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ALLIED OFFENSIVE TO BE BELIEVED IMMINENT

Heavy Losses of Submarines Have Been Sustained By Germany

TRUSTEES DECIDE INVESTIGATION INTO HELD CASE

Chief Inspector Cowley to Conduct It, if Minister of Education Approves.

MANY LEFT MEETING

But Quorum Was Not Broken and They Hurried Back Into Room.

If the minister of education approves, Chief Inspector Cowley of the board of education will conduct an investigation into the charges made against Miss Frieda Held, the Carlton school teacher,

Excitement ran high at the meeting of the board of education on given according to a unanimous vote at the meeting of the board last night.

Trustee W. O. McTaggart, chairman of the management committee, asked permission to present as a matter of privilege the information given according to the shorthand notes at the investigation into charges made against Miss Frieda Held.

Dr. Noble, Mrs. Courtice, S. Thompson and Dr. Hunter protested against a one-sided version of the investigation being given.

Dr. Hunter said it was two months too late. S. Thompson: The charges were not on oath and the teacher was not represented by anybody.

Dr. Noble: Why did you not give the information before?

W. O. McTaggart: Because Miss Held retired before we gave our verdict.

Evidence is Read. A motion by Trustee Edmunds, seconded by Trustee Hodgson, that Trustee McTaggart read the shorthand notes was carried by 9 to 5.

Dr. Noble let Mr. McTaggart give his information in writing to the secretary to read to the board.

Trustee McTaggart, on being given the floor, gave a review of the case. He said that the complaints in the first instance were made to Dr. Hopkins, the then acting chairman of the management committee.

On his own appointment as chairman of the committee he took the matter up. There were two charges brought up. Miss Held's environment and her statements. It was stated that her father was a German who did not become naturalized until after the war was begun and that her brother secured exemption on account of his being the son of a German who was born in Germany.

Miss Held said she could not consistently teach the golden rule and at the same time the second verse of the National Anthem.

Affidavits had been made by two teachers yesterday which charged that at the time the Military Service Act went into force, Miss Held "manifested her antagonism to compulsory service, and said she would leave her brother if he enlisted."

The affidavits were by Miss O. Kelly and Miss G. Kirkwood.

Rev. J. Robinson, W. G. Coulter and W. Dyer, residents of the Carlton School district, criticized Fraser briefly in Miss Held's behalf.

Dr. Noble asked for the affidavits to be laid on the table to become the property of the board. He wanted "the original affidavits."

Trustee McTaggart said he would give copies to hold the affidavits for the protection of those who made them.

At 11.30 several of the opponents of Miss Held's reappointment left the board room, expecting that this would break the quorum. Upon hearing the sound of a count of the members they hurried back, and attempted to secure an adjournment. The motion to adjourn was voted down and Dr. Noble, under the head of general business, brought up the Held case by asking that the letter containing the solicitor's opinion be read.

After the secretary had read the letter which expressed a doubt as to the legality of Miss Held's appointment, Dr. Noble moved for a public investigation under oath by the chief inspector.

Trustee McTaggart argued that this was not authorized by the statutes.

Dr. Hopkins, although one of the strongest opponents at the last meeting of Miss Held's reappointment, came to Dr. Noble's assistance and made an appeal to the trustees to get together so that there should be "justice and square dealing." He was willing with that object to support steps being taken to secure an impartial investigation.

The appeal was assented to by all the members. Dr. Noble accordingly moved, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, that Chief Inspector Cowley be instructed to investigate forthwith, the matter re Miss Frieda Held, in public, examining witnesses under oath, provided the minister of education authorizes him so to do. The motion carried.

CANADA'S NET DEBT IS \$1,010,780,470

Shows an Increase of Over Thirteen Million During February.

Ottawa, March 7. - Canada's net debt stood at \$1,010,780,470 on Feb. 28, an increase during February of \$13,251,233. The total gross debt of the Dominion on Feb. 28 was \$1,990,393,359. Total assets were \$985,612,889.

War expenditure during February declined as compared with the figure for the same month last year. Last month it was \$19,494,711; in February, 1917, it was \$22,236,836. Total war expenditure for the 11 months' period to the end of February was \$207,649,724.

Revenues show an increase. In February, 1918, the revenue was \$21,226,872, as compared with \$17,513,478 in February of last year. Expenditures on account of consolidated fund was \$11,323,497 in February of the present year, in comparison with \$12,551,984 in February, 1917.

MURDER AND ROBBERY TRIPLE IN DETROIT

Five Victims, Some of Whom Will Die, in Past Twenty-Four Hours.

