NATIONALISTS ATTACKED BY FRONTENAC MEMBER

Dr. Edwards Bitter in References to Bourassa, Lavergne and Choquette.

"POLITICAL COWARDICE"

Attitude of Sir Sam Hughes and Casgrain Under Criticism.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—Dr. J. W. Edwards, the Conservative member for Frontenac, created a mild sensation in the house this evening by calling upon Postmaster-General Casgrain to suppress Bourassa's newspaper, Le Devoir." He denounced Bourassa in unmeasured terms and referred to him as having sat in the house of commons on the Liberal side. This called forth the obvious retort that Bourassa supported the Conservatives in the elections of 1911.

Dr. Edwards said he knew nothing about that, but he did know that Bourassa was fighting the Borden government and opposing the prosecution of the war.

"Political Cowardice."

Dr. Edwards called upon the minister of militia to take away the King's uniform from Armand Lavergne. Lavergne's wearing that uniform was an insult to every solider in Canada. The excuse made was this, that to take away his uniform would make a martyr of him, but in Dr. Edwards' opinion the reason for the government's inaction was nothing more nor less than "political cowardice."

Neither Postmaster-General Casgrain nor Sir Sam Hughes was in the house. The doctor's speech elicited only slight applause, and nearly all of it from the opposition benches. This led the member for Frontenac to observe that Bourassa had his friends on both sides of the house.

"Speaking for myself," he said, "I propose that Canada open up negotiations with Germany thru the United States, China, or some other yellow nation, and propose to turn over to Germany Bourassa, Lavergne and Senator Choquette, in return for Dr. Beland. It would be a good offer, but I know it would not be accepted, because, vile as Germany it, she hates a traitor."

The doctor then proceeded to take a fall out of the French-Canadians. Mr. Lemieux, he said, had spoken slightingly of the Orange Order. He desired to inform Mr. Lemieux that more Orangemen had enlisted for overseas service in six weeks than all the enlistments of the Province of Quebec, outside of Montreal, amounted to at this time.

Mr. Carroll (South Cape Breton) said that Sir Robert Borden had offered places in his cabinet to Bourassa and Lavergne.

Not Offered Portfolio.

Mr. Carvell claimed that Armand Lavergne had stated that he had been offered a portfolio in the Borden cabinet. Hon. Robert Rogers challenged this statement, and Mr. Burnham (West Peterboro) declared that Sir Robert Borden in an interview some months ago denied having offered a portfolio to either Bourassa or Lavergne.

Mr. Burnham adjourned the debate.

DEMENTED MAN TRIED TO CUT HIS THROAT

Escaped From Lock-up at Minden, and Was Recaptured.

MINDEN, Ont., Jan. 27.—Nathan Carr, who came here from Port Hope about six months ago, was lodged in jail here this week as insane. Yesterday afternoon, after a doctor's examination, he made his escape, but was captured again last night. Early this morning he attempted suicide with a dull jack-knife on his person. He is still living and will be taken to Lindsay Hospital today. He has a wife and six children residing in the village.

GOES FROM COURT TO JOIN A BUGLE BAND

GALT, Jan. 27.—Marshall Calhoun, 198 Carlaw avenue, who pleaded guilty to holding up two women on the street on Saturday night last, was this morning in the police court made a ward of the Children's Aid Society, and later, with the consent of the society, enlisted with the Bugle Band of the 111th Overseas Battalion. He wanted to enlist in Toronto, but his parents would not allow him, and sent him to a farm, where he got lonesome.

PATRIOTIC WORKERS CANVASS FOR FIFTY THOUSAND CLUB

$200,000 Must Be Raised Today to Reach the Two Million Mark Aimed at by Patriotic League.

Today is 50,000 Club Day at the Toronto and York Patriotic League office, and the two thousand workers for the patriotic fund will be turned loose to canvass the downtown offices and factories in order to raise the $200,000 necessary to bring the patriotic fund campaign up to the two million mark.

All the officers of the Patriotic League started these workers on their campaign by joining this club themselves and ask the citizens of Toronto to "make a generous response to those workers when they call at your factory, office or house today. Men, women and children, everyone may join. Join yourself, and make as many of your family members as possible.

