

REPEATED REPORTS THAT GREEK KING WILL ABDICATE

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HEAVY FIGHTING ARRAS TO LENS HAIG TIGHTENS GRIP ON GALLIES

LONDON'S BANK CLEARINGS FOR APRIL NEARLY TEN MILLIONS; HIGHEST IN CITY'S HISTORY; AUGURY OF GRAND FUTURE

"Forest City May Be as Large an Inland City as Any On Continent in Ten Years," Says Prominent Citizen, Who Sees 100,000 Mark in Sight.

FROM THE standpoint of business transacted through the banks of this city, the month of April was the greatest in the history of London.

A "turnover" of \$9,842,802 is shown in the statement issued today from the London clearing house at the Bank of Montreal.

This represents an increase over the same month of last year of MORE THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

While a considerable portion of the amount is represented by war loan subscriptions, none the less it was the greatest month apart from these transactions.

Bankers stated that London is now enjoying the greatest prosperity in its history, and state that collections and payments have never before been so promptly made. Trade conditions are "inspiring," as one manager stated, and there is a substantial increase shown in almost every line of business, excepting those affected by the abolition of open drinking.

One prominent Londoner, who has been instrumental in building up a number of the city's foremost institutions, said today that he believed London to be on the way to 100,000 population. "We are far enough past the 50,000 class to be on our way to the bigger mark," he added. "And after that we will grow to a large city. We may become, if citizens work together, AS LARGE AN INLAND CITY AS ANY ON THE CONTINENT WITHIN TEN YEARS. Those who are in business today should build for greater things. If our merchants do not stretch themselves and prepare, soon outsiders will be invading the field. A city that is doing ten million dollars a month in business should realize that it is some city."

SCARPE IS BECOMING VALLEY OF DEATH FOR PRUSSIAN SOLDIERS

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS. [Special to The Advertiser.] With the British Armies in the field, April 30.—The Scarpe is fast becoming a valley of death for the Prussians. The slaughtered enemy lies thick among the dandelions on the valley's yellowing slopes. In terms of losses, the Scarpe is a year's defeat for the Germans.

Line is melting. With that part of the Scarpe line known as the "Wotan front," already melting away at its northern end, the German defenses threatened, Hindenburg is throwing division after division into the struggle with orders to hold at all costs.

BRAZILIANS DECIDE TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

Rio Janeiro, April 28.—(Delayed).—The Brazilian Government issued a proclamation of neutrality today in respect to the war between the United States and Germany.

STORMY SESSION. Buenos Ayres, Argentina, April 30.—The session of the Argentine legislature in the war was debated today in a stormy session of the National Congress of Socialists, during which several fights occurred. The congress rejected by a vote of 4210 to 3557, the resolution submitted by the executive committee, setting forth that German submarine methods were in violation of international law, and recommending the arming of ships. The Congress adopted a declaration in favor of absolute neutrality.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS MAY TAKE TRAINING AT KINGSTON'S CAMP

Recommendation Has Been Forwarded To The U. S. Government.

Kingston, April 30.—There is a movement on foot which may result in thousands of soldiers from the United States expeditionary force being trained at Fort Fairfield Camp during the coming summer. A recommendation has been forwarded to Washington, and it is believed that favorable action will result. An announcement last week, calling on the States to raise 250,000 men, throws on New York State the task of raising 20,000 soldiers for fighting in Flanders. The selection of Fort Fairfield Camp would mean a big saving in time to train this number, because of the fact that this camp has been in active use since the war began.

CANAL GUARD DROWNED. Port Colborne, Ont., April 29.—A soldier named William Dunn, aged 23 years, of St. Catharines, was drowned in the lock here early this morning while doing guard duty. It is not known how he fell in.

LONDON TOLD KING ABOUT TO ABDICATE

Neutral Dispatch Says Greek King Will Shortly Leave For Denmark.

London, April 30.—The report that King Constantine of Greece is soon to abdicate is reiterated in a dispatch from Rome to the Star, which says it has been confirmed from neutral diplomatic sources. It is suggested that the king and queen may land at an Italian port and proceed overland to Denmark.

CHAIRMAN AND MR. HALE MAY RESIGN AS WELL AS DR. H. W. HILL

Mr. Somerville Refuses To Sign Reduced Salary Check.

TIRE OF INTERFERENCE

Says "When I Was Chairman" in Addressing the Rotary Club Today.

