

CRISIS IS REACHED IN FAR EAST

LOCAL CASUALTY LIST CONTINUES TO GROW--GERMANY PESSIMISTIC OVER ITALY

Local Casualty List Grows Larger Daily

More Brantford Boys are Among the Fallen; Ptes. Hawke, Kerr, Hall and Grant Reported in the List --- Capt. Colquhoun Writes Home, Also Pte. R. Cross.

The price that 'G' company has paid in the recent brilliant demonstration of the fibre and qualities of the 4th Battalion begins to grow daily more evident as one by one the casualties trickle through the official sources at Ottawa.

To-day's list contains two local boys, Pte. W. Kerr and Pte. John Hawke, both lads being native-born and well known. W. Kerr is the son of County Constable Kerr, and John Hawke was well known in the Boy Knights' circles, and church work.

Active service letters and postcards were common in the city to-day and the mail posted before the battles, however pleasing, was of little moment, in the thought of what might have occurred since they had been penned.

To-day's casualty list is as follows: PTE. W. KERR, wounded. PTE. JOHN HAWKE, 21 North Park St.; broken ankle, Boulogne Hospital. PTE. W. HALL, 23 Winnett Street --- wounded. PTE. JACK GRANT, Aberdeen Ave. PTE. R. CROSS WRITES US

Sends the Courier a post card to-day of Field Service pattern. It has only the optimistic information that he is well and has received no letters for a long time, which means that a Courier parcel of papers, etc. has been delayed in transmission.

A letter descriptive of how the Brantford boys behaved under fire can be expected from the versatile and clever soldier. His letters have long been a feature corresponding with this journal and their humorous and descriptive pictures much enjoyed.

WILLIAM KERR High County Constable Kerr and Mrs. Kerr last evening received the following telegram: Ottawa, May 5th, Sincerely regret to inform you Private William Kerr 4th Battalion, officially reported wounded. Further particulars when received will be sent you.

Adjutant General. Pte. Kerr, who is 19 years of age, was a Sergeant in the 2nd Dragoons, and was so anxious to get to the front that he decided to join the infantry as he thought this would be the quicker way. Accordingly he enlisted with the first contingent Duferin Rifles and had written home that he liked the life so well that if he survived the war, he would join his father's old regiment, the Life Guards. He is a machinist by trade.

High Constable Kerr, when he was in the Guards, saw fighting in the Egyptian mar of 1882, when he was at the battle of Tel El Kebir. He won the medal with three clasps and the Khedive's bronze star. He was also in the Sudan fighting at Abuklea, and in Khartoum at the relief of Gordon. He was rough riding corporal of horse in the Guards and is now warrant Sergeant Major, warrant officer, of the 2nd Dragoons. It will thus be seen that young Kerr comes of fighting stock.

PTE. JOHN HAWKE Pte. John Hawke, age 21, resided at 21 North Park St., and was employed as a tinsmith at Turnbull & Cutcliffe's.

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JAPS OCCUPY POSITIONS IN MUKDEN AREA

Chinese Troops Moving-- Civilians Leave.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

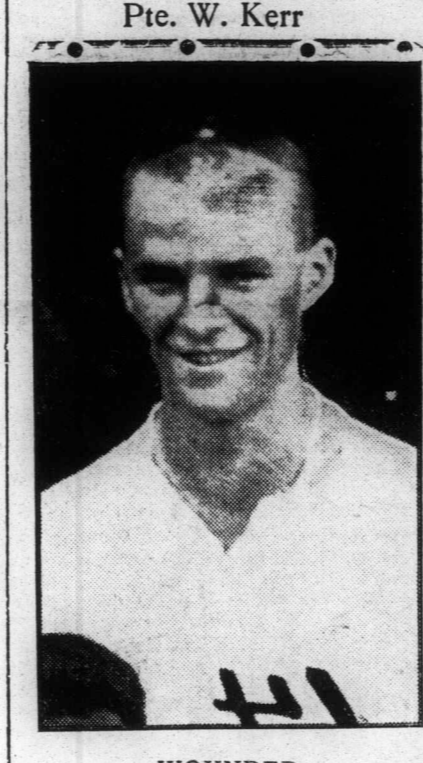
Tokio, May 6.--The world-wide publication of the list demands presented to China by Japan shortly after the defeat of the German garrison at Kiao-Chow, and which still are being negotiated between the two governments, coupled with the reports of growing opposition to them in England and the attitude on this whole subject of the United States, has greatly embarrassed the Japanese government, from which the people expect much. Various political associations in Japan are clamoring for drastic measures against China.

