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GERMANS SEND 600,000 FRESH REINFORCEMENTS TO W. FRONT

Italy May Declare War on Germany—King Albert Rejects Germany's Peace Offer—Lord Kitchener to Remain in War Office—Boston the Headquarters of Incendiary Gang—Heavy Fighting in East Galicia.

LORD KITCHENER NOT LEAVING WAR OFFICE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The report that Lord Kitchener is leaving the War Office is denied. No change in the cabinet is contemplated it is declared.

600,000 GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE WEST.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 9.—Reports from the Belgian frontier declare that Germany has reinforced her front in Belgium with six hundred thousand men. It is further stated that an extension of the Belgian port of Zeebrugge to shelter more German ships is planned.

ITALY MAY DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The statement is made today that it is expected that a declaration of war on Germany and plans for her participation in the Balkan struggle will be announced by Italy following the visit of the French Premier to Rome.

KING ALBERT TURNS DOWN GERMANY'S OFFER.

ROME, Feb. 9.—The Giornale d'Italia today says that a separate peace offer by Germany including complete withdrawal from her territory and help to rebuild her cities made to Belgium through the Vatican was promptly refused by King Albert.

MAY HAVE A MINISTER OF AVIATION.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The creation of the new office of Minister of Aviation according to the Standard is part of the government's programme which will be announced this week for the development of better defence against air craft attacks in England.

BOSTON THE HEADQUARTERS OF INCENDIARY GANG.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 9.—Secret service men working on information forwarded by the British Embassy at Washington are said today to have discovered that German agents chiefly active against Canadian and American munitions plants have changed their headquarters to Boston. It is further stated that it is suspected that it was here that the destruction of the parliament buildings in Ottawa was planned.

PETROGRAD BAR BOOKS.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 9.—The government has prohibited the importation of bound books.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT CONCERNED WITH COMMERCE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A considerable part of the attention of the session of parliament which opens tomorrow will be occupied with financial questions. Another vote of credit, the ninth since the war started will be asked.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN EAST GALICIA.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Heavy fighting has broken out again in East Galicia. The Russians north of Tarnopol penetrated the Austro-Hungarian advanced infantry posts, but were ejected from them later on according to Vienna.

PEACE MEN RETURNING.

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 9.—Gaston Plantiff, financial manager of the Ford Peace expedition, Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Denver, Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago and Governor L. B. Hanna, called for New York today.

HUN KINGS AND COMMANDERS TO MEET.

SOFIA, Feb. 9.—King Ferdinand, Premier Radislavoff and General Jecoff, commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army have left to visit Emperor William and afterwards Archduke Frederick commander-in-chief of the Austrian army.

PARLIAMENTARY TERM EXTENDED

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—There will be no war time election in Canada. That at least may be fairly inferred from the action of the House of Commons today, which by a unanimous vote passed an address to His Majesty praying for an amendment to the B.N.A. Act by Imperial legislation. The draft bill which accompanied the address, and is made a part thereof, extends the lifetime of the present House of Commons until October 7, 1917. The resolution has been sent to the Senate for concurrence.

KHAKI WEDDING AT BRIDGE ST.

Capt. R. D. Ponton, of the First Canadian Division, Takes a Bride—Ceremony Held at High Noon.

At High noon today Bridge Street Methodist Church was the scene of a khaki wedding when Miss Olive Brown Agar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Agnew, Bendonhall was united in marriage to Captain Richard Douglas Ponton, B.E.F., and Commander of the 1st Canadian Division, and Commander of the 1st Canadian Division. The ceremony although quiet in nature, was witnessed by a number of friends and spectators. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. H. S. Osborne, B.A., R.D., pastor of the church, the groomsman being his brother-in-law, and his bride being escorted. The bride was attired in a becoming travelling costume with a bouquet of violets and lilies of the valley.

After the ceremony, the bridal party drove to "Rendenshall," the home of the bride's parents, where a wedding luncheon was partaken of. Captain and Mrs. Ponton left via C.P.R. for Ottawa, where they will stop at the Château Laurier.

Among the beautiful gifts were a beautiful electric lamp from the officers of the 15th Regiment, a silver service from the two Masonic lodges, Kingston, and a beautiful gift from the Army Service Corps of Kingston.

