

## STR. EVELYN WAS SUNK BY MINE U. S. AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY REPORTS

Washington, Feb. 23.—United States Ambassador Gerard today forwarded a report from the American consulate at Bremerhaven, saying the steamer Evelyn was destroyed by a mine; that the crew left the ship in their boats, one of which is missing, the other two being picked up by a German scout ship.

## OPPOSITION MEMBERS TALK ON THE BUDGET

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Mr. MacLean declared that, in no sense was the increased taxation due to the exigencies of the war. It was not war taxation. It was taxation to meet the deficits caused by a treasury the present government had found overflowing, and had depleted by reckless and wasteful extravagance. He deemed it absolutely indefensible to have asked for \$140,000,000 this year from the taxpayers, when, had the finances of the country been conducted on a radical and sound business basis, no special taxation would have been necessary, even at this juncture.

He recalled the fact that, in the political campaign of 1911 the present government and its supporters had publicly recognized the excellent conditions left by Sir Wilfrid Laurier when they campaigned on the theory of "Let Well Enough Alone," taking the ground that the trade was all right, revenue was all right, immigration was all right, developments were all right and prosperity was all right. "And," added Mr. MacLean, "after four years of their administration none of these matters are all right now. So the people must be taxed some more."

Mr. MacLean said he found himself in direct conflict with the government concerning the facts in the civil or ordinary budget. At the present time in the country's development the strenuous conditions prevailing, he believed exceptional vigilance and care should have been taken against extravagance in governmental management.

"The Minister of Finance presented this year," the Halifax member continued, "apart altogether from all matter affecting the war, the most disastrous financial statement ever delivered in Canada." Eliminating all special war expenditure, he claimed, Canada had been notified of the largest expenditure in her history, the most serious deficit and the greatest increase to her national debt since Confederation. The deficit for the current year was \$84,000,000. There had been apparently no effort on the part of the Finance Minister or the government, said Mr. MacLean, to establish an equilibrium between revenue and expenditure. They had been heirs to a highly solvent estate, and they had reduced it to a declaration of partial solvency. They had seemingly made expenditure a virtue, and extravagance and prodigality were everywhere in evidence, while all the time the revenue had been showing a gradual diminution.

Mr. Borden interrupted to ask if Mr. MacLean had any special expenditures to protest against.

Mr. MacLean then proceeded to deal with the ways and means by which the government proposed to raise revenue to make good the deficit caused by its own extravagance and maladministration. He did not believe the war was, in any large measure, responsible for the deficit, as before war was declared the revenue and imports of the country had declined very heavily.

An analysis of the government's figures, he said, showed that in the ten months just prior to the war there had been a decline in customs revenue of twenty-nine million dollars, and of the continued decline of the past six months, not more than five millions could be charged to the war.

"The leading financial and banking men of the country say," he continued, "that the conditions in the country were not due to the war. They say that they warned the government long ago that the period of liquidation and retrenchment was at hand, and preparations should be made for it."

Mr. MacDonnell Takes Opposition Critic to Task.

Mr. A. Claude MacDonnell, South Toronto, who replied for the government, noted that were it not for Mr. MacLean's opening assurances of cooperation with the government in regard to war measures, the tenor of his subsequent remarks might have led the House to believe that an eight or ten months session was in sight. The Liberal critic did not yet seem to be fully awake to the fact that a war was on, and that it was war conditions that the government had to meet. Mr. MacDonnell thought the government was justified in not cutting down any expenditures for public works already undertaken, thereby adding to the unemployment, and he was surprised that Mr. MacLean should practically condemn the policy of buying goods made in Canada, as fostered by the government. The tariff increases he maintained, were imposed for the purpose of raising necessary revenue.

As for the decline in revenue, which had been blamed on the present government, that was due, as was a matter of universal knowledge, to interruption of trade and interference with ocean traffic. The opposition had been wont to take its cue in matters of trade from the United States, and the United

## PARTS OF ROME UNDER WATER

Floods in Italy Continue and Tiber Has Risen to Height of 45 Feet.

