

Great Allied Air Raid on Zeebrugge To-day Further Hun Attacks on French Repulsed Activity Among French Troops at Saloniki

EIGHT THOUSAND MEN IN PARADE IN CITY OF HAMILTON SATURDAY

Mounted Rifles Under Major Smith, the 84th Under Lt. Col. Stewart and 125th Under Lt. Col. Cutcliffe Showed Up Well.

Thousands and Thousands of People Were Present to See the Display of Some of Canada's Fighting Force, and March Was Made in Schedule Time.

Over 8000 men trained for overseas service, the two militia regiments of Hamilton, and the Hamilton Home Guards passed the reviewing stand Saturday afternoon before the Lieut.-Governor, Sir John Hendrie, who took the salute, and under the critical eye of Brig.-Gen. Lowe. The whole occasion was a wonderful event in the history of Hamilton. Never scarcely in the history of the city has such a crowd gathered as was seen lining the streets of the "Queen's town." Thousands upon thousands of people were present; flags, bunting and decorations were everywhere in evidence. Every window along the route was jammed with people. It was a good natured crowd, and very quiet. Only occasionally was cheering heard.

The day was bright but cold to stand about in for any length of time. The footing for the soldiers was none too good. The snow was not deep, but it was worn hard and was slippery. In front of the reviewing stand it was rather difficult to keep firm footing. Nevertheless the time made was extraordinarily good. The parade kept up to its schedule to the very second, and the leading files swung past the reviewing stand three minutes ahead of time.

With the exception of the staff officers leading about one hundred of the Mounted Rifles, the Battery and the C. O.'s of the 84th and 86th Battalions, all the soldiers were on foot. Cannon, hidden in mysterious places, fired salutes during the whole parade, but the horses never showed any nervousness. While passing the reviewing stand the boom of the cannon only served to show the steady nerves of the soldiers. Half a dozen times an officer would have his hand

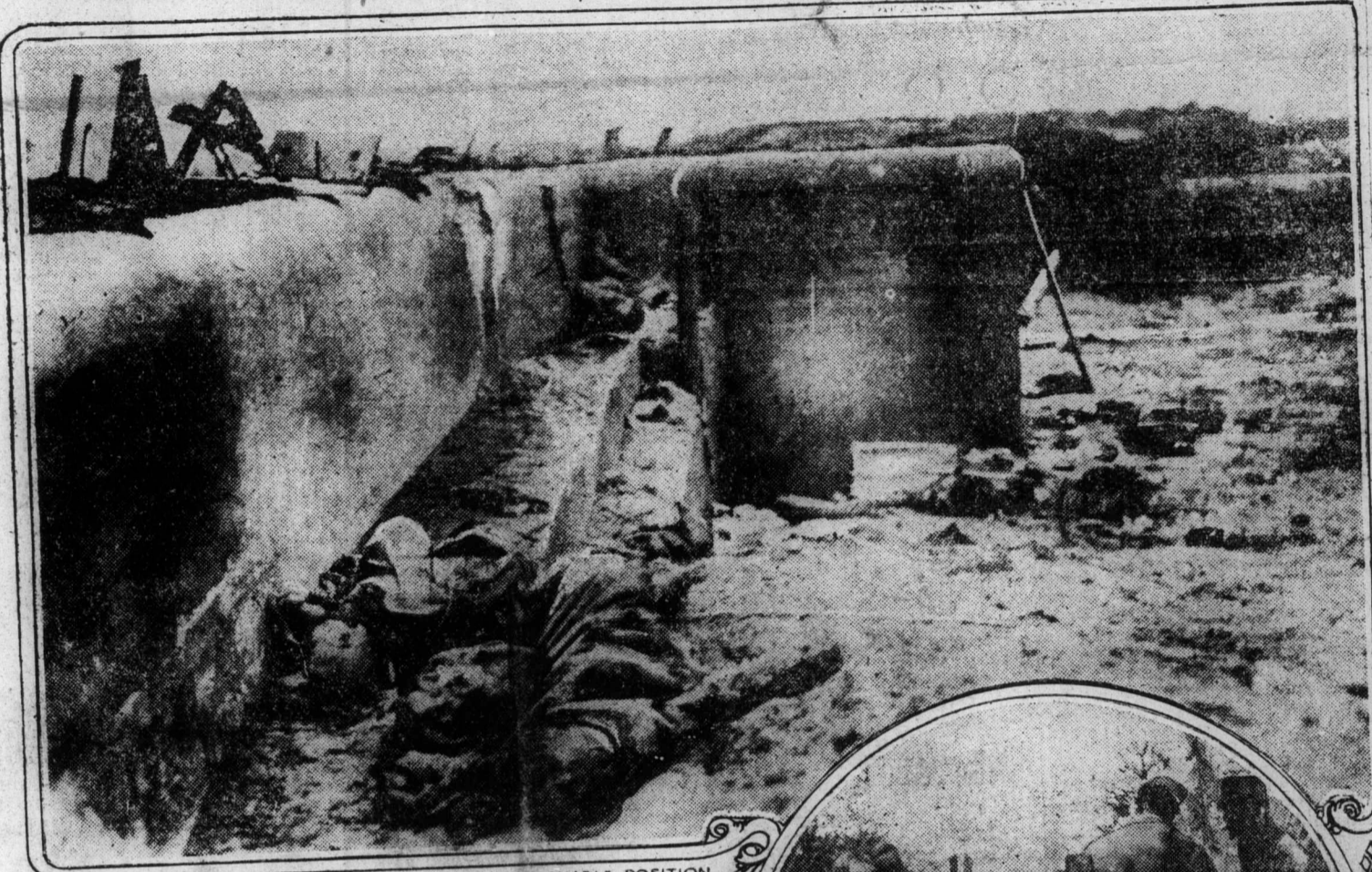
half way to his head in the motion of saluting when the cannon would fire off a shell. Yet in not a single case could be seen the slightest tremor; the motion of salute would be completed without even the pause of a fraction of a second. The "oh's" and "ah's" and little jumps of people in the crowd showed what amount of training they would have to endure to arrive at a like state of indifference to sudden and unexpected noise. Sharp at 2 o'clock, the parade left the armories on James Street. Just two hours and 14 minutes later the leading files passed the reviewing stand. General Logie and Col. Mewburn dismounted and took their place on the stand. Gen. Logie with Sir John Hendrie. First in order of the Overseas service came the Mounted Rifles under Lt. Col. Brooks. The men marched steadily. About two were on horseback, the rest on foot. They all swung past in perfect time and with the easy bearing of veterans.

