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CANADIANS CAPTURE FRESNOY

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, May 3.—Shortly before dawn this (Thursday) morning a Canadian column, composed of veteran troops, carried the fortified village of Fresnoy-en-Artois by storm.

They encountered the same tenacious resistance as at Arleux-En-Gobelle on Saturday last, but, aided by an artillery barrage, they speedily came to grips with the enemy, and in house-to-house fighting drove him out of the village. The capture of Fresnoy carried the Canadians almost a mile further than before on the way to Douai, which is only a little more than eight miles due east from the further point of today's advance.

Since April 9 the line has been pushed eastward from Neuville St. Vaast, a distance of almost six miles under most adverse weather conditions during the greater part of the time. Now that nature smiles, the rate of progress is expected to be more rapid.

Belfast Presbytery has rejected by 23 votes to 11 a resolution declaring that under the light of our time, no one can be engaged in the liquor traffic without staining gravely against God.

Recruiting Is At Low Ebb

Four recruits were secured in the city yesterday. They were—John H. Oram, St. John, No. 8 Field Ambulance; Frank Brown, St. John, No. 9 Siege Battery; Edward Maxwell, Dipper Harbor, and Hugh Monahan, Helenville, Divisional Signalling Company.

Recruiting throughout the Dominion has fallen off. A total of 2,804 men were secured during the last two weeks, compared with 3,329 in the preceding two weeks.

Casualties.

The midnight casualty list containing the names of ten New Brunswick men. They are as follows:—Died of wounds, H. Miller, Newcastle; wounded, F. P. Murphy, St. John; C. E. Wharton, Petitcodiac; E. T. Robinson, Newcastle; J. H. Walker, Sussex; J. Beloungie, Houlton; J. L. McParlane, Sussex; J. Soucy, St. Leonards; W. B. Hicks, Sackville; ill, C. K. Donovan, St. John.

Word has been received in the city that Lieutenant William McQuade, son of W. H. McQuade, has been appointed to the position of machine gun instructor at the front. Lieutenant McQuade went overseas as a member of the 10th Battalion.

At the inquest into the death of George Morrissey, accidentally killed while running the elevator at the sugar refinery, held last evening at the court house by Dr. F. L. Kenney, coroner, the jury came to the following conclusion: "We find that the boy came to his death by accidentally falling from the elevator. We also find that the elevator now being used is not a safe one to be operated as a combination for freight and passengers. We would recommend that not more than three inches of space be between the floor and the wall and that the open sides be fitted with collapsible gates."

The jury was composed of the following: Fred McLean, Joshua Corkey, Thomas McKinnis, W. E. A. Lawton, A. Wetmore, Frank Lewis and R. R. Brown.

The witnesses were George Kyfin, an employee of the refinery, Dr. J. S. Bentley, Edward Morrissey, brother of the unfortunate lad, Policeman Gibbs, the refinery, factory inspector, and William F. Duen, assistant inspector at the refinery. John A. Berry appeared for the boy's relatives and Frances Kerr for the refinery.

Vere LeRoy Stokes, principal of the St. Mary's-Gibson school, Fredericton, was married on Wednesday to Miss Berna M. Stephenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stephenson, of Fredericton. Rev. Thomas Marshall officiated.

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In Parliament

An attack on the government led by Mr. Kyle, Mr. Carroll and other opposition members for continued inaction with the problem of the high cost of living brought forth one of the bitterest rows in the Commons yesterday that parliament has witnessed for many years.

Mr. Kyle pointed out the recent rise in the sensational price of flour and called the attention of the fact to the minister of labor. Mr. Carroll in answering the vague explanation of the minister that "some action would be taken later on," declared that the consumers were awaiting the day of reckoning with the present government.

W. H. Bennett, of East Simcoe, passed an ill-timed jibe at the latter's service at the front. "You should be ashamed of the position," declared Mr. Carroll, and he was joined by the Liberal members as well as many from Bennett's side. Mr. Bennett said that he was not going to take anything from Mr. Carroll, as the latter had "strutted around in the feathers of an artillery uniform, but got into civilian clothes after the war."

Mr. Carroll said these were the attitudes of a coward. Mr. Carroll clearly explained his position to the house. He said that he had attempted to raise a battery in New Brunswick and presented his plans to Sir Sam. The letter soon afterwards left for England and Hon. J. D. Hazen acted as minister of militia and no action was forthcoming. He finally wrote a letter dated Sept. 4, 1915, which has as yet received no answer. Mr. Carroll enlisted as a private and has seen service at the front.

GERMAN ATTACHE IS A REGULAR VISITOR

Athens, May 4.—Von Falkenhayn, former German military attaché here, has been returning regularly through a neutral zone, and as regularly received at the palace. This is too serious an allegation for me to bring without confirmation. The highest French military authorities here confirm it. Others appear from time to time, and make mysterious journeys to the coast or the interior, returning later to Athens. One purpose these officers serve is to bring money from the German empire to maintain the reservists' organization. 100,000 has just found its way into the coffers of the Reservists' League. It was distributed by Saphias, their chief. Much grumbling arose among the reservists, who are suspicious that the leaders are keeping too large a share for themselves. The reservists have become active, and are again patrolling the streets of Athens.

Big Delegation to Conference

The conference summoned by Premier W. E. Foster and Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, minister of agriculture, to be held at Fredericton this afternoon, for the purpose of stimulating production throughout the province, promises to be widely attended. Many delegates from St. John will be in attendance.

