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OFFICIAL STATEMENTS RELATE STEADY PROGRESS

Germans Cannot Overcome Recent Setbacks

ARTILLERY ACTIVE NEAR CHAMPAGNE

Swiss Deny Austrian Reports and Support Russian

Official statements last night from London, Paris, Petrograd and Vienna reveal no important actions on either western or eastern fronts. In the west the French, Belgians and British seem to be still "getting set" before the word "go" comes and the big push begins. Over the entire front aerial reconnaisance is being made.

In the east Russian and Austrian reports conflict vitally but the Russians appear to be far from allowing the grass to grow under their feet since their great victory at Przemysl.

From Paris.

PARIS, March 31.—The following official statement was issued tonight:

"In Champagne there have been artillery actions in the region of Beausjour and Ville sur Taube.

"In the Argonne there has been incessant activity, particularly between Fort de Paris and Bagatelle. The fighting at some points was so close that a trench mortar struck by one of our heavy bombs was projected into our lines.

"On the night of March 30-31 we captured 150 metres of trenches, taking prisoners and two trench mortars. During the night the enemy bombarded the trenches which it had lost.

"On March 30 in the forest of Laprete the Germans delivered a counter attack at dawn with several battalions and succeeded in again setting foot on the western portion of our position but at 8 o'clock they were dislodged from it. The gain realized on March 20 has been entirely maintained. We took some prisoners, including an officer.

"Our airmen, in the course of flights on the night of March 30, dropped 24 bombs on stations of the enemy in the Woevre, in Champagne, in the Soissons district and in Belgium. Today the maritime station at Bruges and an aviation camp at Gits were bombarded.

From Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, March 31, via London, April 1, 1:30 a.m.—The following official statement was issued this evening:

"On the front west of the Niemen fighting continues. In the environs of Krasnopol our troops are successfully making progress. On March 30 they forced the Germans to fall back in haste and made prisoners of about 200 soldiers and two officers and besides captured two machine guns.

"In the Carpathians our offensive continues. On March 29 we made more captures of prisoners, namely 38 officers and 1750 men, and also took five machine guns.

"Our Black sea fleet has bombarded ports in Asia Minor, about 150 miles east of Constantinople, the ports being Zunguldak, Kostu, Kilimli and Eregli. The bombardment caused a series of heavy explosions and a number of fires."

From Vienna.

VIENNA, March 31.—The Austrian war office tonight made public the following official communication:

"The situation in the eastern Beskid range is calm. Fighting continues in the eastern sectors. On the heights north of Disna and northeast of Kalnico several Russian day and night attacks have been repulsed.

"North of Uzsok pass Russian night attacks failed, with heavy losses to the enemy. We captured another 1900 prisoners.

"On the other fronts nothing of importance has taken place.

Since March 1 we have captured altogether 183 officers and 39,423 men and six machine guns."

Swiss Report Losses.

LONDON, March 31.—After a brief lull in the fight for possession of Dukla pass in the Carpathians, the Russians have brought up reinforcements and resumed the attack. At Vienna it is said that the Russians have not been able to gain their objective at any point along the Carpathian front for the invasion of Hungary and that they were defeated in Bukowina yesterday.

Despatches to Swiss newspapers, however, say the Austrians have suffered enormous losses in northeastern Hungary. It is estimated they lost 18,000 men on that day and the Russians are credited with annihilating a column of 4000 Austrians in an hour.

A Russian victory in the campaign against Turkey is announced from the headquarters of the Caucasian army. In the fight in Turkish Armenia along the coast of the Black sea, the Russians captured the town of Artvin.

Berlin Reports Win.

A defeat of the German forces in northern Poland attended with unusually heavy losses is reported unofficially from Petrograd. The German official statement of today, while making no specific reference to such an engagement, announces that the Russians have suffered reverses near the Prussian frontier.

Activity in Bosphorus.

PETROGRAD, March 31, via London—Later another official statement was issued. It states:

"Fog in the region of the Bosphorus on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prevented our warships from continuing the bombardment.

"Our fleet has bombarded Zunguldak, Kostu and Kilimli and Eregli on the Black sea coast of Asia Minor, and again destroyed the buildings which the Turks had repaired after the previous bombardment.

"We also sank a steamer and many colliers. In spite of a sharp fusilade our aviators dropped bombs from aeroplanes."

Still another official statement says:

"During the period from March 20 to March 29 the Russians in the Carpathians, in a sector occupied by three army corps, took as prisoners 202 officers, eight surgeons and 16,207 rank and file and captured 62 machine guns and 10 guns."

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 31, via Amsterdam and London, April 1.—An official communication describing the Russian naval attack on Zunguldak and Eregli says:

"Two thousand projectiles were thrown without doing any important damage.

"The Russian fleet then disappeared in a northerly direction.

"Several aeroplanes which ascended from the Russian ships were driven back by Turkish airmen.

"The situation in the Dardanelles and other war theatres is unchanged."

MEXICANS PAY WIDOW $20,000

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The payment of $20,000 in gold at the prevailing rate of exchange in Mexico City to Mrs. Ruth McManus, widow of John B. McManus, the American killed by Zapata troops on their re-occupation of the city, was officially reported to the state department today by the minister in charge of American affairs in the Mexican capital.

Mrs. McManus received the money in person from representatives of the Villa-Zapata government.

W. W. FOSTER CHOSEN.

(Special to The Daily News.)

VICTORIA, B.C., March 31.—At a convention at Ganges Harbor today W. W. Foster, M.P.P. was unanimously chosen as the Conservative candidate for the Islands in the coming election.

CHARGES BASED ON CONCLUSIONS ONLY

Debate on Expenditure for Manitoba Public Building Occupied Whole Day

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

WINNIPEG, March 31.—Today was a day of straight speech-making in the legislature upon the debate on the adoption of the public accounts committee report and the opposition amendment charging malfeasance and defrauding of the public treasury of over $800,000 and asking for a royal commission. E. L. Taylor, K.C., chairman of the public accounts committee, was the first speaker for the government and quoted a vast number of statistics in refutation of charges made by A. B. Hudson, mover of the amendment.

Mr. Taylor contended that Mr. Hudson's charges were based solely upon conclusions from partial concealment.

Mr. Thornton, chief financial critic of the Liberals, T. C. Norris, opposition leader, and J. P. McConnell spoke in the debate, the leader of the opposition taking over an hour to deliver his contentions supporting those of Mr. Hudson.

Premier Roblin, replying, charged Mr. Hudson with deliberate misrepresenting facts and conditions, to mislead the people of the province. T. H. Johnson started to speak but the premier moved the adjournment at 1 o'clock.

ARMY OR NAVY TO WATCH PRINZ EITEL

Commander of German Commerce Raider Asks United States to Mount Guard.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Commander Thierichens of the German commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friederich asked Rear Admiral Beatty at the Norfolk navy yard to have a guard placed at the pier where his ship is moored at Newport News shipyards.

The admiral suggested that the commandant at Fort Munroe send a detachment of coast artillerymen to mount guard but action was delayed until the navy and war department could decide which should furnish the men.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION; CREW SAVED

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

LONDON, March 31.—The British steamer South Pacific, bound from Glasgow for New York, was sunk last night in a collision with an unknown vessel off Arran, an island on the west coast of Scotland. The crew was saved.

The South Pacific was of 2310 tons net and was built in 1913. It was 351 feet long, 51 feet beam and 24 feet deep. It was owned by the Pacific Steamship company.

ARREST IN PARIS THOUGHT A MISTAKE

Raymond Swaboda, Charged with Firing La Touraine, Is Well Connected.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, March 31.—Raymond Swaboda, reported to have been arrested in Paris charged with setting fire to the steamer La Touraine, is an American citizen and represented in this country a French syndicate engaged in purchasing supplies for the French government and the civilian population. This was attested tonight by R. K. Lea of this city, formerly textile expert of the federal tariff board in its investigation of that industry; by Thomas Hooper of Victoria, B.C., an English-born Canadian, and by Eugene Davis and by W. F. Mohr, both Americans, of this city, both of whom said they were associated with Swaboda in the purchase of supplies.

All four were unanimous in asserting that a grave error had been made in arresting Swaboda and have made representations to the state department accompanied by affidavits to prove that Swaboda's mission in Paris was solely for the purpose of submitting samples of American goods to the French syndicate.

Swaboda, according to Mr. Hooper, who says he was in direct partnership with him, bore an American passport issued to him here.

He also carried, Mr. Hooper said, letters of identification given to Hooper by Premier Borden of Canada, by the premier of British Columbia and by the finance minister of British Columbia to Major Gen. Sam Hughes. These letters to Swaboda was to show Hooper's standing in Canada. Swaboda was born, according to Hooper, in San Francisco 38 years ago, of a Scotch mother and a Russian father. He spent his early youth in Russia and later went to Paris where he became a member of the Paris bourse. He was associated there with commercial concerns of high standing, namely, Morrison & Ducleos, who when war broke out formed a syndicate for the purchase of war supplies.

CANADIAN TROOPS PRAISED HIGHLY

General Alderson Writes Minister of Militia

CONTINGENT HOLDS 4 MILES OF TRENCHES

French Mud Is Trifle After Bogs of Salisbury Camp

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

OTTAWA, March 31.—The Canadian troops at the front were on March 10 holding some 6,500 to 7,000 yards of trenches, were doing even better than expected and on that date casualties had totalled six officers and 165 other ranks. These are some of e statements made by Major-Gen. Alderson in a letter just received by Major-Gen. Sam Hughes. Gen. Alderson mentioned particularly the good work of the Canadian heavy battery from Montreal, under command of Col. Johnson.

Some extracts from the letter are given for publication. In it he says:

"We have been holding some 6,500 to 7,000 yards of trenches since March 1 and I can safely say that all arms have settled into their work. I knew they would do well but they have really done better than I expected.

"We have not, up to the present, been attacked but we have been considerably shelled at times and the casualties up to date are six officers and 164 other ranks. I am sorry to say that Major Rigby, a fine officer of the 7th battalion, was killed by a shell yesterday morning. He is a great loss to his battalion.

"The co-operation between the field artillery and the infantry has been good and our heavy battery has succeeded in demolishing a tower used by the Germans as an observation post. Our gunners are, naturally, pleased."

A reference is made to the good work being done by Brig.-Gens. Turner, Burstall and Currie.

Speaking of the health of the division, Gen. Alderson says:

"The health of the division is good and the men seem cheerful and keen. I feel sure that the high rate of their intelligence will soon make itself felt. The horses, too, are well and we have less sickness than any other division.

"I think there is no doubt that the experience on Salisbury plain, disagreeable as it was, has really been a fine piece of work. The men seem to think nothing of the French mud."

DOMINION TO OPERATE NEW LINE

Transcontinental in Part of Ontario to Be Run by Public if Not Taken Over.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

OTTAWA, March 31.—The debate on the proposal to authorize the government to take over the Grand Trunk Pacific branch line from Superior Junction to Fort William in case the National Transcontinental line is not leased by the Grand Trunk Pacific was opened by Hon. Frank Cochrane.

Mr. Cochrane stated that he was advised by the chief engineer of the National Transcontinental that the road was now complete for operation. The government, he said, had no desire to run the National Transcontinental, but wishes that the Grand Trunk Pacific should take it over. However, it was necessary to make provision for the emergency which would arise in case the lease was not accepted by the Grand Trunk Pacific

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HASTE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGH PRICES

Hurry of Despatching First Contingent Prevented Lengthy Examination of Price Lists.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

OTTAWA March 31.—Gen. Sam Hughes, who spent the morning with the boot committee, devoted his attention to the public accounts committee this afternoon. His own part in the placing of contracts, he said had been based on the principal that he tried to get the best men available to handle the business of supplying war munitions for him. He thought his judgment, on the whole, had been justified in his selection of agents. He noted that some of his honorary militia titles had been bestowed with the idea of putting him in a position to deal summarily under militia law with anyone who "did not play fair." As to the motor trucks he said that he and his colleagues had every confidence in Mr. Russell. The minister thought, considering all the circumstances, Mr. Russell had done a good job. The minister said that there had been a saving of approximately $200,000 in the prices for which motor transports for the second contingent had been secured through Major Thomas, as com-

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BRITISH MERCHANTMEN ASK TO BE ALLOWED TO CARRY GUNS

This Would Make Them Ships-of-War But Would Also Be Great Menace to German Submarine Pirates

TWO MORE ENGLISH VESSELS ATTACKED; ONE WAS SHELLED--THE OTHER TORPEDOED

London Still Waits in Vain for News of the Big Push in Western Theatre--Airmen Are Busy. Russians Are Pushing Through Dukla Pass

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

LONDON, March 31.—Two German submarines, the U28 and another the number of which has not been ascertained, which have been operating off the coast of England during the past few days, have added two more British steamers, the Flaminian and Crown of Castile, to their list of victims, totaling five. There was no loss of life on these two, the crews of each being given time in which to get into their boats.

In the case of the latter vessel, however, the submarine fired before the crew left the steamer and shells passed along the bridge on which the captain and an apprentice were standing.

The Crown of Castile was struck by shellfire. but this did not prove sufficient to send the Flaminian to the bottom and a torpedo had to be used.

As an offset to this a French destroyer rammed and it is believed sank a German submarine off Dieppe.

As the destroyers have been unable to round up the submarines operating on the British coast, ship owners have petitioned the government to be allowed to arm their ships. This has not been permitted heretofore, as steamers could then be considered ships-of-war and be sunk without notice. The heavy loss of life in the sinking of the Flabada and Aguila has aroused a storm of protest throughout the country and the demand is made that the crews of the submarines be treated as pirates if captured.

This question and that relating to drink, which is alleged to be causing delay in the delivery of munitions of war, absorbed public interest.

The government has not yet reached any decision in the latter matter.

So far as actual fighting is concerned the official reports contain little news. The big efforts in the different theatres which have been so long awaited still seem to be far off and the operations are confined to an occasional attack and counter-attack, while the airmen on both sides are kept busy watching the opposing force and dropping bombs where they might be expected to do the most damage.

Germans Held Back.

In the east the Russians are holding the Germans in the east and central part of Poland and they are putting forth all their strength to force their way through Uzsok pass and Lupkow pass, which has resulted in some heavy fighting in which both sides claim success.

German Lines Endangered.

The Russians have already forced their way through Dukla pass and are slowly making their way down the southern slopes of the Carpathians into Hungary and according to British critics must soon compel the Austrians and Germans defending the two passes to fall back or be threatened with interference with their communications.

Australia, which has already sent two contingents to fight for the Empire, has offered a third, which probably will be accepted. In all cases the dominions have sent more men than was originally expected.

TEMPERANCE SUPPORTED

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

REGINA, Sask., March 31.—At a meeting of the provincial banish-the-bar committee held here today, a resolution was passed congratulating Great Britain on the prospect of drastic curtailment of liquor traffic in the motherland. The message was addressed to David Lloyd George.

NEW LIQUOR LAW PASSED BY ONTARIO

Amendment Providing Commission Control and No Drink for Soldiers Passes

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

TORONTO, April 1.—After more than 10 hours' continuous debate the provincial government's bills amending the Liquor License act by authorizing the appointment of a provincial commission to administer the act was given second reading in the legislature at 3:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon and at 1:30 this morning it had passed through committee. It will be put up for third reading today.

An amendment offered by William Proudfoot to the motion for second reading by Hon. Mr. Hanna was turned down, the vote being 69 to 23. Mr. Proudfoot moved in an amendment that the bill be not read the second time but that it be resolved that in the opinion of the house that the bill entirely failed to meet the public demand and that in the opinion of the house it was imperative to forthwith introduce a bill "which in addition to closing all bars at 7 o'clock p.m. and avoiding discrimination between our soldiers and civilian population" should at least close all drinking places during the war, granting the electors the right to decide at the end of the war if such places should be allowed to reopen.

FRENCH WAR LOAN IS FIFTY MILLION

Subscriptions Have Already Been Received by American Bankers to Large Amount.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, March 21—The amount of the French government credit placed with the New York banking syndicate consisting of J. P. Morgan, the National City bank and the First National bank has been fixed at $50,000,000. It was stated this afternoon by representatives of the syndicate that subscriptions have been received to a large amount. Among the subscribers are large financial institutions and large fire and life insurance companies.

AMERICAN BLOCKADE NOTE WILL BE PUBLISHED FRIDAY

WASHINGTON, March 31.—An arrangement for the publication of the American reply to Great Britain's blockade order-in-council in the morning papers of the United States, Canada and England next Friday was announced by Secretary Bryan. The note, which was cabled to Ambassador Page at London last night, comprises about 2500 words.

Mr. Bryan said he had been careful to say nothing about this communication and consequently it might be safe to remark that any discussion of its contents in advance of its authorized publication would be mere guesswork.

LIVES WORTH MORE THAN MACHINE GUNS

British Official Warns Public Against Over-Estimating Worth of These Weapons.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

LONDON, March 31.—The official "eye-witness" in a summary of minor events on the British front last week sounds a warning against placing importance on the capture of machine guns from the Germans, reports of which often appear in the official statements.

"It must be remembered," he says, "that to the Germans to lose one or several machine guns does not represent what at the beginning of the operations it would have meant to us, with our then vastly inferior total and proportional number of these weapons.

"It is believed that before the war commenced they had available altogether a stock of 50,000 such guns, apart from any that may since have been turned out by their arsenals.

"To the Germans a machine gun represents merely a piece of machinery of immense killing and stopping power which cost a certain sum of money, but it is less vulnerable and less valuable in every way than a number of men and rifles of equivalent killing power.