Right on their heels came the Brantford section of the 84th, under Lieut.-Col. W. T. Stewart. The 84th Battalion have always earned the reputation of being good on the march. On Saturday they sustained it. Line after line moved past in perfect order, there was not a stumble or no man even slipped on the bad going. The band played a martial air, and after all the long march, there was no signs of fatigue.

The 86th Battalion, the Machine Gun Battalion, was next in order. The men carried rifles, as did the 84th, and the mounted men afoot, and there was nothing about them to in-

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A TEUTON CANNON AND DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY ONE OF ITS SHELLS



WHAT A 15 CENTIMETRE SHELL DID TO SUPPOSED IMPREGNABLE POSITION

IN ONE OF THE VICIOUS VERDUN DRIVES BY THE GERMANS THE KAISER'S ARMY WON A LINE FOUR MILES LONG AND TWO MILES DEEP AND WERE REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND PRISONERS. THE TREMENDOUS STRENGTH OF THE GERMAN GUNS HAS SHATTERED EVERYTHING BEFORE THEM THUS FAR, AND FROM THE ACCOMPANYING PICTURE A GOOD IDEA CAN BE GATHERED OF THEIR STRENGTH. HERE IS SHOWN A SUPPOSEDLY IMPREGNABLE FORT, WHICH WAS RENDERED USELESS BY A SHOT FROM ONE OF THE TEUTON 15-CENTIMETRE SHELLS.



THE GUN THAT DID THE WORK

GREAT AIR RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE IS CARRIED OUT TO-DAY BY ALLIED FLEET OF 65 SHIPS

Place Germans Use as a Sub Base is Severely Bombed - All the Ships Returned in Safety - Report That Some One Tried to Kill Premier of Bulgaria.

LONDON, Mar. 20.—Sixty-five allied aeroplanes to-day bombarded the Belgian coast town of Zeebrugge. All returned.

Zeebrugge is on the Belgian coast, twelve miles northeast of Ostend. Since the German occupation this port has become of considerable importance, particularly as a German submarine base. It is one of the principal points from which submarine operations in the North Sea are directed.

LONDON, March 20.—The following official statement was made: "In the early hours of this morning a combined force of approximately 65 British, French and Belgian aeroplanes and seaplanes, accompanied by 15 fighting machines, left and attacked the German seaplane station at Zeebrugge and the aerodrome at Houtave, near Zeebrugge.

Considerable damage appears to have been done. The machines on the average carried 20 pounds of bombs. All the machines returned safely. "One Belgian officer is reported seriously wounded. All the British machines referred to were naval."

A notable aerial raid was carried

out early to-day on the German seaplane station at Zeebrugge, Belgium, and the aerodrome there, a squadron of 65 machines, aeroplanes and seaplanes, making the attack. The British official announcement declares that considerable damage appears to have been done by the bombs dropped. The machines carried an aggregate of about 6 1/2 tons of these explosives, the statement indicates.

