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SENATE FORCES COMPROMISE ON SOLDIERS' VOTES BILL HONORS FOR CANADIANS COMMISSION WILL PREVENT GRAFT IN WAR CONTRACTS

WAR CONTRACTS GRAFT AT END OFFENDERS WILL BE PUNISHED

Government Seeks Services of Commissioner of the Highest Standing—Civil and Criminal Court Actions Proposed—Garland and Foster Rejected by Premier.

OTTAWA, April 15.—While the prime minister stated in the house of commons this morning that the government had not decided whether the commission, which it will appoint to control the purchase of all war supplies, would be a one-man or three-man commission, it is understood now that the probability is that only one man will be appointed. He will be the highest man, in respect of character and ability, that the government can secure. Several names have been suggested, but it will be the early part of next week before any announcement is made. It will not be a high-salaried position, if, indeed, any salary is paid at all. It will be an opportunity for some big Canadian business man to render patriotic service of the highest value, and the invitation to accept the position will probably be made on that ground.

Job for Big Man.—A genuinely big man will be required for it will be a "man's job." He will have charge of the purchase and inspection of the war supplies, for which the \$100,000,000 has just been voted, and also of war supplies in large quantities for England and the allies. It is understood that some very large contracts from overseas are to be placed in Canada in the immediate future.

The cabinet held a two-hour session tonight, as several ministers are about to leave town for a few days. Hon. Dr. Reid and Hon. A. E. Kemp went to Toronto tonight. Hon. Robert Ross (Continued on Page 3, Column 4.)

SPIES SET FIRE TO BRITISH DOCKYARDS

Reported Fire at Portsmouth Works Believed Work of Germans.

GERMAN DENIAL

Mention of Occurrence Censored and Extent of Damage Concealed.

LONDON, April 15.—(Correspondence)—There was a rumor in London last night of a fire at the great government dockyards at Portsmouth, but the government smothered all enquiries with a prompt denial, and the rumor eventually eliminated all mention of the matter from press despatches.

It now appears that the fire was of a serious character, and came from the dockyard at Portsmouth, and that the extent of the damage is still being ascertained. It is the common belief in official circles that the fire was the work of incendiaries, presumably German spies.

Today a carefully worded notice was issued by the dockyard authorities, offering a reward of \$100 for the discovery of the incendiaries responsible for the fire at the building shop on the night of Jan. 31.

Opened at Disment's Restaurant. The latest shipment of Sporting Hats from the factory at Montreal, 144 Yonge Street, is an item of unusual interest to the particular drawers of the province and district. There will be another shipment of the same quality of hats, and the great work of the factory is now shown in the most convincing manner. The hats are made of the finest material, and are of the latest design. They are available at a special price, and are a real bargain. The factory is located at 144 Yonge Street, and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ROYAL CANADIAN INSTITUTE. C. D. Howe, University of Toronto, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Making of a Tree" in the building of the university, at 8 p.m.

Active Co-operation Is What is Needed

Chief Inspector Cowley Says There is Too Much Dust and Comings Clean-Up Idea.

Chief Inspector Cowley of the Board of Education said last night that the world was rendering excellent public service by calling upon the citizens of Toronto to clean up. He considered that while Toronto could not be called a dirty city by any means, it could not claim to be a clean city. There was too much dust allowed to blow thru the streets, carry disease germs. He believed the civic departments were doing good work, but the active co-operation of the citizens in general was called for by the world as an important factor in raising the general standard of public cleanliness.

DUTCH STEAMER TORPEDOED, ALL OF CREW SAVED

Vessel Carried Cargo of Grain Consigned to Government of Netherlands.

HOLLAND INDIGNANT

Demand That German Government Be Held Responsible for Outrage.

LONDON, April 15, 6:45 p.m.—The Netherlands steamer Katwyk, from Rotterdam, was torpedoed yesterday evening while anchored seven miles to the west of the Northlander lightship in the North Sea. The crew of 28 men were saved and taken aboard the lightship.