"This will be your contribution to the patriotic fund, and in order to obtain the $200,000 which must be raised today your contribution is needed now. All money contributed to this club goes to the patriotic fund, of which this club is only a younger brother"

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Seventh Battalion.
Wounded and missing—Harry A. Tattrie, 245 Bedford road, Toronto.

Eighth Battalion.
Wounded—Lance-Corp. Wm. H. Loxley, England

Fifteenth Battalion.
Wounded—Michael Callaghan, England.
Seriously ill—Norman S. Smith, Armstrong, B.C.

Sixteenth Battalion.
Killed in action—John A. McEneaney, Rochester, N.Y.
Seriously ill—Ernest J. Bennett, England.

Twenty-First Battalion.
Wounded—Frederick S. Balsdon, Lakefield, Ont.

Twenty-Fifth Battalion.
Killed in action—Geo. W. Embree, Port Hawkesbury, N.S.

Twenty-Seventh Battalion.
Died of wounds—Wm. Clark, Keewatin, Ont.
Shock—Wm. H. Kirkwood, Ireland.
Wounded—Alex. J. McRae, Scotland.

Forty-Second Battalion.
Wounded: James Millar, Weymouth, Mass.

Forty-Ninth Battalion.
Seriously wounded (accidentally): Amos Meekins, Lower Five Islands, N.S.

Royal Canadian Regiment.
Slightly wounded: Ralph Mills, Montreal.

No. 1 Field Co., Canadian Div. Engineers.
Wounded: Sapper Robert R. Greenan, Ottawa.

Sixth Field Co., Second Canadian Div. Engineers.
Seriously ill: Sapper Robert Webster, Scotland.

No. 1 Canadian Auto Machine Gun Brigade.
Wounded: Capt. James E. Browne, Ottawa.

Borden's Armored Battery.
Killed in action: John Albert Brennan, Eardley, Que.

PORT COLBORNE SAW TWO FLYING MACHINES

One Appeared to Be Guiding Another Flying Low.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont., Jan. 27.—Two flying machines, supposed to be from the Toronto Aviation School, were seen here last evening. As there was a fog at the time only their lights and the noise of the machinery could be observed. One machine appeared to be guiding the other, as they were flying low enough for one to hear their signals. They disappeared in a northwesterly direction.

Two Wars at Once

It is unfair for the Rowell Ono Hundred to wage war against the liquor trade at home when it is being drained in supporting the war against Germany. The Hotel Teck is one of the new hotels in Toronto that is giving a service in all departments that should be a credit to any hotel under any flag.

YORK COUNTY ...AND... SUBURBS

EARLSCOURT HAS NEW WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Given Birth at Representative Meeting at Home of Mrs. F. Powell Last Night.

REPLY TO H. PARFREY

Independent Workers Will Not Permit Any Man to Dictate —Officers Elected.

The inaugural meeting and election of officers of a new association for women, formed from practically the entire women's branchs of the B.I.A., took place last evening at the residence of the organizer, Mrs. Frank Powell, 199 Nairn avenue, Earlscourt.

The name of the new association was decided as the Independent Women Workers' Association of Earlscourt, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Frank Powell; hon. president, Miss Janie MacGregor; vice-president, Mrs. A. Harland; secretary, Mrs. Wm. Hawkins; treasurer, Mrs. H. Hooper, and a strong executive committee, as follows: Mrs. J. Bailey, Mrs. J. Brazier, Mrs. A. Goddard, Mrs. A. W. Powell, Mrs. T. Hughes, Mrs. J. Allsop, Mrs. I. Roughley, Mrs. W. Partridge and Mrs. R. Russell.

The president in her opening address said she regretted the impertinent interference in the affairs of the women's branch of the B.I.A. by Henry Parfrey of the men's branch. She found that she could not in justice to the association permit intrusion into the affairs of the members. "Mr. Parfrey wanted to rule us," said Mrs. Powell, "and we would not allow any man to dictate to us; moreover when I organized the first association before the war commenced it was for the purpose of sociability and the good and welfare of the women of the district; not as Mr. Parfrey wishes to convey to everyone thru the press and otherwise, "for the purpose of knitting sox and supplying comforts for soldiers."