Washington, March 7. - More submarines were destroyed by the allied and American naval forces in December than during that month, according to information reaching Washington.

Whether succeeding months have shown a net loss in German submarines is not known here. It is believed, however, that the anti-submarine campaign has proved so effective that increased efforts this spring will see a steady decrease in the number of U-boats available to prey on allied and American shipping.

Weapons Forthcoming. American naval officials appear to be satisfied that the weapons with which they expect to crush finally the submarine menace are forthcoming. Increased numbers of patrol vessels of various types, appliances and devices to make them more effective against underwater craft and the increased skill of navy personnel are among the things upon which they count. It has taken time to devise and build the new weapons, but beginning to become available now.

When the United States entered the war the navy had no submarines. All that it had available to join in the submarine hunt, Vice-admiral Sims' destroyer forces have constituted only the advance guard of what the American navy planned to furnish for the fight.

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The new destroyers and other craft will be added to the patrol force gradually as they are completed. Therefore no sudden falling off of tonnage losses is to be expected. It has been stated publicly by high British naval authorities, however, that next August will show beyond question that the U-boats have been overcome. There are officials here who are confident that the war will be apparent before that, perhaps as early as May or June.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

St. Catharines Woman, Mother of Dead Child, Arrested With Her Father.

St. Catharines, March 7. - As a result of the inquest tonight upon the body of the infant found last evening on a pile of brush near the northern boundary of the city, Mrs. Ethel Carpenter, the mother of the child, and her father, Felix Goodwin, with whom she resided, are tonight charged, the former with murder, and the latter with endeavoring to conceal the crime.

The jury found that on February 1 the mother caused death by strangulation and afterwards placed the body in a suitcase, the suitcase being later given to her father, who disposed of its contents by attempting to burn it.

Mrs. Clara Thompson, who occupies a portion of the Goodwin home, told having received the suitcase from Ethel Carpenter before being taken to the hospital.

TO CUT PRODUCTION OF PLEASURE CARS

Automobile Manufacturers Will Reduce Output by Thirty Per Cent.

New York, March 7. - Production of pleasure automobiles will be cut 30 per cent. during the present fiscal year as a war measure, according to a declaration reached here today by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. The reduction applies to the entire uncompleted schedule for the year.

In a statement issued it was said that representatives of some of the largest manufacturing concerns were summoned to Washington recently by the war industries board and the fuel administration to discuss the situation.

"The arrangement for a curtailment of production," the statement continues, "is entirely satisfactory to the war industries board, the fuel administration and the manufacturers themselves, permitting the latter to adjust their affairs to meet the government program without unnecessary business and financial disturbances."

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New Party Wants Freedom of Seas and World Republic.

Chicago, March 7. - Equal suffrage, national prohibition and radical legislation favoring farmers and laborers, are the chief planks of the platform of the national party, adopted here today at a convention attended by about 200 delegates, 100 of whom are bolters from the prohibition party.

Limitation of immigration, shortening of working hours, government insurance, more rigorous inspection of factories and working places, adequate enforcement of child labor laws are some of the things urged in the labor plank.

Much of the platform also is devoted to the question of international democracy. The platform declares that the party recognizes that the republic of the world is the goal of international political development, and urges abolition of secret diplomacy, freedom of the seas and abolition of prohibitive or discriminatory tariffs or taxes upon trade and commerce. Foreign investments must be under their own risks, another plank.

FINLAND BECOMES GERMANY'S VASSAL

Makes Peace Subject to Enemy Supervision of Relations.

Amsterdam, March 7. - Official announcement was made in Berlin today of the signing of a peace treaty between Germany and Finland, and also of trade and shipping agreements and a supplementary protocol. The treaty was signed at noon today.

Finland, by the conditions of the treaty, agrees to cede no territory nor grant territorial rights to any foreign power without the previous consent of Germany, who undertakes to exert herself to secure the recognition of Finland's independence by all the powers.

Each party renounces compensation for war costs or damages. Negotiations will start forthwith for a trade and shipping treaty. The fortifications of the Aland Islands will be removed as speedily as possible, and regulations will be adopted for the permanent non-fortification of the islands.

THREATENING LETTER IS SENT TO ONE MEMBER OF TRIBUNAL

Taking the "blackhand" idea as an inspiration some party in Toronto Military District has under the heading and authority of "The Black Death Battalion of Conscripts," sent an extremely threatening letter to one of the members of the tribunal.

The letter, among other threats, declares the tribunal member will be killed before the "Black Death Battalion" leaves Canada. The authorities state the matter is a serious one, and that they intend to take action.

