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RUSSIANS ARE DRIVING THE AUSTRIANS OUT OF BUKOWINA PROVINCE

Germans Show That Defeat at Memel Was Heavy Blow--Failure to Tie Italy's Hands by Cession of Austrian Territory

Petrograd, March 26--The Austrian troops have evacuated Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, and are in full retreat from that province to Hungary, according to advices received by the Russian War Office today.

ANOTHER GERMAN FAILURE

Rome, March 26--Efforts of Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, to bring about an agreement between the Italian and Austrian governments regarding the cession of territory, have definitely failed, according to the Agency Nationale.

It says it is informed that when the last courier from Vienna brought the ambassador Austria's final terms they were of such a nature that he is reported not to consider it worth while to submit them to the foreign office here. It is said that Prince Von Buelow has resigned the role of mediator.

GERMANS FEEL STING OF DEFEAT

Amsterdam via London, March 26--A Berlin despatch in the Telegraph states that the Russian city of Lodi has been ordered by the German military authorities, to pay a war tax of 500,000 rubles, (\$250,000).

The Local Anzeiger of Berlin announced yesterday that the war levy on the town of Swald had been increased to \$200,000 and that Grodno had been honored by airman as reprisals for the "plunder and persecutions" of Memel, East Prussia by the Russians. It was stated that other retaliatory measures would be taken.

Roumanians World Fight

Paris, March 26--The fall of Przemysl has caused a sensation in Bucharest, and resulted in increased popular outcry that Roumanians enter the war on the side of the allies, according to the correspondent of the Petit Parisien.

BERLIN TIGHTENS THE BELT ANOTHER NOTCH

Berlin, via London, March 26--Additional restrictions have been placed upon bakers and housewives in Berlin. They have been forbidden to bake cakes which require the use of yeast or similar preparations. In houses the baking of any cakes whatever between March 25 and April 12 also has been forbidden, the latter order is designed to check the consumption of flour for Easter cakes.

E. J. FLEETWOOD NEW MANAGER

E. J. Fleetwood is receiving congratulations today on his appointment as the maritime province manager for Ames, Holden, McCready, Ltd., in succession to W. M. Angus, who goes to Montreal. Mr. Fleetwood returned from Montreal today. He has been with the company for sixteen years, and has faithfully earned the promotion now received.

WAS MEMBER OF COURT OF THIRD NAPOLEON

Paris, March 26--Duke De Montmorency, a prominent figure in the court of Napoleon III, died last night at the age of seventy-eight years.

FOR THE BELGIANS

Mayor Frink has received for the Belgian relief fund the following contributions--Ladies' Sewing circle, Navy Station, per Mrs. W. E. Smith, \$10; Rothery Collegiate School, Junior Debating Society, per Rev. W. R. Hibbard, \$1; Women's Institute, Grand Falls, per Mrs. J. L. White, secretary-treasurer, \$28.

A. O. H. MEETING

At a meeting of No. 1 Division A. O. H. last evening, the matter of the introduction of the mutual benefit insurance plan, recently established here, was discussed. The attendance was good, and much interest was evinced in the scheme. J. J. Ryan, president, was in the chair.

Weather Bulletin

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis--The depression which passed over the Great Lakes yesterday is now situated over Quebec, while the cold wave is now centered over Dakota. The weather has turned much colder in Ontario and Quebec, attended by light snowfalls while in the west it has been quite mild.

Believed Germany Soon Will Give Up Submarine Attacks In British Waters

London, March 26--Admiralty officials asserted today that Germany's ring of submarines about the British Isles, is being shattered and predicted that the campaign against English merchant shipping would soon be ended by the recall of the underwater craft, from the task assigned to them.

Widespread rejoicing was caused by the announcement of the sinking of the submarine U-39 commanded by Lieut. Otto Weddigen, Germany's submarine hero. While no details of the destruction of this vessel had been issued up to noon, it was stated at the Admiralty that there was good reason for believing that she had been sent to the bottom.

With the U-39, listed by the Admiralty as destroyed, five German submarines have been named as sunk. The others are the U-8, U-15, and U-43. Two others, one sunk by the steamer Thorid and one named by the destroyer Badger, have never been identified.

The Wilson liner Tycho arrived at Hull today after narrowly escaping destruction by the German submarine U-5 in the Downs off the coast of Kent, the U-5 was headed for the Tycho when she was sighted by a lookout on the steamer.

The Tycho's captain ordered that his vessel take a zig-zag course in the hope that thus it could avoid any submarine fired by the U-5, and immediately sent up distress signals. These were seen by British destroyers near the coast, and they sped out to assist the Tycho. The U-5 abandoned its pursuit of the Tycho, when the destroyers appeared, and dashed out into the North Sea.

From midnight until morning the mine sweepers continued their work without disturbance and with very satisfactory results.