A despatch to Reuters from Flushing reports the arrival there of the crew of the Katwyk. The men say that while the night watch was being changed a severe shock was felt and the ship began to take water. As the steamer was sinking the crew took to the boats and while rowing away saw the periscope of a submarine, which quickly disappeared.

Sank in 15 Minutes. The Katwyk sank 15 minutes after the explosion. The steamer was a freight steamer. Built in 1902, she was 1287 net tons and 281 feet long. She sailed from Rotterdam March 26 for Rotterdam and passed Dover April 14.

Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent says the Katwyk had been lying at anchor for 15 minutes when she was torpedoed on the port side. The correspondent received a message from the Hook of Holland declares (Continued on Page 3, Column 5.)

SEEDING GENERAL THROUGH MANITOBA

Large Proportion of Rolling Land Seeded to Wheat This Week.

WINNIPEG, April 15.—Except in parts of the Red River Valley, where the ground is still too wet, seeding operations are general through the province, according to Prof. B. A. Bedford, deputy minister of agriculture.

"By Saturday a large proportion of the seeding land will be seeded to wheat," he said, "seeding to oats will not be general until about the beginning of May."

RUSSIAN OFFICER ON WAY TO MONTREAL

NEW YORK, April 15.—Among the passengers on the steamer Adriatic, which arrived here today from Liverpool, was Col. Alex. Tschekaloff, a retired officer of the Russian artillery and the active partner in the firm of Kaupé and Tschekaloff's Patent Bureau in Petrograd. Col. Tschekaloff will get on at Montreal where negotiations of war are being manufactured for the Russian army.

IMPORTANT WIN BY ALLIED ARMS NORTH OF ARRAS

Entire Ridge of Notre Dame de Lorette Taken From Germans.

MADE BAYONET ATTACK

Three Stubborn German Charges on Les Eparges Defeated.

Special to The Toronto World. PARIS, April 15.—What is ascribed by the French general staff as a "brilliant success" was gained by French troops over the Germans holding strong positions north of Arras today, the result of which completes a movement begun with a prosperous stroke as far back as in March.

The net result of the action was the capture of the whole spur southeast of Notre Dame de Lorette, in a dash-bayonet attack, which delivered the enemy into French hands. The victory gives Gen. Joffre control of the strong position of all the southeastern slopes as far as the outer woodland fringe of Albain St. Nazaire. One hundred and sixty prisoners were taken in the engagement, including several officers, three trench mortars and two machine guns also fell into the hands of the conquerors.

Repulse of attacks by German infantry at Thiépval, Boisselle, and the Breire wood were reported.

Fierce Fighting at Les Eparges. No less than three attacks on the eastern salient of the French position at Eparges were delivered by the enemy today, and as many times repulsed. At Sagetelle, in the Argonne, one of the principal German trenches, destroyed by artillery fire. A counter attack made on the newly won French position in the Montmarie wood was defeated. The French captured at this point two quick-firing, two trench mortars, a machine gun, several hundred rifles and much ammunition and hand grenades.

GERMAN IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS BOMBARDED BY FRENCH AVIATOR

Five Bombs Hit Buildings in Which Imperial Staff Was Installed at Mezieres and Charleville—Flying Squadron of Fifteen Machines Also Attacked German Military Buildings at Ostend With Complete Success.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, April 15.—The headquarters of the German imperial staff were discovered and bombarded by a daring French aviator today. They were hit by five bombs, with presumably satisfactory results. The official statement issued tonight by the French War Office is as follows:

"By way of a reprisal for the bombardment of Nancy by a Zeppelin, one of our aeroplanes dropped five bombs on the German headquarters. All the projectiles fell on the buildings in which the imperial staff were installed at Mezieres and Charleville.

"We also bombarded the station at Freilburg in Breisgau.

"A flying squadron of fifteen machines dropped bombs with complete success on the German military buildings at Ostend. Our aeroplanes were violently cannonaded but all returned unscathed.