Rome, Feb. 23.—The floods in Italy continue, and inundations are reported from parts of the country distant from Rome. The Tiber has been rising again, and has now reached a stage of forty-five feet. The rains continue, and some parts of Rome and large tracts of the surrounding country are under water.

There is a heavy fall of snow in the mountains.

## CANADA HAS 2,177 PRISONERS OF WAR

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—A return tabled in the Commons today by the Minister of Justice shows that since the outbreak of the war 2,177 Germans and Austrians have been taken into custody in Canada as prisoners of war. The detention camps are at Halifax, Quebec, Kingston, Petawawa, Brudenell, Lethbridge, Vernon and Nanaimo.

## EX-SENATOR SHOOT A LAWRENCE ALDERMAN

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 23.—Alderman Paul H. Hagan was shot in a quarrel in the corridor of the City Hall today. Dennis H. Finn, a former state senator, was arrested. Hagan's recovery is expected.

## HALIFAX COLLEGE AND THE WAR

(Presbyterian Witness)

The heart of our church will be deeply touched by the splendid response made by our student missionaries to the appeal to go to the front. Of the sixty-five mission stations in our Maritime Synod forty-six were occupied last summer by men from our own institution. Of these forty-six twenty-seven have enlisted, several of whom are already either in England or France. Of these twenty-seven, twenty-five left the residence at Pine Hill. So far as figures can be obtained no other college or profession in Canada has given so large a proportion of its students. The new college in Edinburgh, which is justly proud of its contribution, has given thirty-five out of sixty-four, but our percentage is even higher than that.

It is interesting to discover the motives that have weighed with so many of our young preachers. It has been suggested that living together in residence, one has been enthused, "as from sharpened iron." While no doubt something must be attributed to the patriotic atmosphere engendered by constant contact, quickened too by several months drill under the tactful Colonel Thompson and his associates, yet that alone hardly affords an adequate explanation. Surely our common Presbyterianism may lay some little claim to the credit. In times of peace it is true it is not overmuch given to flag flapping, nor does it concern itself a great deal about "the fust and feathers;" it has not gone out after chaplains and colonels; but it has laid all through its history, unmistakable emphasis on the paramount nature of a man's duty to his God, his country and his fellowman. And now when the guns begin to play, it is that sense of duty that speaks.

The names of the students who have enlisted are:

The Cycle Corps—B. C. Salter, D. A. Gifford, L. B. Campbell, G. D. McLeod, John Craigie, Earl Lockerie.

## FRENCH SOLDIERS OBTAINING HAY FROM A FARMYARD.



The above picture shows a party of French soldiers obtaining supplies of hay from a farmyard in Northern France. This picture well illustrates the general appearance of many such farmyards within the fighting area. The farm buildings, low lying and slated or thatched, are arranged on a rectangular plan and are often surrounded by a moat, so that they offer a serious obstacle to any attacking party. Many unrecorded conflicts have taken place in these courtyards, and many an unnoted act of bravery has been performed by the French Allies.

## TWO KILLED IN DENVER, COL. TRAIN WRECK

Denver, Colo., Feb. 23.—An engineer and a fireman were killed and nine passengers, a baggage man and a mail clerk were slightly injured in a wreck on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, fourteen miles south of Colorado Springs, early today.

## RT. REV. DR. ROPER IS NEW ANGLICAN BISHOP OF OTTAWA

Unanimous Choice of Synod at Session Yesterday.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Right Rev. Dr. John C. Roper, Bishop of Columbia diocese of Ottawa by the Synod in session today. A telegram was received from Bishop Roper tonight, accepting the office. He succeeds Archbishop Hamilton, who resigned some time ago.

Field Hospital Corps—R. B. Clarke, R. A. Paterson, Cyril Hyde, A. D. Archibald, Neil Macdonald, George Murray, J. K. Murchison, J. D. Morrison, F. B. Fox. (These have already sailed for Europe). Victor Wallis, J. S. Nickerson, Colin McNevin, J. G. Paterson and R. Roome.

British Navy—J. S. Ross.