"The one principle guiding its employment, therefore, is that provided the gun has earned its keep or paid for its cost by the number of the enemy slaughtered, its loss or destruction does not count. For them has been a matter of the exchange of mechanism costing a few dollars which can be replaced at once for a number of lives which cannot be replaced within a generation. This, of course, applies to the gun alone and not to the highly trained specialists who handle it.

"It may be of some interest to point out to those who are not acquainted with the weapon that a machine gun at the ordinary rate fires 500 rounds

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FORT WILLIAM LINE MUST BE SECURED

Minister of Railways Thinks This Would Be Necessary if Main Line Is Operated.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

OTTAWA, March 31.—There was a lively debate in the commons today on the resolution authorizing the government to secure by lease or purchase the Grand Trunk Pacific branch line from Superior Junction to Fort William. At the 1914 session the government took authority to operate the Winnipeg-Moncton division in the event of it not being taken over by the Grand Trunk Pacific. The minister of railways now considers that in the event of the main section being operated by the government the branch to Fort William would have to be secured as a necessary junction.

The position of the opposition in regard to the matter was put by Hon. George P. Graham. He said that the Liberals agreed that some arrangements for the operation of the system should be made. Correspondence tabled by the minister, however, made it clear that the road has not been completed. It was admitted by everybody concerned that the terminals at Quebec would not be ready for a long time and that other portions of the road were, in the opinion of the company, at least not ready. He thought that under the circumstances the government should not act in an arbitrary manner, but should endeavor to arrive at an amicable arrangement with the company as to operation.

Road Must Work.

Hon. Frank Cochrane alleged that it was not the desire of the government to operate the National Transcontinental, but if the company could not take over the road now that it is ready for operation, the government

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KING REALIZES DANGER OF DELAY

Is Willing to Abstain as Example to Dock and Ammunition Workers.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

LONDON, March 31.—The King has added his plea to that of shipowners and in some cases that of the laborites themselves that some vigorous measures be adopted to cope with the question of drunkenness, which, it is urged, is having the effect of delaying the delivery of munitions of war. The King has volunteered, if it is considered advisable, personally to give up the use of all alcoholic liquors and to issue an order against their use in the royal household. Such a notification has been sent to David Lloyd George by the King's private secretary, Lord Stamfordham. The letter of Stamfordham follows:

"Dear Chancellor of the Exchequer:

"The King thanks you for so promptly letting him have a full report of the proceedings at yesterday's meeting of the deputation of employers. His majesty has read it with interest and concern. He feels that nothing but vigorous measures will successfbully cope with the grave sit-

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DOCK WORKERS REGIMENT TO RUSH WAR SUPPLIES

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

LIVERPOOL, March 31—Lord Derby announced today that the government was planning to organize the dock-workers of Liverpool under the name of 1st dock battalion of the Liverpool regiment. The men are to be dressed in khaki overalls. This plan is to be adopted to prevent further delays in handling war supplies.

Labor trouble among the workers on the Mersey river has caused serious embarrassement. The battalion will be made up of about 2000 union men who will be enlisted under the military law with army pay in addition to a guaranteed minimum wage of 35 shillings weekly It is said that both the shipowners and the men favor the plan. Lord Derby will be in command of the regiment. Guarantees will be given that the organization will not be used for strike breaking.

Drones Are Not Popular.

NORWICH England, March 31.—Public opinion here is so strongly incensed over the attitude of some of the labor leaders on the war that the Independent Labor party was unable to secure a suitable hall for a conference which had been arranged for Monday and Tuesday.

"HAVE A CIGAR" SAYS HUN AFTER SINKING VESSEL

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

BARRY, Wales, March 31—The crew of the British steamer Crown of Castile, which was sunk by a German submarine off the Scilly islands on Monday, was landed here this evening by the French steamer Magellan. Members of the crew say that the submarine was a much faster boat than the one which previously chased the vessel but that it took her over and hour to overtake the Crown of Castile.

It is stated by the members of the crew that the steamer was sunk by shell fire of the submarine and not by a torpedo. One 4-inch shell they declare was deliberately aimed at the steamer before the crew had left it. It passed between the legs of an apprentice who was standing by the captain. After the crew got into the boats of the steamer the German commander handed the men cigars.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

LONDON, March 31.—As the result of the investigation of the fire on the steamer La Touraine on March 6, the Paris police have arrested a passenger described as Raymond Swoboda, who was listed on the ship's record as "an American subject."

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nation now existing in our armament factories.

"We have before us the statements not merely of the employers but of the admiralty and the war office, which are responsible for munitions of war and for the transport of troops and their food and ammunition. From this evidence it is without doubt largely due to the drink evil that we are unable to secure the output of war material indespensable to meet the requirements of the army in the field and that there has been such serious delay, in consequence of the necessary reinforcements of supplies to aid our gallent troops at the front.

"A continuance of such a state of things much inevitably result in the prolonging of the horrors and burdens of this war.

"I am instructed to add that, if it be deemed advisable, the King will be prepared to set an example by giving up all alcoholic liquors himself and by issuing orders against its consumption in the royal households, so that no difference shall be made, so far as his majesty is concerned, between the treatment of the rich and the poor in this question.

"Lord Stamfordham,
"The King's Private Secretary."

Public Interested

The question of drink and its effect on the work which is considered necessary for the successful prosecution of the war overshadows at the present moment everything else in public interest. The press and the public favor some drastic measures, a majority of the newspapers expressing the belief that total prohibition, which would apply to all classes, is necessary. The government, however, has not reached a decision on the subject, although if Lloyd George and Lord Kitchener have their way it is believed there will be total prohibition. To bring this about the government must have an act of parliament passed.

It is pointed out that to prohibit the sale of liquor only in the localities where men are engaged in the manufacture of munitions would cause a great outcry and that aside from total prohibition apparently the only way of dealing with the matter is a further curtailment in the hours of sale. Some persons favor the prohibiting the sale of spirits but allowing the sale of beer and wine. It is understood, however, that the leaders in this matter would not be satisfied except with the most stringent restrictions.

Serious Consideration

The matter will require a little longer consideration for there are the questions of compensation and the finding of employment for the thousands of men and women who would be thrown out of work.

At a meeting of the Glasgow liquor dealers it was decided to ask Lloyd George to receive a deputation from them which will suggest a drastic change in the hours of sale of liquor.

The same deputation will confer with the labor leaders.

HASTE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGH PRICES

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pared with the prices paid by Russell for supplies for the first contingent. But in Russell's case it was contended that there was no time for breaking the combine of the motor men and asking a 25 per cent discount off regular prices, instead of only the 10 per cent discount which Russell obtained.

As to the binoculars he said that he had picked the "Ellis boys" to do the purchasing for him because he had absolute faith in their honesty and ability.

Old Schoolmates.

He had gone to school with them. He did not, however, place much reliance in Col. Hurdman and when he found that the latter had been instructed by departmental officers to pick up binoculars he had given instructions that Hurdman stop buying.

Turning to the question of the patent shovel and shield which was held in the name of the general's private secretary, Miss Ida McAdam, and which have been purchased to the number of 25,000 for the first contingent at $1.35, Gen. Hughes declared that Miss McAdam had conceived the idea during the trip of the minister and his party to the Swiss maneuvers in 1913. Handles were fitted to the shovels; some of them at least, were already being used at the front. The general maintained that it was a good invention and that the Canadian troops insisted on having the spade. He said he had no knowledge of having received any communication from Col. Stoneman of Hamilton.

"Why did you not invent it yourself, since you were at the Swiss maneuvers, too?" queried Mr. Proulx.

"It was the young woman's idea," replied the minister. He declared that she had received no royalty on it and the object of taking out the patent was to protect rights in case it was sold to some other government.

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a minute. From the sector of the defenses at Neuve Chappelle, where the Germans had 15 machine guns within the length of a front of 250 yards, 7500 bullets could have been discharged in one minute, in addition to those from the rifles of the infantry parapets.

"What effect this stream of lead would have against an assaulting infantry force either held up by obstacles or advancing over clear ground at a slow pace, which slow progress is alone possible to heavily weighted soldiers, is obvious.

Scribbler—I've a poem here advocating peace.

Editor—I suppose that you honestly and sincerely desire peace.

Scribbler. Yes, sir.

Editor—Then burn the poem.

FORT WILLIAM LINE MUST BE SECURED

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would be compelled to establish a service.

Sir Wilfrid said that one reason why the company was not anxious to take over the road was because it had been deteriorated and blemished by the government. The Grand Trunk Pacific had objected to the changes in the grade. Mr. Cochrane asserted that he could state on the authority of E. J. Chamberlin that the government had been right in making the changes on grades.

Hon. Arthur Meighen maintained that the action of the government was precautionary rather than positive. The adoption of this measure would give the government more power to deal with the company. It did not necessarily mean that the branch line would be acquired or the main line taken over.

Pugsley Suggests.

Hon. William Pugsley after declaring that the government had violated the terms of the contract said that the government should arrange to let the Grand Trunk Pacific operate the line until it is completed and any loss to be charged up to capital account, on which the company would pay interest. He said that the late government had practically come to an arrangement of this kind with the late Charles Hays.

Hon. Frank Oliver thought that this was drastic action. He objected to the government expropriating this branch so as to have a weapon to use against the Grand Trunk Pacific to secure a new agreement. After discussing the value of this line to the Grand Trunk Pacific for its western outlet Mr. Oliver claimed that 75 per cent of the road was completed in 1911 and yet the present government had spent more than half as much as the old government on the line. He declared that the present government had squandered enormous sums.

Hon. Robert Rogers said he wished to correct the impression that the government was adverse in its attitude toward the National Transcontinental or Grand Trunk Pacific. It was impossible for any government which had adopted a child like the National Transcontinental to treat it in a more fatherly manner than had this administration. It was not to the government's interests to hamper the trade of the west in the present resolution. But it was desired if the government were to be committed to the operation of the main line of the National Transcontinental it was to have some control over this connecting link with Fort William.

The resolution was adopted and a bill introduced and read a first time.

In committee of supply at a late hour $5,000,000 was voted for the National Transcontinental and $5,500,000 for the Hudson Bay railway.

In connection with the latter it was stated that 37 vessels had passed in and out of the straits during the past season, although there was a late opening.

Mr. Cochrane said he had reason to believe that several of the vessels which had been stranded at Port Nelson were purposely stranded.

TORONTO CUSTOMS RECEIPTS $4,000,000 LESS IN YEAR

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

TORONTO, March 31.—Toronto's customs receipts for the financial year ending this month show a decrease of $4,082,599. In no month have the receipts reached the figure for the corresponding month last year.

WANT INVESTIGATION

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

WINNIPEG, March 31.—The social service council of Manitoba today presented to Premier Roblin and Leader of the Opposition Norris copies of a resolution passed by the commission urging that a royal commission be appointed to investigate the facts surrounding the construction of the new parliament buildings.

WILL HOLLAND JOIN IN?

Letter Received From British Sailor in Holland Speaks of Attitude of Country.

A letter received by S. J. Cooke of Vancouver from his brother, Ernest, who is a member of the "Hawke" battalion, royal naval division, now at Groningen, Holland, states that, in the opinion of the writer, Holland "is merely waiting for Lord Kitchener to form his armies and will then join up with the allies. Italy and Rumania will also be in the swim. I believe that the end of the war will be brought about by the Socialists in Germany, who, up to the present, have been swayed by patriotism and fed on lies by the German press. Our armies, slowly but surely closing in on German soil, must at last open their eyes; and if they demand peace at any price, the people will rise up and throw down the kaiser and his house and all military despots, who have gulled a trusting and swollen-headed people.

"Small nations have a right to live; and just as we admire a strong man who exercises his strength to defend the weak, so it is certain that another splendid page has been added to the history of our dear old country and our dominions across the seas. As I've passed through different countries and seen the difference of the inhabitants to our own countrymen, I have often said, 'Thank God, I'm British.' We are looked up to and envied as a nation, and we can assert our authority to rule the sea, just giving other countries a small margin around their coasts to call their own; and as long as they keep to their limits they are safe and within their rights.

"If Germany thinks she can strew the seas with mines, it is like her audacity and cheek—she who can hardly claim to have been an empire five minutes challenging the Mistress of the Seas—pure insolence. She may have been able to march into Belgium the way she did, but as the seas cover so much of the earth, so does the arm of our Empire stretch beyond the British isles to all corners of the globe, and we shall continue to rule the waves in the interests and welfare of all nations."

CANADIAN CORPS HAS SAVINGS BANK

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

LONDON, Ont., March 31.—A battalion bank, designed to promote a saving spirit among the men, has been formed by the 33rd battalion, Canadian expeditionary force, in training here. Money orders will also be issued. Capt. Dowding, the paymaster of the battalion, and formerly a bank manager at Clinton, conceived the idea and has worked out the details.

HUERTA ON WAY TO OPEN ANOTHER MEXICAN REVOLT

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

MADRID, Spain, via Paris, March 31.—Gen. Victoriana Huerta and his secretary sailed today from Cadiz on board the transatlantic steamer Antonio Lopez, according to advices received here from Cadiz. Gen. Huerta's family remains in Barcelona, reports from which place say that a rumor is in circulation that Huerta is on his way to direct a new revolution in Mexico.

The steamer Antonio Lopez is due to touch at Porto Rico, Cuba, Laguira, Venezuela and Colon.

To South America.

LONDON, March 31.—The Fabre agency of Madrid received a despatch from Calias, Spain, today saying that Gen. Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, sailed with his family this morning for Buenos Ayres, Argentina.

IT'S A LONG WAY TO BERLIN

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., March 31.—A letter mailed in Berlin July 29, or five days before the war broke out, arrived here today, being more than eight months en route.

BOWSER HECKLED

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 31.—Attorney-General Bowser was subjected to much heckling when he addressed an audience tonight in Labor hall. From the moment Mr. Bowser took the platform there was continued interruption.

J. H. McVety of the trades and labor council had a similar fate and the meeting broke up.

YOUNG DRYDEN FARMER SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

KENORA, Ont., March 31.—Harry Scott, charged with the murder of F. Lewis, a homesteader in the township of Vashorn, southwest of Dryden, some time during the month of January, was today found guilty and sentenced to be hanged June 16. Scott, who is 23 years of age, took his sentence with apparent indifference.

THAT GERMAN SPY!

Mysterious German (?) Who Wandered About New Zealand Searching for Dark Secrets With Camera.

"Some idea of the daring and audacity of German espionage may be gained when it is stated that, posing as a newspaper man, Ottenberg went aboard the British battle cruiser New Zealand when that vessel was in Victoria harbor, on a day set aside for the reception of the lieutenant-governor, and, while the officers on board were engaged in entertaining their guests, made a visit to the conning tower and other parts of the ship."

This is an extract from an unconsciously humorous story which appeared recently in an evening contemporary. The story generally is on the same lines and tells of a mysterious German who wandered about British Columbia with a camera spying out the land. The British race has the reputation of being the most unsuspecting and confiding race under the sun, but such a race when bitten by the spy-mania is just the one to imagine every other man a German spy. As a matter of fact, not only in the case of the New Zealand, but in the case of the warships of other nationalities when visiting a friendly country, visitors have always been allowed on board with cameras, and thousands of pictures were taken on her when the New Zealand was here. It was not only while the officers were at dinner that all parts of the vessel were visited by visitors. However the (probable) mythical German referred to has enabled a writer who has been bitten by that germ known as the spy-bacillus, to make a readable enough "story"—and that is all.

TWENTY CANADIAN NURSES GO TO LONDON THIS MONTH

The first contingent of 20 nurses from Canada has already been provided for and these fully qualified graduates will leave this country this month for London, where they will be distributed by the British Red Cross society and the St. John's Ambulance association combined committee. These nurses have been provided by the following places: Ottawa, three; Toronto, five; Winnipeg, three; Montreal, four; Hamilton, one; Calgary, one; Quebec, one. Regina, one; London, one, and Newmarket, one.

The second contingent, which will comprise 30 nurses, is now being recruited through the St. John's Ambulance association with the co-operation of the Canadian Red Cross society. The sum of $50 provides for a nurse and the society hopes that the total number of 30 will be recruited in a short space of time.

WELCOME FLEET OF ALLIES, URGED RIZA

Turkish Statesman Saw but One Way of Saving Turkey—Hissed and Knocked Down in Senate.

LONDON.—The London Morning Post has received the following letter from a foreigner residing in Constantinople, and dated March 8:

"The excitement has been very great for the last 10 days. The German and Austrian banks have sent away all their gold to Konia, and the Imperial Ottoman bank, whose British and French directors were turned away about a month ago, has been ordered by the Turkish government to send all its gold across the water to Asia. Parliament was prorogued on Monday and the government is making all preparations to go to Eski Shedir.

"The story goes that in the senate on Monday Ahmed Riza got up and said:

"'Turkey is practically ruined, but it is not yet too late, even now, at the eleventh hour, to save her, by opening the straits and welcoming the English and French fleets.' He was hissed and knocked down, and a most undignified scene was the result.

"All of the imperial princes are ready to find refuge in Asia. Some of them already have sent away their harems to Ada Bazar.

Deserting the Capital.

"The sultan says that nothing will induce him to leave Constantinople. Large numbers of German and Austrian families have left there within the last few days; also many Italians and Jews, who say they are afraid of the Russians. The Turks themselves are leaving Stamboul, Scutari and Moda in large numbers and are going over to Broussa. Some are leaving for Switzerland.

"The Austrian ambassador has sent away the women of the embassy and the consulate and, although the wife of the German ambassador has not gone yet, I am told that her passports are ready, as also are those of all the wives and daughters of the German officers and they are packed up and ready to be off at any moment.