"Then again, in his ignorance," she continued, "he made the statement that the emblem of our cards of bylaws was the papal flag, while everyone knows it is the glorious Canadian ensign. We have done with Mr. Parfrey's dictation, and will run our present association on the lines originally intended, and will look after the relations of our soldier boys in the trenches and engage in other useful works."

The president's inaugural address was received with applause. At the close of the business proceedings the rest of the evening was spent in harmony. Refreshments were served.

MUNICIPALITIES DISCUSS REMOVAL OF TRACKS

At a private conference held in the public library in Mimico last night between the members of the councils of Mimico and New Toronto and some of the officials of the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company, the suggested removal of the car tracks in Mimico was discussed at some length. The original estimates prepared by the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission included the removal of the tracks within the limits of the Township of Etobicoke, but the railway company has stated that it is satisfied to let the tracks remain where they are at the side of the roadway. The Toronto and York Railway was represented by C. L. Wilson, assistant manager.

The information obtained will be used at the joint meeting of all the municipalities between Toronto and Hamilton, to be held at the parliament buildings next Tuesday.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY EAST YORK PLOWMEN

W. A. Patterson Was Chosen President at Annual Meeting Yesterday.

At the annual meeting of the East York branch of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, held at Agincourt, these officers were elected: Honorary presidents, W. F. Maclean, M.P.; Capt. T. G. Wallace, M.P.; George S. Henry, M.L.A.; Sheriff McCowan, William Milliken, Andrew Hood, John Little and Alex. Doherty.

The officers chosen are: President, W. A. Paterson; first vice-president, T. Shadlock; second vice-president, W. H. Paterson; secretary, Frank Weir; treasurer, James Green.

The board of directors will consist of: A. Doherty, V.S.; W. H. Munro, W. G. Rennie, J. A. Rennie, J. T. Stewart, C. Young, T. A. Paterson, A. Steers, J. Shadlock, C. Watson, J. Hood, A. Little and B. Kennedy.

WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY.

Mrs. F. Ashbee, aged 71 years, died very suddenly at her residence, 82 Caledonia avenue, Earlscourt, last evening from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

COUNTY COUNCIL WILL BUY BAND INSTRUMENTS

Appointments Made to Soldiers' Insurance Committee.

Lieut.-Col. F. F. Clarke, the new commander of the 127th York County Battalion, appeared before the members of the York County Council yesterday afternoon requesting a grant of $8000 on behalf of the battalion for the purchase of field comforts. Col. Clarke, who was accompanied by Major B. F. Brown and Capt. J. C. Boylen, stated that the regiment was already in receipt of two field kitchens, another one had been promised from Markham, leaving two to be provided for.

Reeve Harrison of Mimico stated that Mimico was considering the gift of a field kitchen, and Reeve Keith of Newmarket stated that while he was not empowered to make the announcement the Town of Newmarket might also give one. The cost of the field kitchen is approximately $1000.

Other items of expenditure which Col. Clarke said were necessary for the proper equipment of the battalion was band instruments, costing $1300, bugle band, $325; motor truck, $500; marquees, $1400; and blanket straps, $100.

"My own consideration," said Col. Clarke, "is the comfort of my men, and that can only be obtained by necessary equipment. The 127th, numbering now over 600, is composed almost entirely of young men from York County. Fully 80 per cent. of them are Canadians and fine types of citizens."

Major Brown said that the equipment asked for would aid materially in the work of recruiting. It was proposed shortly to hold a route march from Schomberg to Toronto, and for this purpose it is probable that the several companies will meet at a given point and march down Yonge street.

The question of a grant was referred to the committee on finance, who will report favorably.

EARLSCOURT CHURCH HAS INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting of the Earlscourt Baptist Church, Ascot avenue, was held in the church hall, Rev. W. F. Roadhouse, pastor, presiding.

