of the Military Service Act from causes upon which it is not necessary to dwell. If the Government does not strictly maintain the policy of abolishing exemptions in the ages called out from time to time, there will be renewed and perhaps fatal delay; for exemptions cannot be granted except after hearing and investigation with consequent appeals and all the loss of time resulting therefrom.

The enemy nations are throwing into this war their entire available man power, which has been organized for this purpose during the past fifty years, and which is now concentrated upon the western battle front, chiefly against the British forces, which are under attack by an enormous superiority of numbers. In the midst of that titanic struggle the Canadian nation cannot discharge its duty unless its Government provides the certain means of speedy and sufficient reinforcements. The enemy nations will not await our convenience, and their fierce onset is not stayed by any consideration of hardship, loss or sorrow entailed upon us by their effort to dominate the world. Supreme effort and sacrifice are called for. If we fail in these we shall fail in all else.

HUNS STILL HOLD BACK FROM THREATENED ATTACK

Rainy Weather and Mud or Fear of Allied Bayonets Has Prevented Further Attack by Germans for which Allies are Fully Prepared. Number of Successful Raids Carried Out Against Enemy Positions.

(Special to The Guardian)

PARIS, May 8.—Active artillery fighting occurred last night on both sides of the Avre on the front southeast of Amiens, the war office announces. The statement follows:—"The artillery on both sides was active north and south of the Avre. A German raid against a small French post near Hangard was repulsed. In the same region we carried out a local operation and brought back six prisoners." There is nothing to report elsewhere on the front.

WEATHER HAMPERS ENEMY'S MOVEMENT

BRITISH FRONT, May 8.—Yesterday and last night the Germans kept up a considerable bombardment of the back areas to Flanders with high velocity guns. The Allies on the other hand, were busy hammering the enemy's roads and concentration points. It rained again last night and this morning, making the Flanders battleground more difficult for the enemy to work over in carrying out preparations for a further attack.

CANADIANS HELD IMPORTANT POINTS.

LONDON, May 8—Australian and Canadian troops are in action along the British lines along the vital sectors of the battlefront in France.

The Australians have struck the Germans near Morlancourt, between the Ancre and Somme rivers, east of Amiens, and have advanced their lines upwards of three-quarters of a mile, as a result of two assaults on the Teutonic positions.

The Canadians have appeared in the Arras sector, further south than they have been since the battles in this region began on March 21. This part of the line is most important as it defeds Arras to the southwest, and includes localities such as Neuville Vitasse, Moreatel and Boisleaux St. Marc, where they have been bitter struggles since the Germans launched their great offensive.

American troops, on the French front, not far from Montdidier, have been under a storm of shells for the past couple of days, projectiles containing high explosives being mingled with those charged with poisonous gas being fired into the lines held by General Pershing's men.

Along the rest of the front in France there have been no engagements of an unusual character, nor has the Italian front been attacked as yet by the Austrians.

FIELD DAY FOR RAILWAY DISCUSSION

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, Ont., May 8.—Following the budget which will be disposed of this week, will come a field day on the railway question. Hon. Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals, will make a statement as to the Government's plans and policy. There promises to be a considerable debate as there are at least a score of members who are convinced that they have the only satisfactory solution of the railway problem. A lot of questions will be asked in regard to the C. N. R., for the House is anxious to know the Government's plans as to this road as well as the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific.

TEN MILLION TONS SHIPPING FOR U.S.

(Special to the Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Ten million tons of U. S. shipping is expected this year. The budget will, it is thought, run close to two and a half billion.

TAX ON LUXURIES INJURE PARIS

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, May 8.—The ten per cent tax on luxuries is proving disastrous to business in Paris, according to Deputy Charles Lebourq, and he has introduced in the Chamber a bill repealing the impost.

AN EXPLOSION KILLS TWO AT CARIBOU HOME

AROOSTOOK JUNCTION, N. B., May 6.—C. P. R. passengers from Caribou, nineteen miles west of here brought news today of a terrible burning accident at that place. Michael O'Regan and his wife are dead, one of their children severely injured and another slightly, as the result of a gas explosion in a cooking range in their apartments in the new O'Regan building. The O'Regan's occupied the middle floor of the building and used a vapor-kerosene range attachment for cooking purposes. The attachment is designed to convert kerosene oil into gas and burns the gas as fuel.

After a meal, Mr. O'Regan attempted to relight the fire and turned the oil on before the iron pipe had cooled. The result was the accumulation of gas in the range which when ignited exploded, filling the room with flames.

Mr. O'Regan's clothes caught fire and he ran down the stairs to the street enveloped in flames. He was immediately surrounded by friends and the flames were extinguished.

Others Burned.

Mrs. O'Regan had followed her husband down stairs, but immediately returned to look after her children, the youngest of which she believed to be in danger. Upon re-entering the apartment her clothing caught fire and she ran to the piazza where friends soon reached her and extinguished the flames.