Captain Ponton goes to Ottawa to continue his lectures to officers of the overseas forces. He wound up yesterday with a lecture of an hour and a half to the officers and non-commissioned officers of the 155th Battalion on the duty of N.C.O.'s in actual fighting in the trenches.

The best of good wishes will follow Captain Ponton and his bride for a happy wedded life.

SAD DEATH OF N. PHILLIPS, JR.

The news of the death from typhoid this morning of Norman Wendell Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Phillips, Charles Street, was received with a great deal of regret by his many friends. Only eighteen years of age he was one of the most popular young men in the city.

His sickness was about two weeks and a half in duration. This morning he was taken with a hemorrhage about five o'clock and he gradually sank, passing away at nine o'clock.

He was well known in hockey circles. Last year he played in the city league and this season he played goal for Belleville Intermediate O.H.A. team.

He was a member of St. Thomas church.

Besides his parents he leaves to mourn his loss four brothers and four sisters—John of Hershell Island, George, who is at the front in France, James of Montreal, Kenneth of Vancouver, Mrs. Fraser Montreal, Mrs. Kendrick, Montreal, Mrs. (Dr.) M. J. Clarke and Mrs. R. G. Stafford, Belleville.

The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved in their affliction.

No Appointment Yet

No appointment has yet been made by the Ontario Government of a Surrogate Judge to succeed Judge Frazer. The gentleman who is to be the Surrogate Judge will be named when the Dominion Government has filled the vacant office of Junior County Judge of Hastings, which, it is expected, will be immediately.

Vermont Strongly Favors the Allies

Mr. Geo. H. Mykles one of the leading merchants of Burlington, Vt., was in the city yesterday, en route to Moira, where he will spend a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Mykles.

Mr. Mykles informed the Ontario that the sentiment in favor of the Allies is overwhelming throughout Vermont. There is practically no pro-German feeling ever expressed in that part of the East.

Speaking of American politics, Mr. Mykles said the present indications were that Wilson would be re-elected president, but many things might happen prior to the election. He did not consider that Roosevelt would be in the running as a nominee of the Republican party.

WELCOME TO CITY EXTENDED CANADIAN PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Egg Situation Discussed at Yesterday's Meeting—What Alberta is Doing in Matters of Production.

Nearly two hundred of the leading produce men of Canada, wholesalers and buyers have been in the city the past two days attending the tenth annual convention of the Canadian Produce Association. A most important feature is the presence of delegates from the far west and east of Canada. The attitude of the west country has undergone a change, having learned that they must produce something to sell.

The president, Mr. R. J. McLean of Toronto opened the convention by calling on the chief magistrate of Belleville to extend a welcome to the visiting produce men.

Mayor Ketcheson said: "Anything that the city belongs to your association while in Belleville." (Cheers.) "We all feel very keenly the tremendous conflict in which we are engaged. We are drawn together by this war. Canadians have surprised the world. (Cheers.) Our duty is to mobilize our resources. One of the most important is our foodstuffs. The questions of markets and transportation are attracting the greatest attention. We are permitted today to ship our products by reason of the safety provided by the British Navy."

"We believe that we ship the best cheese out of the Bay of Quinte district to the British market."

"We want you to feel at home and we trust that at some future date we shall have the privilege of welcoming you again to Belleville." (Cheers.)

"It affords me a great deal of pleasure to welcome representatives of perhaps the greatest industry in the country," declared Mr. John Ellor on behalf of the city. "The fact that you paid high tribute to Mayor Ketcheson. Today the mayor has three sons enlisted in the service of the Empire. It is any wonder we wish to heap honors on him?" (Applause.)

"Nothing can bring the city and country so well together as the boards of trade."

"We are in the centre of a great farming district. There are a number of farmers on the Belleville Board of Trade."

The President expressed the meeting's appreciation of the courtesies extended by Mayor Ketcheson and Mr. Elliott. He outlined the work of the convention.

He declared that the association extended from coast to coast. Col. Gunn president two years ago, when war broke out, went overseas. It behooves us to uphold the honor of the Empire, each in his own way, when we think of what such men as Col. Gunn have performed.