"The Oriental Railway company has received orders to be ready to start for Adrianople with all the rolling stock at short notice.

"On Monday and Tuesday the whole population of Prince's islands, in the sea of Marmora, was turned away, and on Monday night the poor, wretched people arrived too late to go anywhere, so they slept on the pontoons under the Galata bridge. All day Tuesday one met strings of them in the streets, the women carrying their babies and their menfolk behind following with the bundles. Today, however, they have been told to return to the islands, and the latter are being fortified and are full of soldiers.

Naval Battle Looked For.

"Should the allied fleet get through, the idea is that the Turkish fleet will make a last fight and there will ge a naval battle off the Prince's islands. Whether the Goeben by that time will be sufficiently patched up to take part seem doubtful. Within the last week most of the chief German military and naval officers have been down to the Dardanelles and have come back saying that it will be impossible for the Anglo-French fleet to force the straits, because they are too strongly fortified.

"It is true that ever since last May the German admiral who is responsible for the Cuxhaven fortifications has been working on the forts. That is to say, he was there from May until August.

"There are supposed to be 35,000 men at the Dardanelles, but within the last fortnight many more have been sent down and othe rtroops have been brought up from Smyrna. The Germans here persist in saying that the fleet can not possibly get through and yet they go on making preparations as though they quite expected it. The whole place is being fortified, both in the European and Asiatic parts of the town, and in case of a bombardment there will be a great danger of fire, as all the Turkish quarters are entirely made of wooden houses.

Munitions Through Rumania.

"During the last fortnight about 150 mines and any amount of ammunitions, guns and so forth have been coming through Rumania from Germany. Rumania seems to have gone quite over to the German side, bribed, we suppose, like Bulgaria. Six weeks ago, when 40 officers arrived en route for the Suez canal, they brought with them cash and cases of ammunition, all marked Red Cross. Now, however, there is no attempt at concealment and ammunition comes through quite openly. There is nothing to hinder the Germans from bringing in even big guns.

"Almost every day boats come up from the Dardanelles full of wounded men. The yare sent off at night to San Stefano and Hydar Pasha. The Germans are most cheerful and optimistic and with their usual arrogance they go on boasting of how they will defeat the allies at the Dardanelles. They say they are sure they will deliver a blow to England.

"The Turks are really frightened, and in talking to several of them I find they are afraid of the hordes of Greek "ruffians," which the Germans make them believe—if the English get through, supposing by a miracle, such a thing were to happen—they will bring along with them as an army to massacre the Turks and pillage the towns."

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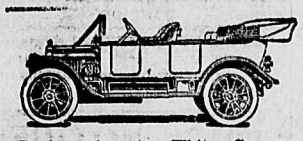
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News of Sport

COAST BALL LEAGUE SEASON HAS OPENED

Los Angeles, Salt Lake, San Francisco Winners—Salt Lake Makes Initial Bow.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The Pacific Coast Baseball league commenced its 1915 schedule today with Los Angeles, Salt Lake and San Francisco winners over Portland, Venice and Oakland, Salt Lake making its initial bow to coast league fans by winning a swatfest and loosely played game from the Venice aggregation.

The games:	R.	H.	E.
Portland	1	7	1
Los Angeles	8	10	0

Batteries—Krause, Matinolo, Reiger and Carisch; Hughes and Brooks.

	R.	H.	E.
Venice	3	9	4
Salt Lake	9	15	2

Batteries—Henley, Hitt and Mitze; O. Williams and Hannah.

	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	2	9	1
San Francisco	5	11	0

Batteries—Klawitter and Elliott; Canning and Schmidt.

LARSON'S TEAM WINS FROM BROWN QUARTET

On the Y.M.C.A. alleys last night the team captained by C. A. Larson defeated that captained by W. Brown by 71 pins. H. Gibbs and H. Nagle tied for high score, each having a score of 172. The former had high total, rolling up 477. The scores:

Larson's Team.			
D. St. Denis	100	100	100—300
D. B. Pawley	147	125	152—424
H. Nagle	162	125	172—459
C. A. Larson	151	162	144—457
	560	512	568—1640
Brown's Team.			
C. Steeper	100	100	100—300
F. J. Boles	125	152	118—395
W. Brown	145	124	128—397
H. Gibbs	146	172	159—477
	516	548	505—1569

ANGLICANS TO MEET PRESBYTERIANS TONIGHT

One of the most important games of the Church Basketball league will be played this evening in the Y.M.C.A. at 8:15 o'clock when the Anglicans meet the Presbyterians. The Anglicans are now tied with the Methodists for the league leadership and must win tonight's game in order to stay at the top. Should the Presbyterians win they will have an opportunity of making it a three cornered tie if they can also defeat the Methodists Saturday night. The Presbyterians will field a strong team tonight in an endeavor to put themselves into the running again. The Anglicans will be short one or two of their best men but promise to give their opponents a hard game.

STANLEY CUP WINNERS

The record of the Stanley cup is as follows:

1900—Shamrocks, Montreal.
1901—Victorias, Winnipeg.
1902—Montreal, Montreal.
1903—Senators, Ottawa.
1904—Senators, Ottawa.
1905—Senators, Ottawa.
1906—Wanderers, Montreal
1907—Wanderers, Montreal.
1908—Wanderers, Montreal.
1909—Senators, Ottawa.
1910—Wanderers, Montreal.
1911—Senators, Ottawa.
1913—Habitants, Quebec.
1914—Torontos, Toronto.
1915—Vancouvers, Vancouver.

SPORTING NOTES.

Marty Walsh, prominent in eastern lacrosse and hockey circles, died at the Muskoka sanitarium from consumption. Walsh was a member of the Ottawa Stanley cup holders of 1909 and 1911.

Joe Tobin, outfielder of the San Francisco baseball club, has been released by that club. Tobin was offered to the Vancouver club, which could not use him on account of having enought outfielders.

Jack Johnson announces that he will retire after his fight with Willard. This is the cry of all champions just before the big fight of their career.

Tommy Hall, formerly prominent in Lethbridge athletics, was killed in an accident at Helena, Montana, last week.

Newsy Lalonde, the well known lacrosse and hockey player, has been engaged to coach the Swarthmore university lacrosse team for the next two months.

Freddie Welsh and Battling Nelson have been matched to box 45 rounds at Havana some time in May. This announcement caused some surprise as it was figured that Nelson had quit the fighting game some time ago.

Baseball players of both the major leagues state that the Boston world's champions will not repeat their victory of last year in the National league. New York's chances are greatly favored by the majority of the players.

It is rumored that Manager Herzog of the Cincinnatti baseball club will lose his job on account of trouble with the secretary of the same club. The players have all agreed to stand by Herzog and if he is let go the club will probably find itself with a bunch of players who will refuse to play until Herzog is reinstated.

An exhibition football game will be played on Easter Monday afternoon between two picked teams captained by W. Hull and J. R. Ramsden. There will be a practise tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to enable the captains to get a line on their men.

FOOTBALL MEN TO HAVE CITY LEAGUE

Local Association Will Withdraw from the West Kootenay Organization.

At a meeting last night of the soccer enthusiasts of the city the Nelson Football association was reorganized for the season of 1915 and the opinion prevailed that the season could be successfully carried through. It was decided not to enter a team in the West Kootenay league this year on account of the expense involved, but a city league will be organized to be composed of at least three teams. It was thought that if strong efforts were made to carry the league through sucmessfully the players would take more interest than if, as in the past, the attention was given to a district league team and that the game in Nelson would be benefitted more thereby.

The officers were elected for this year, E. Robinson being re-elected president. The other officers elected were:

Hon. president—T. A. Robley.
Vice-president—E. Marsden.
Secretary-treasurer—Will Ramsden.
Executive committee—W. Hull, J. R. Ramsden, H. A. Francis, John Morris, D. M. Ritchie. An entertainment committee was also appointed to make arrangements for any entertainments that the association might give during the season as follows: W. Hull, A. Lane, H. A. Francis, A. Spiers, J. R. Marsden.

The executive committee will meet shortly and draw up a schedule for the city league, decide upon the membership fee for the season and complete other arrangements it may be necessary to make.

The green and white striped sweaters used by last season's district team and the green sweaters used by the city team will all be recalled and the work of collecting these will be undertaken by E. Robinson and J. R. Ramsden.

BIG BATCH OF RELEASES BY BASEBALL BOSSES

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

AUBURN, N. Y., March 31.—Secretary John H. Farrell of the National Associatios of Professional Baseball leagues today gave out the following releases in minor league clubs of the United States and Canada:

By Providence, John Onslow to Buffalo; by Buffalo, William Wright to Jersey City; by Montreal, E. Kippert to Seattle; by Seattle, Charles Fullerton to Montreal; by Spokane, W. Butler to Victoria; by Vancouver, Bert Hall to Salt Lake City.

EVERY MAN SHOULD FIGHT

Says Captain George Rodgers of 1st Brigade, Barrie

Mrs. George Rodgers of Barrie, Ont., has received the following letter from her husband, Capt. George Rodgers, who, with the rest of the 1st brigade, undoubtely has since experienced his first baptism of fire in the trenches in France. Capt. Rodgers is in command of the Simcoe county boys. He writes as follows under date of Feb. 15:

"We are up at last where we can hear the guns and see the flashlights at night. We arrived here last night about 4 o'clock. It is a small village of about 1,500. When we got off the train we had a walk of about four miles. When we arrived here we had to put the men into barns and houses, which took us till dark, and then started looking out for ourselves. I got a bed in a house which is very good. The Germans were here for nine days and sure did put it on the rough. This house had a shell come right through it and they make a mess of things. The lady of the house stopped me here to tell me that her husband and five brothers were at the war. Her husband was the village blacksmith and she hasn't seen or heard of him since they left on Aug. 5. Last week their only child died. The poor woman had a good cry. The place is full of Belgians, old men, women and children, and they have nothing but what they stand in. Any able-bodied man who saw and heard what I have and wouldn't take up arms is not fit to be called a man."

QUEEN'S OWN FARING WELL

Have Been Doing Their Share in the Trenches

"This news from my son, I think almost as good as a letter from the front to their relatives from the men in his company," said William A. Medland of Toronto. "I have just received the usual army postcard from Capt. F. R. Medland of the Queen's Own, stating that all is well.

"Under dates Feb. 25, 27 and March 2 he gives some details of his experiences. He describes the trip to France as being pretty rough and when he wrote last they were in the trenches. They were on duty there for 48 hours, with a relief of 24 hours. He expected that from that time on they would be longer on duty. The trenches are fairly comfortable, he says, and are preferable to Salisbury plains. The officers of the company were billeted at a farm house and the family cannot do enough for them, although the language presented some little difficulty at first. The men are accommodated in the barns and outhouses, and as they have plenty of blankets they have little of which to complain.

"When Capt. Medland last wrote there had only been two casualties in the company. A sergeant had been shot through the shoulder and the Germans got a bugler in the leg as he was climbing out of the trenches. He was seen when the enemy fired star shells. The writer also said there had been very little sickness and sent his best wishes to the relatives of the men who are doing their share in northern France."

FIGHTING ENEMY IN EAST AFRICA

Capt. Charles A. Robertson Tells of Engagement With Germans in East Africa.

The work of the German expeditionary force to German East Africa has been described in the letters of Capt. Charles A. Robertson, a nephew of J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto. The captain in former letters told of the fighting in the jungle. He had now been temporarily invalided. A recent letter says:

I am embarked on the S.S. Barfora on the 17th and leave tomorrow in a hospital train for Nairobi. I have been down with fever and got generally run down and the G.O.C. when he visited our post ordered me onto this ship I looked so ill. I had been through a very trying week. A party of the enemy about 40 Askari and one European used to come round nightly and fire volleys into the camp. Another day they attacked the post in force. We succeeded in holding them back until reinforcements arrived. My post had a small garrison and the enemy came in superior numbers, about 600 strong, with four machine guns. I doubt whether the account of this engagement will ever be published officially but if it is my name ought to figure in it.

On Firing Line Again.

I will write you from Nairobi. I hope to rejoin the Kashmire in about a fortnight when I shall be up in the firing line again. That last week fairly knocked me out. My nerves are jumpy. It is a beastly uncomfortable feeling waiting for an enemy who fires volleys at different hours every night into the camp.

Bee in Hospital.

A second letter dated at Niarobi on Jan. 26 says:

I think my last letter was written to you on the S.S. Barfora en route to Mombasa on the 17th inst. Since then I have been in the hospital at Niarobi and am now in Scott's sanitorium convalescing after a spell of fever. My temperature has been normal for some days but I expect I shall be kept here for some time before being sent back to the firing line.

Garrison Surrendered.

I have been extraordinarily lucky in not getting hit by a German square head. Have been several times under machine gun fire at close range. You will read in the official news of a post which the Germans have just captured, and the garrison was forced to surrender, having exhausted their ammunition. It also mentions that the post was sucessfully defended a short time before. Well, I was in command then, and held them off until reinforcements arrived. The day after I handed over the post was again attacked and was forced to surrender, and the two B. O.'s who were taken prisoners are now on parole and can take no further part in the war. Well, you see I am lucky again as far as my future career is concerned.

Great Deal of Fever.

There is nothing much the matter with me. I have been down on the coast belt since November 9 and the climate is very trying and there is any amount of fever. In addition the grub has been poor and there has been lots of hard work to do in the tropical sun. As a result I have got run down and all that is needed is rest and good feeding, which I am getting here. The last week at the post took it all out of me. I did not get a wink of sleep the whole week and then the attack which I have mentioned came off. All the time I had fever and felt pretty seedy and I was mighty glad when the reliefs were carried out and the G.O.C. ordered me on board the Barfora. I picked up at once in the sea air and this bracing climate is working wonders.

Delightful Situation.

This home is run by Major and Mrs. Southern, I.M.S., and they have a staff of sisters and nurses. It was formerly a local protectorate home for the colony but since the war started the Maharajah of Gwalior and Scindia is financing it and officers of the I.A. have first choice, and the sick and wounded Indians come next. It is delightfully situated and has every modern convenience. It is delightful after sleeping on the ground under canva for the last three months. The nurses are very attentive and won't let one do a hand's turn for one's self.

Wild Beasts Along Tracks.

It takes 24 hours to get here from Mombasa. It is a wonderful sight to see the game en route. Absolutely like a zoological garden for miles and miles. I saw hundreds of giraffes, zebras and deer of all sorts and conditions, baboons and three lions. The train hardly disturbs the game. During the night the train ran into a giraffe and killed it, and as a result the train was delayed half an hour while the guard and engineer hacked the beast to bits with an axe and removed the carcase limb by limb. Over and over again the train had to stop to prevent a similar occurrence.

I would like to write and tell you more of my doings but it is impossible without mentioning names of places, etc., and this is strictly forbidden.

This home is situated three and a half miles outside of Nairobi on the Uganda railway. One can buy most things in Nairobi, but everything is very expensive. It costs six cents to have one collar laundered at the Norfolk hotel.

SUPPLY COLUMN WIPED OUT.

Sergt. Tripp Narrates Feat of Belgian Aviator.

Sergt. J. H. Tripp, Army Service corps, writing to his brother from the seat of war describes in amusing fashion the difficulties of the men with the inhabitants of France owing to their ignorance of the language. He says: "We have had some heavy firing this last day or two and a big battle is pending. We have been able to watch them trying to bring down the aeroplanes, but I haven't seen one struck yet. Our aeroplanes are doing good service.

"The Germans waste hundreds of shells on them, but they have not hit one yet. I heard that a Belgian aviator had distinguished himself by picking out a supply column that was on the march and bombed them so hard that he wiped them out, blowing up their ammunition column. I hope the Germans are less skilled in this line of business otherwise we will have to keep our weather eye on the clouds."

TELLS OF TRAPPING GERMAN SUBMARINES

William Hinder, on Board Submarine C26, Tells of Vigil by Day and Night in North Sea.

The following letter was received by J. Withers of Toronto from an old shipmate, William Hinder, now on board H.M. submarine C26;

"Sorry," he says, "that I have kept you so long, but this is the first chance I have had, as we are kept pretty busy. I hope we shall get a chance to get a shot in at the Germans before it is all over, as we have had a fair amount of hardships and work, as you know. It is not very pleasant in the North sea in a big ship in winter, much less in a submarine.

"I shall not grumble, however, as long as we get a shot in at them. I am over my time now, but I will willingly put in a few extra months to see the baby-killers off. We were rather unlucky that our battle cruisers came into action with them so soon, as we were all waiting for them a little further on, and I am certain that we would have accounted for one of them.

Sank Four Submarines.

"Anyway they did not get off scot free. The wounded prisoners off the Blucher say the Von der Thann, the German battle cruiser, was sunk on the return journey from the Scarboro raid. At any rate, she was not there in the second attempted raid.

"There have been four of their submarines sunk in the past week"—the letter is dated March 14—"and you can safely say that it is not all by far. I cannot tell you how we are trapping them, as we are not allowed to mention it, but it will open the whole world's eyes after the war.

Will Shake Up Germans.

"I expect that you have seen that our ship, the Vengeance, is assisting in forcing the Dardanelles. The Queen Elizabeth was in Queensferry a few weeks ago with the main fleet. Her speed is 25 knots, but I expect she can do another knot. Her tonnage is 27,000. She will show up the Germans who are manning the Turkish forts all right.

"We only travel on the surface at night. As soon as daylight comes we dive and travel underneath, sometimes for nearly 15 hours. But the later boats can do more than that. One of the E boats laid on the bottom in Heligoland from Friday night until Monday noon, with the Germans sweeping for her. The crew heard the sweeps going over the top of them. Anyhow she got back all right.

