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EDITION

Allies' Line On Yser Too Strong For Enemy GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO CLOSE BARS OF PROVINCE

WOULD PUNISH CONTRACTORS TO THE LIMIT

Gen. Hughes Says Shooting Is
Too Good For Some.

IGNORES ALDERSON REPORT

Says He, Hughes, Can Make
Much Better Ones.

SCRAPS WITH COMMITTEE

Refuses To "Stand Impertin-
ence" From Hon. Charles
Murphy.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, March 31.—Major Gen. Hughes was the chief witness before the Parliamentary committee today, and some of his statements on the stand were characteristically interesting. The Minister of Militia began by reading a letter from Col. Currie, of the 48th, written from Salisbury, stating that the great majority of the Canadian troops issued to his men had given satisfaction. He also sent several samples of British boots, showing the effects of two weeks' wear.

The first complaints he had heard regarding the Canadian boots were while he was at St. John's, Que., toward the end of November. The Minister said he learned from Col. Gaudet, commander of the regiment there, that 25 or 30 pairs had gone bad on him.

He said that Wellington shot the man who made bad boots. If you will secure me the authority and find the man who deliberately supplied bad leather I shall have the greatest pleasure in dealing with him. The majority of the boots were good.

General Alderson's report on the Canadian boots was then mentioned. "When he made this report," said General Hughes, "he had probably never seen half a dozen pairs of them in his life. He made his report on reports made to him. A large number of our boys are still wearing the Canadian boots."

Sir George Perley's report, the minister went on, was also based on reports submitted to him.

Stating Facts.
"Do you mean to say these reports are false?"
"I am not commenting on them; I am stating facts."

The minister said he had taken no action on the Alderson complaint.

"They had already issued the English boot or I should have stopped it, because our Canadian boot is better for walking."

"I am giving Sam Hughes' opinion, not General Alderson's," exclaimed the minister in reply to another question from Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald then cited to the findings of the regimental boards.

"Oh," said the minister, "they saw (Continued on Page Three.)"

Were To Have Wedded Today



Advertiser Illustrations.
SERGT.-MAJOR BURLEIGH-PRICE. MISS GRACE HANSON.

Austrian Attempted To Get Canadian Transport Sunk

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, March 31.—How an Austrian member of the ship's orchestra was caught in the act of signalling from the transport Misrahee as it was approaching the English shore, with the presumed intention of getting information to a German submarine that the 23rd Battalion was aboard, is related in a letter just received from Sergeant Burleigh-Price, who has many friends in Montreal. The letter, dated March 13, was from Shoreham Barracks, Kent, England.

HANG GERMAN MURDERERS IS AMERICAN PRESS ADVICE

Sun, Tribune and Times Condemn Sinking of Falaba and
Aguila As Cold-Blooded Murder—Public Indig-
nation Demand Protest From Washington.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, March 31.—The New York newspapers, commenting editorially on the sinking by German submarines of the steamers Falaba and Aguila, in which the lives of many non-combatants were lost, condemn in strongest terms this latest outrage. The Sun, under the caption, "If Not Murder, What Is It?" says Germany's development of her military policy has been marked by certain events which have counted incalculably in the formation of neutral opinion adverse to the German cause.

Worse Than Piracy.
The Sun continues: "This wanton destruction of innocent human life undertaken avowedly for the purpose of terrorizing the British public and paralyzing commerce of all sorts within the region in which Germany has declared the suspension of the ordinary laws of civilized warfare, may not technically constitute murder; that is, in the view of municipal law. It may not constitute piracy, according to the strict definition of that odious term; for the pirate claims no national flag, while these homicidal proceedings near the Welsh coast were conducted under the flag of the German Empire, and by naval officers regularly commissioned by a German Emperor, who acknowledged his partnership with the God of Justice and Mercy in the direction of military operations by land and sea. Yet if it is not piracy, in its elemental relation to the civilized code of warfare, what is it?"

What Is It?
"If it is not deliberate murder in all the essentials which distinguish that crime from the destruction of human life incidental to carrying on war in the recognized way, what is the right name for the crime?"

"If the vocabulary of Berlin contains a more exact term than 'piracy' or a less unpleasant synonym for the word 'murder' with which to describe the slaughter of the men and women in the latest victory of the German submarine fleet, it would be good policy to produce the mitigating definition without delay."

The Contest Bulletin

Think success—it's contagious!

See Canada first—get your nomination in today.

Daily nomination blank on Page Thirteen of this edition. Time still good to enter the contest.

