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Airators Shower German Stations With Bombs

MANY NEW PAVEMENTS WILL BE LAID IN LONDON IN 1915

CITY TO EXPEND \$200,000 IN 1915 PAVING MANY STREETS OF LONDON

About Five Miles of Permanent Surfacing Will Be Laid This Year, Which Will Bring Total Mileage of Paved Streets to At Least Eighteen Miles.

LONDON SPENT \$126,168.35 ON PAVING WORK IN 1914

London last year spent \$126,168.35 in paving. Such an expenditure was regarded as remarkable. It set a new figure for future records. It meant the permanent surfacing of more than three and a half miles of streets—3.65 miles, to be exact—or a little better than one-third as much permanent pavement as had previously been laid in this city.

This year the city will expend somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000 in paving, will lay about five miles more of permanent surfacing, and will bring the total mileage of paved streets to at least 18 miles.

In this initial paving program for the year, City Engineer H. A. Brazier makes provision for an estimated expenditure of \$156,937.29 in pavements. Practically all of this is for asphaltic concrete work with a few short sections of vitrified brick and concrete.

Totals Up To \$184,909.79.

In addition, there is work "hung over" from last year to a total of \$27,972.79, which brings the total to \$184,909.79. Considerable amounts of money will have to be expended in curbs and gutters for the streets that are to be paved, and this, it is believed, with the addition of other sections that will be authorized later in the year, will bring the total to well over \$200,000.

It will be noted that in the following tables, which were compiled by The Advertiser from the reports of the city engineer, and which will come before the board of works, the board of control and the council at an early date, that alternative estimates have been submitted for the Hamilton road section. This is because of the discrepancy between the estimate of \$117,083.75, which has been estimated on both double and single track.

Study of the estimates will show that the difference to the ratepayers in the double-tracking is almost infinitesimal, and means, at the outside, less than a dollar and two cents a year to the ratepayer, based on an estimate of 40-foot lots, along this street.

Figures On Single Track Basis.

The figures of \$156,937.29 are made on the single-track basis for the Hamilton road. On this basis the relative cost to the city and ratepayers would be:

Category	Amount
Ratepayers	\$117,083.75
City share	\$39,853.54
Total	\$156,937.29

With the addition of the hung-over work, the city's share is swelled to \$17,560.19, and the portion to be paid by the property-owners whose property abuts on the street with improved gutters goes up to \$137,083.75.

It will be noted that in the pavement for the south side of South Street.

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WESTERN MAN WHOLE ARMY IN HIMSELF



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BRITAIN HOLDS OFF BLOCKADE

No Decision As To Retaliatory Measures Against Germany Yet Announced.

INTERFERENCE RESENTED

Average Britisher Objects To Others Trying To Prevent This Policy.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 25.—The proposals of Washington to Great Britain and Germany, which are in London, assumed to embrace the abandonment of Germany's self-declared war zone and the adoption by the belligerents of some definite policy regarding foodstuffs to the civilian populations, have noticeably quickened the public interest both in this country and in Germany in this delicate diplomatic situation.

The British press, as a general thing, is restrained in tone, but the average Britisher plainly resents what he considers a hint at an attempt to interfere with the absolute blockade of Germany should Great Britain care to enforce this with her sea power.

Britain Holds Off.

In the meanwhile, and in spite of the sinking of four more British merchantmen, involving the loss of four lives, Great Britain still holds off from declaring food destined to Germany to be contraband. It is believed, if this step is taken, it will be postponed until the American proposal has been discussed at length.

Just what this proposal is, the public neither here nor in Berlin is aware, its only information has been gleaned from (Continued on Page Three.)

CALM ANXIETY IS FEELING HERE

Londoners Who Have Loved Ones at Front Show No Cowardly Spirit.

AWAIT CASUALTY LISTS

Knowledge That Forest City Men in Trenches in France Enhances Patriotism.

[Canadian Press.]

London is taking calmly, although anxious, the news that some are in action, in the trenches in France. In scores of London homes where there is a vacancy felt, and all the more now that news of the Canadian's baptism of fire is reported, there is a thrill of anxiety and expectancy to learn further details which must supplement the meagre news given out yesterday, that the Canadian troops were under fire.

London mothers and wives refuse to get excited, or hurried, or hysterical. Women who have sons and husbands and brothers are quite well aware that dead-end news may be flashed to them at any time, so they are simply waiting, and hoping for the best.

Anxious Inquiry.

"Yes, I hear that the men are at the front. I suppose you have heard no further news, have you—no casualty list yet?" said a mother who has an only son with the Canadians, when she was told that the first contingent had been in action. A trace of anxiety was revealed in her voice. That was all.

Mrs. Becher, mother of Lieut.-Col. H. C. Becher, who is second in command of the 1st Battalion as major, received a regulation postcard yesterday, saying, "I am well." It was posted shortly after the Canadians arrived in France, but before they had been in action.

Frank Hunt, who left London with the first contingent, is still in England, having been transferred to the mechanical transport corps of his battalion, which is stationed at Tidworth Barracks. He does not expect to leave for the front until some time next week, according to a letter received by Mrs. C. B. Hunt recently.