Hope, her fourteen year old daughter, was severely burned about the arms, but she is in no danger. The youngest child, however, was quite badly burned before it was rescued.

FURTHER REDUCTION IN MEAT RATIONS

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, May 8.—A further reduction in the meat rations in the United Kingdom has been found necessary, according to cable advices received by the Canada Food Board from the British Ministry of Food. The cable also states that there is found to be a shortage of both cheese and butter, and that it is hoped that large supplies will be forthcoming from Canada.

FIFTY-SIX JOIN FLYING CORPS IN QUEBEC

QUEBEC, May 8—The local recruiting committee for the Canadian Flying Corps today passed for admittance fifty-six of the six score candidates applying for admission in the corps. Another batch of thirty-six applications were received today.

Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle Fund

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MUTINY AMONG BOHEMIAN TROOPS

Officers Who Refused to Order Their Men to Embark for Italian Front Were Shot.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 8—Bohemian troops mutinied at Leibach and refused to go to the Italian front. Five officers, who refused to order men to embark were court martialled and shot. Aliens are now being called to join the colors, men of foreign birth are being naturalized who have immigrated in the last fifteen years. They have also taken those of ages between twenty and twenty-three inclusive.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL WILL BE PASSED

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, May 8.—It is now the intention of the Government that the bill to amend the Civil Service Act will bring the outside service under the civil service commission and provide for the making of appointments and promotions on the basis of merit only, shall be jettisoned in the effort to bring the session of parliament to an early close. Sir Robert Borden made it clear today that the Government proposed to introduce the bill and to proceed with it. His wish is that the bill shall become law without delay, and it will not be the fault of the government if it is not passed this session.

TWO MEAT COUPONS NOW PER WEEK

From Monday of this week only two meat coupons can be used by each individual in any one week, instead of three as heretofore.

RAIN DOES NOT STOP AERIAL FIGHTING

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 8.—The airmen continue busy despite the rain. Tonight's French war office report said: On May 6th four German airplanes were brought down during an aerial fight. Ten others were sent down damaged within their own lines. During the same day our bombarding machines dropped four thousand kilos of projectiles on the stations of Fluville, Martel, Meriesiz Ham, Guyscard.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 8. — The British downed six German aircraft and dropped a hundred bombs near Bapaume. British aviators brought down three Austrian aircraft and bombed the enemy's back area between the Astico and the Brenta.

BRITISH CASUALITIES FOR LAST WEEK

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, May 8.—British casualties reported during the week ending today reached a total of 38,691. Of this number 6,555 officers and men were killed or died of wounds, and 32,136 were wounded or reported missing. The casualties were divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds, officers 499; men 6056; wounded or missing, officers, 1859; men 30,277.

AUSTRALIA NEEDS MANY MORE MEN

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, May 8.—Australia's need for men is serious. She should enlist 5,400 men a month to meet her average loss.

BOYS' WAGES

KINGSTON, Ont., May 4.—A good deal of trouble was experienced last year by farmers in this district in securing sufficient help to further the cause of greater production. After a conference with members of the Kingston Board of Trade as to wages that should be paid to boys, the following schedule was agreed upon, which will be of interest to boys everywhere: Boys under 15 years, $10 to $25 a month and board. Boys of 15 and over, $20 to $35 a month and board.

In addition a ten per cent. bonus is to be paid at the end of the season.

TRACTORS IN CANADA

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—It is believed that over a thousand of the 1,200 tractors ordered for use in Canada, will come to Alberta and Saskatchewan. Twelve carloads of tractors are now on their way to Alberta, to be delivered as follows: Three to Edmonton; two to Lethbridge; one each to Calgary, Medicine Hat, Provost, Oyen, Lacombe, Drumheller, and Camrose. The tractors are being shipped without plows, which are being supplied by the International Harvester Company.

GERMANS OFFER NEW PEACE TERMS

Willing to Give Up Everything on the Western Front if Left Undisturbed in the East. German position in West is Becoming Unfavourable for Defensive Tactics.

(By Arthur S. Draper).

LONDON, May 8—Germany's prospects of forcing a decision on the battle field grow dimmer and her agents are pursuing the "peace offensive" more strongly.

Her chief peace agent in Great Britain is the former Dutch minister of war. A despatch from The Hague outlines what terms Germany offers. Although Foreign Minister Balfour denied in parliament yesterday that a peace offer had been made, American government officials at Washington admitted the enemy statement of terms cabled by Ambassador Page "as a matter of news."

Germany is willing to give up almost everything in the west if allowed a free hand in the east. This is as predicted. The military will consent to renounce all western claims, restore Belgium, give Italy part of the Trentino and leave the colonial question to a conference if only her work in Russia is left untouched.

Unfavorable Positions.

Events on the western front seem to emphasize Germany's need of peace. What gains have been made are on the Allied side. The Germans are now in an unfavorable position for defensive tatics and they must either retreat to a better line or plunge ahead again.