Your chance to win is as good as that of anyone else. Opportunity knocks at your door. Do it now! Enter without handicap.

Daily voting ballots appear in both morning and evening city editions. Save all your ballots. Your favorite candidate will be around after them later.

Before the war The Advertiser agreed to join a Dominion-wide syndicate of Canadian newspapers in offering to Canadian girls a trip across Canada and to the Panama-Pacific Exposition in the summer of 1915. The Advertiser could have legally withdrawn under the changed conditions. BUT THE ADVERTISER REFUSED TO TREAT AN AGREEMENT AS "A SCRAP OF PAPER." The Advertiser has been "a good sport." Be one yourself. Get into the race.

AUSTRIAN LOSS 18,000 IN DAY

Swiss Newspapers Hear This
Was Result At Lyutta
Valley.

4,000 KILLED IN AN HOUR

Troops Said To Be Demoral-
ized As Result of Huge
Losses.

[Canadian Press.]
Geneva, via Paris, March 31.—Austrian losses in Lyutta Valley and the Province of Berge (Northwest Hungary) on the day of March 29 are estimated at 18,000, according to dispatches received by Swiss newspapers. These figures state that a column of 4,000 Austrians was annihilated in less than an hour during a desperate action in Berge Province, six miles north of Veretzke. Austrian troops in this territory are reported to be demoralized as the result of their enormous losses.

More Bombarding of Dardanelles

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 31.—A Reuter dispatch from Constantinople, by way of Berlin, says the allied fleet has resumed its bombardment of villages near the outer forts of the Dardanelles. The Turkish aviators are making daily reconnaissances.

"SOME NOISE, BUT THIS IS THE LIFE"

Son of Iderton Man Had a
Close Call From Death
at Battlefront.

"FLOPPED IN A CREEK"
Only Way To Escape Rain of
Bullets When Machine
Gun Opened Fire.

David Williams, of Iderton, has received the following letter from his son Norman, who is with the 48th Highlanders at the front. Mr. Williams' other son, Morris, is in the 27th Regiment. The letter is optimistic, and tells of a close call from death when the Iderton man and his companions were fired upon by a machine gun while crossing an open space. The communication reads:

On Service in France.
March 11, 1915.
Dear Dad,—Received yours of yesterday, February 24th. I haven't seen Morris yet. In fact, we don't see much of our own battalion except our own company. We are billeted about 300 yards in the rear of the firing line, and the shells are falling over us nearly all the time. Some noise, but this is the life.

The farmers go on working their land as of old, and I think some of them go on sniping at night for the Germans. It's hard to trust anyone here.

We came out of the trenches the other night in small parties, and while crossing an open space, shot a rocket, and hit went a machine gun on us, and I flopped in a creek. We all managed to get away without a scratch, but I lost my hat. Our trenches are 80 yards from the Saur Krauts, and we have a listening post about 60 yards from them with two feet of mud and some barbed wire. We are plastered all over with clay.

The Canadian artillery are playing havoc with the Germans, and everything is going much better. I don't think it will last much longer. This country is certainly in a mess, most of the buildings being blown to pieces.

The other day the Germans stuck up a card saying: "We are from Montreal," and we filled it with holes.

I got a rap on the mug from the top of a frozen pond from the top of our trench, but it is not bad. You have to keep your nut down pretty well through the day, as the Germans are good shots, but they won't amount to much after we are through with them. We had a bath today and got rid of some mud and "crumbs."

NORMAN WILLIAMS.

LORD ROTHSCHILD DIES IN BRITAIN

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 31.—Lord Rothschild, head of the English branch of the Rothschild family, died in London today.

Nathaniel Mayer Rothschild, first baron Rothschild, was born November 8, 1810, eldest son of the late Baron Lionel de Rothschild, and was created an English peer in 1885. He was head of the London banking firm of N. M. Rothschild & Sons, and was head of the British branch of this well-known family of international bankers. Baron Rothschild was widely known for his great wealth and his philanthropic labors also won him fame. He was the first member of the Jewish faith ever elected to the British Parliament, where he represented Aylesbury from 1885 to 1885, the year he was made a peer.

BROTHER KILLED IN FRANCE, PTE. NELSON IS EAGER FOR FRONT



Advertiser Illustrations.
Pte. James Nelson, D Company, 18th Battalion, brother of Lance-Corp. Peter Nelson, of the 1st Canadian Contingent, who was killed in one of the trenches on the firing line in France on March 2, Pte. Nelson has another brother on the firing line from whom he is anxiously awaiting word.