Expect Great Doings.

"You can expect some great doings on in the next few weeks. Our navy will have a go and dig the baby-killers out, if they won't come out voluntarily and fight fair. The Germans are going to get a surprise and a big surprise, that will hasten the end of the war.

"I hear there are a lot of Canadians landing near the Dardanelles. England is very proud of the way in which her colonies have answered her call. It has opened the eyes of the whole world.

"We are all exposed at night when traveling on the surface. The seas come right over. The only danger is getting washed overboard.

British Navy on Top.

"It is simply wicked in the North sea this winter. We have lost two seamen since the war began. Both were washed overboard. There is not a sea that could swamp us or turn us over. As long as you stick to the boat you are all right, although it is a hard job sometimes. I hope I don't meet my end like that. I would rather chance my arm with a go at the funkers who are afraid to come. You can look for a big splash in the near future, and our navy is coming out on top, without a doubt."

LORD ROTHSCHILD DIED IN LONDON YESTERDAY

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

LONDON, March 31.—Lord Rothschild, head of the English branch of the Rothschild family, died in London today.

Lord Rothschild was the first baron of that name and was created such in 1885. He became baron of the Austrian empire by birth and was made lord-lieutenant of Buckinghamshire in 1889. He was a lieutenant for the City of London and also member of parliament for Aylesbury from 1865 to 1885. He was educated at Trinity college at Cambridge. His heir is Hon. Lionel W. Rothschild, who inherits about 10,000 acres.

DREW FOR TRENCH DUTY

W. Harold Boyce Was in the Trenches for First Time on His Birthday —Will Settle Accounts

"At last we are given a chance to show what we are made of; where we are and how we got here," says Pte. W. Harold Boyce of the stretcher staff, Royal Grenadiers, in a letter to his uncle in Toronto, dated France, Feb. 20. "We are at present in the firing line," says he, "and within one mile of the first line of trenches. We have been over here on the continent nearly two weeks and up to last Tuesday we were billeted at farm houses 15 miles back. That is to be our rest camp, I understand, as we are not in the line all the time.

Driven Out by British

"For our parlor and sleeping room there was a hay loft above the cattle pens, hardly up to hotel style, but jolly warm and comfortable sleeping apartments, after what we have been having. Our quarters were in the hands of the Germans for two months and they slept in the same place as ourselves. A big battle was fought around there and they were driven out by the British at the bayonet point. There were several graves in the garden and numerous signs of heavy fighting in the vicinity.

A Hard March

"We left there for ——. It was certainly a hard march, as besides wearing our heavy equipment, great coats, rifle, etc., we were carrying 130 rounds of ammunition, 15 miles in all and the roads rotten. We were 'all in' when we got here and suffering from blistered feet. The villages, towns, etc., on the way up show signs of the heavy shell fire, although most of them are now rebuilt.

"The building where we are at present billeted was once a college. It has been knocked about by shell fire. There are holes in the walls here two or three feet in diameter. A battery of British artillery was firing over this building on Thursday and yesterday, right into the German trenches. We are pretty well used to the big guns now, as they are continually at it. I guess I shall remember my birthday this year alright, as it was my first day under fire. We marched up to view the trenches in the morning from, as we thought, a safe position, but when a shell whizzed over our heads and killed a couple of horses about 400 yards in front of us, we decided it was hardly a sight-seeing excursion.

Relieve British Regiments

"We are relieving one of the British regiments and so many companies go up to the trenches at a time. Two of us go with them. The first batch went on Thursday and when the call came for two of our staff, we, of course, all volunteered. As there was only two needed we drew lots. I was disappointed, as I wanted to be with the first bunch to have the honor of going into the trenches. I could not go last night, as I was on hospital duty, but expect to go tonight. At present we go in 24-hour relief.

Hopes to Settle Accounts

"It's great here. I am getting on fine with the language and shall be able to talk it like a native if I stay here long enough. I am having a great time and hope to have settled a few accounts by th etime this reaches you.

"Later—Have just drawn lots for trenches and won, so go to trenches tonight. Hurrah! It's pelting rain."

HUNS DRANK 800 BOTTLES

Punished Champagne in Cellars of French Chateau.

In a letter Lieut. Eric Pepler of the 3rd company Canadian Field engineers describes in humorous vein the trouble he had in making an elderly dame allow his men to stable their horses in one of her barns. Eventually he had to order the men to clear the place out and commandeer the place. He stated that he had been separated from Capt. T. C. Irving and that Major Lindsay is laid up in England.

"Where we're living is called the 'Petite Chateau' and it is very comfortably fitted up." He continues: "The German artillery captain lived here when they marched through before, and, incidentally, he and his outfit drank 800 bottles of champagne from the wine cellars of this house. Being mess secretary, this grieves me very much, as I spent a good part of this morning trying to buy some French beer and a tablecloth. It was hard to find the cloth, for the madame that I went to said that she used her last the other day when King George passed through."

VOTERS' LIST.

Conservative electors of Nelson riding not on last revised voters' list should apply at once to collector of votes, Nelson court house.

Application must be made before April 5. Forms and all information can be obtained from members of Conservative executive.

FRED C. MOFFATT,
(348) Secretary.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

The next examination for the entry of Naval Cadets, will be held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May, 1915, successful candidates joining the College on or about 1st August. Applications for entry will be received up to 15th April by the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, from whom blank entry forms can now be obtained.

Candidates for the examination in May next must be between the ages of fourteen and sixteen on the 1st July, 1915.

Further details can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

G. J. DESBARATS,
Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.
Department of the Naval Service, Ottawa, January 8th, 1915.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1915

A BANKING FIRM WHICH GREW GREAT THROUGH WAR.

The death of Baron Rothchild has occurred in the midst of just such stirring times as those of a century ago which offered the great banking firm the opportunity upon which it rose to almost supreme power in the money markets of the world.

The house of Rothchild was established by Mayer Anselm Rothchild, who was born at Frankfurt-on-Main in 1743. Industry, frugality and sound business methods made him master of capital upon which he opened branches in London, Vienna, Paris and Naples.

The Napoleonic wars made the house of Rothchild the money bag of the warring powers. In 12 years the firm raised over half a billion dollars, a sum which in those days was considered enormous.

Rothchilds' success has been laid to two fundamental maxims upon which the business has been conducted. The first of these was to carry on all business in common. Every proposition of magnitude was laid before each member of the firm, fully discussed and then executed by their united efforts. The second principle was to set definite limits to each operation and never to aim at exorbitant profits.

Up to the end of last century Rothchilds had raised for the powers of Europe billions of dollars. Through the firm's operations it secured a power over European politics which is said to have been used, on at least one occasion during the nineteenth century, to avert war between Great Britain and France.

The death of Baron Rothchild is but an incident in the history of the great banking house. His place as head of the family in the United Kingdom will be taken by another Rothchild. That has been the custom since the plans for the establishment and conduct of the house of Rothchild were laid down by the wise old banker of Frankfurt.

EQUITABLE AND ADVANCED LABOR LEGISLATION.

Workmen and employers of labor should make a close study of the provisions of the new workmen's compensation act which has been brought down in the provincial legislature and which will be passed at the next session.

The legislation is based upon advanced and progressive principles which have been found to operate equitably and advantageously where they have been placed in operation.

Under the British Columbia act compensation will be awarded by an independent commission upon a scale which is defined in the act to those who suffer through accidents or through industrial diseases. The measure will entirely obviate litigation and will save to the employee legal expenses which under the existing act have been found often to reduce considerably the amount of money actually received by dependents or by those who are injured. The courts will have no place in the administration of the measure.

To meet the cost of compensation employers will be assessed in accordance with the actual hazard of the business in which they are engaged. This money will be paid into a fund which will be administered by the board. Employers will thus be relieved of the necessity of taking out insurance policies to cover their employees. Instead of paying premiums which include profits and expenses of the insurance companies they will be called upon to pay assessments based on the exact cost of providing compensation for the workers and their dependents in the various industries.

The act will not only save to the workman or his dependents legal expenses but it will also prevent delay in securing payment.

The act has been laid on the table until next session in order that it may be thoroughly discussed and considered before it is passed into law next year.

NATIONAL DEBTS HAVE GROWN AT RAPID RATE.

The tremendous development of the industries and natural resources of the world during the past half century has been accompanied by a huge increase in the aggregate national debts. In 1880 the total of all countries for which data has been obtained was $2,500,000,000. That total had increased in 1912 to $42,000,000,000.

France has the largest national debt, $6,284,000,000; Russia takes second place with $4,553,000,000, and the United Kingdom comes next with $3,486,000,000. Italy's national debt is $2,707,000,000; Spain, $1,815,000,000; British India, $1,475,000,000; Japan, $1,242,000,000. United States, $3,736,000,000.

The debt of the German empire is $1,178,000,000, but to this sum must be added $3,736,000,000, which is the debt of the German states. Austria-Hungary has a debt of $1,051,000,000; Hungary of $1,268,000,000 and Austria of $1,434,000,000.

While the world's liabilities have increased its assets and productive powers have, however, shown a still more remarkable growth.

CANADIANS FULFIL HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

While the first Canadian contingent was being recruited and while it was undergoing preliminary training at Valcartier the people of Canada felt that the boys would give a splendid account of themselves in action.

Accounts of their bearing at Salisbury camp, of their cheerfulness and keenness and grim determination to make the best of everything under the most trying of conditions strengthened this conviction.

Canadians knew that the troops were of a high order of intelligence, that they were ardent in their desire to meet the enemy, that they were eager to become first-class soldiers in fact as well as in spirit.

General Alderson's report to General Sam Hughes more than justifies the high expectations which were entertained. The commander of the Canadians believed that they would do well and is delighted to find that they have done even better than he expected.

The second and further contingents, when they reach the battlelines, will fortify General Alderson's favorable opinion of the type of men which Canada is able to send to fight for the Empire.

The abolition of the minimum price list on the New York stock exchange removes the last factor of an abnormal nature in the government of business at that institution.

General Huerta is said to have left Spain on his way to Mexico to organize another revolution. He must have had a glorious spendfest with the millions of dollars with which he decamped from that country if he has found it necessary to make a return trip for more.

Copper seems determined to make good the predictions of the metal market experts who a few months ago asserted that it would go to a high price during the war. It touched 16 cents in New York yesterday and the market was reported as firm.

"It would be rather difficult to imagine a worse mess than the party has got into in the city of Vancouver. It does not look as if we could expect any Liberal to be elected here." That is the opinion of Joseph Martin, K.C., Sir Wilfrid Laurier's accredited organizer in the west.

The new war taxes are already productive of largely increased revenue. Ever since the war the excise revenue has fallen off greatly, but the new impositions have had the effect of raising the collections for February to $322,907 above the total for the same month in 1914.

A Canadian inland revenue report on the results of examination of samples of paris green shows that whereas in 1895 21 per cent was adulterated this chemical as sold in Canada in 1915 is absolutely pure. Cut worms and other pests against which the poison is employed should find great consolation in the knowledge that they are being supplied with the pure stuff.

General Alderson's report states that Major Percy Rigby, who went from Nelson with the first contingent and who died in action, was killed by a shell. Death from the cannon missile must have come within a few hours of the time when Major Rigby wrote a letter, published yesterday morning, in which he treated with scorn the effects of the German artillery fire.

COLD STORAGE.

Poneloro—My book of dancing rules says, "Don't hold the lady too close."
Percival—Impossible.

First juror—Young Attorney Bray made a mighty fine speech, didn't he?
Second juror — Eh-yah! Wonder which side he was on?

"I hear that they belong to the early settlers."
"Well, you wouldn't think so if you could see the bill collectors climbing their front steps."

"Do you sleep like a baby?" asked the doctor.
"No," replied the patient. "One night when I was all lit up I tried it, but the perambulator was too short for me."

WHAT THE PRESS IS SAYING.

A New Britain Born.

Few peoples at any time in history have been so suddenly and effectively braced and nerved as this nation was by the quite unexpected appearance of the gravest peril it had ever faced. A new Britain was born; a country filled with the spirit of effort and discipline, of cool consideration of difficulties, ready co-operation and unstinted self-sacrifice.—London Telegraph.

Armament as a Peacemaker.

Modern armament, high velocity rifles and 105-centimetre guns may yet spell the world's peace. By divesting war of its glamor—by making the trade so precarious and devoid of thrills that it no longer makes an appeal to the fighting nature of man—the modern method of warfare may achieve against itself the very thing that peace tribunals, endowments and statesmanship have despaired of.—Buffalo News.

Froggie, Be Warned in Time.

Dr. J. J. Kellogg says that he had all the nicotine extracted from a cigarette and a solution made out of it. Half was injected into a frog "with the effect that the frog died almost instantly. The rest was administered to another frog with like effect. The conclusion is evident that a single cigarette contains poison enough to kill two frogs." We hope that after this solemn warning there will ge a marked decrease in cigarette smoking among frogs.—Saskatoon Phoenix.

War and "Kultur."

Altogether the war in Europe has done a good deal for the revival of the "kultur" that lies in the inspiring confirmation of Caeser's opinion that "of these the bravest are the Belgians," and only the other day there was the story of a French soldier in the trenches on the Aisne following the plan of the Roman general's Gallic war and discovering in him the inventor of trench methods of warfare. And now the warships in the Hellespont revivify Homer and Herodotus.—New York World.

THE WEATHER.

	Min.	Max.
Nelson	40	58
Prince Rupert	42	56
Vancouver	44	56
Edmonton	32	46
Calgary	36	52
Moose Jaw	9	45
Port Arthur	22	40
Prince Albert	14	38
London	22	35
Ottawa	20	40
Quebec	24	36
Halifax	22	42
Victoria	42	52
Kamloops	44	58
Medicine Hat	28	56
Winnipeg	20	34
Parry Sound	14	40
Toronto	21	41
Montreal	22	36
St. John	20	44

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

At New York—Duca d'Aosta, Genoa; Frederick VII., Copenhagen.
At Naples—Carpathia, New York.

BRAVE DASH FOR GUNS

Private Livingstone Tells of Victorious Charge at Cambrai.

"It was our duty to do or die and we went straight for the guns and captured 14," says Pte. W. Livingstone of the North Irish in a letter to his aunt in Toronto, telling of the charge in which his regiment participated with the 9th lancers at Cambrai shortly after the battle of Mons. "It was my first experience of a charge," says he. "I did not return without avenging some of my lost comrades. The worst of it all was that in the middle of the charge, just when we were half way to the guns, we had our way blocked up with about 30 rows of barbed wire. I was not long in dismounting and using my wire cutters, which all the section leaders carry. It is an old game of the Germans to lay barbed wire. We had to be quick, for the guns were playing on us all the time and the shells were coming like hail. When we reached the guns we mowed the gunners down like hay and captured the guns, but with heavy losses. However, our losses were as nothing compared with the German. They don't like British steel. It was a glorious sight when we turned to march back with 14 guns and some prisoners. It took six horses to draw each gun. I never felt happier in my life than when we returned from that charge.

"We were the first volunteer regiment in action and were in the retreat from Mons. The first three weeks were awful."

Pte. Livingstone was invalided home and is now at Blarney, County Antrim, Ireland. He says he is proud that he was the first to carry the first bit of German uniform into Blarney. It consisted among other souvenirs of a German button with a piece of grey cloth attached to it.

THREW IT OUT

In a recent despatch Sir John French expressed his regret that it was impossible to bring before the notice of the public at home many acts of individual gallantry performed by the men of the expeditionary force. Attention may be drawn to a very brave deed, which is described by a corporal in the North Somerset yeomanry, in a letter to his mother at Bath. He writes:

"I had a marvellous escape. A German bomb fell in the trench hardly a foot from me. I did not see it coming and nothing could have saved me or Dick Moody or the other fellows with us had not Sergt.-Major Reeves made a dash for it.

"He picked up the bomb, pulled out the fuse and threw it out of the trench. It was the bravest thing I have ever seen."

SPLENDOR OF GREAT STRUGGLE FORGOTTEN

Spirit of Greatest Nation Rising to Meet Emergency Brought Out in Conflict

Mrs. Evan Nepean, writing in the Queen, says:

One of the most interesting collections that can be formed during the war consists of letter from the front. If it were possible to come by, I think a collection of letters from home to the front would be nearly as interesting, but there is one which we can easily make (and which I, for one, started at the beginning of last August), namely, letters to us from our friends at home. I should very much like to have the chance of reading what I myself have written to those to whom I really write—express my opinions, volunteer my hopes, ask for contradictions of my fears, expounded my theories, and all the rest of it. I did get back a letter written on Oct. 21 to a relation who was taken prisoner by the Germans just before he should have received it—it took nearly four months to come back to me, with the official remarks upon it that no casualty had been reported, but that he could not be traced. (It is, therefore lucky that he got a letter through to me to say where he was about a month after he was taken, but since then there has reigned a horrible unbroken silence.)

This letter of mine read very strangely in my own eyes. I always feel that somebody else wrote my own letters when once they are a week old! —but it chiefly dealt with home news now many months stale and there was little in it of what I write to a couple of dozen friends at home, let us say—for, after all, what we write to the front is not quite what we write to those in England!

And it is that very point which I have been thinking over since I read my own letter with the feelings of a stranger, or, perhaps I should put it a descendant reading the papers of an ancestor!