Mounted Rifles—A. P. McIvor, H. A. Smith, M. McLeod, J. Macdonald, Norman Mackenzie, D. F. McLeod. Of these 27 no less than 16 have worked in the mission fields of New Brunswick during the past two summers.

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## FAVOR CONVOYS FOR NEUTRAL MERCHANTMEN

London, Feb. 23.—A Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Scandinavian Conference has decided to recommend the trial of naval convoys for neutral merchant ships. Negotiations will be opened with London and Berlin, with a view to obtaining a permit for warships of any of the three Scandinavian countries to convoy merchantmen belonging to these countries.

The question of the number of ships which one warship will be allowed to convoy, and the right to enter the territorial waters of the belligerents, will also be a matter of negotiation.

## WILL HOLD PATRIOTIC AGRICULTURAL MEETING AT HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 23.—Miss Belle Laid of Hopewell Cape is now supplying for J. W. Robinson, Principal of the school there, the latter being at his home in Sussex recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Patriotic agricultural conference will be held in the public hall here on Thursday, Feb. 25th, at two p.m. and eight p.m. The subjects, "Canada's Share in the War," "Consider Ways and Means of Maintaining the Empire's Food Supply," 3rd, "The Agricultural Production of the World and Its Relation to the War." The afternoon will be devoted more particularly to discussions of farming problems and matters, while the evening session will be devoted to addresses of a general patriotic nature. The speakers will be Mr. W. S. Blair, superintendent experimental station, Kentville, N. S., Mr. R. Newton, director of agricultural schools for New Brunswick, and the Rev. S. W. Schurman of Hillsborough. In these meetings the farmers will be urged to do everything possible to maintain the vast quantities of food supplies needed to ensure the ultimate victory of the Allies.

The basket ball game between the girls of the Hillsborough High School and the Riverside Consolidated School which was played on Saturday evening in the hall at Albert resulted in a score being eleven to two.

In the afternoon a game of hockey was played between the boys of the Hillsborough and Riverside school which resulted in a tie, of one goal each. The game will be played in Hillsborough next week.

The Hopewell Patriotic League will meet today at the home of the secretary to dispense financial aid to the sewing for the soldiers.

A reward of \$25 is offered by the trustees of the New Ireland Roman Catholic Church for the information concerning the party or parties who broke into their church recently.

A wrist watch was presented to Pte. Silas C. Wright by his family during his recent visit home.

## EVIDENCE ALL TAKEN IN THE STORSTAD CASE

Montreal, Feb. 23.—The hearing of the evidence in the C. P. R. Company's three million dollar suit against the S. S. Storstad in connection with the sinking of the Empress of Ireland on May 29 last, when over a thousand lives were lost, was concluded today. The argument of counsel will begin Thursday morning.

Today's evidence was chiefly technical, it being in rebuttal of the defendant's contra-evidence as to the phenomena of currents in the St. Lawrence the plaintiff claiming, from the beginning, that there was an up-current at the time of the fatal collision, causing the upward-bound Storstad to ram the Empress which was going down stream.

Russian attacks were shattered in the usual manner, and with important losses to the enemy. Five officers and 550 men were made prisoners.

"The battle south of the Onieva river continues. On the battlefield our Croatian troops, in a successful attack, drove the Russians from several places, captured positions on heights strongly fortified by the enemy, and advanced our front."

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Hon. T. W. McGarry, provincial treasurer, in his budget speech today, announced a provincial tax of one mill on the dollar on all assessable land as a war measure. It will be discontinued after the war, and will yield an estimated sum of \$1,800,000.

## DIED.

BELL—At her late residence, 52 St. David street, on the 23rd inst., Elizabeth, widow of the late John P. Bell and daughter of the late John B. and Elizabeth Smith.

Funeral Thursday, service begins at 2.30.

LAWTON—In this city on the 23rd inst., youngest son of the late W. G. Lawton, aged fifty-six years.

Funeral on Thursday, 25th, at 3.30 o'clock from the residence of S. Giron, 183 Princess street.

## OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 23, via London, 12.19 a.m.—The following official communication was issued this evening:

"The day has been comparatively quiet, except in the Champagne district, where the fighting continues under favorable conditions."