Four years ago, the egg situation seemed about the worst part of the produce business. Today the reports from all districts show that the loss of eggs is bringing success. Eggs are sooner put on the market. Railroads are handling eggs more expeditiously. Another step is likely to be adopted—buying eggs on the grading basis.

This has been a banner year for exports as to quantities and prices. The old country wants our eggs and shippers should see that they reach the Motherland in a most satisfactory condition. Reports speak highly of the Canadian product. The British market is bare. But when the war is over, prices will change.

"If we export eggs, we must stamp them on the basis of what they are. If they are American, stamp them as American eggs. If they are not up to standard, they affect adversely the whole business. Let us see that the Canadian product is fully protected."

"There is great room for increased production. There is no other department of the farm that will yield such dividends as the poultry business."

The president urged loyalty to the aims of the association and to the honor and integrity of the Empire.

Mr. McLean read a letter from Col. John A. Gunn, a former president, now in the trenches with the 24th Batt. C.E.F. "We have lost a great many men and when the push comes, it will be a disaster." He suggested that in future the people of Canada bank their money instead of spending it in comforts for the soldiers, and thus have means to provide for the widows and wives of the wounded and their families.

"Eggs are eggs they say, I wish I had a dozen here" was the closing remark of Col. Gunn's letter.

Mr. J. T. Madden, Toronto, declared there had been no arbitrations held this year, which is quite satisfactory (applause). "I am extremely gratified at the result of my humble efforts in the organization of the association."

Committees were then appointed on resolutions, nominations, transportation, arbitration, legislation, by-laws and rules for new branches.

Loss of Basis. Reports were presented from various districts regarding the loss of system of buying eggs. Mr. Baymen, Ottawa, complained of much difficulty because of wholesalers buying eggs from the country storekeepers by the straight count case. He complained of overlapping on Montreal and Ottawa districts. He urged strict inspection of eggs at the time of purchase.

Quality payment and uniform system of inspection was the subject introduced by J. H. Gray of Gunn's Limited, Montreal.

PRESENTATION AND SURPRISE PARTY.

To Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and Miss Mollie.

"We have a custom" were words spoken long ago by a people of many strong national characteristics and we repeat them at this time as you are about to leave our circle. Our custom has been when ever any of our good friends or neighbors made up their minds to break away from us and to pitch their tents nearer Sodom than we have met in their home and given them a royal send-off.

So we have some authority tonight for taking possession of your home and we want to remind you of other such gatherings in which you have taken an active part as well as to tell you that we have very much appreciated the friendly social and neighborly spirit you have always shown among us.

We will very much miss you all and hope that we will often see you returning to visit us and in the meantime ask you to accept this set of dishes and Miss Mollie's birthday book in the hope that in every way in which you use them, they will be the mementoes of happy days and kind friends. May they also be a token of the pleasant associations into which we believe you are going, for you will be followed by our best wishes and are also preceded by our best wishes and your own well earned good name.

Signed in behalf of your many neighbors and friends.

RAILING CAVE WAY AT ARENA

Mr. E. B. Harris Badly Hurt in Fall—Others Injured in Accident.

Five or six people fell from the gallery at the Arena skating rink last night during the Belleville-Picton match, when the railing in front of them gave way. As a result one of them, Mr. E. B. Harris, Catherine Street, was very seriously injured.

It was an interesting point in the game that was being enacted when the accident happened. There was a face-off on the south side near the goal and just below the place in the balcony where the injured spectators had been standing. In the eagerness to see the play, some leaned over the railing. The scuffling ground and gave way. Mr. Harris and Mr. George N. Bennett, Dumber street, were precipitated forward into space.

Mr. Bennett landed on his feet but Mr. Harris who is a heavy man fell on his forehead, which apparently struck the fallen scuffling. Then three others who had been standing behind them fell forward unable to hold themselves back. They were Miss Gladys Riggs, West Bridge Street, Mr. Michael Bawden and Mr. Delong. Fortunately for them but unfortunately for Mr. Harris some of them fell on him.

The crowd kept good order during the excitement. Miss Riggs was picked up and carried out to a car and sent home. Mr. Harris was found lying in a pool of blood on his face unconscious. He was carried out and taken home in the ambulance. The others were not seriously injured.