TODAY WITH LOCAL SOLDIERS

Weather interferes With Outdoor Operations; Indoor Drill

RECRUITING IN 5TH

Successful Programme Yesterday With Local Units; Belief That Sussex Will be in Use; The Railway Corps; Soldiers in Amherst Win Good Name

The wet weather today interfered with outdoor drill for the volunteers in the 5th battalion, Army Service Corps, and the 50th battalion in training in St. John and the programme with each unit was for indoor drill with lectures. Yesterday's tactics with the Army Service Corps and 50th were considered most successful of the kind yet conducted.

The infantry engaged in sham attacks and defence and some spirited manoeuvres. The Army Service Corps marched out to a point on the shore below Duck Cove and before the complete field detachment of sufficient capacity to cater for more than 30,000 men in the field.

Recruiting A few more men were enrolled in the 5th Battalion here this morning. There now about seventy members of this unit in training here under Lieut. Col. G. E. Weyman, now the 74th regiment. Advances as to recruiting in other centres of the province are satisfactory. No further word from the general orders for mobilization will be issued has been received, and the 5th Battalion will be continued at the various depots throughout the province until the required number has been secured. Major McKenzie's recruiting still continues very slowly in this city.

Sussex Camp The announcement from Ottawa that the maritime militia camps for the summer would be at Amherst and Alderston has caused much discussion in local militia circles. Up to now the understanding has been that in the early spring troops would be rushed under canvas at Sussex from points through New Brunswick the several infantry regiments mustering to as full strength as possible for training there. In fact strong influences have been at work to bring about a certain mobilization at the camp ground, and despite the word from Ottawa it is not believed that any large detachments will be sent from New Brunswick for training in the Sussex camp while Sussex lies vacated.

Railway Corps. Nearly 100 men are now under orders at West St. John in the quarters of the Canadian Railway Construction Corps for the purpose of training prior to departure overseas. While the main body of the unit is not expected to be in St. John until at least the latter part of next week, small detachments are arriving daily in addition to those signified on the strength here. No further word of officers beyond those referred to in The Times early this week has been made, but it is understood that there will be at least one on the staff from this district.

At Amherst The French-Canadian Battalion at Amherst is greatly admired because of the fine class of men and the excellent discipline. No trouble of any sort has been caused by any member of the battalion since they have been in Amherst. They go on a two hours' march every morning and another of similar duration in the afternoon. The streets in Amherst are quite muddy at present, and when the troops, both French-Canadian and the Mounted Rifles, return after a march they are pretty well coated. The members of the Mounted Rifles are being inoculated against disease, and nearly a score of members of the three squadrons are in hospital. The stables have been fitted up and the saddles have arrived, but the horses are not yet being used. The members of the three squadrons have been well outfitted, and they are making progress with their drill.

Some of the men of the Mounted Rifles will take part and the Kemp Quartette and Miss Atkinson will sing at a meeting this evening in Trinity Church, Amherst. The address will be by Dr. Chown of Toronto on "Fidelity and Conservation."

Some of the men of the Mounted Rifles will take charge of the men's class in the Rhodes Billmore Block on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Smith, a volunteer from Pine Hill College will speak on "Labrador and its Missions." Special (Continued on page 2, seventh column.)

British Warships Protect Mine Sweepers at Work in Dardanelles

London, March 26--The British battleships Queen Elizabeth and Agamemnon and the cruiser Cornwall entered the Dardanelles on Wednesday night to protect the mine sweepers, according to a despatch to Reuters' from Tenedos dated Thursday at 10 o'clock.

Turkish artillery at Frenkui fired five shells, and the forts at Kildid Bahr also fired. The British vessels replied with twenty rounds. To this the Turks made no reply.

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Paris, March 26--Mine sweepers continued their operations in the Dardanelles all of Wednesday night, according to a despatch from Tenedos received yesterday by the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency. They were protected by the guns of cruisers from the allied fleet, but their work was made difficult by a violent storm.

Turkey About to Cry Quits?

Athens Has Rumor--Something Important Evidently Has Developed in the Balkans

Athens, March 26--Athens newspapers published today what they declare are "reliable private advices from Constantinople," that the Turkish government has broken with its German advisers, and is going to sue for peace.

London, March 26--The Exchange Telegraph Company has a despatch from Athens, saying that Field Marshal Von Dergoltz, who has been in Constantinople for some months, representing German military interests, has left for Sofia, Bulgaria, at the same time General Liman Von Sanders, the commander of the Turkish forces in Europe has left Constantinople for Adrianople.

Their departure indicates some sudden development in the Balkan situation which is causing Turkey concern.