The most striking feature of the news from the front was two advances by Australian troops west and southwest of Morlancourt, between the Somme and the Ancre rivers, Saturday night and Sunday. In the first operation they gained 700 yards on a 1,500 yard front and in the second 500 yards on a 2,000 yard front, the total forward movement being more than three quarters of a mile. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans and 150 prisoners were taken. The British also improved their position on the south of the Lys salient near Locon.

After Mount Kemmel.

On the north side of the salient, the French and British have been creeping forward by a succession of small gains until they are now in a good position for an assault to regain Mount Kemmel. Yesterday's despatches made it clear that the Germans fully intended to strike a blow in Flanders Saturday morning, but were so badly cut up by the Allied concentration of fire Friday night that they gave up their plan.

Canadians Move.

The Canadians, who stand before Arras and therefor hold one of the most important sectors of the whole front, have just taken over three more miles of front to the south ward and have made a score of brilliant raids. For two days the American troops on the Montdidier front, southeast of Amiens, have been subjected to a tremendous bombardment from the German guns, both gas and explosive projectiles coming over in a steady stream.

FUTILE TO TALK PEACE.

LONDON, May 8—James H. Thomas, Liberal M. P., for Derby, speaking at Derby today, said that the millions already killed or wounded must make every good citizen long for such a peace as would render impossible a renewal of the conflict in ten or fifteen years with whatever additional horrors science might devise.

In the meantime, however, he said, it was futile to talk peace in the present military situation. He believed Germany would accept a peace tomorrow on the basis of the status quo ante in the West and would even give France some territorial compensation in return for a free hand in the East. But that would only lay the foundation for another war, as Japan and America would have to maintain large armies and navies, and militarism instead of being defeated would be triumphant.

CANADIAN STEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

(Special to The Guardian)

NEW YORK, May 8.—Word was received today of the destruction of the Canadian steamship Medora. This came in a message to an insurance company, which read "Tyler and Medora was owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., was of 5,135 tons gross and built in Liverpool in 1912."

ADDITIONAL TAX ON MOVIES

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, May 8.—Hon. A. K. MacLean has given notice of the following addition to his budget proposals "That it is expedient to provide that a war excise tax be levied, collected and paid on all cinematograph or moving picture films, positives one and one-eighth of an inch in width and over, of fifteen cents on each film, for each day upon which film is used."

MARY PICKFORD PAYS INCOME TAX

NEW YORK, May 8.—Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks filed their income tax statements yesterday at the office of Internal Revenue Collector Mark Eisner, 1150 Broadway. Terms of the law require that amounts filed shall not be divulged, but it is understood each was close to $1,000,000.

Both had received extensions with the understanding that at the time their statement was filed the amount would be covered by a check. It is said the amount paid by Miss Pickford is far beyond that filed by any other stage star.

Enrico Caruso has paid $59,000, and John McCormack paid approximately $75,000.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE. TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, May 8.—Generally fair and a little colder.

The tide will be high this morning at 10.01, and tomorrow at 10.47; it will be high tonight at 11.11, and tomorrow at 12.06.

The sun sets this evening at 8.30 and tomorrow at 8.31; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.57 and Saturday at 5.56.

The moon rises tomorrow morning at 4.00.

The last quarter of the moon was on Friday, May 3rd, at 6.26 a.m.

There will be a new moon on Friday, May 10th, at 9.01 a.m.

The length of today will be fourteen hours and thirty-one minutes.

JUNE 22 WILL BE REGISTRATION DAY

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, May 8.—It is practically decided that Saturday, June 22, will be selected as the date for the national registration of Canada's man and woman power. Arrangements are now being perfected by the registration board, and everyone will be called on to give an account of his or her present occupation and what they may consider themselves qualified for in other lines.

$75,000,000 CREDIT TO BRITAIN FROM U.S.

(Special to the Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—An additional credit of $75,000,000 was extended to Great Britain by the treasury today, bringing the total of American loans to that nation to $3,795,000,000, and the total of credits to all co-belligerents to $5,363,850,000.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

*FOR SALE—LOOSE HAY. APPLY J. Heber Crosby, Marshfield. 4884-5-8M3ipd

*FOR SALE—35 ACRES CHOICE land, 4 miles from City, C. G. Duffy, Charlottetown. 4777-5-3Mtf.

*WANTED — BY THE FIRST OF May, a girl for general housework. Apply at Guardian Office. 4707-4-24tf

*LOST IN THIS CITY FRIDAY,—BAR pin, set with topaz and sapphires. Finder please leave at Guardian Office. 4832-5-6Mtf

*WHEAT.—500 BUSHELS, MARQUIS wheat due any day at $3.50 per bus., bags included. Associated Farmers Cop. Co., Ltd., 147 Sydney street. 4904-5-9M31

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*HOUSE FOR SALE OR TO LET.—"Harbor View" Hotel, within few steps of splendid beach. Ten room cottage, also near beach. Immediate possession. J. G. Sterns, Souris. 4907.

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