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DEMOLITION OF HOCKEN TALK OF THE CORRIDORS

Mr. A. K. McLean's Reply to Hocken's Charges Regarded as One of Best Speeches of Session and an End of Rumours Long in Circulation. Debate Likely to Continue all Week.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March, 9.—The sole topic of conversation in the corridors of the House Saturday was the complete manner in which H. C. Hocken's criticisms of the Civil Service were demolished by Hon. A. K. McLean during Friday's sitting. Mr. McLean went at the task in workmanlike manner and achieved a complete success.

Challenging Hocken to put his charges and innuendoes to the test of investigation, Mr. McLean proceeded to show the whole indictment against the Commission was reared upon nothing more substantial than suttanean gossip and misinformation with regard to facts, dates, figures. With official memoranda at his disposal, he calmly but mercilessly took up Hocken's statements, dissecting them with the utmost precision, exposing their hollowness or fallaciousness and quietly stating facts. It was a very capable performance, for, although the facts were all against Hocken, Mr. McLean marshalled his material splendidly in fine logical order, making his case appear conclusive beyond all doubt.

Hocken, who remained in his seat throughout Mr. McLean's entire speech, offered no interruptions, and when the Minister concluded, was among the number who approached him to offer congratulations. Later in the evening Mr. Hocken issued a statement which, while claiming Mr. McLean's speech had practically sustained his charges, was rather an astonishing, if not an amazing interpretation. He made no reply to the Minister's offer of a parliamentary inquiry. Mr. McLean's defence of the Civil Service Commission, and especially of Mr. Foran, to whose abilities as a public servant he paid a high tribute, was well received by the House, and, taken, all in all, the speech will unquestionably do much good. For a long time there had been all sorts of rumours in connection with the Civil Service Commission, and Mr. McLean undoubtedly dispelled a lot of doubt and misinformation.

The situation, as it is now, is that if

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Another Troopship Due at Halifax

(Special to the Guardian.)
HALIFAX, March, 8.—The Naval Department was advised by wireless this morning that the steamer Tolosa with 1010 troops to disembark would arrive off Halifax harbor at six o'clock tomorrow morning. The Robert Reford Company, agents of the steamer here, were also advised of her probable arrival.

Today's announcement is the first that has been given out regarding this movement. The Adriatic with the 42nd Highlanders of Montreal and the Royal Canadian Regiment of Halifax is also due tomorrow. The Tolosa is a meat carrying boat built in 1917.

Mons Taken Before Armistice Was Known

(Special to the Guardian.)
VICTORIA, March, 9.—The statement of Sir Sam Hughes in the House of Commons on Tuesday, in which he complained of the taking of Mons four hours before the cessation of hostilities and characterized it as a needless sacrifice of Canadian lives, is refuted in a letter received here yesterday from Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie. In this Sir Arthur says:

"We regard it as a special privilege that we were able to drive the Boche from the historical city of Mons before we knew the armistice was going into effect. I received the news of the taking of Mons before I received the wire from General Headquarters telling me at 11 o'clock hostilities would cease."

Quebec To Be Made Disembarking Port

(Special to the Guardian.)
QUEBEC, March 8.—It was said here today in military circles that Quebec will be made the national disembarking port next summer for thousands of soldiers to be repatriated. A few ships only will stop at Halifax and it is estimated that between 7,000 and 15,000 returned men will pass through Quebec each week of the coming season.

Revolution Growing in Denmark and Norway

(Special to the Guardian.)
CHRISTIANA, March 8.—A strong revolutionary agitation is being carried out in Denmark and the northern most part of Norway by an organization which is planning a revolution on the Russian plan. According to reports from Kirkenais to the Aften Posten, the organization plans to carry the revolution into Finland and Scandinavian countries.

Canada Makes Good At Lyons Exhibition

(Special to the Guardian.)
PARIS, March 8.—The interest which Canada is attracting at the Lyons fair is shown by the action of the fair authorities who have requested that Canada hold special gatherings for the exhibitors in order to instruct and interest them in Canada generally. Two such gatherings are to be held daily directed at each end of the exhibition.

509,909 To Be Minimum U. S. Army

(Special to the Guardian.)
WASHINGTON, March, 9.—General March, U. S. Chief of Staff, announced today that the American army would not be reduced under any circumstances below the figure mentioned in the reorganization bill which fell in Congress, a total of 509,909 officers and men. He said this total would be maintained until some law was passed providing for a permanent force which would permit the military necessity of the United States to be handled.

CANADIAN ARMY AND RHYL CAMP

Canadian Army Never Lost a Gun Nor a Position Captured in Last Two Years Nor Failed to Take a Position They Attacked. Rhyll Camp in Satisfactory Condition.

(Special to the Guardian.)

VANCOUVER, March, 9.—The Canadian corps in the great war never lost a gun in the last two years, it never failed to take an objective nor was it driven from an inch of ground once consolidated. This statement is made by General Sir Arthur Currie in a letter to a friend in Vancouver. The Canadian corps gained a wonderful reputation here, continues the commander. "They were never employed except in what Foch calls decisive battles and their record during the last hundred days of the war for ever will stand as one of the most brilliant records in military history.

"There isn't a finer corps in Great Britain," said Major C. H. Gordon who returned on the Cassandra when

interviewed at the King Edward.

CONDITIONS AT RHYL SATISFACTORY.

On the conditions at Kimmel Park Camp, the food and the accommodation are above criticism. Major Gordon went overseas with the original 5th Western Cavalry and was badly wounded on the Somme in 1916. He was invalided home but went overseas again in command of a Forestry Battalion and stayed in France until a few weeks ago. On his way home he stopped at Rhyll and made an inspection of Kimmel Camp. There are 35,000 troops stationed at Rhyll and if they are not clearing the men faster the fault does not lie on that side.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST DEALT WITH BY MR. NICHOLSON, M.P.