The semi-official press is urging the government to stand firm in spite of the criticisms of foreign countries, and it is giving expression to the belief that the failure of the present negotiations would excite the profound disappointment and indignation of the Japanese people.

The statements given out to-day that Japan proposed to communicate to China the irreducible minimum of her demands, to be followed later by an ultimatum should China continue to prove intractable, have met with popular approval. Japanese officials are denying that there is any purpose of sending an ultimatum, but they are permitting it to be known among the Japanese that the situation has reached a crisis. A despatch has been received here from Sasebo, the naval base, saying that if the negotiations with China were broken off, the second and third Japanese fleets would sail for the north of China.

The Japanese Government has replied verbally to all the points in the American note on the subject of the Japanese situation. It is seeking to assure America that it has no intention of violating the Root agreement concerning the open door in China, or prejudicing the rights of Americans in China. The greatest interest exists to-day among the Japanese as to whether the United States is satisfied with Japan's explanations of its Chinese policy.

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Pte. W. Kerr WOUNDED



Pte. J. Hawke (on Left) WOUNDED



Pte. C. Nuttycombe WOUNDED



Pte. J. Robinson WOUNDED

If the Drama Darkens?-- A Note of Warning

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LONDON, May 5.--William Watson, the poet, has contributed a prose article to the Evening News, in which he denounces the apathy of the British Government and people in the following terms:

"It is high time that the masses of the people of this country had it driven and hammered into their somewhat slow minds, for no gentler mode of introducing it will suffice, that it is very doubtful indeed whether we are going to beat the Germans at all."

Criticizing the "lulling assurances that all will ultimately be well," Mr. Watson praises the spirit of the Germans, and declares "our Allies and we ourselves are in imminent and grievous peril." Continuing, Mr. Watson makes the statement that Germany is "supremely formidable with the spirit that makes her an unprecedented menace and terror to us and to the world." And he declares, "we are acting, so far as our land forces are concerned, if not a subordinate, at any rate a secondary, part in this gigantic drama of the nations, and it will be the fault of our own apathy, sluggishness and fatal optimism if the drama darkens at the last into a tragedy both for us and the truest interests of mankind."

OUR OFFER IS UNLIMITED

By Special Wire to the Courier. Sydney, N.S.W., May 6.--The details of the operations of the Allies against the Dardanelles have been received with enthusiasm. Recruiting shows no sign of diminution. Premier Fisher, replying to the question whether, in view of the fighting, the Commonwealth intended to send an increased number of men to the front, said to-day: "Our offer is unlimited. We shall train and equip men to the best of our ability and provide means for getting them speedily to the front."

Premier Hearst Seriously Ill

Toronto, May 6.--Hon W. H. Hearst, Premier of Ontario, is seriously ill at his home, 80 Glen road. He has been ill since Monday, and the trouble has been diagnosed as pneumonia, one lung being affected. Doctors Adam Wright and J. H. Elliott, who are attending him, say the disease is taking its usual course. Mr. Hearst had to leave his office Saturday. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, is acting premier.

CANADIAN LOSSES

LONDON, May 6.--Replying to Mr. Donald MacMaster in the Commons yesterday, Mr. H. J. Tennant said that Canadian casualties up to May 2 totalled: In the Canadian Division: Officers, 232. Other Ranks--6,024. In Princess Patricia's: Officers--20. Other Ranks--308.

GERMANS ARE STILL HOLDING TO HILL 60

Use of Asphyxiating Gases Enables the Enemy to Hold Their Capture-- Britain is Not Lamenting.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LONDON, May 6.--For the first time since the British forced the Germans from Hill No. 60, near Ypres, the soldiers of Emperor William have been partially successful in their counter-attacks, and no advice to the contrary having been received, it is assumed that the Germans are still holding to-day the positions they obtained upon the hill by the use of asphyxiating gases.

In the meantime the German line to the east of Ypres is within three miles of the town. The British press does not seem to deny or minimize the persistence of this German offensive, but there is no disposition to lament the drawing in of the British front to the eastward and the northeastward of Ypres, which was the only alternative to a successful counter-attack. Confidence is expressed that the new British alignment will prove beneficial in view of the hard fighting which is expected.

Nearly all the special news despatches from Northern France and the Belgian frontier, say the Germans are massing men for a new assault in the direction of the French ports, and as gas now seems to be a regular adjunct of the German attacks, the allies expect it will play an important part hereafter whenever the direction of the wind is favorable to the Germans.

