

CHANCELLOR IS CHEERFUL

Optimistic Review of the War Situation

Enemy Has Failed

None of Objectives Attained While Allies' Strength Grows on Land and Sea

London, June 18.—Introducing a vote of credit for £200,000,000 in the House of Commons today, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, reviewed the general war situation. Referring to the defeat of the Austrians on the Italian front, he said:

Short of First Day's Objectives.

"Our allies from Italian headquarters are that the enemy has not secured in three days the objectives which they had hoped to obtain the first day. And it is also true to say that no offensive on this scale throughout the whole war has at its initiation secured so little success."

"There is no doubt that our own and the French troops are giving a good account of themselves, and the Italians have been fighting throughout with the highest courage and the most marked tenacity. The Italians higher command is not yet over, but the government can express admiration and gratitude to the Italians for the share they have taken in the general struggle."

Speaking of the western front, Mr. Bonar Law said that British and French headquarters knew the positions to which the German divisions were being sent before the commencement of the offensive on March 21. He admitted that the attack had attained an amount of success which had caused the utmost anxiety.

"But," he added, "three months have passed, and although the battle is a continuous one, we can look back upon what has happened with some confidence."

Not One Objective Attained.

"In this whole campaign the Germans have had before them three great objectives. One was Paris; another was the Channel ports; the third was the defeat, if they could achieve it, of the allied armies and the breaking of the communications between British and French forces. Although the Allies have had to give ground, not one of the enemy's strategic objectives has been attained."

"I think if anyone in the early days of the struggle had suggested to Hindenburg that in three months the position would be what it is today, he would have treated the suggestion with scorn. There is clear and increasing evidence in the German press that they are coming disappointed with the success—great as it has been—which has attended the German arms so far."

"On the other hand, if we could have foreseen three months ago what the position is now, our anxiety would have been less."

The chancellor classed the battle of St. Quentin and the first battle of the Lys as great German successes, while the battle of Arras was one in which the British were entirely victorious. The same was true of the second phase of the battle of the Lys.

Regarding that part of the line held by the French, he said the first attack was a great victory for the Germans, but that later an immense attack was started which entirely failed in its object.

Kink in the Back

You bend over and can scarcely get straightened up again. This comes on you so suddenly you can't understand it.

This is lumbago. Like backache and rheumatism, it is the result of poisons in the blood. The kidneys are deranged, but the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will soon set them right. The pains and aches will disappear with the poisons when the kidneys do their work properly.

Corporal Webb's Military Medal

Parents in Rothesay Receive Decoration Won at the Front

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb, of Rothesay, formerly of Annapolis, Queens Co., have received the military medal awarded their son, Corporal R. Webb, for bravery on the field. Corporal Webb went overseas with the First Canadian

"I am sure that every member of the house realizes and is delighted to know that the American troops have been fighting and have justified the high hopes which everyone was acquainted with the character of the American people formed of what the fighting value of the present troops would be."

"Of course I cannot give you numbers. But the best way of making the house realize how big the change has been will be to read an extract from the minutes of the last supreme war council."

"Thanks to the prompt and co-ordinated co-operation of the President of the United States, arrangements which have been set on foot for the transportation and brigading of American troops will make it impossible for the enemy to gain victory by wearing out the Allied reserves, before he has exhausted his own."

The references to America were loudly cheered.

Mr. Bonar Law also wished it were possible to attract the general notice of the country to the work of the war service. There was no branch of British effort in the war, of which the people have reason to be proud. It had played throughout a magnificent part, not only in assisting the British troops but in helping Italy, and especially, the French in their long struggle.

Losses Below New Ships.

The submarine menace a year ago appeared to be the greatest danger the Allies had to cope with and was regarded by the Germans as a means to victory. All that was now changed, he declared.

The shipping figures, which would be published this week, would show that the world's ship construction for the first time exceeded the destruction. There was no doubting that, so far as human foresight could divine, of the country being starved into submission, and that the consideration had an important effect on the military position.