"A German aviator dropped bombs on the hospital at Mourmelon."

GALLANTRY OF PATS' OFFICERS IS RECOGNIZED

Major Gault Made Companion of Distinguished Service Order.

RISKED LIFE IN RESCUE

Lieut. Colquhoun and Lieut. Hapineau Receive Military Crosses.

LONDON, Friday, April 16.—The King has approved the appointment of Major A. Hamilton Gault of the Princess Patricia's as a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty. The official records read: "For conspicuous gallantry at St. Eloi on Feb. 27 in reconnoitering quite close to enemy's position and obtaining information of great value for the attack carried out next day. On Feb. 28 Major Gault assisted in the rescue of wounded under the most difficult circumstances whilst exposed to heavy fire.

"The King has also conferred the military cross on Lieut. W. G. Colquhoun of the Princess Patricia's for conspicuous gallantry and resource on numerous occasions, especially at St. Eloi on January 26, when he rescued with assistance of one man a mortally wounded officer after three others had failed in the attempt, being under very heavy close range fire the whole time.

Again on February 27 at St. Eloi he rendered valuable assistance, on reconnaissance duty under very difficult and dangerous circumstances. The King also conferred the military cross upon Lieut. M. Hapineau, Princess Patricia's, for conspicuous gallantry at St. Eloi on February 28, when in charge of a bomb-throwers' trench he shot two of the enemy himself and then ran along a German sap throwing bombs therein."

Lieut. Colquhoun enlisted at Hamilton, Ont. He was reported killed in action, but later advices are that he is a prisoner.

VOTES FOR CANADIANS AT FRONT IF ASQUITH MINISTRY APPROVES CONCESSIONS FORCED BY SENATE

Bavarians Badly Beaten In Carpathian Battles

Attack on Russian Hill Positions Met With Complete Disaster—Advance Checked Half Way by Daring Muscovite Bayonet Charge.

BY FREDERICK RENNET Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, April 15.—General Litzinger's army delivered a tremendous counter-attack against the Russian left wing in its possession, and a large force of picked Bavarian infantry attempted to storm the Russian hill positions south of Kozolomka, dominating the Munkacs road. The Russians advanced from their trenches and met the attack half way. A fierce bayonet battle continued until after dark on the slippery hills. The Germans were driven southeast with terrible losses, and the Russians moved forward their general position here. A similar attempt, made by the Austrians on the extreme east, was immediately crushed. Continuous heavy battles are now raging from Uzsak westward, and Russian columns are beating the enemy back from the southern fringe of the Carpathians to the plateau where cultivation begins.

AUSTRIA DENIES PLEA FOR PEACE

Pope's Plea Instigated by Private Individuals, Says Officials.

LONDON, April 16.—A Petrograd despatch to The Daily Mail says: "While denying categorically that Austria has made any diplomatic advances to Russia, officials here admit that peace suggestions have come from the Pope, at the instigation of private persons in Austria-Hungary. This is General Obregon's summary of the result of the signing about Celaya where he reported today he had gained a decisive victory over the forces of General Villa. The ringing of church bells and the parading of soldiers and citizens conveyed the news of the reported Carranza victory to the public."

OBREGON CLAIMS DEFEAT OF VILLA

Five Thousand Dead Counted During Movement From Celaya—Citizens Rejoice

VERA CRUZ, April 15.—Five thousand of the enemy dead were counted during the movement northward from Celaya. Six thousand prisoners and forty field pieces were captured. This is General Obregon's summary of the result of the signing about Celaya where he reported today he had gained a decisive victory over the forces of General Villa. The ringing of church bells and the parading of soldiers and citizens conveyed the news of the reported Carranza victory to the public.

TWO ZEPPELIN AIRSHIPS RAID ENGLISH COAST

Bombs Dropped on Several Towns—Did Considerable Damage to Property, But No One Was Killed So Far as is Known.