The reports of the various organizations in the church were read and approved. The church membership showed a total gain for the year of 56, making a grand total of 125 members. The financial statement showed a sum of $423.91 given to missions, and the exceptionally large amount of $15 per member was raised thru the year for all purposes.

A building fund was inaugurated and an amount of $900 is in bank to the credit of the fund, besides all the new property paid for and a 30-foot corner lot and the old church building in good condition for sale.

DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF UPPER YONGE ST.

Pedestrians Have Lost Patience at Delay in Improving Thorofare.

The condition of upper Yonge street, north of the C.P.R. tracks, is most deplorable and owners of rigs and pedestrians generally have about exhausted their patience at the delay in the prosecution of long-promised improvements. "Gallows Hill," owing to the slippery condition of the roadway, is impassable for heavy loads and a number of horses have been permanently injured at this point. There is no accommodation for the thousands of citizens who daily pass over the strip from Farnham avenue to the Toronto Street Railway tracks at Price street and during cold or wet weather no protection is afforded by the Metropolitan authorities, the present station being too far removed to be of any value.

NEED LIGHT IN SHELTER.

A light is badly needed in the new shelter erected on West St. Clair avenue at Caledonia avenue terminus of the St. Clair civic car line, according to the residents in the immediate district.

RESIGNED FOR OVERSEAS.

Arthur Ashby, clerk of Earlscourt Baptist Church, and a well-known resident of the district, has resigned his office to enlist for overseas. To date six of the heads of the various church organizations have joined the colors.

WEXFORD HELPS SOLDIERS.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ionson, Wexford, on Wednesday evening, a very successful box social in aid of No. 5 Base Hospital Soldiers' Aid Society was held, at which $130 was realized. Mr. Geo. Baxter of Agincourt acted as auctioneer, and after the sale a very enjoyable dance took place. Muirhead's orchestra supplied the music.

TIME EXTENDED FOR DONATIONS TO FUND

Last Call Made to Citizens Today to Reach Two Million.

FIFTY THOUSAND CLUB

Obtained Many Members in Theatres Last Night and Will Boost Campaign.

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systematic giving. Speakers addressed theatre gatherings last night in search of members, and in consequence the 50,000 Club is expected to be flooded with applications at the McConkey headquarters today.

Tonight closes up the fund. There will be a bumper meeting in Massey Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock, to which everybody is invited, and where the grand total will be announced. Admission is free, there will be no collection, and the speakers will be among the best in Ontario, including the chairman, Sir William Mulock, Mr. Justice Riddell, Hon. T. W. McGarry, Hon. N. W. Rowell, and the mayor. There will be a number of good solos, the band of the 109th Regiment will play, and the spectacular "Victory" tableaux will be produced.

Yesterday's Donations.

Among the subscriptions received yesterday was a $20,000 cheque from J. P. Morgan & Co., New York. "We are very glad to subscribe to such a worthy cause," read the telegram from Mr. Morgan. Sir William Mulock in his reply sends the warmest thanks of the Canadian people. Half a dozen newsboys donated their day's profits, ranging from 25 cents to a dollar. The schools, public and separate, reported the splendid total of $15,051, and one church alone telephoned last evening announcing their collection of $2000. Americans too continue to send in contributions.

"The organizers of the campaign are immensely pleased with the success that has been attained up until tonight," E. R. Wood said last evening. "We have every confidence that the two million mark will be reached by the time that the returns are given out in Massey Hall."

Result of Boy's Efforts.

Yesterday the fund received $56.05, raised by a small boy at a private moving picture show in his home. Another $20 contribution was received from two little girls who made that amount selling home-made candy at the corner of Yonge street and Farnham avenue. Unable to make a substantial cash contribution, T. H. Brown, 786 East Queen street, offers a house, rent free, to a soldier's family needing it, or he will rent it, the proceeds to go to the patriotic fund. The employes at the customs house yesterday donated a day's pay, amounting to at least $650. In addition to his first $500 contribution, J. Ross Robertson yesterday gave another cheque for $1500.

