

IMPORTANT SUCCESS GAINED BY THE BRITISH TROOPS NEAR YPRES

Outbreak of Afghan Mohammedans Suppressed-Bulgarian Irregulars Wiped Out by Serbian Troops-Rome's Birthday Celebrated-Export of Rubber From Germany is Forbidden

FRENCH WAR OFFICE REPORTS PROGRESS

PARIS, April 21.—The French War Office issued the following report this afternoon. A cannonade of some violence took place in the region of Arras yesterday. Between the Oise and the Aisne, between the Meuse and the Moselle, and in the wood of Mont Mare close to the Flirey-Essey high road, not only did our attacks make some slight progress but two German counter attacks on the line of trenches we had succeeded in winning on April 20, were successfully repulsed. Belgian aviators have bombarded the arsenal at Bruges and the aviation ground at Lissevegh.

TURKS DRIVE BACK TORPEDO BOATS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 21.—It was officially announced today that during Sunday night six hostile torpedo boats attempted to penetrate the Dardanelles, but were checked by the Turkish forts. Two were hit by shells.

ALLIED TROOPS LAND IN EUROPEAN TURKEY.

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, April 21.—The Tages Zeitung today publishes a special despatch saying that 20,000 British and French troops have been landed near Enos in European Turkey on the north side of the Gulf of Saros. A heavy cannonading took place between the Turkish batteries around Enos and the warships of the Allies.

STRONG ACTION AGAINST DARDANELLES PROBABLE.

BERLIN, April 21.—A despatch from Athens says great activity has been noted among the British forces on the Island of Lemnos which lies to the west of the entrance to the Dardanelles, and that all indications point to strong action against the Dardanelles at an early date.

EXPORT OF RUBBER FORBIDDEN.

AMSTERDAM, April 21.—The export of rubber from Germany is forbidden. A Dutch firm which recently ordered two motor cars from Germany was surprised to find that the wheels were supplied with wooden tires.

OUTBREAK OF AFGHAN MOHAMMEDANS SUPPRESSED.

SIMLA, April 21.—An official report of the fighting at Hafizkor, north west of Shabkadz says the attacking Moslems were defeated with a loss of 150 killed and wounded. The most significant factor was the success of the Afghan officials in restraining the Afghan mohammedans from participating despite efforts on the part of Britain's enemies to induce them to join the attacking forces. The statement says that the enemy numbering four thousand men attack the British patrols and that the latter were able to maintain all their positions.

BULGARIAN IRREGULARS WIPED OUT.

NISH, Serbia, April 21.—It is officially stated that during the past few days 200 Bulgarian irregulars have invaded Serbian territory but were engaged and wiped out by Serbian troops.

IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POSITIONS CAPTURED BY BRITISH.

HAZEBROUCK, France, April 21.—Emphasis is given to the importance of the success gained by British troops near Ypres by details received here regarding the operation. The captured positions possess considerable strategic importance and had been defended by the Germans with desperate gallantry for weeks. A number of German prisoners who passed

through here after the engagement expressed little regret at having to leave the field for they said they had been in the trenches all the winter.

CELEBRATION OF ROME'S BIRTHDAY.

ROME, April 21.—The birthday of Rome was observed today with great patriotic demonstrations throughout the city, the dominating note of the manifestation was a desire for the complete unity of the country.

RUSSIANS RE-CAPTURE LOST POSITIONS.

GENEVA, April 21.—The Russians were forced to abandon several positions in Uszok Pass last Saturday according to advices received here today. Reinforcements however were sent into action and in a series of counter-attacks all of the positions were re-taken, the Austro-German losses are estimated at 18,000.

BERLIN REPORTS RUSSIAN RETIREMENT.

BERLIN, April 21.—By wireless to Sayville. Despatches published here today announce the complete evacuation by the Russians some days ago of their positions at Tarnow in Galicia because of the fire of the heavy Austrian artillery.

TURKS PROVED ADEPT IN TRENCH WARFARE.

LONDON, April 21.—The Marquis of Crewe, secretary of state for India, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Turkish casualties in the recent fighting with the British in Mesopotamia were not less than 2,500. According to a report issued by the India Office last Wednesday the Turkish force, consisting of some 25,000 Turks, Kurds and Arabs, attacked the British positions at Kurna, Ahwaz and Shibal on March 12, but were driven off. The British casualties were given as 92 men wounded.

AIRSHIP ATTACKED SWEDISH STEAMER.

STOCKHOLM, April 21.—The Swedish Uranus, which arrived today at Halmstad, reports having been attacked by an airship Friday night, off Lowestoft, on the east coast of England. The steamer reports that bombs dropped by the airship exploded only a few yards from the vessel, but that the Uranus suffered no damage.