British observers of the war, sifting all the news from the eastern arena of hostilities, admit that the German allies have inflicted several considerable local defeats upon the Russians on the Western Galician front, but they point to the fact that the entire front has not been crushed as was at first claimed, and that the stubborn fighting is proceeding. The suggestion that Great Britain adopt measures in retaliation for the use of gases in battle by the Germans, took concrete form to-day. Joseph King, representing the North district of Somerset in the House of Commons, announced his intention of introducing a resolution on this subject on Tuesday.

British Re-take Portion of Hill

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, May 6.--2.35 p.m.--The French war office this afternoon gave out a report, the progress of hostilities reading as follows: "To the north of Ypres we repulsed with facility a night attack made by the Germans from Stenstraete."

REGAINED A PORTION "To the south of Ypres, the Germans yesterday at a point near Zwartelen attacked the trenches of Hill No. 60, occupied last month by British troops. Their very violent onslaught, during the course of which they again made use of asphyxiating gases, made them masters in the beginning of this position, but our allies subsequently delivered a counter-attack and recaptured a portion of the trenches previously lost."

MADE SLIGHT PROGRESS "In the forest of Ailly, the counter-attack delivered by us toward the end of the day made slight progress, and we recaptured a portion of the position, where the Germans had succeeded in gaining a footing in the morning. During the night the Germans delivered a counter-attack against our position at Mametz, to the east of Siltaker, the summit of which they re-occupied. All the remainder of our gain in the direction of the River Fecht has been consolidated and maintained."

FEELING OF HOPE IN ROME---LITTLE FELT IN GERMANY

German Press Takes Very Pessimistic View and Would Prepare People For Italy's Intervention.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, May 5.--(via Chiasso, Switzerland, to Paris, May 6.)--In official quarters, where the true situation of Italy is known, and notwithstanding the anti-Austrian feeling shown at the unveiling of the Garibaldi monument at Quarto San' Elena, it was stated to-day that the possibility of an accord between Italy and Austria had never been so probable.

NEVER SO GOOD. This fact, it was asserted, was due to Austria at last realizing that Italy was really determined to go to war in order to secure the territories inhabited by Italians, but under Austrian rule. Italy's right to own which was acknowledged by Austria when the negotiations for their return were begun.

The differences between the two countries now concern only the extent of the territories to be turned over by Austria to Italy, the form of and the time in which the cession is to be made. The greatest obstacle still concerns Trieste.

IN SHORT TIME. Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, is said to have declared that if he can induce Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, to give up claim on Trieste and accept its constitution into a free city, an agreement between Austria and Italy might be reached in a relatively short time. The ambassador added that the latest concessions by Austria showed that she understands the necessity to make even what to her is a grave political sacrifice with a view to eliminating all causes of friction between the two countries and ensuring Italy's neutrality in the war at present and possibly her loyal support later.

AVOIDED COMPLICATIONS. In his interview with Baron Son-

nino last Saturday Prince Von Buelow discussed the chances still existing for a settlement of the controversy between Italy and Austria and the advisability of Italy leaving nothing undone to attempt to avoid the consequences of war. The ambassador is said to have declared that it was far from his intentions to interfere with the internal affairs of Italy or to criticize them, but that he could not help expressing the opinion that a bad impression would be produced both in Austria and Germany by the announcement that King Victor Emmanuel and his ministers would participate in the unveiling of the Garibaldi monument, which he said had been referred to by the Allies as the time for "Italy's official declaration of war to the central empires."

Berlin, via London, May 6.--A pessimistic view of the Italian situation is taken by the semi-official Lokal Anzeiger. In its evening edition it recited the negotiations between Vienna and Rome have reached a decisive point, and continues: "The seriousness of the situation is undeniable, and we shall do well, despite the fact that the possibility of an understanding is not yet excluded, to reckon on the arrival of momentous news from Rome. The king and his ministers, it is true, remained at the capital to-day so that D'Annunzio the undisputed hero of the day at Genoa, but they did only in order to devote their undivided attention to the last stage of the negotiations."

CAN RECKON WITH ENTRY "It still is possible that new proposals have been sent from Vienna in the past few days and crossed on the way the statement of the Italian gov-

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SERVING DEATH DEALING MUNITIONS TO RUSSIAN SOLDIERS



SERVING AMMUNITION TO RUSSIAN TROOPS. You would scarcely want to change places with the brave fellows at the front during this cruel European conflict after viewing this picture, showing Russian troops being supplied with ammunition, while the thermometer hovers about the zero mark. War is all that General Sherman said about it.

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