Hotelmen and representatives of the shops will occupy a prominent place at today's luncheon. Among those to be present are T. Ryan of the Royal Edward Hotel, T. McGarry, John Stormont, sr., Stormont House; Harold Mara and James Blakley. The hotelmen and licensed shop keepers have contributed generously.

Proceeds of Doll Sale.

Unable to contribute cash, the girls of the Orphans' Home made a doll and sent it to the fund. It was sold for $20. The following is the letter received:

410 Dovercourt road, Jan. 24, 1916.

My Dear Mr. Muirhead: The accompanying doll is the donation of the little girls of the Protestant Orphans' Home to the patriotic fund. Their coppers, as you may imagine, are few, and this doll means much to them, so it is a gift like the widow's mite.

The clothes are a part of the sewing which secured for the little girls three first prizes last year at our Canadian National Exhibition—the doll itself a gift for securing these prizes. All the work was done by girls between the ages of eight and twelve years, and represents hours of work and patience. For their prizes they received three beautiful pictures to hand in the school (Joseph Workman).

If they go with the other children to the city hall on Thursday with their offering from the sale of this doll, their happiness will have reached a climax.

If it is sold, may they have the money to present in this way?

I cannot tell you how I appreciate your kindness. Perhaps Miss Shaw can tell you in some measure, but words fail me.

Yours very sincerely,
Adda Burger.

Shown His Duty.

A man whose clothes and bearing stamped him as one who has at least a fair share of worldly wealth stood at the counter of the patriotic booth. Beside him, in marked contrast, stood a less fortunate fellow-citizen whose personal appearance bore evidence that his was a struggle "to make both ends meet." The more fortunate of the two laid a contribution of $5 on the desk, which was immediately followed by a duplicate from the less lucky man. The poorer man's act brought the richer man to see where his duty lay and soon his gift was increased to $25.

One of the pleasant things the men behind the receiving counter at patriotic headquarters have to report this morning is the number of people who have taken "a change of heart" since yesterday and doubled their subscriptions. This not only refers to people of large means, but is representative of all classes.

A lady entered yesterday morning with the following story: "Jimmy, my little boy, a cripple who has been in bed for seven years heard his father and me talk about the fund last night and what we had done. 'Mother,' he says, when we told him all about it, 'Can't we give some more still to help? We could do without some things,' he says, so you see, sir, I had to come, for what Jimmy says at our place goes."

Teams and Subscribers.

A. Auld's team had by far the largest number of subscribers, 230. The teams and the number of people they reached are as follows:

A. Auld—Jan. 25, 48; Jan. 26, 182; total, 230.

J. T. Boyd—Jan. 25, 33; Jan. 26, 72; total, 105.

C. A. B. Brown—Jan. 25, 34; Jan. 26, 38; total, 72.

J. J. Gibbons—Jan. 25, 23; Jan. 26, 110; total, 133.

A. E. Campbell—Jan. 25, 53; Jan. 26, 65; total, 118.

H. C. Cox—Jan. 25, 51; Jan. 26, 105; total, 156.

T. Findlay—Jan. 25, 33; Jan. 26, 56; total, 89.

L. Frankel—Jan. 25, 24; Jan. 26, 60; total, 84.

J. J. Gibson—Jan. 25, 28; Jan. 26, 55; total, 83.

H. Hall—Jan. 25, 32; Jan. 26, 73; total, 105.

F. B. Hayes—Jan. 25, 33; Jan. 26, 68; total, 101.

A. M. Ivey—Jan. 25, 20; Jan. 26, 65; total, 85.

A. Jarvis—Jan. 25, 40; Jan. 26, 36; total, 76.

A. McMurchy—Jan. 25, 10; Jan. 26, 65; total, 75.

F. E. Mutton—Jan. 25, 46; Jan. 26, 104; total, 150.

G. Oakley—Jan. 25, 33; Jan. 26, 78; total, 111.

Controller O'Neill—Jan. 26, 56; total, 56.