AIRMEN DESTROY GERMAN STORES.

LONDON, April 21.—"Two French aerial squadrons attacked railway positions along the Rhine Monday afternoon," says the Daily Telegraph's Zurich correspondent, "bombarding successfully the Mulheim and Hahshiem stations. The immense forage stores at Mannheim were set on fire and the buildings and contents were completely destroyed."

ALLOW NO COTTON TO REACH GERMANY.

LONDON, April 21.—Replying to questions in the House of Commons last night as to what steps were being taken to prevent cotton from reaching Germany, Foreign Secretary Grey said that in accordance with the order in council of March 11 every effort was being made to keep seaborne commodities of all kinds from going to that country.

NORTH HASTINGS FARMERS NEED HELP

The following letter from Frederick Adams formerly of Belleville, appeared in the Bancroft Times of last week. The letter speaks for itself—Dear Sir,—I noticed in the last issue of your paper what you say in regard to each subscriber sending one news item. You may not take this as a news item, and it may find its place in the waste paper basket, which time will tell. I have been thinking lately that our M.P.'s and M.P.P.'s were all dead or something terrible had happened them. Not a murmur, not a word. Just at the present time I think is when they should be very much interested in the elections of this year, particularly that of North Hastings.

The press all over the Dominion of Canada is doing more than its share trying to interest farmers to do their part in the war. It is in the hands of which we are engaged, and the Government is sending out a large amount of free literature; everything to make it plain and easy for the farmer, and the Government has also provided thousands of bushels of grain for the farmers in Manitoba and the North-west, but here is the point, have any of our members seen to it that the farmers in North Hastings have either seed grain of any kind or if they even have feed enough to bring their stock through in a shape that would be in the best interests of the country at large? I think not.

This section of the country has had three very trying years—frost, grasshoppers and drought, and any man that is above board or even with the world has not been sleeping. The year paper, as well as a number of other things, are not in the little taffy on the different members. Here is the question: If our Government puts away or grants so much money for schools, are we not entitled to that amount, member or no member? And again, if our Government puts up or provides so much for agricultural purposes according to our population? It looks clear to me. Then I say our members just at present should be interested in the welfare of the people of North Hastings and see that the cows and horses and stock of all kinds are coming into the very important spring season of 1915 in a shape that the farmers can do something for their country and themselves. I am quite aware that a little attention of this kind at the present time would be much better than a big hurrah and a glad hand-shake.

ASK ANGLICANS TO ABSTAIN

FROM ALCOHOL DURING WAR. Bishop of Church of England Also Requests Members to Refrain From Treating Others. Kingston, April 20.—At a meeting of the House of Bishops of the Church of England in Canada held at Port William, the following resolution was adopted and was read in Kingston Anglican churches. "The Bishops of the Church of England in Canada strongly recommend the members of the church throughout the Dominion to abstain entirely from the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage during the present war and also to refrain from treating others with liquor."

Marmora Man Was Injured

An article in the Toronto Daily News, of Monday stated that Samuel Moffat, of Deseronto, lies in an unconscious condition at the General Hospital suffering from a fractured skull, received when he was knocked down by a westbound Bathurst street car on Front street last night. Up till this morning he had not recovered consciousness, and his condition is considered to be critical. Upon inquiry being made in Deseronto, no one seemed to know such a man. It remained for Mr. Joseph Larendeau to give some information regarding the man. He says Moffat hails from Marmora and was here a day or so last fall before proceeding to the shanties with Mr. Larendeau. Upon coming from the shanties this spring he went to Toronto, with the above distressing result.—Deseronto Post.

Appointed Crown Prosecutor

Colonel W. N. Ponton, K.C., has been appointed by the Attorney General Crown Prosecutor for the judicial district here on the 27th inst. The presiding Judge will be the Honourable The Chancellor, Sir John A. Boyd.

Trenton W. C. T. U. Protest Against Light Sentence

A prisoner was committed for trial at Belleville, for criminal assault against a girl under 14 years of age. He was sentenced in Belleville for four months for his crime. Trenton Advocate, March 11. He is resolved, that we, the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Trenton, take this method of expressing our unbounded surprise and indignation, at the exceedingly trivial sentence, given in the above mentioned case, particularly as at the time of the trial, this child had given birth to a baby.

We cannot comprehend how our learned friends in Belleville, whom we would naturally expect to protect the young and weak ones, can place so small a value on "Woman's greatest asset". Her Purity, as to so minify such an enormous crime. A similar case occurred near Wellington, recently, but that guilty man was sentenced by a Toronto judge to two years in Kingston penitentiary.