Not Cowardly Nor Impartial

I had several pages from a very brave woman a few days ago. She has a son, two brothers and about half a dozen other relations with the expeditionary force and she fills her friends with admiration at her pluck. She fills me with admiration—but of a tempered kind. There is not one cowardly word in the whole of her letter, not the slightest suggestion of hopelessness or of despair, not even an expression of impatience; in fact, the whole breathes an admirable atmosphere, best expressed by the text: "He that believeth shall not make haste." But all through it I sought in vain for one uplifting phrase, one hint of enthusiasm, of glorying in the glory of the hundreds of great deeds we hear of weekly (and may well believe in thousands we are never told!). She faces heroically detailed horrors, of fighting, of German barbarity, of the wear and tear of daily warfare, of strain there and here, but it is all from first to last, a very gallant acceptance and endurance of dreadful conditions and happenings. And I thought when I first got the letter, and I still think after reading it through carefully several times, that it might very well have a most desperately depressing effect when read by one who was not so brave as the writer, and who, let me add, had rather more imagination—and knowledge!

I heard of someone who was lately rebuked by a clergyman for saying, "We live in dreadful times," and who received the answer, "We live in splendid times and the very best of the nation is brought out." Is it not worth while to admit that both statements are true, but that we may as well enlarge upon the splendor a little more than we do? There is a very great deal to be done in the way of mental self-training by those who have little else to do, but wait and think. (Oh, that waiting and thinking!) The will can be brought to bear, the mind can be disciplined into dwelling upon fine and high thoughts, upon memories of brave deeds, whether great or small, whether of action or endurance, whether at home or abroad. It is exhaunting the obvious to remark that the mere recollection of King Albert has tided many thousands—dare I say millions?—over innumerable bad moments and I do not think we shall do badly to turn our thoughts to our own king and the very hard and undramatic but immeasurably useful work he is daily getting through.

"Our Children Shall Know"

There is so much that is of the very finest and best, the great spirit of the greatest nation rising to meet the most terrible emergency ever known in history. The black cloud of the brooding Napoleon hangs thunderously still over the pages of history a hundred years ago. What night will not this war-cloud show on the pages a century hence? It is so hard to get it all into focus now because we are living through it! "Our children shall know, we are too near for that knowledge." But there is much that we can see and much that we can understand, and when we have done dealing with the frightfulness of this great war, as my friend did, we can write a few more pages in another frame of mind. That we owe to our men who write us those gloriously brave and grandly funny letters home! I put it very lamely, a certain immortal letter-writer set it in an immortal phrase: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

SCOTCH JOURNALIST AT FRONT.

Among the less known activities carried out on the field of battle is he publication of a newspaper. A Scottish journalist who left for the scene of operations a few weeks ago writes home that it has been his fate up till now to wield the pen rather than the sword. He prepares for publication and prints each Wednesday (on a duplicator) a summary running into several pages of interesting events and information, extracts from German newspapers, etc., for the benefit of the troops of the —— corps. It is facetiously admitted that the journal can boast of no advertisements, and the whole space is devoted to reading matter. "Even the London Gazette stoops to print advertisements, but we are above that sort of thing." The writer goes on to say that military journalism does not take up all his time for he does interpreting for all and sundry when the official interpreters are not at hand, works at topography on a small scale, and has always shorthand and typewriting work to attend to, all of which goes to show the usefulness of the man in khaki.

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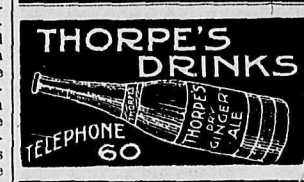

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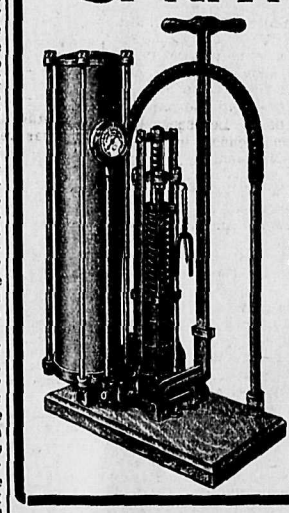

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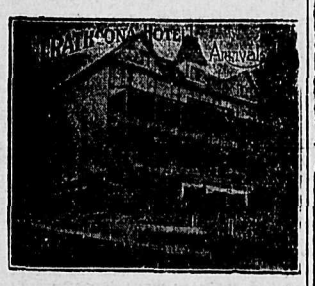

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SASKATCHEWAN LIQUOR REFORM IN FORCE TODAY

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

REGINA, Sask., March 31.—On and after Thursday, April 1, the bars of Saskatchewan will close at 7 o'clock in the evening, according to a proclamation which has just been published in the Saskatchewan Gazette to this effect.

The proclamation calls for the closing of all public bars at 7 o'clock in the evening on and after April 1 and also orders the discontinuance of the sale of liquors in clubs and in dining cars operating in the province of Saskatchewan at the hour of 7 o'clock in the evening, taking effect April 1.

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RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION RAPID NEAR SPIRIT RIVER

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

EDMONTON, Alta., March 31.—The steel on the main line of the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia railway today reached the Smokey river at mile 290, northwest of Edmonton, thus completing one more link in the chain of development of that section of the country.

A temporary bridge is now being thrown across the river to allow laying of steel to proceed on the 70-mile stretch to the Spirit River settlement.

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C. C. YARNELL DEAD.

(Special to The Daily News.)

VICTORIA, B.C., March 31.—C. C. Yarnell of Rossland, who was injured through falling on the sidewalk yesterday, died today.

MOYIE LAKE IS NOW TOTALLY CLEAR OF ICE

(Special to The Daily News.)

MOYIE B.C., March 31.—An Easter Monday dance will be held in Miners' hall on April 5.

The Canadian Pacific railway fire warden and his family have come here for the season.

Mrs. Edward Hill and Master Ray Hill of Cranbrook were here for a few days visit to her mother, Mrs. Hillier, and her sisters, Miss Hillier and Mrs. J. W. Fitch.

On Sunday Harry Dimock of the California mine, Nelson, came for a short visit with his family, and went to Cranbrook on Monday, returning yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kesler from Great Falls, Mont., were here on Sunday for a brief visit, and A. Raworth of Cranbrook visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning the same day.

Moyie lake is now quite clear of ice.

HARROP NOTES.

(Special to The Daily News.)

HARROP, B.C., March 31.—F. A. Starkey, George Motion and M. S. Middleton were at Harrop on Wednesday.

A whist drive in aid of the Anglican church funds will be held in Reynold's house on Friday, April 9 instead of the theatricals, which have been postponed till the fall.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG IN WANETA DISTRICT

(Special to The Daily News.)

WANETA, B.C., March 31.—Mrs. F. Adie has returned from Nelson.

Frequent trips are being made to Trail by ranchers with different produce of the district.

Fall sown grain is well forward and evidences of an early season are seen everywhere. Land has been broken and is ready for seeding, slashing and burning is going on in all parts. Pruning is being done in the orchards; the small fruit trees are already out in leaf.

HALCYON PERSONALS

(Special to The Daily News.)

HALCYON, B. C., March 31.—A. R. Mackenzie, Winnipeg, H. W. Webster, Revelstoke, and W. Creda, New Denver, arrived on Monday.

Miss Jean and Edward Levesque, children of P. Levesque, Revelstoke, arrived on Monday in care of Miss Marjory Maceachren, who had been on a visit to the city.

C. C. Fravel, Enderby, and N. D'Andrea, Glacier, left on Sunday.

A. Adano, Vancouver, arrived on Tuesday.

The mild, wet weather of the last few days has raised the lake several feet.

The pole camp at Eagle Bay is being operated with a force of seven men, which will be increased later on.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM THE TRENCHES

Pte. Gravlin Writes to Victoria of Using Periscope to Watch Operations.

"You cannot imagine what war really is until you are in the midst of it," writes Pte. Bert Gravlin from the trenches in France to his sister in Victoria.

In the course of the letter he says: "We are in the trenches at last, and we certainly have to dodge the bullets. The German trenches are only 400 yards away from us, and we can see them every now and then with their heads carefully raised above the trench top to see what is going on. Sometimes we see the German artillery trying to bring down our aeroplanes with anti-aircraft guns, and they certainly come very close to our boys at times.

"We have periscopes in our trench, and without lifting my head above the parapet I was able to see the British shelling a farmhouse where some Germans were hidden. Believe me, they cleared out in a hurry."

In another part of his letter Pte. Gravlin tells how the Germans shelled the town close to where they were billeted.

"The first shots came," he writes, "within 50 yards of us. We ran over to where the first one had burst, and just as we got there another one came and exploded in the same place. It was right above our heads, but luckily not one of us was hurt.

"During the one night we were in the trenches there was really not much doing, but a couple of miles from us massed machine guns were blazing away, and together with the rifle fire made a deafening noise. All through the night they kept it up, but in the daytime our turn came, and we let them have it for all we were worth."

ROSSLAND PERSONALS

(Special to The Daily News.)

ROSSLAND, B. C., March 31.—Mrs. Percy Hunt leaves on Thursday morning for a visit to her mother at Ritzville, Wash.

L. A. Swift, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Morris for the past week, left on the evening train for his home in Calgary.

Miss Jennie Inches has accepted a position as stenographer with C. R. Pincott.

RUSSIAN FLEET WILL PROVE ITS EFFICIENCY

Engagements Participated in by Warships Commented upon—Has Reached Enhanced Standing.

In a recent issue of the Army and Navy Gazette of London some interesting comment is made in regard to the Russian fleet.

"Now that the Baltic has become closed with ice," says the Gazette, "we are not likely to hear much more of the movements of the Russian fleet in those waters. It may be that the circumstance has some connection with the reported withdrawal of the greater part of the German fleet from Kiel. On the other hand, Libau is always an ice free port and it should be possible for submarines to operate from that base.

"Moreover reports amobt the movements of the German fleet in the Baltic have never been authenticated and have sometimes been put about to purposely mislead. In the second week of November a very similar story to that which has now come from Copenhagen was current in Rome. We were told of a transfer of ships from Kiel to Wilhelmshaven and of increased activity in the Kaiser Wilhelm canal.

"On the whole Russia may be well satisfied with the work which has been done by her Baltic fleet since the war began. It has won no great battles but it has at least obliged the enemy to maintain a strong force in the Baltic. It has also to its score several ships of the enemy though it is true there is some uncertainty about the means by which these were destroyed.

"There was, of course, the loss of the Magdeburg and the casualty list published at the time in Berlin seemed to point to other vessels destroyed at the same time. There was also the mystery about the seven destroyers and torpedo boats which arrived at Kiel in a damaged condition, the reason for which has never been explained. The Bayan was also credited with having sunk a small German cruiser and two torpedo boats while engaged in mine laying and the Hertha was said to have been the cruiser destroyed. This, however, can hardly have been the case, for an admiralty communique issued at Petrograd on Dec. 26 referred to the sinking of Herta and a German mine layer. The only other German loss in the Baltic which has received confirmation is that of the Frederich Karl, which was destroyed by a mine.

"As against these German losses the only ship of the Russian Baltic fleet which has been destroyed is the cruiser Pallada, which was torpedoed by a submarine at about the same time as the British cruiser Hawke.

"The threat of Russian movements has certainly interfered with German activity in the Baltic and we know officially that the efforts of Admiral von Essen's fleet have been incessant. With the return of spring it should be largely reinforced and should be able to make its presence even more effectual.

"The activity of the Russian fleet in the Black sea was limited at first by its having no hostile object and it was not until Turkey came into the war that its opportunity arrived. It was an evidence of its preparedness that as soon as hostilities were announced it put to sea and in spite of the superior speed of the Goeben and the three light cruisers which Turkey possessed, it was able to do good work."

RELIEVE BRITISH DIVISION.

Lieut. Walter Nicholls Says Soldiers Do Not Worry.

Lieut. Walter Nicholls, son of Col. Frederic Nicholls, in a letter received in Toronto from the front under date of March 3 states:

"Just at present we have quite a bit of time to ourselves, but hear that we will be very busy next week as our division will be right into the game by that time on account of our relieving a British division. I went to a show that was put on by a few British officers for the soldiers and while at the show the German shells were doing a few stunts in the town, but no one paid any attention to them as this had been going on for some time. Of course there are very few people in these towns except soldiers and they do not worry a bit about anything.

The weather is still as bad as ever but we expect to get a fine day soon. I am quite well and would not miss this excursion for anything. We all hope those at home will get good reports of the Canadians in the firing line as every soldier is very anxious to make good and make a reputation for the first Canadian contingent.

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Willie—To wash mother's ears.

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DOMINION TO OPERATE NEW LINE

(Continued from Page One)

and accordingly this resolution was introduced. Mr. Cochrane said that it was impossible in advance to estimate what the cost of operating the road would be and consequently general power was taken to provide the necessary funds. He added that if conditions continued as they are at present the government would be able to use a good deal of the rolling stock of the Intercolonial railway in the operation of the National Transcontinental.

Mr. Cchrane then moved a resolution which authorizes the government to lease or otherwise acquire the Lake Superior branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific, including terminal facilities of that company or any other company. The resolution also provides that the government's railway act shall apply to any line of railway so leased or acquired; and that the expenditure under this resolution or under chapter 43 of the statutes of 1914 shall be a charge against the consolidated revenue fund of Canada.

Was Far-Reaching.

Hon. George P. Graham said that the resolution of the minister was far-reaching. It gave the minister power to expropriate not only the Lake Superior branch and its elevators, but also the elevators of any other railway, without the consent of the parties now owning them.

Mr. Graham said that the government proposed to take power away from this Grand Trunk Pacific line at any time. Should the Grand Trunk Pacific be ready in a short time to enter into its lease of the main line 180 miles of its system would be in the hands of the government. He was in perfect accord with the government in its belief that some arrangement should be made to operate the National Transcontinental. It was doubtful, however, if it would be wise for the government to purchase this expensive property at the present time. Such action would place the government in a peculiar position.

Mr. Graham then quoted a letter written by Gordon Grant, chief engineer of the National Transcontinental, to the minister, in which he stated that up to Dec. 31, 1914, cash expenditures on the road amounted to $149,479,550; interest charges would bring the amount up to $170,123,191. In addition there were unpaid estimates amounting to approximately $1,900,000, making a total expenditure of $172,023,191. This did not include the settlement of construction claims which might be disposed of by the exchequer court. He next quoted a letter written by Gordon Grant on Feb. 22 to Engineer Woods, in which he pointed out that the taking over of the road was subject to a joint acceptance by the chief engineer of the government and the chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific. He enclosed a form of joint acceptance for signature by the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Woods refused to sign this form of acceptance on the score that the road was not completed.

Details Not Final.

On Feb. 3, Mr. Graham said, the minister of railways wrote a letter to the Grand Trunk Pacific in which he stated quite plainly the details of cost submitted were not final but up to Dec. 31, 1914. This letter, he said, clearly indicated that the minister himself did not regard the road as being complete.

"Is a railway ever completed?" asked Mr. Cochrane.

"A railway may be completed under the terms of an agreement," replied Mr. Graham, who went on to say that on Feb. 3 the minister had also written a letter to Mr. Chamberlin urging the company to supply the rolling stock necessary for the operation of the line.

Mr. Graham then referred to Mr. Woods' reply to Mr. Grant's letter in which he sent a joint form of acceptance to be signed.

Mr. Woods stated in his reply that this was the first intimation he had received even from the government that the line was finished.

Mr. Graham quoted from Mr. Chamberlin's letter to the minister requesting that the company provide rolling stock. In this letter Mr. Chamberlin said that he did not understand the government claims that the road was complete. Under the circumstances it would be improvident and unwise on the part of the company to secure equipment which might have to remain idle.

No Ground for Complaint.

At this point Mr. Graham expressed the view that the company has no ground for complaint because of the non-completion of the Quebec bridge, because the late Mr. Hays had agreed that the establishment of a ferry would be regarded as the equivalent of a bridge.

Road Is Ready.

The last letter referred to by Mr. Graham was one written by Mr. Cochrane to Mr. Chamberlin on March 27 in which the minister stated that he considered the road was in a fit state to be operated and that an agreement to take it over should be entered into at once.

The minister stated that further postponement would be in the public interest and that the government would not take any responsibility for delay.

Summing up the correspondence, Mr. Graham said that it all went to show that the National Transcontinental is not finished and that the government is not in a position to execute a lease.

Mr. Cochrane interrupted to say that the government had not included in the proposed agreement the amount covering the work in the lease. This would be arranged later.

Mr. Graham agreed that some such arrangement would probably have to be made. But why not approach the matter in another way? The government was not ready to sign a lease but proposed by this resolution to take from the Grand Trunk Pacific a portion of its system by arbitrarily expropriating the line from Superior Junction to Fort William. He thought it would be possible to make some arrangement upon more amicable lines.

Hon. Frank Cochrane in reply, maintained that in regard to the entrance to Quebec, the National Transcontinental railway is in just as good a position to do business as the Canadian Pacific railway, having complete access to the harbor.

He said that Gordon Grant had made a mistake in that part of his letter referring to the Quebec terminals. He understood that the Grand Trunk Pacific also takes the view that the line will not be completed under the terms of the agreement until the Quebec bridge is built.

"They have not a leg to stand on," interrupted Mr. Graham.

Line Complete

Mr. Cochrane said he had gone over the line from Moncton to Winnipeg in daylight. The Grand Trunk Pacific had built certain sections which the company maintains are complete. He was prepared to take the other sections constructed by other contractors and show that they were just as complete.