M. A. Robins—Jan. 25, 19; Jan. 26, 74; total, 93.

T. Roden—Jan. 25, 25; Jan. 26, 60; total, 85.

A. Rogers—Jan. 25, 23; Jan. 26, 89; total, 112.

A. F. Rutter—Jan. 25, 33; Jan. 26, 54; total, 87.

G. T. Somers—Jan. 25, 51; Jan. 26, 99; total, 150.

G. Wood—Jan. 25, 32; Jan. 26, 96; total, 128.

Finance committee—Jan. 25, 3; Jan. 26, 4; total, 7.

Thousand and Over.

The following subscriptions of $1000 and over, were received yesterday:

Contributions for $73,000, city hall employes; $25,000, Wm. Davies Co., Limited; $15,000, Harris Abattoir Co., Brazilian Traction Co.; $10,000, W. Kemp, Canadian Northern Railway Co., National Trust Co., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flavelle; $5000, Clarke & Co., Excelsior Life Insurance Co., Union Stock Yards, Matthews-Blackwell, Canadian Swift Co., North American Life Insurance Co., C. D. Massey, Toronto Electric Commission; $3656.56, employes Dominion Express Co.; $3000, A. E. Gooderham, Grand Trunk Patriotic Association, Board of Education; $2500, T. R. Brock Co., Wm. A. Reade, Cohen & Josephy; $2000, Union Trust Co., National Cash Register; $1812, employes West Toronto Branch Harris Abattoir; $1650.50, office staff Harris Abattoir; $1200, Adams Bros.; $1500, J. Turnbull, C.P.R. employes, Ontario division, J. Ross Robertson, Can. Furnace Co.; $1000, Murray-Kay, Limited, Chevrolet Motor Car, Can. Railway News, Bramdrom Henderson, Limited, Simpson Sons, Limited, New Method Laundry, W. J. Murray, A. R. Williams Machine Co., Canadian Kodak Co., Dominion Brewery Co., St. Mary's Cement Co., McNaught and American Watch Case Co., Christie, Brown Co., Strachan & Johnston, Bain, Bicknell & Co., Alfred Rogers, B. L. Stirling, Wm. Neilson, A. Longwell, Kinnear & Co., Trusts and Guarantee Co., Otis Fenson Elevator Co., employes Swift Canadian Co., Canadian Club, Ford Co., Standard Stock Exchange, J. B. Forgan, Lee, Higginson & Co., James Robertson & C. J. D. Schiff, Mcarthy, Osler, Hoskin & Co., D. Coulson, Board of Trade, Burt Co., Limited, T. J. Moore, Wm. A. Rogers, Standard Chemical, Iron & Co., Can. Land and National Investment Co., Brown's Copper and Brass Mills, Nerlich & Co., Canada Bread Co., Sterling Bank.

Team Totals.

The team totals up till yesterday noon are:

Alex Auld	$37,728.05
J. Tower Boyd	40,607.75
C. A. B. Brown	29,057.05
J. J. Gibbons	71,221.95
A. E. Campbell	34,959.60
H. C. Cox	49,379.50
Thos. Findlay	88,320.60
Leo Frankel	22,934.30
J. J. Gibson	18,978.85
Herbert Hall	25,935.25
F. B. Heyes	41,344.00
A. M. Ivey	41,100.50
Aemilius Jarvis	36,083.25
Angus MacMurchy	19,744.25
F. E. Mutton	28,978.60
Geo. Oakley	22,081.50
Controller O'Neill	95,276.00
M. E. Robbins	20,837.22
Thos. Roden	18,893.22
Alfred Rogers	53,455.85
A. F. Rutter	19,226.50
G. T. Somers	18,411.36
G. H. Wood	46,149.00

The grand total to noon was $1,725,710, and an estimate of the afternoon's receipts could not be secured.

Visits were made by members of the 50,000 Club to the Royal Alexandra, Grand and Strand Theatres last night on behalf of the $2,000,000 campaign of the Patriotic Fund.

The people responded generously, the subscriptions totaling $2500.

MORGAN GIVES $20,000.

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—At the regular midday luncheon of the patriotic fund workers today it was announced that J. P. Morgan & Company, New York, had contributed $20,000.

MONTREAL'S CONTRIBUTION.

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—The total subscriptions for four days are $1,306,665. Today's subscriptions amount to $178,876. The big campaign will conclude tomorrow.