TRINITY CHIMES BEING REPLACED

Familiar Sound Rang Through the Air Today

The new chimes for Trinity church have arrived from Great Britain and are being installed in the belfry. The three barrels carrying the mechanism for producing the chimes and hymn tunes had been sent to England to be renewed and were expected back about the time the war broke out. Delays, consequent upon the disarrangement of affairs on the other side, made delivery impossible at that time but they are now on hand. The regular chimes will be the same as before but new sets of hymn tunes will be available.

A new principle is being adopted in connection with the operation of the chimes. Under the old system a large hammer, striking on the outside of the bell, was used. With the new arrangement smaller hammers will produce the music by hitting the inside of the bells. This will produce a much better tone and will be easier on the bells.

Owing to the complicated mechanism involved it may be a month before the chimes are in full operation.

DIED IN LYNN

A telegram received this morning by Mrs. J. J. Dwyer, of 72 1/2 Waterloo street, brought the sad news of the death of her nephew, Charles Conlon, aged 20 years, in Lynn, Mass. He had been ill only about two weeks. The young man was a son of the late George Conlon, formerly of this city, whose death occurred just a year ago. Keen sympathy will be felt for his mother, formerly Miss Katherine Leahy of St. John, and his two brothers and two sisters, who time after that of his father, makes his loss doubly sad.

TRANSFERRED

Friends of Adjutant Cummings of the Salvation Army local staff will have with regret that he is to leave the city early next month, having been transferred to Calgary. He has done much good work during his stay here and his transfer comes in the way of a promotion to wider fields. His successor, Captain Lewis, of Montreal, arrived in the city today.

NOVELTY SHOWER

Many attractive gifts were received last night in a novelty shower tendered Miss Mabel McAndrews at her home in Guilford street, West End, in honor of a nuptial event approaching. Her friends gathered, and expressing best wishes, had a pleasant time.

PURCHASED STOCK

Fraser, Fraser & Company of St. John have purchased the stock of Harrie M. Wilson, men's clothing and furnishings, Moncton. Mr. Wilson recently assigned for the benefit of his creditors.

GOING TO PACIFIC

H. E. Guernsey, who arrived from England this week and has been spending a few days here in connection with his extensive local interests, will leave this evening for British Columbia.

Chandler Inquiry Goes Over Until April 6

No Witnesses Today When Court Opened--Southwest Miramichi Boom Bill Taken up by Corporations Committee

Fredericton, N. B., March 26--Royal Commissioner, W. B. Chandler, opened his court this morning, and E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot were present, but no other witnesses were called. Mr. Carter was informed by Mr. Chandler that, as the witnesses were not present, the inquiry into the Dalhousie stumpage payment would be postponed until Tuesday afternoon, April 6. He also promised to give him a reply later in the day as to whether he would investigate certain matters concerning which Mr. Carter had written him earlier in the week.

Mr. Veniot said that when his court resumed its sessions in April, he would advise him as to when and where he would hold his investigations into the several matters concerning public expenditure of which Mr. Veniot had complained and given him information and names of witnesses. He would endeavor, however, to suit the convenience of all parties.

Mr. Veniot said that there were many witnesses, some of them living as far away as Shippegan Island, and that it would be much more convenient for the people to attend an investigation in Gloucester county than to come all the way to Fredericton.

Southwest Boom Bill The Southwest Boom Company bill occupied the attention of very many members of the legislature, several lawyers and many parties interested in the bill, took occasion to congratulate the chair of the corporations committee for the first time, and R. B. Hanson, who appeared on behalf of the promoters of the bill, took occasion to congratulate him and provoked something of a smile when he expressed the hope that the company had been a step to something greater.

There were many arguments pro and con in connection with the application to extend the charter for twenty years, and to increase the cost of boating. The present leaseholder, James Robinson, was highly complimented for the capable manner he had boomed the logs for so many years, and for the confidence that the company had in his work.

One statement of Mr. Hanson's attracted some attention. He said that sixty-eight million feet of lumber had passed through the boom last year, of which twenty-eight million feet were unseasoned logs, and twenty-six million feet of this was cut by the Miramichi Lumber Company.

Hon. Allan Ritchie, president, William A. Park, secretary, James Robinson, manager, and Robert Sinclair of Newcastle, appeared on behalf of the bill, while D. J. Buckley of Rogersville, and John McIntosh of Glassville, headed a delegation of smaller operators in opposition to the bill. R. B. Hanson, of Fredericton, was counsel for the promoters, while J. C. Hartley, K. C., of

Woodstock, and J. A. Barry of St. John, were counsel for the opponents. Mr. Park said the dividends paid by the company had ranged from 8 to 17 1/2 per cent. The dividends in the last few years had been--1914--9 per cent, 1913--12 1/2 per cent, 1912--11 per cent, 1911--12 1/2 per cent, 1910--12 1/2 per cent. He said that in paying these dividends the company made no allowances for depreciation and kept no sinking fund to pay for improvements or necessary up-keep of plant.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie said he had been connected with the company for fifty years. He declared there had been no end of trouble until Mr. Robinson became lease and manager thirty-six years ago. Since then the business was well looked after. The last season the interests were well looked after and their lumber was safe with Mr. Robinson looking after their interests.