"When I was chairman of the board of health," a remark made by C. R. Somerville at the Rotary Club at noon today, caused not a little surprise to the members, as he is now the chairman of the board. It is believed, however, that he has forwarded his resignation as member, and that his resignation will be followed by that of Dr. H. W. Hill, medical officer of health. This action, if taken, will be the result of the policy of obstruction by Mayor Stevenson, and certain members of the council.

Refuses to Sign Check. The last straw came today when a check for \$500 made to Mr. Somerville to sign. It was for Dr. Hill's salary for April. It was promptly refused. It seems that when the checks were made out, a deduction was made in Dr. Hill's salary. When the council passed the estimates, the sum of \$2,200 was voted to cover the salaries of the two men for the year. Dr. Hill's was fixed at \$1,000, according to an agreement.

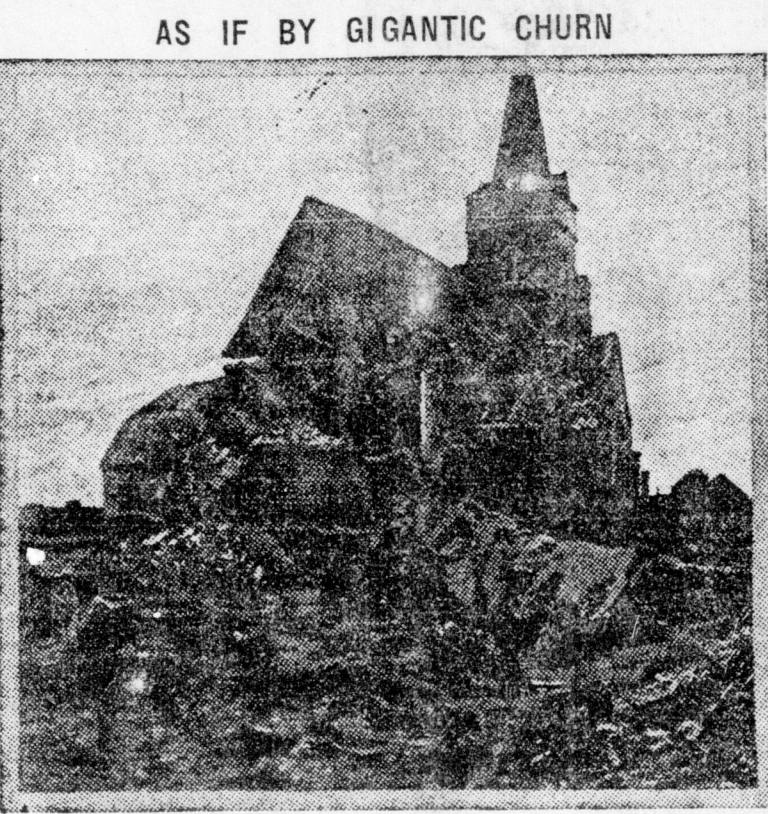
W. T. Gregory, the father of recruiting in Essex County, and known as "the civilian with the pep" in No. 1 district, wires to The Advertiser from Halifax, where he has been to witness the departure of a battalion, as follows: "Henry Ford here today on the right kind of peace trip. We should have him here in Canada and gave him his dinner."

Treating Is Banned In Quebec Province; Bars Close At Nine

Montreal, April 30.—Beginning tomorrow, the new Quebec liquor legislation banning treating and closing saloons at 9 p.m., comes into effect. The new legislation applies to hotels and restaurants. The problem as to whether the new law applies to clubs will be settled by a test case. The open bar system will be abolished in Quebec May 1, 1918, and the cafe substituted.

"BLOCKER" LAFOLLETTE MAY DELAY PASSAGE OF BILL FOR CONSCRIPTION FORCE

Washington, April 30.—The Administration bill to raise an army by conscription, although passed by both Houses Saturday, had to run the gauntlet of rumor opposition again today in the Senate, where there was a chance of reopening the whole matter. Senator La Follette, of Oregon, and others threatened to offer. The two Houses passed two bills, identical in substance, but technically different, and the House bill now has to be passed by the Senate. After passage, which the measure's friends hoped would be tonight or tomorrow, it will go to conference, and probably will be ready for the president's signature before the week-end. In conference the main differences to be harmonized are the variance of maximum ages of men liable to draft, fixed at 27 by the Senate and 40 by the House; the Senate's approval and the House's rejection of an amendment to let Col. Roosevelt recruit a volunteer force, and the Senate prohibition of liquor selling to soldiers in uniform of other training camps.