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTED.

LONDON, March 20.—An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Rome.

CANADIANS IN A TORPEDOED BOAT

By Special Wire to the Courier. LONDON, March 20, 2 27 p.m.—The sinking of a neutral and a British steamship, with loss of life, was announced to-day. The Norwegian steamer Langelle, 974 tons, was sunk and her engineer was killed; sixteen survivors were rescued. The British steamer was the Port Dalhousie. Her mate, pilot and five men were landed.

The remaining members of the crew are missing.

The Port Dalhousie was owned in Kingston, Ontario. The last report of her movements was her departure from Swansea, Wales, on February 10, for Dunkirk, France. She was 250 feet long, 1,744 tons gross and was built in Newcastle, England, in 1903.

The Port Dalhousie was owned by McClelland, Kingston, and some of her crew were Canadians.

Montreal March 20.—The steamer Port Dalhousie created a record by steaming down the St. Lawrence last year with a cargo of grain for Liverpool on December 13, the latest date at which a ship of her burden has used the river route.

5 OUNCES OF BUTTER PER WEEK

People of Berlin Thus Learn That Germany is at War.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, March 20.—(By wireless to Seyville)—The new regulations in regard to distribution of butter and potatoes went into effect to-day, and the people of Berlin are now able to purchase these supplies only on presentation of cards.

Each person will be permitted to purchase 135 grams (about 5 ounces) of butter weekly and 10 pounds of potatoes each twelve days.

It is understood this measure is a temporary one, to remain in force until the local shortage is remedied by better methods of distribution.

For the third time in a few months the Birkenhead magistrates have been presented with white gloves.

GERMANY DIVIDED

Resignation of Von Tirpitz May Bring About Much Trouble in Political Life in the Fatherland.

Although the Chancellor's Hand is Strengthened Yet Many are Against Him Over the Matter.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, March 19, via London, March 20.—The resignation of Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz is to be regarded less in the light of its bearing on the submarine campaign than as an affair of international politics. Not the question of how and to what extent the submarine weapon was to be used, but the question of the homogeneity of the German Government is involved in the resignation of the powerful statesman, who for almost twenty years has ruled the German navy department with an autocratic sway and has suffered no interference or supervision from without.

CHANCELLOR ATTACKED.

This statement by a careful, well-posted observer of German politics regarding the causes and results of the retirement of Admiral Von Tirpitz is borne out by the turn which the controversy over this withdrawal is now taking. The Conservatives and National Liberals, who have been admitted open opposition to the Imperial Chancellor almost since the outset of the war, suspecting that he did not share their views regarding the extent to which the fruits of the war should be garnered, have seized upon the occasion to start a campaign in Parliament against the Chancellor. The Conservatives, although sworn foes to all extensions of the Reichstag's prerogatives, have even by resolution exposed themselves to the charge of creating a precedent for the extension of parliamentary control into the realm of military and naval command.

"BIG BUSINESS ANGRY, TOO." The organizations of big business, such as the big six industrial leagues, which are behind the campaign, to force the Imperial Chancellor's hand on the annexation question, are showing Admiral Von Tirpitz with telegrams of condolence and assurances of their unshaken confidence, as well as hope that he may soon again resume his place at the head of the navy. Herr Basserman, member of the Reichstag, who is regarded as spokesman for this element, and who some

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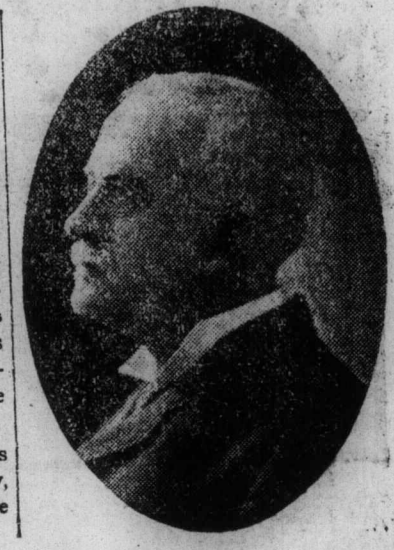
Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., Made One of Government Whips

Important Appointment Granted to Member for North Brant—The Whip Responsible For Seeing Members Are in Their Place or Paired Off.

Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., the popular member for North Brant, has been appointed one of the Government whips at Ottawa.

To the uninitiated, it may be explained that the position is a most important one, from a party standpoint. The whips have to see that the members are on hand, so as to avoid a snap vote at any time, to arrange for pairs—that is if one of the members on the Government side desires to absent himself, to see that he is offset by one of the Opposition members who will also not vote for the period named—and so on.

The post is one which requires much tact, watchfulness and affability, and Mr. Fisher possesses all of these attributes to a plus extent.



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