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WE WANT SHIPS, SHIPS; STILL MORE SHIPS

Archbishop of York Makes Strong Appeal to New York Chamber of Commerce.

New York, March 7. - In appealing today to the New York Chamber of Commerce, Archbishop of York, expressed the conviction that "inevitable occasions in which it may appear that there is some difference of outlook between our country and yours would not be allowed to stand in the way."

"I know," he said, "that the old country with all its difficulties is still heart and mind strong and resolute, and it is not as a suppliant, but rather as a comrade, who, because he is fighting as strong as he can, wants the grasp of a hand stronger and fresher than his own."

"It would be idle to disguise the fact that the cry which comes to us is the same - ships, more ships, and still more ships."

Find Ground-Glass in Candy For American Naval Station

Pensacola, Fla., March 7. - Discovery of ground-glass in 200 pounds of candy shipped from a Boston factory for use of the American naval station here, caused the supply to be held up today for further investigation. J. W. Hollifield, a traveling salesman, was found eating some of the candy, and Dr. F. A. Brink of the state bacteriological laboratory, after making an analysis of two dozen packages, stated he found ground-glass in the candy. He has instituted proceedings to confiscate the shipment.

Further Delay Occurs in British Empire Order List

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, March 7. - It is understood that another postponement has occurred in the announcement of the Dominion recipients of the new order of the British Empire. The list was to have been published on March 1, but the date of its appearance is still uncertain. It is understood that there will eventually be about 300 Canadian recipients, in addition to about 50 whose names have already been published in the imperial list issued in January.

Submarine Forces Spaniard To Throw Cargo Into Sea

Madrid, March 7. - A German submarine stopped the Spanish steamer "Madriz." The captain was compelled to throw into the sea his cargo, which the German submarine captain considered contraband. The submarine then quickly disappeared.

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GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN WEST MAY NEVER BE UNDERTAKEN

THOSE WHO ARE IN THE RUNNING FOR THE ONTARIO SENATORSHIPS

Announcement in Regard to Filling the Two Vacancies Will Be Made Before the House Meets.

Ottawa, March 7. - It is stated that nothing definite has yet been decided in regard to the filling of the two Ontario vacancies in the senate, but that announcement of the appointments will be made before the house meets on March 18.

The appointment of a jurist to succeed the late Sir Mackenzie Bowell has been suggested, the names mentioned including Sir John Willison of Toronto, and J. G. Elliott of Kingston. Others believed to be in the running include John Webster, ex-member for Brockville; C. J. Thornton, who represented Durham in parliament from 1908 to 1917; Col. W. R. Smythe, ex-member for Algoma East, who took a forestry battalion overseas; and Col. Mulholland, a prominent business man and former mayor of Port Hope. Col. Mulholland's appointment is looked upon by many as being practically certain.

BRITAIN STAKES ALL IN WAR OF LIBERTY

Lord Reading Pays Tribute to American Determination to Win.

PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT Wilson's Addresses Inspire Europe to Continue Gigantic Struggle.

New York, March 7. - A high tribute to President Wilson was paid by Earl Reading, British ambassador, in an address which he made here today in the presence of 1200 members of the Merchants' Association, which gave a luncheon at which he was the guest of honor.

Asserting that he doubted whether it was realized in Europe how signal was the moral force in this country in the prosecution of war for liberty and "a higher moral elevation for humanity," Earl Reading said: "No human being has the faculty of stating in better language the true nature of those ideals than your president, who speaks for you. We in Europe have learned to look to those words of his and to cherish them as representing to us the unalterable determination of America, once it has commenced to war in vindication of right, never to sheathe the sword until it has conquered. We know that the words spoken by your president are words upon which we can build. We do. They are messages of hope and comfort to us."

Earl Reading dwelt upon the bond of sympathy which had been established between the United States and Great Britain as the result of the desire on the part of both nations "to attain a higher moral elevation for humanity." He said, with evident emotion, of the great sacrifices that already have been made by Great Britain and France, adding, "I pray that your sacrifices never will be as great as ours."

All Put in Struggle. Earl Reading said that Great Britain had put her all into the struggle against Germany. He said, with evident emotion, of the great sacrifices that already have been made by Great Britain and France, adding, "I pray that your sacrifices never will be as great as ours."

Every man that you send over is more than one American," he continued. "He is more than a soldier going to the trenches; he is a messenger from you to us 'over there' to be of good cheer, to remember that, after all, there is a population of 110,000,000 behind him."

"We realize that this war may not be, even from now, a short war."