AS IF BY GIGANTIC CHURN. The enemy made many mine-craters along the way of his retreat. A French church wrecked by a German mine before the recent retreat.

What Paris Thinks of the Canadians

Paris, April 30.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The Echo de Paris contains a detailed account of the part played by Canada in the war. The paper says in part: "Every week brings us news of the unvarying generosity of the Canadians who never cease to offer invaluable assistance in money and in kind. Moreover, although everywhere else Germans are traitors to the country of their adoption German-Canadians give proof of their loyalty and duty just like the other inhabitants of Canada."

RUSSIAN GOVT. WILL ACT IN COMPLETE HARMONY WITH THE OTHER ENTENTE NATIONS

Prince Lvoff Declares Stories of Premature Peace Are of Foreign Manufacture—No Mention Anywhere in Russia of Possibility of Concluding Peace With Central Powers Apart From the Allies.

Petrograd, Via London, April 30.—It is evident from foreign telegrams that the attitude of the Russian democracy toward peace has been misconstrued and distorted by the foreign press. The desire for peace has become more widespread and articulate since the revolution, but it is based on entirely different conceptions from those entertained during the old regime.

No Premature Peace. There is no one here who has nothing to do with a premature peace with Germany. The idea of a separate peace is not in the mind of anyone. There is no talk of this even among the most advanced Socialistic factions. These factions are in complete harmony with the workmen of the other countries at war, but, until such an event be possible, unanimously declare their patriotic desire to continue the war.

Statement by Lvoff. Speaking on this subject Premier Lvoff said: "There has been up to the present no mention anywhere in Russia of the possibility of concluding a separate peace between free Russia and the powers of Teuton militarism. Among our Socialists no one has ever gone so far as to suppose that any agreement is advisable in this direction. Representative opinion abroad should take more calmly some isolated voices that are asking for immediate peace in preparation for peace. A Russian proposal to this end will hold it essential that Russia shall act, even in complete harmony with all the Allied nations."

SUPPORTING LENINE. Petrograd, April 30.—Via London.—A message signed by "The party combatants" reads: "The party combatants support the policy of the Russian Government."

FIFTY THOUSAND SLACKERS MAY NOW HURRY BACK FROM STATES

Government Has Record of These Service Dodgers, and They Face Chance of Deportation—Can Seek Sanctuary in Home Guard If They Come Back.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 30.—Adoption of conscription by the United States creates an interesting situation for those thoughtful young Canadians who during the past two and a half years have been quietly stepping across the line to escape the attention of recruiting officers and the criticism of patriotic Canadian girls. Canada has been enlisting on the basis of voluntary service, but there has been a good deal of moral and social pressure which has had an effect upon the reluctant. A Double Peril. It is expected that under the new order of things most of these young Canadians will hurry back from the United States to escape the double peril. American and British conscription. Once the moral issue and the remote possibility of conscription being applied here. Should conscription appear to be coming, they will be able to find sanctuary in the home guard, where the enlistment is practically guaranteed exemption from service guard. There are some fifty thousand cases of the sort referred to. Their return to Canada would make a useful addition to the labor supply.

NO PAUSE IN STRUGGLE FOR HINDENBURG LINE; BRITISH HOLDING FIRM

From Arras to Lens Great Struggle Continues, German Command Throwing Fresh Troops Into Unceasing Counter Attacks—British During Night Strengthen Positions Captured Saturday and Sunday.

London, April 30.—Heavy fighting continues along the front between Arras and Lens, with very little change in the situation reported. Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs today: The Germans are continuing to bring up fresh troops and to deliver counter-attacks, more particularly in the neighborhood of Oppy and from their trench system down at Gavrelle. The British hold the windmill northeast of the latter village and have improved their posts along the southwestern slope of Greenland Hill. Continuous fighting is in progress around the Roeux chemical works.

THE POSITIONS HELD. "In a general way," continues the correspondent. "The situation this morning along the front of the attack, which began at dawn on Saturday, is that we hold the German front line from the point where the Baillou-Blaque line crosses the trenches northwest of Gavrelle to the fork in the Oppy line, between that place and Arras. Beyond this fork we hold the German support line for a length of about 1,200 yards. Thence our front continues just east of Arras."