To Prevent The Grip.
Colds cause Grip—Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." E. W. Grove's signature on box. 25c.

BRITAIN HAS EXTENDED LIST OF CONTRABAND

All Kinds of Motor Accessories Are Now Absolutely Barred.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 2.18 a.m.—Notice has been given that a number of articles have been added to the lists of absolute and conditional contraband. Cork, bones, lead, soap, vegetable fibres, acentones, phosphorus and its compounds, and all kinds of motor accessories are now absolute contraband. Among the additions to the list of conditional contraband are sausage skins.

BIG PROFITS IN HAY ARE NOT TOLERATED

Burrell Explains Why He Asked Carvell to Withhold His Criticisms.

HOT COUNTER ATTACK

Carvell Alleged to Have Reaped Big Profits in Hay Deal.

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to act as his sub-agents in the purchase of hay. He read from the written contracts entered into by the sub-contractors with the Carvell Company. Every contract forbade the sub-contractor to pay more than $8 a ton to the farmer, and imposed severe forfeitures upon him for doing so.

"If Mr. Smith, the present contractor who was then a sub-contractor under Mr. Carvell, had paid ten cents more than $8 to a single farmer for a single ton of hay, he might have been punished by a financial loss of $2000." Mr. Burrell declared amid uproarious applause from the government benches.

Wanted More Profits.

"The member for Carleton" (Mr. Carvell), Mr. Burrell continued, "is grieved over the profit that the Atlantic Hay Company has made. That company has bought from the farmer at $13.50 and has sold to the government at $24. That would be a spread of $9.50. Mr. Carvell bought from his farmers at $8 and sold to the government at $17. That was a spread of $9 so he ought to have done remarkably well, but he did so badly, according to his own story, that he actually came to Ottawa and asked the government to reimburse him for his losses and outlays which he estimated at $30,000, but even the Laurier government was shocked by his rapacity and turned him down."

Devlin Alleges Waste.

E. B. Devlin (Wright), declined to discuss hay baled or unbaled. Instead he criticized the enormous expenditures of the government. He did not grudge a dollar spent for the war but he objected to ministers spending money like drunken sailors on objects not connected with the war. With the great burden being placed upon us by the war, we should be economizing in every direction, yet never had governmental expenditures been more lavish and reckless. What explanation was there of the fact that the ordinary expense of the government, quite apart from the war, had almost doubled in six years and had increased by $50,000,000 a year since the Borden government came to power?

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

Almost Million and Half Dollars Paid to Policyholders in Past Year.

The North American Life Assurance Co. has justly been termed a "policyholders' company, as will be seen by a survey of the annual report just issued. During the year 1915 there was paid to policyholders alone the large sum of $1,386,025.28. The amount included $216,345.82 paid as dividend or surplus to policyholders. In this particular connection the president, Mr. Edward Gurney, in his address, pointed out that during the past ten years there had been paid as dividend or surplus to policyholders the sum of $1,560,209.02.

An indication of the efficiency of their organization is to be found in the fact that in 1915 new business was the largest for any one year in the history of the company, amounting to $3,162,126, an increase of $1,248,075 over the previous year. The total business in force now amounts to $56,245,318.

The company is rapidly increasing the assets. During 1915 they were increased by $800,880.88, bringing the total assets at Dec. 31, to $15,716,888.76. The net surplus on policyholders' account was increased by $385,927.85, making the total net surplus $2,502,098.54. If such a report may be taken as a barometer of financial conditions there is every reason to look with optimism toward the future.

HUNDREDS OF BRITISH SHIPS HAVE BEEN LOST

White Paper Discloses Losses Up to the End of October.

LONDON, Jan. 27, 10.15 p.m.—Since the outbreak of the war to the end of last October, 254 British merchant steamers aggregating 542,648 tons were lost "thru enemy action," according to a white paper issued tonight. Of these 171 were sunk by submarines, 46 by warships and 37 by mines.

Nineteen sailing ships, of a tonnage of 15,542, were sunk. The fishing vessels sunk numbered 227, of which 158 were steam and 69 sailing. Their aggregate tonnage was 14,104.