Mr. Harris was attended by a physician who found a bad cut to the nose and the left eye swollen by reason of a burst blood vessel. He did not rest very well during the night but was easier today. It was at first thought there might be internal injuries and a fracture of the forehead, but such as fortunately not the case. His wrist and arm are sprained.

Miss Riggs is under a physician's care. She is suffering from shock but was not out. It was found her arm was injured.

Mr. G. N. Bennett was unable to be out this morning because of general shock.

Letters were received from Captain O'Flynn this morning, the last written bearing date 18th January, 1916. He is in the best of health and has plenty of work to do. The battalion has been in rest billets for some time and the boys appreciate very much the chance of having a rest. The march to this point which was some distance from the trenches proved the men to be in splendid physical

condition as only one man fell out during the march. The Captain had just received a box of Northern Spy apples from home which were sent through the kindness of Mr. George A. Ketcheson and wrote that they were very much appreciated by the Headquarters Staff.

In referring to Christmas and New Year's Day a very different spirit existed among our men than existed a year ago, and they would not fraternize with the men who represented the infernal spirit continued to be displayed by the German nation by the murder of Edith Cavell and the attacking of unarmed villages with Zeppelins. A few Germans started to shout across New Year's greetings but the men answered with rifle grenades which apparently reached their destination.

The men say this fraternizing one day and killing the next is no good and they have no desire to fraternize with those who will fire on the Red Cross ambulances and hospitals and trample upon everything that is honorable.

From his letter it is apparent that a spirit of grim determination has taken the place of their former free and easy view and they are doing their part with the judgment and enterprise realizing more than ever the nature of the race they are fighting. The Captain mentions receiving a fine Christmas hamper from his chum, "Dick" Ponton, which was sent out from London on Captain Ponton's order and the hamper was very much appreciated. He also wrote that the statement about the socks being sold to the soldiers is absolutely false as anything that is sent gets to them unless the mail goes astray. He mentions receiving parcels from Mrs. D. J. Fairfield, Mrs. C. J. Bowell, The Argyle Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, Sheriff Morrison, Mrs. Hope McGinnis and a pair of socks knit by Miss Alice Lazier, only nine years old, the daughter of Mr. R. D. Lazier. The Belleville boys who are in the 2nd Battalion are all well and were very much pleased with the parcels from the Argyle Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, and he writes that he has sent a letter to Mrs. S. W. Varnhagen, the Regent, Belleville, Ontario, regarding the same.

The Captain expresses his great appreciation of the kindness of his many friends and hopes before another year to see them again in the old home town. Although very busy he makes it a point of acknowledging all parcels received but if any should fail to reach him or his replies go astray it will account for any who have not received an acknowledgment from him.

He sends his greetings to all and looks forward to the day when he can be with those friends of his boyhood again.

Very Appreciative Audience Present at Griffin's Last Night to Witness the Presentation of George Klein's wonderful \$125,000 picture production, "Du Barry," with Mrs. Leslie Carter, the famous actress, in the star role.

The scene of the story is laid in France during the picturesque period of Louis XV and the later scenes embrace the opening days of the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror.

The leading parts are assumed by well known professional actors. Theatricals from the palace and the streets of Paris and the activities of the mob are most realistic. The story is well sustained and replete with interest from beginning to end.

The costuming is remarkably elaborate. The pictures will be presented for the last time tonight.

MELROSE. Mrs. Phyllis Badgley has a very severe attack of a gripple.

Mrs. Clem Haight has returned from visiting relatives in Napanee.

Mr. George Sherman was stricken with paralysis on Saturday evening. Pleaser to report Clayton English some better.

MARRIED. PONTON-AGNEW—On Wednesday, February, 9th, 1916, at Belleville by the Rev. H. S. Osborne, Olive Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Agnew "Rendenshall," to Captain Richard Ponton of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Canadian Division, B.E.F., of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-law, son of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. W. N. Ponton, "Sidney Cottage," Belleville.

Rev. Dr. G. C. Workman of Toronto one of Canada's foremost preachers was heard at the Tabernacle church on Sunday Feb. 20th.