LONDON, April 16.—(8:10 a.m.)—Two Zeppelin airships visited the east coast of England shortly after midnight, dropping bombs on several towns, doing considerable damage to property. As far as has been ascertained, only one person, a woman, was injured. It is said she was only slightly hurt.

The airships dropped four bombs on Malden, in Essex County, 30 miles northeast of London, but no damage resulted. Bombs were also dropped in the Hey Bridge basin, two miles across the river. These set fire to farm buildings. The airships came up the Black Water River and over the marshes and circled around.

BRITAIN HONORED LINCOLN'S MEMORY

Flags at Half Mast Flown at Embassy in Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The national capital observed with fitting ceremony today the fiftieth anniversary of the death of President Lincoln.

On all government buildings, post-offices, military posts, naval vessels and other government ships throughout the United States and the possessions and on American embassies, legations and consulates in every part of the world the flag was half-masted.

As a special tribute to the memory of Lincoln, flags were displayed at half-mast over the foreign embassies and legations here.

At the British embassy it was stated that the British Government was desirous of making a precedent in this case, because it was generally realized in England that by his wisdom and kindly spirit Lincoln had averted a possible war between the United States and Great Britain when the relations between the two countries were under severe strain.

Parliament's Prorogation Delayed Nearly Three Hours By Upper Chamber's Quibbling—Six Scrutineers to Go Overseas and Appoint Deputies—House's Concurrence Surprised Senate.

OTTAWA, April 15.—The senate and the house played battledore and shuttlecock with the soldier vote bill today, but in the end the measure was passed, and the royal assent was given nearly three hours after the time appointed for prorogation.

It was the delay over the bill which kept His Royal Highness waiting. At one o'clock this afternoon a motion was made in the senate to give the bill the six months' hoist, but when this was voted down the third reading followed immediately. The senate, however, tacked on two amendments. One of these provided for the appointment of six scrutineers, three by the prime minister and three by the leader of the opposition with authority to go overseas and appoint deputy scrutineers at the front. The second amendment provided that the measure should not come into effect so far as voting outside of Canada is concerned, except upon the certificate of Lord Kitchener that the law would not interfere with military efficiency.

Senators' Comments.—It is an open secret that the senate did not expect the house to occur in its amendments. However, the prime minister and Judge Doherty, the minister of justice representing the government, got in touch with Senators Dandurand and Spollock, the Liberal leaders in the senate. A compromise was effected. The house made a verbal change in the scrutineer section and provided that the law should not (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

GERMAN SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN HAS NO TERRORS FOR BRITAIN

Since it Started a Million Men Have Been Moved to France and Thousands of Horses Transferred From India.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, April 15.—Great pride is taken in the record during the eleven weeks since the German submarine campaign started. The admiralty transported more than a million men by water, and five men represent the total losses in the transport work of the admiralty since the beginning of the war. Another record has been established in the transport of horses from India, with the loss of only two. In the merchant marine more than 11,000 English merchant ships arrived at or sailed from English ports in the last eleven weeks, while less than forty English merchant ships have been victims of German submarines. In the same time the number of new ships launched for the English merchant marine makes the total number of ships and the total tonnage of England's merchant marine greater than before the "reign of terror."

Offer to Evacuate Belgium For Peace With Germany

Remarkable Proposal Submitted to King Albert by Count Von Buelow, Kaiser's Ambassador—Belgian Reply Not Announced.

AMSTERDAM, April 15.—(Via London, 8.30 p.m.)—The Rome correspondent of The Tijd says the German embassy in Rome has asked the Belgian Government, thru the Belgian legation to Italy, whether, in the event of the German armies evacuating Belgian territory, Belgium would remain neutral during the remainder of the war. The correspondent adds that Belgium's answer is unknown.

LIEUT. WILKINS RECOVERS

TRENTON, April 15.—Lieut. Harold Wilkins, a former Belleville resident, who was wounded while at the front with the Bedfordshire Regiment, in which he held a commission, has recovered. A recent cable received by his friends reads: "Lieut. Wilkins struck off seriously wounded list."