In the same period 167 steamers, aggregating 143,992 tons, were lost "by ordinary marine casualties, of which 14 of a tonnage of 14,133 were returned as missing."

The loss of some of these, says a footnote, was "probably due to mines or other enemy action."

Sailing vessels to the number of 229 and of a tonnage of 113,153 were also the victims of ordinary marine casualties.

: WAR SUMMARY :

Today's Events Reviewed

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blockade to the usual practice of treating such matter as inviolate. An extension of the use of the parcels post might lead to the entire negativing of the blockade of Germany.

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The Russians again damaged the Goeben in an engagement in the Black Sea, fought some time ago, Petrograd reported yesterday. She suffered the loss of thirty-three of her crew killed and eighty wounded. If the fighting quality of the other German battleships and first-class battle cruisers is similar to the fighting quality of the Goeben, most persons will admit that the German admiralty shows excellent judgment in keeping the German high seas fleet in the Kiel Canal.

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The Russians report the stopping of a Turkish attempt at taking the offensive from the vicinity of Erzerum. On the western front fighting is confined to patrol engagements and the prosecution of siege warfare.

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The latest news from Mesopotamia is that the Turks, who have been closely investing the British garrison in Kut-el-Amara, have evacuated their trenches on the land side of the defences and have retired about a mile from the British entrenchments. No explanation is given as to the reason for this withdrawal, but it may be owing to fear of the floods drowning them out, or else the fear that when General Aylmer gets under way he will be able to sweep everything out of his road, so that sufficient space must be allowed for a safe getaway.

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Owing to the incomplete condition of the Bagdad railway, the British high command is able to send reinforcements from Egypt to Mesopotamia more rapidly than the Turks can send them from Constantinople. There is still 350 miles of line to be completed from Bas-el-Ain to Mosul, and the tunnels of eighteen miles under the Taurus, and of shorter distance under the Amanus range, are still far from completion. But by rushing the operations, which the Germans can do, owing to having linked their capital with Constantinople, they may be able to complete this line by the middle of this year. No time is therefore to be lost by the British in pushing on to Bagdad and holding this important point in the communications of the enemy.

AUSTRIANS' OFFENSIVE STOPPED NEAR GORIZIA

Italian Troops Retain Firmly Occupied Positions and Gain Ground.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE

Observation Posts Destroyed in Franza Valley, Upper Sexenstein and Monte Nero.

ROME, via London, Jan. 27.—The following official statement was issued tonight by the Italian war office:

"Along the whole front there has been artillery activity assisted by aeroplanes. The enemy artillery started a violent fire in the Terratenola Valley, which we immediately mastered and stopped. Enemy aviators dropped bombs on Ala in the Lagarina Valley, on Roncegno and Borgo in the Sugana Valley, but without damage. Our artillery destroyed observation posts in the Franza Valley, the Upper Sexenstein and at Monte Nero.

"In the Gorizia zone the enemy offensive was stopped, our troops holding firmly occupied positions. Detachments of the enemy, which were reported marching towards the Isonzo bridge, were scattered by our artillery.

"On the Carso front on Wednesday one of our detachments, by a surprise attack toward the San Martino Church, gained ground which was promptly strengthened and held."

WAR OFFICE DIRECTS DEFENCES OF LONDON

Announcement Made That It Will Be Solely Responsible in Future.

DEFENCES DEVELOPED

Unity of Control is Expected to Show Good Results.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The government has decided that henceforth the war office shall be solely responsible for the defence of London from air attacks. A parliamentary deputation was received by Earl Ktichener and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, at the war office today, seeking information on the protection of London from air raids. The ministers explained to the deputation that the difficulties in securing adequate defence in the past was due to a deficiency in anti-aircraft machines—a deficiency also felt by the army and navy—but that efforts to remedy the shortage were meeting with good results.

A great development in the defence of London, they said, had been effected since the last air raid, and the progress was not confined to the increase and organization of anti-aircraft artillery under the able superintendence of Sir Percy Scott, but extended also to the improved arrangements for defence by aeroplanes.

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