The chancellor again referred to the underlying strength of the Allies coming across the water, and said it would continue until the whole matter was thrown into the scale. What had already been done and has been done in the future, he said, was the extent of American military co-operation on the battlefield of France.

"The great fact of the present year was that the German hope of multiplying American help in the war was a mistaken hope."

Alluding to the present hull on the western front, he predicted that it was only the fall preceding a hurricane. But he had the greatest confidence in the moral courage of the allied and American troops and their readiness to face what was coming, despite all they had suffered and endured. Their morale had never been higher.

"Those responsible," he said in conclusion, "look to the future without alarm. If three months hence none of the strategic objectives which I have indicated has been attained by the Germans then their campaign will have failed, and despite their previous victories, will prove to be the most disastrous campaign in which they have engaged."

"The future of our country and of the world depends upon the next few weeks. But I have confidence that our soldiers and those of our Allies will not fail us. The house agreed to the vote of credit."

The War Bill.

London, June 18.—Great Britain's daily average expenditure during the current financial quarter was \$5,848,000, said Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, in introducing a vote of credit for £200,000,000 in the house of commons today.

The next quarter will show an increase to \$5,886,000.

Mr. Bonar Law said that the present vote, which would bring the total war credits to \$7,842,000,000 would cover expenditures until the end of August.

The debt due Great Britain from her allies is \$1,870,000,000. Mr. Bonar Law said, while the dominions owe \$206,000,000.

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HERE IN INTERESTS OF TOWN PLANNING

That the town planning scheme for the city of St. John is about completed, was the statement given out last night by Thomas Adams, town planning expert, of the commission of conservation, Ottawa, who arrived in the city yesterday.

A conference will be held by the town planning committee of the city today together with the special committee appointed by the municipal council at its last session, in order that details as yet unattended to may be settled.

St. John is really the pioneer in town planning in Canada," said Mr. Adams. "This city will be used as a model for other cities to follow in the town planning scheme."

Already the town planning commission has been giving special attention to the reconstruction of the devastated area in Halifax and the scheme proposed in this city is being followed out. The plans for the new houses to be built in this city and the city of Halifax are being drawn up along the lines of the commission's recommendations.

The county of Halifax has also taken up the matter of town planning and is preparing four 30,000-acre schemes for the districts contiguous to the city of Halifax, so that the whole area will be laid out concurrently.

On Thursday of this week Mr. Adams went to Port Borden, which in the future will be the gateway to Prince Edward Island. While there he will start the work in motion for the town planning scheme for the new town. Premier Borden has appointed a special town planning commission for the work and Port Borden promises to be a model city when completed.

The autumnal similar convention of town planning provinces will be held either in St. John or Halifax, so that all may be working in accord in this important effort.

HAWAIIAN MERCHANT FINED.

Give \$1,000 to Red Cross Because He Violated Food Regulations.

Washington, June 18.—The treasury of the American Red Cross is richer by \$1,000 as a result of the first reported violation of the food administration regulations in the Hawaiian Islands.

The administration announced that Al Leong, a Chinese merchant of Honolulu, has been permitted to suspend business for one week and donate \$1,000 to the Red Cross in lieu of further action on a charge of violating the rule regarding sale of flour and flour substitutes.

Naval Base Damaged.

London, June 18.—Extensive damage was done by British aeroplanes in the period between June 18 and June 19, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty today. The docks at Zebruggen, Ostend and Bruges, the Thourout railway station and airfield, the Ghislerville airfield and the Bourgeoisie work at Asstryke were targets for bombs dropped by the aviators.

Airmen Get 25 Machines.

London, June 18.—The official statement on aerial operations tonight reads: "On June 17 the enemy's machines were active on the northern portion of the British front, and there were many combats in the air, in the course of which we destroyed twenty-five German airplanes and drove three down out of control."

APPROVES OF PLAYGROUND PLAN

Common Council Disposed To Act In South End

Inquiring Into Cost

Decision on C. P. R. Tracks Again Deferred — August 2 Marks Limit For Tax Discount

A most sympathetic hearing was given by the council yesterday afternoon, at its meeting, to the delegates appointed to bring the matter of a playground for the boys of the south end of the city before the city fathers.