Mr. J. A. Messervy Who is Just Back from Ottawa Refers to Mr. Nicholson's Work There.

Mr. J. A. Messervy arrived home from Ottawa on Saturday night. While there he spent some time with his partner, Mr. D. Nicholson, M. P. who wishes to inform the public regarding the work of standardizing the P. E. I. R.

At the time Premier Borden promised a car-ferry he also promised to widen the gauge, which latter would have been done last year but for the fact that the war was still raging. This important work will be completed as early as possible from one end of the Island to the other. It is just possible that the three rails may remain for awhile so as to avail ourselves of the small engines as well as the small cars which could be used mainly for island trade and the large cars for foreign trade, as it is felt especially every fall by all our merchants and shippers, that there is a serious shortage of cars and this would remedy the grievance.

It has been suggested that warehouses be put at all stations so that cars could be loaded quickly and not be unduly detained at every station.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CHARLOTTETOWN STATION.

Last summer Mr. Nicholson went over plans showing certain improvements to be made at Charlottetown station. The matter of filling the adjacent dock to make further accommodation was also considered, and he is in hopes that these improvements will be brought about shortly.

He is not very sanguine as to the possibility of manufacturing cars here at present but he thinks there is a good likelihood of repair work being increased, though he is doing his utmost to have local car building.

MOVING OF FREIGHT.

If the car-ferry route cannot keep the freight clear then the Department will be prepared to operate the Pictou-Charlottetown and Summerside—Point de Chene routes so that there will be no complaints of freight being detained.

MAGDALEN ISLAND SUBSIDY

This subsidy has been granted for years and will be continued. The only difficulty is to get the proper steamer with first class passenger accommodation and large freight space to supply this important service. The steamer for this route will make Souris and Pictou ports of call.

BELFAST—CRAPAUD SUBSIDY.

This subsidy was granted on the request of Mr. Nicholson a few years

SERIOUS RIOTING IN WALES MILITARY CAMP

Several Persons Killed and Wounded in Rioting Caused by Discontented Soldiers. 25,000 Canadians in Camp. 20 to 30 Ringleaders Arrested and Order Restored.

LONDON, March 8.—From eight to 27 persons are estimated to have been killed and from 25 to 73 wounded in rioting during the past three days at the military camp at Rhyll, Wales, according to a Liverpool despatch received here tonight. Great property damage was caused, the despatch adds.

According to latest reports from Liverpool the riot was started by about 200 malcontents. There were 25,000 Canadians in the camp awaiting demobilization and embarkation. The men who caused the trouble were war casualties who had served for three years or more in France. They complained that embarkation had been postponed while other men who had seen less service were sent home.

After the destruction of stores of all kinds on Tuesday by the discontented men the situation took a more serious turn on Wednesday when the cavalry was called out but was forbidden to use its arms. Troops from Chester intercepted the rioters in their march upon Abergele, near Rhyll, and also prevented a threatened raid on the latter place. Five men were killed and 40 injured in the course of the fighting—it is reported.

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FIRED ON OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

Later Thursday numbers of the men

paraded Rhyll. They made noisy demonstrations, but committed no damage. The outbreak began Tuesday night with the signal cry, "Come on Bolsheviks," uttered by a man said to belong to a Liverpool force. A large number of men then wrecked the stores building and thousands of loaves of bread were trampled into the mud. The Women's auxiliary quarters were then rushed and the women's clothes carried off. The rioters seized stores of ammunition, fired on the officers' quarters and then began a march in the direction of Abergele, but were held up.

A Staff Officer flew from the War Office in London by airplane and addressed the men, undertaking that their grievances regarding demobilization and pay which caused the outbreak, should be immediately removed. He declared that ten thousand men would be away by the week after next, and that four transports would be placed at the disposal of the Colonials.

CAUSED GREAT ALARM.

LONDON, March, 8.—In the House of Commons this afternoon William Tyson Wilson, M. P., for Lancashire, asked Lord Edmund Talbot, representing the Government, for a statement regarding the incidents reported at the Kimmel Camp, at Rhyll, Wales. Lord Edmund replied that he had no further information.

The gravest view was taken on the news when it reached Canadian headquarters in London. General Turner, Chief of Staff, went immediately to the Kimmel Camp, where he addressed the men, returning to London today.

The Evening Standard says it learns that the Canadian authorities in London this morning estimated, that five persons had been killed and nineteen wounded in the rioting. The report that a Major with the Victoria Cross had been killed while keeping insubordinate troops from the officers' mess was denied, the newspaper adds.

MEN WANT TO GET HOME.

LONDON, March, 8.—Canadian military headquarters in London today issued a statement with reference to the riot by soldiers at Kimmel Park. The statement says the disturbance was entirely due to the delay in getting the men back to Canada. It was impossible to keep the promises given the men, the statement adds, owing to the shortage of vessels to convey them home. The authorities, however, the statement adds, do not regard the rioting as justified and the offenders, many of whom already are under arrest, will be vigorously dealt with.

A number of civilians took part in the disturbance and twelve of these also have been arrested and handed over to the civil authorities. In the course of the trouble three rioters and two sentries were killed and twenty-one persons were injured, including two officers, according to the statement.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, March 10.—Clear not much change in temperature.
The coldest Saturday night was 9 and at 9 o'clock yesterday morning it was 25. The highest yesterday was 32 and at 9 o'clock last night was 30.
The tide will be high this afternoon at 4.40 and to-morrow at 5.52, to-morrow morning at 6.48 and Wednesday at 7.49.
First quarter Moon Saturday, Mar 8 Full Moon Sunday March 15th.