Referring to the matter of the shops at Quebec, Mr. Cochrane expressed the opinion that if the shops at Winnipeg had been built near the centre of the system they would have been large enough for the whole 1,800 miles of railway. He took issue with the argument that the terms of agreement were to be made by the chief engineers. The provision for arbitration, he said, relates only to the construction and not to completion of the line. The Grand Trunk Pacific could argue indefinitely that the road had not been finished but for years to come there will be capital charges to be provided.

Mr. Cochrane said there was no desire on the part of the government to go at this thing in the wrong way. The condition of the road was such that facilities are available for all the business for years to come. He said that while it was not in the correspondence, he understood that one of the objections of the company is that the road was to have cost only $60,000,000, whereas it has cost over $170,000,000.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he understood that while the Grand Trunk Pacific had not actually refused to take over the line it had not complied with the request of the minister to operate it.

He said he would like to know whether the minister thought the changes made at Quebec were in the interest of the railway.

Mr. Cochrane—"I think so."

It was charged, went on Sir Wilfrid, that the contract with the company was insufficient. He asserted that the contract was full and complete. It had been drawn up by the best lawyers obtainable, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gormulley, counsel of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr Sheeply. There was enough in the contract to compel the Grand Trunk Pacific to implement it but the present government had put itself in a position where it could not hold the company to the agreement.

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TRANSCONA.—Letters are coming to hand from Transcona men in the trenches in France. William Iball, reservist of the Royal engineers, who left to join the colors following the outbreak of hostilities, writing to Mrs. Iball here, gives an account of a terrible punishment inflicted upon the enemy for a treacherous ruse. He says that from a point of vantage he witnessed a number of Germans bearing something on a stretcher in the direction of the British lines, and at a point held by a company of Highlanders. The first impression was that they were seeking a burying place for a comrade. The Highlanders were suspicious, however and detected a cold attempt at their utter destruction. Carefully concealed on the stretcher, draped in white, was a machine gun, which the Huns were maneuvering to get into position. Immediately the ruse was detected the Highlanders left their trenches and accounted for every German at the point of the bayonet.

Too Close to Look Good.

Pte. F. J. Keen, who is with A company of the 90th, writes to his father, W. G. Keen, under date of Feb. 27. Pte. Keen states that as they were marching to the trenches a shell just missed a woman and child, another went through the roof of a cottage and the third hit the clock on a church tower. "They were the first I had seen and they were a little close to us to look good. I was thinking our time was next, but anyway we got to the trench safely. I might say it is a great life in them. It beats all your chicken shooting. We have had about a dozen of our fellows wounded up to now but none killed. Walter (Pte. Barugh, who was killed in action March 10) is one of our snipers and he says it is great fun. The aeroplanes go up every morning and it is great fun watching the Germans shelling them; they just seem to dodge them every time."

NEW WAR INVENTION

A torpedo hydro-aeroplane, which has been devised by a Swede, Knud Nystroen, for destroying submarines, was shown in operation before members of the Swedish parliament, telegraphs Warla Thorup, the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Express.

The torpedo seaplane travels at high speed, and the torpedo can be fired at very long ranges. After the torpedo is fired it travels by its own power in the ordinary way.

It is claimed that the torpedo seaplane will prove a most effective weapon against submarines. Experts have the greatest expectations from the invention, which it is expected the Swedish government will buy.

MINIMUM QUOTATIONS AT NEW YORK ABOLISHED

Danger of Panicky Liquidation Over, Considers Committee—Arbitrary Prices Useless.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, March 31.—That the financial markets of the United States no longer fear European liquidation of American securities was made evident today when the governing committee of the New York stock exchange recommended the abolition of minimum prices, which were established as a safeguard on Dec. 15 last.

The reasons of the committee for arriving at this conclusion were:

First, that in most cases ruling prices are far above the minimum levels, therefore making further arbitrary prices useless.

Second, that financial affairs in the country and the foreign trade situation have so improved as to remove the danger existing at the time of the reopening of the exchange.

As a result of this action, which restores trading on the stock exchange to an *absolutely normal basis*, the committee of three which has supervised and regulated the affairs of the exchange since its reopening on Dec. 12 has been discharged and the governing committee is again in control.

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TRADING VOLUME LARGEST OF WAR

Sales Eclipse All Records Since Furious Activity During Closing Days of July.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, March 31.—Trading in stocks today eclipsed all records in point of volume since the closing days of last July, when the market was churned into a state of furious activity at declining prices because of panicky feeling caused by the foreign situation. There were signs in the course of today's session, however, that absorption of high grade or investment issues had about reached the limit of its capacity for a time. Over 60 per cent of the total output was limited to specialties and the common stock of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway. Motor and equipment issues and others far more obscure obtained an unusually large amount of attention.

The rise in Rock Island was again without explanation but bore all the marks of a contest at the annual meeting, which is to be held April 13. Bethlehem Steel, which had recently been the source of much speculation, was heavy at all times, recording a net loss of 2 points. The market's tone *at the close was irregular, a number of* standard shares selling under the previous day's figures.

General financial news dealt mainly with the question of additional foreign loans, improvement in the steel trade, chiefly as a result of further large orders placed by European governments and some more railroad statements for February, Northern Pacific showing net gains of $457,000.

Bonds were active, strong and broad, with total sales, par value, of $4,328,000.

PRODUCE.

MONTREAL PROVISIONS.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

MONTREAL, March 31.—The butter market was more active. Demand for eggs is good and the tone of the market is steady.

Cheese: Finest westerns, 17¼ at ½; easterns, 16¾ at 17.

Butter: Choicest creamery, 31½ at 32; seconds, 30½ at 31.

Eggs: Fresh, 21½ at 23.

Pork: Heavy Canada short mess, 28; short cut backs, 27½.

SCOTIA STEEL SHORTS WAVER AND BREAK

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

MONTREAL, March 31.—Scotia Steel shorts which have been showing signs of nervousness for some days wavered and broke today and before an urgent demand which commenced in the morning had been partially satisfied the stock was marked up 4½ points from its minimum level of 45¾. Fifty shares changed hands just at the close at the high price of the day, 50, and there were more buyers in the market with no stock offering. Transactions for the day were only 677 shares and of these 477 represented stock that was on sale with the committee early in the day at the 45¾ minimum. The only other feature of note in the market was continued strength in Shawinigan which sold at 119¾ or ¾ above the best previous price on the movement.

GRAIN.

CLOSING GRAIN PRICES.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

WINNIPEG, March 31—Wheat, May, $1.50¾; July $1.49⅝.

Oats: May, 62⅝; July, 62¾.

Flax: May $1.77¼; July, $1.79½; Oct., $1.81½.

Minneapolis: Wheat: May, $1.44⅞; July, $1.23½; Sept., $1.11½.

Chicago: Wheat: May, $1.51¾; July, $1.21½; Sept., $1.09⅞.

METALS.

Copper Touches 16.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, March 31.—Lead, steady, 4.12 at 4.17; London, £22 10s. Spelter nominal; London £44.

Copper, firm; electrolytic, 15.87 at 16; casting, 15.50 at 15.75.

At London: Spot copper, £69 5s; futures, £69 17s 6d.

Bar Silver, 49⅞.

SMELTERS LOWER.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

TORONTO, March 31.—There was an increase in the volume of trading on the Toronto stock exchange today and the market showed signs of improvement. The most active issue was Maple Leaf common which rose to 46 and closed at that figure. Mackay was also stronger, the common selling at 75½ to 75¾ and the preferred at 70. Small lots of Brazilian went for 53 and Petroleum was 15 cents higher at 7.65. La Rose sold at 70 and Canada Bread bonds at 95. Standard Bank went at 215 and Imperial at 210. Smelters were lower at 97.

RELIEVE CRACK REGIMENT

Will Respond to Honor by Holding Trenches to Last, Says Lieut. Vernon Jones.

In a letter received by Alphonse Jones of Toronto from his son, Lieut. Vernon Jones, 48th Highlanders, now serving in France, dated March 4, the writer says: "Three of us, George A., Bob C. and I, are in the kitchen of a farm house where we have our company mess in the day time. We will be here for three more days, when we move up into the fire trench for four days' duty, after that we go back to the brigade reserves for four days and then return to the trenches for four days, and then back here for four days' rest, so you see they are taking good care of us and everything is lovely. Our brigade is relieving one of the crack British brigades and it is a great honor to us and I feel quite confident that when called on we will prove that the honor is not misplaced and that we will hold our trenches to the last man.

Protected by Forts.

"The trenches we man (our company) are 70 yards from those of the enemy—the rest of the line, though, is much further away—and our whole front is well protected by forts in the rear, so that if they do storm us in numbers and break us they still have the second line to go through, and that is almost an impossibility—at least we hope it is. We moved out of our last billets the day before yesterday, and after marching five miles spent the night in a large jute mill. Here the whole regiment slept comfortably among the machinery of two rooms. They do not care much about moving troops in the daylight here as the enemy can reach us whenever they have a will with their guns, as the road we moved along is only a mile and half in rear of the firing line, as are our present billets.

New Graves Numerous.

"You can have no idea how eagerly the postman's arrival is looked forward to, and the pleasant excitement it brings with it when it does arrive. As yet the nights are very frosty and will be no doubt for another month, and rains are still prevalent. In fact, it rained incessantly yesterday, yet one does not seem to mind it a bit and all the main roads are excellent, being cobblestone, but the fields are almost impassable on account of mud, which is undoubtedly the reason that neither side has made a determined effort to advance far this year. The country hereabouts shows every evidence of war, as nearly every building is more or less damaged by shell fire and new graves are numerous. In fact there are 12 just outside in the orchard. Yet everyone goes ahead with their farm work and the thrifty French farmers get rich by charging us double prices for their produce."

MOVE IN DEAD OF NIGHT

Bugler Adams Says Enemy Is Alert for Every Sight and Sound.

"We had quite a march back from the trenches. It was between 16 and 17 miles," says Bugler Fred G. Adams of the Q.O.R. in a letter to his mother in Toronto, dated France, Feb. 25. "It was a tiresome march and many men had sore feet. I have seen a lot of homes destroyed by the fire of the German shells, but the inhabitants do not seem to worry. We were in a large Catholic school which was very badly shelled, half the roof being blown off and all the windows smashed. The Germans seem to take advantage of holy places."

Writing under date of March 2 he says: "We are within range of the German guns. Three or four were killed and several wounded yesterday by a German shell, just because of a little carelessness on the part of the men going outside their billets. All movements must be made very quietly and in the dead of night so that the enemy cannot see or hear us. We shall have our regular routine of trench work from now on, going in for four days and resting for the same period. We are up against the real thing now, but I find it very interesting. There is no danger if one obeys orders and keeps under cover."

VICTORIA OFFICER WRITES FROM FRONT

Bravery of French Civilians—Impressions on Firing Line With Shells Falling on All Sides

A letter from the front, written by Lieut. W. B. Shaw of Victoria, who went to France with the first Canadian contingent, has been received: "All my former ideas of the front have been shattered to bits," he writes. "In a territory thickly populated, with villages on every side, we are right on the firing line. While I cannot give the exact position of our battery, I may say that it is wonderfully well concealed from view and has been here for a considerable time, shells falling all round, but never near our guns. I saw a high explosive shell bury itself in a field near us today and every little while the locality is shelled, but this battery escapes marvellously.

"The most wonderful and extraordinary thing that I have seen in my life is the way French civilians go about their work as though there was no danger. One part of this place, not more than 100 yards away, is shelled every day, and while its walls are riddled with bullets, the people in the very next house refuse to leave. Of course, civilians are killed occasionally but it does not seem to alarm the others in the least.

"I was up at an observation position yesterday and it was very interesting. Through telescopes we could see the Germans working behind their trenches and in one case we ordered the men to shell them. The Germans were scattered very quickly. The fire is incessant. I shall have to go up to the trenches tomorrow, where I shall see rifle fire at close quarters, but just now we are particularly afraid of snipers, who climb up on buildings and trees and every one of them is a selected rifleman.

"Our infantry go into the trenches tonight and they have been supplied with goatskin coats. At night it is a wonderful sight to see the stars; searchlights and gunfire. Everything is illuminated, from our mess-room to our guns. Quite a number of shells fall, but so far I have not noticed any, although one of our servants had a unique experience. A shrapnel bullet entered the bottle that he was carrying and lodged there."

Two days later Lieut. Shaw writes:

"Have enjoyed myself very much during the last two days. I have experienced the thrill of being sniped at while on my way to and from the trenches. I spent yesterday afternoon in the trenches, and although they are very wet and muddy, are better than the average. I had a shot at a German yesterday, but, of course, I could not guarantee a hit. The men have built comfortable dug-outs in the side of the trenches and the officers have very serviceable little huts built up against the side of the trench.

"Some infantry billets very close to us were shelled heavily yesterday by the big guns, but with bad results as far as the Germans were concerned. Some of the shells fell very close to our battery, however, and one of them took a spoke off our gun wheel.

"While with the observation officer yesterday, I saw some German infantry behind their trenches and ordered fire. We got a few of them and made the remainder run."

OFFICER DESCRIBES HIS BAPTISM OF FIRE

Lieut. Harvey of Princess Patricias Tells Vivid Story of His First Work in Trenches.

The following interesting communication, dated March 5, has been received from Lieut. J. S. Harvey, who left Victoria with the Princess Patricias reinforcements, and gives a vivid picture of the kind of fighting that the Canadians are taking part in:

"I came through my baptism of fire O. K. On Tuesday night I was sent with a party of 30 men to dig a new trench just beyond one that was shelled to pieces by the Germans. I wrote you a short note just before leaving. It was a particularly nasty piece of work, as the trench had to be made in front of the worst part of the German lines, which were less than 100 yards away. It was hell.

"The Germans discovered us very shortly after we commenced work and until we got some depth in the trench we had a very hot time. When we arrived at the place we found that a party of the King's Royal rifles had started a trench, but the general of the division and Col. Farquhar agreed that the position had to be changed, so we were set to work to start afresh. Imagine being exposed to constant rifle fire at a distance in some cases barely 100 yards from three different directions. I somehow felt perfectly cool and not a bit nervous, except at one stage when a sergeant of the K. R. R., who was standing near me, was shot and fell at my feet. He died in 10 minutes.

"After that I was not nervous for myself, but somehow I was dreading the idea of seeing some of my own men shot. I seemed to be looking at them all at once and expecting one to fall every second. However, we got through without any casualties, but an awful lot of narrow escapes. Every time a flare went up, every man had to drop flat, as it made the place as light as day, and then immediately there was a rapid fusillade of shots from, it seemed, every direction.

"Although I am not allowed to say much about our position I can explain by asking you to imagine a horseshoe of German trenches. To get to our trench we have to advance right into the horseshoe and up to the end under constant fire.

"I have to leave at 6:15 p.m. with 10 men to put wire entanglements in front of the new trench. It is even a worse job than the other one I had, as the Germans will do their utmost to stop any further work on it and, of course, at daylight they will have seen the work we did the other night. I would much sooner be right in the trenches. However, I must trust to luck to come through all right.

"The weather is most unpleasant and the mud awful, and as we have to drop flat every time a flare goes up you can imagine my appearance when I got back to my billet at 6:30 a.m. Yesterday morning I was in a beastly mess. I'll have to close now as the post is ready to go and I have to get ready to go out again."

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PURE BRED setting eggs, $1.00 per 15. White Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks, M. Campbell, box 166, Nelson, B.C. (236)

FIRST WEEK in April chicks booked. Get in on the next week's hatch, W. Leghorns, W. Orpingtons, W. Wyandottes. Winners and layers. Eggs $2 per 15; chicks 25c. each. R. B. Hay, O.K. Bakery. (200)

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FOR SALE—Pigs, six weeks and six months old, $5 and $10 respectively, f.o.b. New Denver. T. J. Lloyd, New Denver, B.C. (277)

FOR SALE—Black Langshan setting eggs from the pen that won the 1st prize as best pen in the provincial show at Vernon, $2.00 for 13 eggs. H. Bush, Box 572, Nelson, B.C. (312)

HATCHING EGGS—S.C. R. I. Reds, $2.00 and $3.00 per 15; White Wyandottes, $2.00 per 15, $10.50 per 100; pullets, broody hens. M. B. Edwards, Nelson. (342)

EGGS FOR HATCHING—W. Wyandottes, W. Leghorns, R. C. R. I. Reds, all good layers, $1.25 per setting. A. Smith, Koch Siding. (403)

EGGS FOR HATCHING—Barred Rock eggs, good laying strain, $1.00 per setting, $6.50 per 100. Wickham & Mitchell, Robson, B.C. (388)

EGGS FOR HATCHING—White Wyandottes or Buff Orpington, good strain of winter layers, $1.50 per setting. W. J. McConnell, Harrop. (335)

FOR SALE—Fine pigs, six weeks old, price $4.00; 4 for $15. C. H. Jacobson, Deer Park, B.C. (410)

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POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK. (Continued.)

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HIS LAST TWO ROUNDS

Coldstream Guardsman's Dying Request to His Friends.

"There was a man in the trenches," writes Pte. R. G. Tipper of the 3rd battalion, Coldstream guards, "who had not got a clean sheet; he was always getting into trouble for one thing or another. He got hit in the arm. He crawled back out of the trenches to the nearest field ambulance and had his wound dressed. We advised him to go to the rear, but he refused, and with difficulty made his way back to the firing line. There, despite his wounded arm, he steadily went on firing at the enemy. Some time passed, and he was shot in the right arm. Again he made the difficult and painful journey to the field hospital and again, with both his arms injured, he stubbornly insisted on crawling back to the trench.