Such cases are becoming all too frequent. If such criminals are allowed to go practically unpunished, what guarantee of protection from such human sharks has any female in this fair Dominion, in which we are so highly favoured to have our homes, and of which we justly boast, "that we have the best laws under the sun."

We read in the "Dominion Moral Code" Sect. 232, that the crime of rape is punishable by death, or imprisonment for life, also Sect. 301. Anyone is liable to imprisonment for life and be whipped, who carnally knows any girl under the age of 14 years. Such laws truly are good, but of no value unless put into effect. Let justice be meted out and crime will surely decrease. W. C. T. U.—Trenton Advocate.

CONDOLING MESSAGES

Lt.-Col. Preston and the Peterboro' Non-Coms. Express Regret at the Death of Pte. Harry Nicholls. Mr. Daniel T. Nicholls, 2 Anson Street, Peterboro, has received two messages of condolence from the 39th Battalion at Belleville, sympathizing with him in his bereavement in the death of his son, Pte. Harry Nicholls. One of these came from Lt.-Col. Preston, the officer commanding the 39th Battalion, and the other from the Peterborough boys at Belleville.

Where is Geo. Armshaw?

Chief Newton has received a communication from the Veterans' Association president, Col. W. N. Ponton asking for information as to the whereabouts of George Armshaw, a veteran of 1866. Armshaw lived here about ten years ago or perhaps later, but is now believed to be a resident of this city. It is to his own advantage that his location be known to the authorities.

Barns and Horses Destroyed by Fire

From the Weyburn (Sask.) Review we learn that the barns belonging to Mr. John Conley, near that town, were entirely destroyed by fire on the night of April 13. Ten head of horses were also burned as well as 900 bushels of wheat and a quantity of feed. The barns were new and good. Loss will be upwards of \$4000. Mr. Conley is a native of Hastings county and up to a few years ago was a well-known business man of Stirling.

Trying to Raise Unit Among Mohawks

An enthusiastic audience of the Mohawks of Bay of Quinte greeted F. O. Loft, Toronto, at their council house, on Tuesday evening of last week, to listen to his message as the accredited representative of Col. William Hamilton Merritt, advocating the raising of an Indian unit for the front, which Col. Merritt would equip. The speaker reviewed during a period of centuries the fidelity and patriotism of his race, and particularly the Mohawks, and urged his auditors to enlist, and to be prepared, if required to go forth to duty in the present crisis. Chief Sampson Green was the chairman. Mr. Loft is prosecuting a vigorous campaign, and started the movement in a recent meeting on the Six Nation reserve at Brantford.—Deseronto Post.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY TO REV. H. V. MOUNTEER

Prominent Madoc Pastor Expired This Morning After Only a Few Hours' Illness From Pleurisy

Special to The Ontario. MADOC, April 21.—Rev. H. V. Mounteer, pastor of the Methodist church here, passed away very suddenly this morning after only a few hours' illness from pleurisy. He was at Clinton yesterday attending a funeral and was taken suddenly ill while there. He was roughed home and grew rapidly worse. The attending physicians could do little for his relief and later the heart action showed signs of collapse. The end came as stated above.

He is survived by his wife and two sons—Douglas, a law student in Porter and Carnew's office, Belleville, and Gordon who is attending High School at Madoc. A brother of Mr. Mounteer was professor of elocution at Victoria College, and the Normal School, Toronto, and he passed away very suddenly a few years ago from diphtheria.

Hodley V. Mounteer was born at the village of Westleyville, Ont., about 55 years ago. He became converted at an early age to the Wesleyan Methodist denomination and decided to enter the ministry. He became a student at the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, and graduated after a brilliant course.

He entered the conference of the Canada Methodist church as probationer in 1882 and labored for seven years as junior pastor at Cannifton circuit. After his reception into full connection he filled pastoral terms at Malone, Grafton, Smithfield, Cherry Valley, Cayuga, Oronto, Cannington, and lastly Madoc, where he had almost completed the four-year period.

The Belleville Subscriptions For the Sanitarium

The Treasurer of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives desires to acknowledge the following contributions received in Belleville by the Field Secretary of the National Sanitarium Association.

Table listing names and amounts for the Belleville Subscriptions For the Sanitarium. Includes names like J. H. Haines, Deacon Bros., W. D. M. Shorey, etc., with amounts ranging from 1.00 to 5.00.

Educational Address Dr. Sargent is Seriously Ill

The Chairman of the Board of Education, Colonel W. N. Ponton addressed the staff and students of the Stirling High School on Tuesday, upon the present crisis and its effect on education, and the esprit de corps and comradeship of the schools. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Colonel Ponton, presented by Mr. Kennedy, principal of the school.

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