The spokesman of the delegation, on outlining the desires of those who had interested themselves in the project, was told that while the city might not feel disposed, at the present time, to acquire any additional land for the purpose of a playground, it certainly was of the opinion that the movement was a good one and it would be given the most sympathetic consideration.

The whole matter was referred to the committee of public works, with a request to enquire into it and report as to the probable cost of the improvements to the plot desired by the delegation.

Mr. Belding said that he thought between \$300 and \$500 would put the grounds in fairly decent shape for the purpose of an athletic field.

The report of the committee of the city was dealt with and passed as follows:

"That permission be granted to Scott Bros. Ltd., to erect an electric sign in front of their premises in King street upon their entering into the usual agreement and the sign being satisfactory to the city engineer."

That the commissioner of public safety be authorized to make such repairs to the city market building as may be necessary.

That the list prepared by the city engineer of persons who are building or erecting wells between the breakwater and the C. P. R. elevator be forwarded to the city engineer to be placed on a list of such persons under the fishery law as will compel them to remove the same as a right of fishing not having been sold by the city.

That the permanent men of the ferry department who are on the pay roll be given an increase not to exceed \$10 per month each, in the discretion of the commissioner of public safety.

That the Lloyds Plate Glass Insurance Company, Incorporated, be notified that the city refuses to consider the renewal of its license for the year ending June 30, 1918.

That the communication from William A. Smith requesting permission to remove a building in Harding street to the corner of Germain street be referred to the commissioner of public works, with power to permit the removal of the building under such conditions as he may think necessary.

That the Eastern Steamship Line, Inc., be notified that the council will not recede from the decision made by it with reference to the renewal of its license which terminated on the first day of May last.

The only clause in the report of the committee of the whole which produced an argument and division of opinion in the council was that dealing with the matter of the removal by the C. P. R. of their tracks from Germain street, West St. John. The report as proposed offered to the council by the committee of the whole was as follows:

That the request of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to have the time extended for a period of four years from the close of the war, for the removal of its tracks from Germain street be declined and that the city call upon the company to carry out their agreement or else to submit some other proposition."

The motion was put and Commissioner Hilyard and Fisher voted "yes" and Commissioner Bullock and the mayor voted "no."

It was moved that the matter be laid over until there was a full meeting of council, as Commissioner McEwan was absent from yesterday's session. This was seconded by Commissioner Bullock and passed.

A petition from the livery stable men of the city against the proposed increase in tax upon double and single vehicles in the city was read by the clerk. It was largely signed. The matter was referred

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TO TRY OIL SHALE

James H. Frink, provincial fuel administrator, is working diligently following up everything which gives promise of tending to relieve the coal scarcity. It has been estimated that there are about 200,000 tons of oil shale at the Alberte mines, in Albert county.

This shale is readily combustible, and a small quantity of this shale will be brought to the city this week, enabled to test its value for domestic purposes, and, if successful, it will be of great assistance. This shale is said to contain forty per cent. of oil.

Advices from Ottawa are to the effect that the ministry of shipping will be commencing work in regard to the freight rate on Welsh anthracite, which is available for export to St. John.

Peasage for Air Minister.

London, June 18.—A Peasage of the United Kingdom has been conferred on Sir William Weir, secretary of state for air forces, according to an official announcement here tonight.

Lemon Juice For Freckles

Girl! Make beauty lotion at home for a few cents. Try it!

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of each of white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very small cost.

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A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Miss Kelly Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.

News R. N. J.—"For about three years I suffered from nervous breakdown and got so weak I could hardly stand, and had headaches every day. I tried everything I could think of and was a great deal better for two years. A girl friend had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and she told me about it. I took it for two weeks and I feel better and able to do most any kind of work. I have been recommending the Compound ever since and give you my permission to publish this letter."—Miss FLO KELLY, 478 So. 14th St., Newark, N. J.

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By "BUD" FISHER

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