"By-and-by he collapsed, shot clean through the body. Several comrades ran to him and raised him. 'You must get back now,' they told him. 'No,' he said with a white face, 'let me be. The blighters have done me this time.' His rifle still rested where he had been firing, supported in its loophole. 'Hoist me up before you go,' he muttered. 'I'll give them another round, so help me!' Prop me up quick.' They knew they could do nothing. They propped him up beside his rifle and went to the other wounded men. With fumbling hands the dying man pointed his rifle and let drive two more rounds at the enemy. Then he slipped down dead."

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NELSON NEWS OF THE DAY

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the board of trade will be held in the board rooms at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

An appreciative audience heard Prof. Arthur Lakes give the last of the mining lectures at the Y.M.C.A. last night. He spoke on "The Origin and Distribution of the Baser Metals."

The funeral of the late Fred Watson was held yesterday afternoon from St. Saviour's church at 3:30 o'clock. The last rites were conducted by Rev. Fred H. Graham.

D. G. Borland of Vancouver reached the city on the coast train last night en route for Cranbrook where he will join the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Fresh eggs, 25 cents per dozen at Joy Bros'. stores. (428)

The Ladies of the Maccabees will meet tonight (Thursday April 1.) (439)

Tomorrow being Good Friday the Club hotel bar will be closed all day. (445)

Barber shops will be open until 9 o'clock tonight and closed all day tomorrow, Good Friday. (440)

The Eckhardt family Swiss hand bell ringers, will appear in the Baptist church on Easter Monday, April 5 under the auspices of the B.Y.P.U. (448)

FOR RENT—First class house in good residential district; 3 bedrooms; gas and electric light. Rent reduced to $22.50. Apply to C. W. Appleyard, 505 Baker street. (339)

Nelson Brand Jam is made from the best Kootenay fruits and B. C. Sugar by British Columbia labor. At all grocers. (284)

Don't take chances. Have your carpets, windows and chimneys cleaned. Nelson Vacuum Cleaning Co., phone 18. (186)

Help to keep your home factory working. Insist on getting Nelson Brand Seville Orange Marmalade. It has quality, purity and fine flavor, what more do you want? (284)

FOR BABY CHICKS.

Always use Dr. Rusk's Chick Food. Taylor Miling & Elevator Co., Nelson, B.C. (225)

The officers and members of Queen City Rebekah lodge No. 16, are requested to attend degree practice tonight (Thursday, April 1) at 8 o'clock. (451)

Basketball tonight (Thursday, April 1) at Y. M. C. A. Anglicans v. Presbyterians, Church league series. Admission 15 cents. (449)

Under the auspices of Trinity Ladies' aid a sale of useful articles and home cooking will be held in the corner store Annable block this afternoon and evening (Thursday, April 1.) Afternoon tea will also be served. (450)

SEED GRAIN.

Marquis wheat, Canadian oats, Longfellow and Crompton early corn, clover and alfalfa seed, sugar mangel seed and all kinds of vegetable seeds. Send us your orders. The Taylor Milling & Elevator Co., Limited, Nelson. 280)

ELECTION ADVERTISING.

All notices of political meetings and conventions to be held in any part of the Kootenay and Boundary must be prepaid, or guaranteed at the following rates: Reading notices, ten cents per count line each insertion, black face type, 20c per line; display advertising, 50c per inch. The News Publishing Co., Ltd. (310)

MILITIA MINISTER DEFENDS FOOTWEAR

Boots Issued to Canadians Equal to Those Supplied by British War Office.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

OTTAWA, March 31.—Continuing his evidence before the boots inquiry today Major General Sam Hughes had some criticisms to make of certain boot manufacturers.

He was asked of certain changes suggested in the pattern of boots. "Some men will come here," he said, "who have a new machine on which there is four or five cents rake-off. There are certain boots in this country which have to pay a royalty to the man furnishing that machine. This is a boot which has done good service for 20 years except in the mud at Salisbury plain. The boys burned them across the sole but the percentage of boots gone bad is not very high."

"Do you mean to say that this boot is all right?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

"I mean to say this boot is much better than the British boot. Submit that Canadian boot to the men and ask them to shut their eyes. You will see 99 out of 100 take the Canadian boot."

"Gen. Alderson is only one man," added Gen. Hughes, when confronted with the Alderson report. "That boot" he went on, "was designed by M. Macdonald and his friends of the Liberal party."

E. M. Macdonald—That boot was never designed for active service. It was meant for use by the permanent force in barracks in Canada.

"Sir George Perley," commented the witness later, "merely transmitted a report as one of my clerks would transmit a report."

"You cannot tell anything by the looks, even in a politician," he added.

"I heard complaints that the Canadian wagons could not be used in England as they could not turn in a short enough space," he went on. "I knew it was bunco-men. We found that they took two feet six inches less to turn in than the English wagons."

Mr. Macdonald—When are you going to have the new pattern boot issued?

Gen. Hughes—In due time. I am not carried away.

Did Not Wiggle.

The minister said as to the statement that a man had "wiggled his toe through the sole," that he would not believe such a statement if made on oath.

To Mr. McCurdy the minister stated that for himself he was in favor of having nothing to do with middlemen in government contracts. Most of the contracts had been dealt with in his absence when "Hon. Mr. Hazen was acting minister and had the premier assisting him."

Set in His Ways.

Gen. Hughes characterized much of the criticism regarding boots as "mere howls taken up by the newspapers and by people in the United States who wanted to sell boots. As to reports from Britain or from military boards of inquiry, I wouldn't change my opinion when I know I'm right for all Christendom."

Replying to Mr. Markey, K.C., regarding the Ames-Holden boot with the rubber cemented stamps, Gen. Hughes said he preferred an unlined boot but added that leather lining was better than canvas.

Calls It a Lie.

As to the evidence that soldiers had been forced to wear shingles and bags tied to their feet, Gen. Hughes declared it was "a deliberate lie."

"Two witnesses from Halifax swore to it," said Mr. Macdonald.

"Who?" demanded Gen. Hughes.

"Major Doane of the 63rd," retorted Mr. Macdonald.

"Never heard of the man."

"Therefore I presume," said Mr. Macdonald, "he does not exist, and therefore he lies?"

"I say any man who said that is a liar," said the minister. He continued: "He should be in a lunatic asylum or a penitentiary. He is either a fool or a liar. I would like to have the handling of him for five minutes."

"That is summary talk," continued Mr. Macdonald.

"I dare say, but that's the way I've done all my lifetime."

"But that does not dispose of cold facts?"

"The man should be dismissed from the force quicker than lightning," declared the minister.

"Then you refuse to pay any attention to the judgment of Gen. Alderson?" was Mr. Macdonald's final question.

"You pay attention to Gen. Alderson," said Gen. Hughes. "I'll pay attention to facts."

REAL ESTATE BUYERS DEMAND MONEY BACK

Declare Land They Bought Was Not Registered and so Purchases Are Void.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

EDMONTON, Alta., March 31.—The waiting on Premier Sifton today of a delegation from Calgary revealed an extraordinary state of affairs in connection with real estate transactions in the province. In 1912 an act was passed requiring that no lots in any subdivision could be sold unless the plan of the subdivision had first been filed, approved and registered. Some subdivision owners were so busily engaged at the time in selling lots and gathering in the proceeds that they could not find time to comply with the law in this respect.

A number of persons who purchased lots in these unregistered subdivisions and who have fully paid for them and acquired the titles are now endeavoring to take advantage of the law and are demanding the return of their money.

The delegation thought a time limit should be placed by the legislature, after which no such demand could be legally entertained.

Premier Sifton has promised the consideration of the government.

Consumers should look closely at the weight of their tea and see that they are not paying for wrapper at the tea price. "SALADA" is packed in aluminum packet and there is full weight of tea inside the packet.

SPECIAL WAR STAMP WILL BE ISSUED

But if Not Procurable Ordinary Postage Stamps Will Be Accepted.

OTTAWA, March 31.—A war tax of one cent has been imposed on each letter and postcard mailed in Canada for delivery in Canada, the United States or Mexico, and on each letter mailed in Canada for delivery in the United Kingdom and British possessions generally, and wherever the two cent rate applies, to become effective on and after April 15, 1915.

This wax tax is to be prepaid by the senders by means of a war stamp for sale by postmasters and other postage stamp vendors.

Wherever possible, stamps on which the words "War Tax" have been printed should be used for the prepayment of the war tax, but should ordinary postage stamps be used for this purpose they will be accepted.

This war stamp or additional stamp for war purposes should be affixed to the upper right hand portion of the addressed side of the envelope or post card, close to the regular postage so that it may be readily cancelled at the same time as the postage.

In the event of failure on the part of the sender through over-sight or negligence to prepay the war tax on each letter or postcard above specified, such a letter or postcard will be sent immediately to the nearest branch dead letter office.

It is essential that postage on all classes of mail matter should be prepaid by means of ordinary postage stamps. The war tax stamp will not be accepted in any case for the prepayment of postage.

PAYMENT: REGULAR STATES MINISTER

Purchase of Submarines by Sir Richard McBride Was in Business-like Manner.

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

OTTAWA, March 31.—In the public accounts committee today Auditor-General Fraser was questioned regarding the purchase of two submarines by the government last August. He said the deputy minister of finance after the purchase was made pressed for the money which had been advanced by the Bank of Commerce. "I asked for vouchers," said Mr. Fraser, "and was shown a copy of a check issued by Sir Richard McBride for $1,150,000. To my mind this was not satisfactory. It was drawn by Sir Richard McBride in favor of himself and endorsed by Lieut. Pilcher of the dockyards at Victoria. This showed that $1,150,000 had been paid to Lieut. Pilcher. On September 24 I wrote to the manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Victoria asking for particulars of the payments made through the bank and I received a reply that he would take the matter up with the local government. This was unsatisfactory. I could not understand why he had to consult the government at Victoria. Later he wrote that three drafts payable to J. D. Patterson and amounting to $1,150,000 had been issued."

The auditor-general afterward stated that when he was in Victoria he asked to see the drafts. He was shown one for $249,969. The other two were in New York. On returning to Ottawa he obtained these and also a receipt showing that the money had been paid to Patterson of Seattle by the government of British Columbia. The total was $1,150,000. Thereupon he passed the account.

Among the Missing.

Inspector Giroux of the federal police said that he went to Valcartier in January to look for things which had disappeared from the camp. He found a horse which one man said had been given him by Col. McBay to keep until it was called for. He found two horses in the stable of John McBain, who said he had found one of them straying about the camp after the troops left and the other was put into his charge by Major Grimley. He found a bay mare with Joseph Bigout, who said it had been given him in a dying condition by Lieut. Gerome.

The policeman said that he got in this way in all 11 horses belonging to the government. Giroux said that he had picked up $495 worth of government property in Montreal, chiefly horse blankets and harness, in the possession of one Kendall, and $389 in other goods in the possession of Sergt. Morris.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

OTTAWA, April 1.—The casualty list announced this morning by the militia department follows:

Princess Patricias.

Prisoner of war, formerly reported missing—Lieut. W. G. Colquhoun, prisoner at Citadel, Mainz, Germany; next of kin Mrs. Colquhoun, Hamilton, Ont.

Killed—Pte. J. Jardine; next of kin Mrs. John Jardine, Chatham, N. B.

10th Battalion.

Died of wounds—Pte. Adrien Vulleviller, March 17; next of kin Gustave Vulleviller, Mulhausen, Alsace.

13th Battalion.

Reported wounded—Pte. J. D. Ross, March 26; next of kin Hugh Ross, Westmount, Que.

Pte. Henry B. Berile; next of kin Richael Boyle, Kilwing, Ayr.

Died of wounds—Piper William Lawson, March 16; next of kin Mrs. B. Skivington, Leith, Scotland.

14th Battalion.

Wounded—Pte. William Turner, gunshot wound in face and hand; next of kin Albert E. Bradshow, Halifax.

15th Battalion.

Reported wounded—Sergt. Walter Jones, March 25; next of kin Alice Jones, Toronto.

ALBERTA HOUSE PLACID

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

EDMONTON, Alta., March 31.—Amendments to the various school acts occupied the legislature this afternoon and after an uneventful session the house adjourned until next Wednesday.

THE EMPORIUM OF EASTER SHOPPING

EACH SECTION OF THIS STORE IS NOW ABLOOM WITH SPRING SELECTIONS. FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE YOU CAN INSPECT THE CRAFTY PRODUCTS. LOVELY MILLINERY FROM NEW YORK WITH ITS STAMP OF CORRECTNESS. LATEST SUIT MODELS JUST ARRIVED FROM THE ALTAR OF FASHION'S DICTATE. UNHEARD OF SWISS UNDERWEAR THAT WE ALONE CONTROL. DRESS GOODS OF DISTINCTION AND HOSIERY FROM THE MILLS OF MUCH DISTURBED FRANCE. SEE OUR LOVELY EASTER WINDOW TABLEAU. SEE OUR DEPARTMENTS ADRAPE WITH ALL THAT'S NEW. SEE THE CROWDS. FOLLOW THE STREAM OF QUALITY BUYERS THAT PROVE OUR PRICES RIGHT

DRESS AND WAIST ARRIVALS

To shop up in our lovely, bright, carpeted circle in the realm of Ladies' Wear is indeed a pleasure. New Afternoon Gowns of recherce fabrics and resplendant designing, coupled with the latest in Dainty Waist Productions, cannot be duplicated in the larger centres. NEW GARMENTS AT NEW PRICES

Easter and a New Suit are Synonymous

Our Easter Suits and Low Prices are the same. This year's showing so comprehensive that space cannot tell you enough.
Priced Specially.....$9.50, $15.00, $18.00, $22.50 to $45.00

Magnets in Millinery

Never behind, always ahead here. Another shipment just in from our New York office, all aglow with touches new. Two tables laden with their lovely burdens.
No. 1—All at.....$5.00 No. 2—All at.....$7.50

Handbags of Special Interest

Long shape, single strap, new grains and latest color effect. Something to wear with that new costume.
$1.00, $1.50, $1.75 to $4.00

Cosy Kimonas That Please

Another victory is the Kimona Business. We are shippers from the classiest, most exclusive makers. Men who make only for big buyers. We are on their list, hence such Easter offers.
Come and See Them.....$1.50 to $5.00

Our Display of Parasols is Unique

We buy only Import Lines, made for us at prices that cannot be imitated. When you buy your Sunshine or Shower Parasol you are spending money with wisdom.
$1.25, $1.50, $2.00 to $8.00

Money For You in Easter Gloves

Four Hundred Pairs in Tan, Black and White. Fine French skins everyone and our usual $1.25 line, which now since the war is sold everywhere at $1.50.
Easter Special—Per Pair.....$1.00

Handsome Offer in Hose

It's worth your while alone to make a trip to see this fine Pure Lisle Four-Fold Thred Stocking. The black is perfect weave, so sheer and even. Sizes 8½ to 10.
Regular 50c—Now.....Three for $1.00

Easter Showing of Pumps

The latest are in and never such style portrayal of Nifty Shoewear. Rich Dull Kid Colonial Pumps, medium round toe, low heel, heavy turn sole. Special.....$3.50
Smart Patent Colonial, Self-Buckle. Very new last. Also.....$3.50
Dull Kid, Turned Sole Pumps, silver buckle, medium toe.....$4.50
Gunmetal Calf Pumps, welt sole, plain receding toe. Another masterpiece of smart footwear. Special.....$4.50

LADIES' AID DAY SATURDAY
FIVE PER CENT. DISCOUNT ON YOUR PURCHASES GOES TO THE HOSPITAL—GIVE THEM A SHOW

An Ocean of Easter Neckwear

All the Military shapes, Semi-Turn Down and lovely Embroidered Organdies. Black and White, also in all the New Shades.
Easter Efforts.....30c, 35c, 50c to $1.00

1000 yards Scotch Ginghams 12 1-2c yd.

Only Today can we measure off this cloth at such a price. Real import, yarn dyed, solid fast colors, in forty-nine different designs. Think of the dresses, aprons, etc., to make for the warm days. Be in the line.
All Day Sale—Worth 17c for.....12½c

Men's Easter Headwear

Nowhere such a profound display of Stetson's, Christy's and Straws in the new shades, shapes and, not least, new prices. QUALITY FOR LESS IS OUR SLOGAN—here as in other departments.....$1.00 to $4.50

New Spring Underwear for Men

You must know that Underwear bought here means to you better garments and more change in your pockets. Stands to reason, we buy as no one else. The mills cater to us as big buyers and Nelson store share the advantage—WILL YOU?

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AMERICANS AND GERMANS

The following letter which recently appeared in the New York Tribune on the German propaganda is one of many on similar lines in American newspapers:

May I be permitted to suggest in your columns that it is time to reckon in some practical way with the ugly facts of German propaganda in the United States. The challenge flung so insolently in our faces by the German societies at their amazing meeting in Washington should be taken up and answered, regardless of the so-called amenities. We should have done with the fetishistical idea of neutrality which has induced us hitherto to condone uncounted German breaches of the ordinary laws of hospitality. Persons like Bernstorff, Dernburg and Ridder we can afford to ignore—their fatuity is so obvious—and besides, we have made up our minds about the war.

But these societies now deliberately organizing to subvert American ideals of government are striking at the roots of our national life. I am no alarmist; I have no expectation of a German invasion of these shores. But the Washington pronunciamento offers the clearest possible evidence that if such an invasion were to occur it would find here several million Germans prepared to facilitate its progress.