Representatives of the board of trade, the Y. M. C. A., Canadian Club, Rotary Club, ministers of the gospel, college presidents and Daughters of the Empire have been invited to attend. With the exception of all the other organizations will be represented in the party from St. John. The board of trade is sending a large number, including W. Frank Hatheway, T. H. Estabrook, Alex. Wilson, F. W. Daniel, Dr. A. H. Frink, J. A. Lacey, F. A. Dykeman, E. A. Goodwin, J. L. Kennedy, R. E. Armstrong, E. A. Schofield and others. Mayor Hayes is also attending.

Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of public schools, has been asked to attend, and he has requested Commissioner J. V. Russell to accompany him as a delegate from the school board, the League, Mrs. G. A. Kubring is at present at Fredericton and will attend the conference as a representative of the Women's Canadian Club.

Walter H. Golding, of the Imperial Theatre, is going to present a scheme to have moving pictures shown in the various cities and towns throughout the province to demonstrate the value of vacant lot gardening, and to urge larger production as a patriotic duty in the smaller centres.

It is stated that the representation from all parts of the province will be as good as that from St. John. The results should be most far-reaching. Dr. Carter's proposal to organize the school boys as farmers' assistants and having them their grading without reckoning the time spent in this patriotic work, has been strongly supported by the high school authorities here, and the proposition was made to the boys, provided they could secure the consent of their parents. A very large proportion of them volunteered and at the conference today Dr. H. S. Bridges and A. M. Gregg will so report to the delegates.

Dr. Bridges and Mr. Gregg left the city for this purpose last evening.

BUILDING IN MONCTON

Transcript.—Once again building takes a stride in the city of Moncton. Last fall a boom in building took place, but during the winter months not much progress was made. During March the issuing of permits was slight but the month of April just passed showed a brisk trade.

During the month twenty persons applied for permits, which totalled over \$100,000. Many fine residences are being constructed and many citizens are improving their present dwellings with additions of cellars and verandahs. Many garages are being built, showing that a quantity of new auto cars have been bought in the city.

SUBMARINE LOSSES NOT SUFFICIENT TO AFFECT WAR ISSUE

London, May 3, 4.40 p. m.—Earl Curzon, member of the war council, speaking today of the submarine situation said he recognized the submarine menace to be formidable, but stated that in its calculations the cabinet had made allowances for a wastage of shipping greater than that that had already taken place. He did not himself think in practice it would diminish shipping so greatly as to affect the ultimate issue of the war.

Y. W. P. A. VOTES MONEY

A very well attended meeting of the Young Ladies' Patriotic Association was held in the Moose rooms in Union street last evening with Miss Alice Fairweather, vice-president, in the chair. Eighteen new members joined and the treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$100.07 in the general fund and \$117.10 in the returned soldiers' fund.

Some of the money was voted as follows: Thirty-five dollars to the detention hospital on the West Side, \$81.60 for a baseball outfit to be sent to the front through the Soldiers' Comfort Association, and \$10 to the European War Veterans' Association to purchase seed for the plot of land that they are cultivating. It was decided to hold a tea at the residence of Mrs. John Keefe in Leinster street, the proceeds to be given to the Royal Horticultural Society, who

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have started a fund for the French and Belgian peasants. The most interesting address was given by Mrs. F. H. Warren on the future of the Y. W. P. A. Mrs. Warren pointed out many useful ways by which the Y. W. P. A. could be of service after the war. She also spoke of the need of help at the military hospital. Letters of thanks were read from St. George's Society, congratulating the association on the splendid results of Flag day, and the splendid results of the National Anthem and of O Canada.



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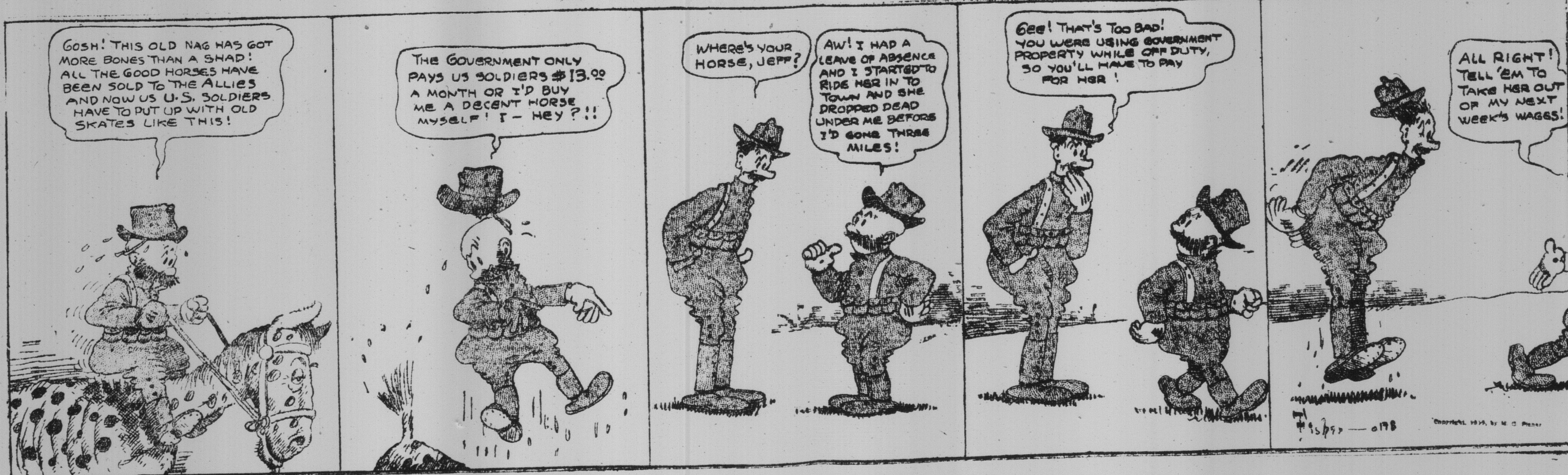
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