"We have taken more trenches in the region of Beaunejour, and have maintained our gains of the preceding day."

"To the northwest of Verdun, at Brilliancourt, in the region of the forest of Forges, our batteries blew up an ammunition store."

"It is confirmed that the Germans suffered very heavy losses in the complete repulse of their attack at Bois-Bouchot on the 21st."

"In Alsace an attempt by the Germans to debouch from the portion of the village of Stosswehr still occupied by the enemy was immediately stopped by our fire."

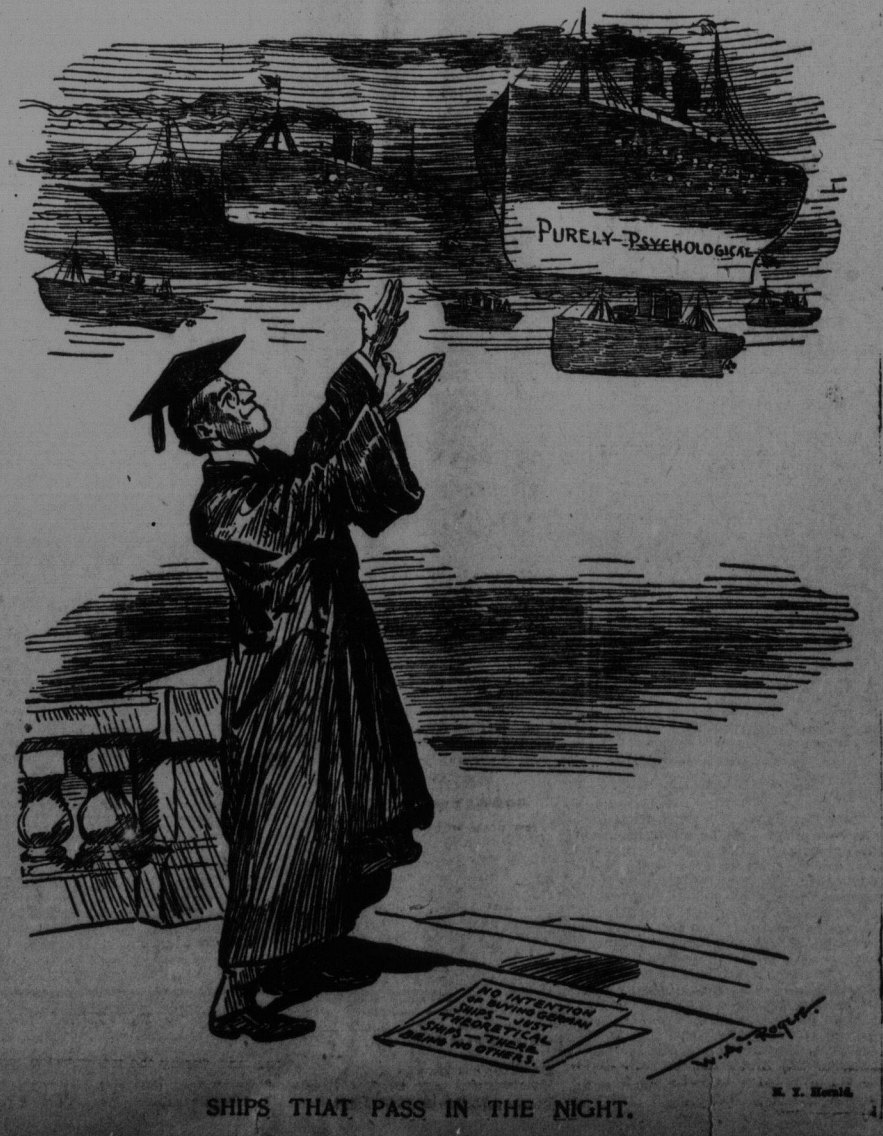
## AUSTRIA

Vienna, Feb. 23, via London, Feb. 24.—The following official communication was issued this evening:

"In Russian Poland there is nothing significant to report."

"Foggy weather in West Galicia impedes the activity of the troops."

"On the Carpathian front, the



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## OPERA HOUSE

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