It would be idiotic, after the experience of Belgium, France and Great Britain in the matter of German espionage, to assume that the Germans in this country would hesitate between the interests of America and those of their "fatherland." They would be for the "fatherland" first, last and all the time, and we should have to pay the consequences. Do not dismiss these observations as reflecting the prejudices of a crass anti-German. I have traveled in Germany. I have known Germans here and Germans at home. I am fairly well acquainted with their literature and their art, their morals and their manners. I know all about the "nice" German, especially in the southern part of the empire. But that has nothing to do with the hyphenated marplots who, as their Washington platform vividly shows, would freely embroil us with Europe in order to aid Germany.

These people have found in the United States a prosperity they could not find in the "fatherland." They are released here from the pressure of that militarism which reacts so harshly upon the whole social fabric of the "fatherland." In the security of our political system they save their skins, make their fortunes and enjoy every blessing of equality. Even from the materialistic point of view of their own philosophy it is plain to the wayfaring man that what they have left behind them is not to be compared with what they obtain here. America welcomes them ungrudgingly, and in everything that means beneficent opportunity she gives to them with both hands. But now these ungrately children of her adoption would sacrifice her to the "fatherland." The baseness of it stinks in the nostrils of an honest man.

Something unquestionably must be done to combat the German peril just brazenly let loose in our midst. Organization must be met with organization. In newspapers, in pulpits, on the public platform, in clubs and other social places, wherever Americans can give voice to their opposition to this abhorrent movement they must make themselves heard. If, as the Washington meeting announces, the fight is to be carried into politics, let us accept the issue and go after the destruction of it as we would go after any foulness in the public health. But let it be understood, let it be proclaimed from the housetops that this is not a civil war, not a war between two bodies of Americans. It is a war between Americans and Germans. Let the line be drawn sharp and deep, for all men to see.

AN AMERICAN.

They were two days out and the young bride was dreadfully seasick. "Henry, dear," she moaned, "if I should die and they bury me here, you'll come sometimes and plant flowers on my grave, won't you?"

"Clubleigh's wife is deaf and dumb." "Does she talk with her fingers?" "I guess so. Clubleigh hasn't a dozen hairs left on his head."

A VERITABLE BOOM EXPECTED AFTER WAR

Reasons for Believing that Great Britain Will Benefit From War—Capital Becomes Abundant

Reports indicate a plethora of capital in England that is without precedent, says an exchange. At the end of the year the Bank of England had nearly $900,000,000 on deposit, which is about three times the ante bellum average. All the other great banks are in the same condition and some of them are refusing to increase their deposits because money on call is almost unlendable and brings but 2½ to 2⅝ per cent when lent on time. In the United States, much the same state of affairs exists and the reserves of the New York clearing house banks are $143,000,000 in excess of the legal requirements under the Federal Reserve act. This is in a measure due to the establishment of the federal reserve banks, but the ease of money throughout the Anglo-American world is a phenomenon which nearly always presages an expansion of business.

It is, nevertheless, paradoxical that the supplies of liquid capital should be larger than ever before at a time when all the great nations of Europe are borrowing such huge amounts and spending from five to ten millions a day to maintain armies that are burning expensive powder, wrecking valuable property and destroying precious lives. What is the explanation of the paradox? Mathematics is called an exact science, but in its higher realms many paradoxes are encountered that can be resolved only with the aid of imagination and the empiricism that is called faith. The same statement would appear to be true of economics in view of the world's financial conditions today.

In August it was predicted and believed that the war would be brought to an end ere this by the complete bankruptcy of the powers involved but lo! their borrowing power is unliminished and the supply of credit at their disposal is larger than ever. Looking back on the history of the world for the last 100 years, we find the same sequence in the commercial and financial record. The first effect of war is panic caused by the impact of the shock. Thereafter, within a comparatively short period, capital becomes abundant, business revives, speculation is quickened and a period of financial activity follows that generally becomes a veritable boom before peace can be discerned and continues for several years thereafter.

The Napoleonic war cost England about three billion dollars and France nearly as much. Then, as now, the bankruptcy of Europe was predicted, but Macaulay, alluding somewhat ironically to that prophecy, says: "The beggared, the bankrupt society not only proved able to meet all its obligation, but while meeting them grew richer and richer so fast that the growth could almost be discerned by the eye. In every country we saw wastes recently turned into garden; in every city we saw new streets and squares and markets; more brilliant lamps; more abundant supplies of war. While shallow politicians were repeating that the energies of the people were borne down by the weight of public burdens, the first journey was performed by steam on a railway and soon the island was intersected by railways."

The Crimean and the Franco-Prussian wars were similarly concurrent with increased business activity. The Boer war was followed by the greatest trade expansion England has ever known and the decade following the Spanish-American war shows a business expansion in the United States that seems almost miraculous in suddenness and volume.

TO NON-ADVERTISERS

A hen is not supposed to have
Much common sense or tact,
Yet every time she lays an egg
She cackles forth the fact.

The busy little bees they buzz;
Bulls bellow, and cows moo;
And watch-dogs bark, and ganders quack,
And pouter pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks;
Pigs squeal and robins sing;
And even serpents know enough
To hiss before they sting.

Yet man, the greatest masterpiece
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TWO APPLICATIONS HEARD IN COUNTY COURT

Two applications were heard in county court chambers yesterday by Judge Forin. In Daly and Morrison vs D. J. Robertson, E. C. Wragge applied for an order to appoint a receiver. In his direction the judge ordered that the defendant be served with notice, returnable April 20.

In the estate of John P. Swedberg, James O'Shea applied for letters probate on behalf of J. A. Gilker, one of the executors. The order was granted.

A. T. Davis of Mirror Lake is at the Hume.

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TWENTY MEN GO TO GRAND FORKS

Lieut. D. A. McQuarrie Has Secured Full Quota from Here for the Sharpshooters.

Lieut. D. A. McQuarrie of the independent company, Grand Forks sharpshooters, who came to Nelson Wednesday to recruit 20 men here for the purpose of strengthening the Grand Forks company, has secured the required number and will return to Grand Forks tomorrow morning with the men.

In all probability these men with the rest of the company will be included with the Kootenay-Boundary regiment which, it is expected, will be recruited in the various parts of the district at an early date. In the meantime, it is pointed out, no one should come to Nelson or other recruiting points until definite information is received.

J. P. Hughes of Calgary is at the Strathcona.

The Elks will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in Eagle hall.

John H. Hoyle of Queen's Bay is visiting the city. He is at the Hume.

Douglas Graham of Vancouver, formerly of Nelson, passed through the city last night en route for Edmonton.

Mrs. W. J. Farmer of Castlegar, and daughter, Miss Dorothy Farmer, are visiting the city. They are at the Strathcona.

The boat stolen on Monday last from W. Gallant, lighthouse keeper at Proctor, has been located at Kuskanook by Provincial Constable Forrester.

TOBACCO NEEDED

A splendid response is being made to the appeal of the Red Cross society for tobacco. From Sudbury, Ont., arrived recently 500 cigars, 1000 cigarettes and 15 cases of tobacco. From Thamesville, Ont., also the society has received a large case of tobacco and cigarettes. Those who desire to send tobacco are asked to send it in tins only and cigarettes in cases containing not more than 25 cigarettes each. Donations in money for the tobacco fund will be warmly received.

Nelson News of the Day

WOLVERTON WILL MANAGE UNION

To Handle Business for Fruitgrowers on Commission Basis During the Coming Season.

Following the decision of the directors of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' union to place the management of the business in the hands of a capable man who would act on a commission basis, Dr. N. Wolverton will assume the management on the conditions laid down in the plans adopted by the directors in the following circular:

"As you are doubtless aware the shareholders at the annual meeting on the 16th decided that an organization for the marketing of fruit and general produce and securing supplies at a reasonable price is an absolute necessity; that it would be most unwise to permit the union to go into liquidation, entailing a loss estimated at fully $1000; that in cast of liquidation the creditors would get but a small part of their just dues; that under wise and very economical management outstanding amounts can be collected and in time all creditors paid in full; therefore the old directors were re-elected on the understanding that they would formulate the best possible plans both to collect monies overdue and settle claims as fast as can be done and to undertake the handling of such fruit and produce as may be offered in 1915.

"After careful and prolonged consideration your directors have adopted the following plans:

"1. To press continually for collection of all monies overdue but to defer action through the courts until a reasonable opportunity for full payment without suits be given.

"2. To arrange, if possible, with the bank to carry over the $1000 owing there in order that the monies collected, less the commission, be paid the growers.

"3. To distribute all the monies collected, less the 10 per cent commission, fairly among the creditors, beginning with those who have received nothing and bringing all up to a pro rata basis.

"4. To secure the best man possible to collect the outstanding monies and to distribute the same for a commission of 10 per cent; to sell all fruits and other produce on a commission of 12½ per cent, of which he will receive 10 per cent for his time and labor, and out of which commission he will pay all the expenses of the union and the business excepting bank interest and exchange, cartage and freight, and the remaining 2½ per cent will go to the union to meet the above bank charges and to reduce the liabilities of the union; and to purchase on a cash basis supplies by the car lots, and deliver the same from the car on a 5 per cent commission.

"5. All monies collected from 1914 fruit, and from other old assets, less commission, to be distributed as above whenever and as often as a sum of $200 from those sources may be in hand.

"6. All monies collected for 1915 fruit or other produce, less commission, to be paid as each person's fruit or produce is paid for. When more than one lot has been consigned to the same party and part payment is made on account, then distribution will be pro rata.

"7. All supplies ordered for a car to be paid for in advance and delivered from the car on arrival.

"8. All plans for conducting the business to be submitted to the directors and to be approved by them.

"9. Every effort will be made to select perfectly reliable retail merchants on the plains and sell the small and perishable fruits to them, thus cutting out at least two middlemen. An effort will be made to secure a satisfactory arrangement with the Grain Growers' company or other farmers' organizations for the sale of the large fruits. Should that fail it is proposed to deal with retailers as far as possible or make an arrangement with the Okanagan Central agency on a commission basis.

"After considering all the names presented by letter and otherwise, most of whose demands in regard to salary and other conditions could not be met, the directors pressed Dr. N. Wolverton to undertake the management on the foregoing plans and conditions. After full consideration he consented on the condition that he could secure the cooperation of a sufficient number of the largest shippers to insure a fair degree of success."

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

10:30 a.m.—Morning prayer, litany and ante-communion.
3 p.m.—Children's service.
8 p.m.—Evening prayer and story of the cross.

FIVE NEW MINING CLAIMS ARE RECORDED

Five new claims have been recorded in Nelson mining district during the past week. They are:

On Deer creek, the Homestead Fraction, by P. F. Horton.

On Brushy mountain, the Joffre, by Pete Gibson.

On North Fork of Salmon river, the Ruby, by F. A. Cassidy.

Between Forty-Nine and Rover creeks, the Exceida, by Richard Blundall.

Two miles east of Nelson, the Seaford, by James Miller.

The Lakeview and Klondyke hotels were in the police court yesterday morning each fined $10 by Police Magistrate Irvine on a charge of having supplied liquor to John P. Swedberg contrary to the provisions of the Liquor act of the province. The sentence was suspended.

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Rossland		
Centre Star	3,501	49,900
Le Roi	2,272	35,757
Le Roi No. 2	501	4,512
Other mines	—	5
Total	6,274	90,174
Nelson		
Other mines	....	1,131
Lardeau		
Other mines	....	17
East Kootenay		
Sullivan	709	11,058
Slocan and Ainsworth		
Surprise	25	412
Ruth	48	96
No. 1	151	318
Totals	224	1,962
Consolidated Co.'s Receipts, Trail, B.C.		
Ben Hur	368	3,386
Knob Hill	83	576
Sanpoil	41	486
Lone Pine	42	669
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Total	7,741	111,146

MUST REMEMBER HOW GERMANS HAVE REPAID

Must Beware That They Have no Further Opportunity to Betray British Trust.

(From the Ladies' Pictorial.)

It is a common saying nowadays, that this war has given us a better understanding of one another. Perhaps so. But has it done so in all cases, one wonders? Have we fully grasped for example, the exact attitude which our enemy assumes toward us? Have we taken the real measure of his treachery and his intentions, and of our own peril? One cannot believe, when one comes to take one consideration with another that even yet English people have taken the trouble—shall we say?—to think either forward or back. In retrospect or in prospect the German does not cut a pleasing figure. Looking back, if we only bring out minds to bear on the subject from a truly patriotic point of view, we must see that he has violated all laws of friendship, as he has ignored treaties and broken all the rules of war. Germans had always found us hospitable, friendly, generous in our business dealings, almost foolishly credulous.

Cannot Show Any Consideration.

We see how they have requitted us If we look into the future as the Germans paint it, England and the English must be "wiped out." Our country, according to their plans, shall be laid waste, our children robbed of their freedom. Will Britons be slaves? Well, it largely depends upon our right understanding of what Germans really are, what they actually intend to do, and, in short, of the precise peril in which we stand. And we maintain, as we have said again and again in these columns that Britons have not even yet awakened to their danger, otherwise they would never permit another German to hold office or employment in the country, nor would they continue to deal so leniently with those who remain in our country. We shall stand in jeopardy until it is borne in upon every man, woman and child in the kingdom that a German is an enemy who is not to be trusted in any circumstances whatever. He or she may have been a lifelong friend, he may have ties in the country of his adoption; she may stand on social heights but withal one must henceforth look upon such an one with suspicion. The time has gone by when we can afford to show any consideration, to take any risks, to be wise in our own council.

They Must Be Suppressed.

Very rightly we have confidence in our strength and in the power of our allies to crush the tyrant who wants to rule the world at large and crush England in particular, but meantime and hereafter we must treat Germans as we should deal with some noisome plague. They must be suppressed so far as Great Britain is concerned; we must not suffer ourselves ever again to come in contact with them either socially, commercially or in the world of art. And we would go as far as to say that we are rapidly reaching a stage—if indeed, it has not already been attained—when it would have to be regarded as not merely foolish to employ or in any way countenance an alien enemy, but utterly unpatriotic and disloyal to do so. We have too long trifled with danger; in the future we must always bear in mind what our generosity, hospitality and friendliness towards Germans have cost us. We see how they have repaid us; we must beware that they never again take advantage of our trust.

The sitting of the county court which was to have been held on April 13 has been adjourned until April 20.

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Change of Scene Necessary—Peasants Mingle With Troops, Unafraid of Shrapnel

LONDON.—A Canadian staff officer writing to a friend in London says: "We, the Canadians, are occupying trenches on the left of Neuve Chappelle. We were not engaged in that action except to support the attack by infantry and artillery fire. The attack was made with great spirit by the infantry and the enemy's trenches were subjected to terrific fire. Many of the Canadian casualties were caused by the carelessness of the men exposing themselves. After a month in the trenches we shall have a few weeks' respite." The same officer comments on the remarkable way the civilian population invade the fighting area. He says that two shells burst within 100 yards of where he was standing, surrounded by men, women and children, and that they merely turned their heads, being so accustomed to the spectacle that the children as well as the women have little realization of their danger.

Sergt. Walter Gow, of the 2nd infantry brigade, writing to Immigration Commissioner Obed Smith, under the date of March 18, says that the artillery in the last engagement tore everything, including the ground, to pieces. "We feel," he adds, "that we are superior at all branches of the fighting game. So far the Canadians have done all that was expected of them and we have been commended by Gen. Alderson. Shells are daily exploding around our headquarters. The other day the boys had to change their football field as the Germans got the range and interrupted the game with a few shells.

HAPPY IN CATTLE TRUCKS

Vancouver Soldier Tells of Buoyant Spirit of Canadians in Privations of Warfare

The following letter from the front is from Stanley McGlashan, son of James McGlashan of Vancouver and a member of No. 2 company of the British Columbia horse, and under the command of Capt. Endacoff, a former Vancouver park commissioner. The letter is written from the town of Tomehue, France, and says in part:

"It took us over a week to get from England to our destination here, the journey being made in a cattle boat and then in cattle trucks. What about it? We were comfortable, had enough to eat and smoke and were happy in the knowledge that at last we were going to do something for our keep. My section (12 men) and myself were billeted in what used to be two horse stalls in a farm house and were as comfortable as could be. The place was clean and we put fresh straw on the floor and were happy as kings. At the opposite end of the building was a cafe where we got coffee and could sit around and smoke and talk with some French soldiers who were also billeted there. We were there about four days and the evening before we left we had a 'sing-song' with the Frenchmen and had a great time; we marched about 18 miles and are now billeted in the attic of an old hotel. We had a day's rest and the following day went out to the reserve trenches where we did some digging and fixed up. The next day was 'The Day.'

"In the evening we went into the trenches. Our company was split and I was in what's known as the 'snipers' hut.' We were only 35 yards from the German trenches, and once in a while we saw a German moving around and I got a few shots at them. We were as safe as houses and I was sort of disappointed at the tameness of the whole affair. The German snipers were firing at the house all day and night, but did no damage. We saw or heard the whole box of tricks, shells, rifle fire, grenades, star lights and machine guns. We sent over a dozen grenades and got some in return, which did little damage. We got used to the rifle shots hitting the walls and at the end of our two days in the house scarcely noticed them.

"We were in there with a regiment of British regulars and got along fine with them. Since coming out we've beaten them at football by 3—1. We went to the football game with our rifles and ammunition and when playing ten German shells burst within 100 yards of us. They were trying to find a British battery, but they didn't even stop our game. The day after we came out we did some more digging at the reserve trench and tomorrow we leave for somewhere else. Our stay here has been extra comfortable—better than in England. We can get beefsteak, eggs, fried potatoes, soup, etc., near where we are and the weather has been lovely. I have everything I want and am as lighthearted as a sand boy. As per usual my health couldn't be better. I feel like taking on Jack Johnson."

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