Attorney-General Baxter asked if it would be agreeable to place a clause in the bill to limit the dividends of the company. The promoters of the bill said there was no objection to such a clause.

Mr. Buckley was first heard in opposition to the bill. He said that he had paid last year on about one-seventh of the total of the amount of lumber coming into the South West Miramichi booms. He said the river was allowed to jam, so that logs were tied up and logs were being forced to go under the booms. He said he was under great disadvantage because of being unable to lease any crown lands, as they are all taken up. He said he had to pay twice the amount of stumpage to the New Brunswick Railway Company as big lumbermen did upon crown lands. In addition to paying \$8 per thousand stumpage he was compelled to take out all trees tops down to six inches, and in consequence the value of his sawed lumber was also less because of the percentage of small stuff.

Hon. Mr. Clarke asked if there was not a provision in the crown land regulations for lumbermen to take off the small tops. Mr. Buckley said that if there was such a regulation it was violated and that one-fourth of the lumber cut on the crown lands was left in the woods and wasted.

To Hon. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Buckley said a dividend of 8 per cent. would be fair and that about 25 per cent. of this was cut by the Miramichi Lumber Company.

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MARITZ WHO WAS REPORTED DEAD, GETS INTO THE NEWS AGAIN

New York, March 26--A news agency despatch from Cape Town today says "Lieut. Colonel Maritz has escaped from his prison camp and fled toward Central Africa."

ALLEY SLOPER WINS THE GRAND NATIONAL

Liverpool, March 26--The Grand National steeple-chase run here today was won by Alley Sloper. Jacobus was second, followed by Father Confessor Third. Twenty horses started, but only nine finished. The betting was 100 to 1 against Alley Sloper, 25 to 1 against Jacobus, and 10 to 1 against Father Confessor.

LITTLE BROTHERS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Rainy River, Ont., March 26--The two oldest children of Loomis Lee, boys aged six and four, were burned to death in bed, when fire destroyed the house during the night. Lee was badly burned in attempting their rescue.

MISS FAIRWEATHER MAKES A POSSIBLE AT THE RANGE

Miss Fairweather scored a possible at the city rifle range yesterday. Miss Quinn made 97 standing. Miss Richards made the fine score of 89, prone, this morning. Among the men, the best standing scores yesterday were: W. A. Tweedley 245, and Fireman J. Walsh, 231, out of 250. I. F. Archibald led in the prone shooting.

Cecil Bell, the range officer, has resigned to accept another position. His decision will be regretted by patrons of the range, as his efficient help, always willing and courteously given, has proved extremely valuable to the patrons, especially those who were learning the art of shooting.

MONCTON ENDORSES IT

The Moncton Board of Trade has endorsed the resolution of the St. John Board with respect to uniformity of commercial laws.

SCHIFF SEES BENEFIT TO AMERICA FROM WAR

Has Fine Chance to Set Her Financial House in Order

Pasadena, Cal., March 26--"The war has given America a chance to get her financial house in order. That country is strongest which has fewest debts outside."

Thus did Jacob H. Schiff, financier of New York, who arrived here yesterday, indicate one of the benefits bestowed upon this country by the European conflict.

"We have become stronger since the great conflict broke out," he said, "because we have had opportunity to chase many of our securities from the European holders at a low price."

"I believe," he added, "will end in the autumn, but not because of an exhaustion of the belligerents' credit; money for the making of war will never be scarce so long as there are printing presses."

PROBABLY TALKING OVER THE ELECTION CHANGES

Ottawa, March 26--Premier Richard McBride of British Columbia, was in conference here with the prime minister, Hon. Robert Rogers and several of the British Columbia members. Mr. McBride declared that his visit has no political significance.

CONCERT AND SOCIAL

A good time was had last night at a concert and box social conducted by the Newfoundland Society in Temperance Hall, St. James street, last evening. Those taking part besides the band included Misses Pearson, Daley, Myrtle Fox, Christiana Mercer, Stella Fox, Ethel Alchorn, May Sparks, Stella Earle, John Nichols, and R. Edwards. The president, Isaac Mercer, acted as chairman, while the auctioneers were C. B. Ward and C. M. Lingley.

THE RIVER

Fred Woods and some other residents of Carter's Point arrived in the city today. They came in a motor boat which was well stocked with meat, butter and eggs. One of the men said that the ice was still thick above the point and that it would be another week or ten days before it broke up. This he attributed to the war, as the water in the river is exceptionally low.