"The weather was too hazy this morning, and the artillery observation was correspondingly poor, but the guns on both sides have plenty of registered targets, and the familiar thunder waxes and wanes."

"Various German documents that have been captured urgently emphasize the necessity of economizing strictly in the expenditure of shell of all types as the death material is seriously minimizing the output of supplies. It is also reported that the artillery officers are being trained to employ guns, the inner tubes of which are worn out, upon targets which do not necessitate very accurate shooting, as the output of new guns is limited."

A MINOR OPERATION. London, April 30.—The capture of prisoners and a machine gun in minor operations is reported in the official statement issued by the war office this morning. The statement says: "In a small local operation between Monchy-le-Preaux and the Scarpe River, we captured a few prisoners and improved our position during the night. Our troops also made a successful raid north of Ypres, capturing eighteen prisoners and a machine gun."

STOPPED BY CURTAIN-FIRE. Paris, April 30.—Violent artillery fighting continued last night south of St. Quentin in the regions of Troyon, Hurtebise and Craonne. Several ineffectual German attacks were stopped by the French curtain of fire.

USING VON HINDENBURG'S NAME TO BOLSTER COURAGE OF THE BOSCHES

British Headquarters in France, April 30.—Via London.—From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press: "There are increasing evidence daily of how the German higher command is using the name of Field Marshal von Hindenburg in an effort to sustain the morale of the German fighting men, and to lower the morale of the British and French offensive actions. Prisoners recently taken also tell how von Hindenburg continues to be held up to the German people as a whole as the man in whom they must repose confidence and hope of final victory."

Explains Retreat. The recent retreat was explained by the desire of the German command to take up a position in the famous Hindenburg line, and prisoners now say that when it becomes known in Germany that the British have turned this position and taken possession of several miles of it southeast of Arras great depression will be caused. Civilians as well as soldiers placed great faith in this line, on which they say millions upon millions of marks have been spent. They had been told the line was so invulnerable that the Germans could sit in it for the remainder of the war.

CASUALTIES SINCE EASTER SUNDAY NOW OVER 12 THOUSAND

Ottawa, April 30.—The Canadian casualties from Easter Sunday to noon today number 12,855. Today's list of 298 names, includes 124 killed in action, 14 died of wounds, 4 missing and 117 wounded. The list follows: Infantry. Died of Wounds—No. 19333 D. McLeod, Toronto. Engineers. Killed in Action—No. 504726 H. Pascoe, Vancouver; 509352 A. Sinclair, Vancouver; 541773 H. A. Stevenson, Ottawa.

NORTHCLIFFE SAYS IRISH PROBLEM CAN BE SETTLED BY BRITISH COMMISSION

London, April 30.—Lord Northcliffe has issued a statement to the Press respecting the Irish situation, which includes the following phrase: "The happiness of Ireland is entirely in the hands of Mr. Balfour and the British mission in the United States. The differences between the two parties have been so slight that Mr. Balfour's influence can settle the difficulty."

THE WEATHER		
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.		
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 52; lowest, 37.		
On Saturday night our aviators carried out several bombing expeditions effectively. A captive balloon was brought down and barracks containing troops were bombarded and fires observed. The railroad stations at Pont-Faverger and Betheniville and bivouacs near Epoye also were bombarded.		
AUTO HIT A POLE.		
Vancouver, B. C., April 29.—Joy Kincaid, a Victoria, was killed near Nanaimo last night when the steering gear of his automobile broke and the car struck a telegraph pole. C. Grey, for many years a reporter on the Colonist is dead.		
TOMORROW—SHOWERY.		
Toronto, April 30.—8 a.m. Light winds; fair, with a little higher temperature.		
Temperatures.		
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:		
Station	High	Low
Victoria	50	42
Calgary	48	26
Winnipeg	48	22
Port Arthur	48	30
Perry	49	30
Port Stanley	50	30
Buffalo	50	34
Fond du Lac	54	40
Kingston	50	48
Ottawa	50	32
Montréal	50	38
Quebec	50	36
Father Point	50	34
Weather Notes.		
The high pressure has almost disappeared from Northern Canada, and a low area of moderate intensity is now moving towards the Great Lakes from the Southwest.		
The weather continues cool throughout the Dominion.		