French Repulse Germans In Raids on Verdun Front

Paris, March 7. - German raids on the Verdun front last night were repulsed by the French, the war office announced. The communication follows: "Rather heavy artillery firing occurred on the Verdun front during the night. Last night the Germans made raids against our trenches at Avocourt and north-west of Hill 241 (Verdun front). Our fire everywhere checked the assaults, and prisoners, including an officer, remained in our hands. "Our lines were bombarded intermittently in the region of Avocourt and north of Douaumont. At times there was heavy artillery firing at various points in the Lorraine and Aisne regions. "On Tuesday three German airplanes were brought down by our pilot, and two by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns."

MEXICO MENACES BRITISH OIL WELLS

United States Will Act Jointly in Protest to Mexican Government.

Washington, March 7. - Mexico has been requested by the American Government to delay enforcement of and reconsider its decree of last Feb. 22 imposing heavier taxes on oil production and cancelling oil leases made since April 30, 1917. Both American and English operators in the Mexican fields have protested that the new tax virtually is confiscatory. As a large part of the supply of the British navy comes from Mexico any interruption of the output would be a serious obstacle in the conduct of the war against the central powers. Consequently both the United States and Great Britain regard the new decree as a subject for diplomatic representation, particularly in view of the report that Mexican officials are determined to enforce it immediately.

OTAWA EXCEEDED OBJECTIVE.

Ottawa, March 7. - Ottawa's patriotic and Red Cross funds campaign closed tonight with a total of \$555,600 realized. The objective was \$500,000.

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Enemy is Outmatched in Gun and Man Power, and is Waiting to Oppose Spring Drive Soon to Be Started By Allies.

Washington, March 7. - Troops and supplies for General Pershing's forces are now moving to France on schedule time. Transportation requirements of the army are being met by the shipping board, and the immediate situation as far as ships are concerned is described as satisfactory.

In view of this assurance that the United States will be able to maintain its place as a fighting unit on the battle front, reports from the western front are being scanned more eagerly than ever by officers here for the first signs of the 1918 campaign. It is felt strongly that the opening major operations in the West will be decided by the spring drive which will not be much longer delayed.

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To others it appears probable that no offensive will be undertaken on any considerable scale before May 1. They formed that the French offensive in 1918, started in April, proved to be at least two weeks too early. The guns and transport could not be brought forward to consolidate all the ground which the troops were able to wrest from German hands.

Meanwhile, during the last few days there has been less discussion of a German offensive on the western front. There are observers who have never been convinced that the Germans actually intended to attempt a drive at the channel ports or to Paris. To these officers, the admitted concentration of German forces has seemed a defensive rather than an offensive step. "They believe," says the German general staff, "that a great allied effort this year and were moving to effect it."

Allied Plans Secret. While much has been said both officially and unofficially of an expected German offensive, nothing is probable aggressive measures by the allied forces has come over the cables. This fact has attracted particular attention because of the reiterated official declarations that the allied line outmatches the Germans in gun and man-power, and in view of the formation during the winter of the supreme war council designed to make the warfare more aggressive on the part of the allies and the United States.

MAJOR J. I. HARTT IS GRAND MASTER

Elected by Orange Grand Lodge in Succession to H. C. Hocken, M.P.

Chatham, March 7. - Officers of the Grand Orange Lodge, Ontario, West, were elected at their annual meeting of the 59th annual meeting tonight as follows: Grand master, Major Hartt, M.L.A.; Orillia; deputy grand master, Donald Sharpe, M.L.A.; Welling; associate D. G. M., A. A. Gray, Toronto; grand chaplain, Rev. J. W. Hibbert, Egmont; secretary, W. M. Fitzgerald, Toronto; treasurer, Jas. P. Harper, Hamilton; lecturer, Norman F. Johnson, Toronto; director of ceremonies, Robert Martin, Toronto; grand auditors, W. H. Taylor, Aurora; John Bailey, Windsor.

TO HELP FARMERS

Essex Grand Jury Brings in Recommendation to Conscript Aliens.

Windsor, Ont., March 7. - The grand jury at the Essex County assizes in Sandwich, following out a suggestion from Mr. Justice Lennox, the presiding judge, brought in a recommendation having for its object the question of augmenting the help required by farmers by conscripting all alien enemies.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH

Father and Daughter Perish in Fire at Chatham.

Chatham, N.B., March 7. - James Whitty, aged 35 years, and his daughter, aged two, were suffocated or burned to death in a fire which broke out in their home, Pleasant street, soon after they had retired tonight, while Mrs. Whitty was absent from home.

CANADIANS WIN RACE.

London, March 7. - The Canadian machine gunners won three miles race at Epsom in 13 minutes and 50 seconds.