Officers from London, who are present at the front, and who were in action, are: Lieut.-Col. H. C. Lecher, Capt. G. B. Watton, Capt. Frank B. Ware, Lieut. Chester Butler, Capt. J. Taylor, and Lieut. Campbell Galbraith.

The Western Ontario regiments who sent men with the first contingent, are: the 1st Battalion, 7th, London; Grey's Horse, Oxford; 21st, Essex; 22nd, (Continued on Page Eleven.)

ALLIED AIRMEN EFFECTIVELY BOMBARD ENEMY'S POSITIONS

Sixty Bombs Dropped On the Railway Stations, Trains and Concentrations.

BLOCKHOUSE DESTROYED

Successful Movements Are Described in French Official Statement.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Feb. 25.—Via London, 2:45 p.m.—The war office this afternoon the following statement was given out: "Near Lombardville our artillery demolished a blockhouse and some of the enemy's lookouts."

"In Champagne we have maintained the new positions which we won yesterday. All of the enemy's counter-attacks were repulsed. Our aviation threw thirty bombs on railway stations, trains and concentrations of the enemy. This bombardment was very effective."

"In the Argonne at Marie Therese, the enemy made an attack, which was checked."

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse, in the Chépy Wood, we made further progress. Our heavy artillery destroyed armored shelters. The enemy was unable to retaliate. Trains captured by us were being sent to the front."

"In Lorraine, near Forrey, there was a skirmish between patrols, the Germans being put to flight."

GERMAN REPORT.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Feb. 25.—Via London, 3:06 p.m.—The town of Przasnys, in Russian Poland, was yesterday taken by storm by German forces, according to the official announcement given out in Berlin today. The Germans captured 1,000 Russian prisoners. The report is dated February 25, and reads as follows:

"In the western area of the war, in Champagne, the enemy yesterday continued his desperate efforts which, in spite of the strong forces engaged, were again absolutely without success. Otherwise there has been nothing of importance on the western front."

Claims 10,000 Prisoners.

"In the eastern area, the engagements at the Mamel, Boly and Narva rivers continue. The town of Przasnys, in Russian Poland, which had been extensively fortified, was stormed yesterday by the German forces. After a stubborn fight, we were victorious, capturing more than 10,000 prisoners, over twenty cannon, a large number of machine guns, and a very large amount of war material."

"In other engagements fought north of the River Vistula during the past few days we have taken 5,000 Russian prisoners."

Russians Advance.

"In Poland, south of the Vistula, the Russians advanced against the German position of Bolkow, and occupied this position. Their forces in this movement outnumbered ours five to one. Otherwise there is nothing of importance to report in this region."

"It is characteristic that the commander of the 57th Russian Reserve Division, taken prisoner at Augustow, asked German officers whether it was true that Antwerp was being besieged by the Germans, and soon would fall. When the situation of the German front was explained to this Russian officer, he refused to believe that the German western army was on French soil."

Important Development.

The announcement of Sir Edward Grey marks one of the important developments in the European political situation since the beginning of the war. Russia's desire for a warm water port and an unrestricted outlet from the Black Sea, has long been one of the most cherished national aspirations.

Speaking in the Duma, on February 9, Premier Goremykin said: "Turkey, by her resistance already has been shattered by our glorious Caucasian troops, and the radiant future of the Russian Empire is beginning to dawn near the outer walls of Constantinople."

The attitude of Great Britain in the event that the fortunes of war should favor Russia in the struggle with Turkey has been an open question.

First Case of Typhoid.

Appears Today in Local Camp—Private in Hospital.

The first case of typhoid fever to occur at the local training camp was discovered today when Pte. Hill, who is in the 23rd Battalion, was removed to the hospital. His home is in Niagara Falls.

Pte. Sherman, of D Company, who is in the 23rd Battalion, is reported to be progressing nicely. A large number of cases of grippe and severe colds were reported today.

Follow Closely.

Court of Inquiry.

Local Officers Much Interested in the Probe at Hamilton.

Local militia officers are following with the keenest interest the court of inquiry at Hamilton, which Lieut.-Col. Wigle is attending, and before which Lieut.-Col. Ross is charged with breaking the military discipline of his officers because none had volunteered for overseas service. Many of the officers in the Hamilton regiment are well known to local officers. Col. Wigle is not expected home until the end of the week.

John Moule Hurt.

Clerk of Police Court Cut When Glass Fell on Him.

Police Court Clerk John Moule received a number of nasty cuts on his head today when a transom rod broke in the court room, causing the glass in the window to fall and strike the clerk about the head and face. Medical assistance was summoned and the wounds, which were bleeding profusely, were dressed. Mr. Moule was taken to his home. Chief of Police W. T. Williams would have shared the same fate but that he happened to have his hat on while he was adding the clerk in closing the window.

Exchange Prisoners.

French and Germans Will Trade Those Incapacitated for War.

[Canadian Press.]

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 25.—Via Paris.—France and Germany have concluded arrangements for the exchange of prisoners of war totally incapacitated for any future military activity, and in a few days the repatriation of these men will begin. Swiss hospital trains will be made use of for the transportation of the invalids.

WORN FEW DAYS WHEN HOLE CAME

Specimen of "Shoddy" Shoes Issued to Soldiers Seen This Morning.

URGING AN INVESTIGATION

Men Who Supplied Such Shoes Should Be Shot, Declares Military Man.

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