SUBMARINE MAY HAVE BEEN SUNK

French Cruiser Ran Over It
as It Dived Below
Water.

OIL SEEN ON SURFACE
Shots Had Been Fired at Craft
Before It Went
Down.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, March 31.—A statement indicating that a German submarine may have been sunk by a French cruiser was given today by the ministry of marine. It is as follows:

"Yesterday afternoon a French light cruiser sighted a German submarine manoeuvring on the surface off Dieppe. The cruiser immediately gave chase, forcing the submarine to dive, firing meanwhile at the periscope, and turning in order to ram it with the bow.

"The cruiser passed above the submarine at the moment the periscope disappeared, and from the spot where the submarine was last seen quantities of oil floated to the surface."

Paris, March 31.—Via London, 3:15 p.m.—The official communication from the war office this afternoon was limited to the following brief statement: "The modification of the situation has been reported since the last communication."

GERMAN REPORT.

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, March 31.—At the war office today, the following announcement was made: "West of Pont-a-Mousson, French attacks near and east of Reims, and in Le Preire forest were repulsed. The enemy sustained heavy losses, and at only one place to the west of the forest of Le Preire is the engagement still continuing."

Three Towns Bombed.
Hostile aviators yesterday threw bombs on the Belgian towns of Prizes, Ghiesbeld and Contrail, without doing any damage to military establishments. In Contrail, near a hospital, one Belgian was killed, and one wounded.

"On the Russian frontier, in the district north of Memel, the banks of the river were cleared of the enemy. The Russians were defeated near Taugog, and the enemy retreated in the direction of Szkaudvys.

Russians Repulsed.
"Russian forces, which, during the last few days, advanced north of the Augustow forest against the German position, were repulsed by Germans who advanced into the forest lake district near Sejny. The number of Russians taken prisoners in the engagement near Krasnopol and to the north and east was increased by 500. Near Klimki, on the Skwa 220 more Russians were captured."

NIGHT REPORT.

PARIS (via London), March 30.—11:50 p.m.—The following official communication was issued this evening:

"During the night of March 29-30 the enemy continued to make efforts to bombard the Neuport bridges.

"There has been an intermittent cannonade on the entire front from the sea to the coast of the Argonne.

"In the Argonne fighting continues at several points with tenacity and without appreciable results to either side.

A New Club

A new club, called the "Trace It Back Club," has been formed in Albany.

The object of the club is to find out whether there is any truth in "They say so" stories.

The Buffalo Times suggests a better name would be, "Don't Listen to It" and "Don't Tell It."

Albany is not peculiar in this respect.

Every place needs protection against the slanderer.

Many a man has been ruined, "While they" who could have saved, stood by.

And say him perlish with a lie."

HANNA LIQUOR BILL PASSES

Liberal Amendment To Close
All Bars During War
Defeated.

USUAL PARTY MAJORITY

Warm Debate Lasting Ten
Hours Preceded Final
Vote.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, March 31.—By a vote of 69 to 23, the Ontario Legislature at 3:10 this morning carried through its final stages the liquor license bill of the Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary. The vote was preceded by a warm debate lasting ten hours.

The debate was on the amendment offered by Mr. Proudfoot, of Centre Huron, which suggested closing all drinking places, hotels and clubs during the war; that only a majority vote of the electors of the province at the close of the war shall permit the reopening of any of the drinking houses, that local option be made county-wide.

1ST BATTALION PLAYED
FINE PART IN ATTACK
ON NEUVE CHAPELLE

Lieut. Chester Butler Writes
Home—Sent Sprig of
Shamrock Along.

Letters received from Lieut. Chester Butler by his parents, contained a sprig of shamrock which all the British soldiers wore on March 17, as the gift of the Queen.

Lieut. Butler tells of the part of the 1st Battalion in the attack on Neuve Chapelle. He said that they kept up a tremendous fire while the attack was proceeding, but that the actual attack was made to the right. The object of the heavy fire was to prevent the Germans in the trenches opposite from going to the assistance of the defenders of Neuve Chapelle.

The officers at the front urge the necessity for experienced officers with the forces to come over.

Most of the London officers are well, waxing fat in fact, with the exception of Capt. Watson, who has gone back to England because of rheumatism in the ankles.

At the time of writing on March 17 the Canadians had just come out of the trenches after a stay of four days.

The artillery is doing splendid work, says the officer.

C. M. R. MEN HAVE MUMPS.—Eleven of the C. M. R. men were in the hospital at the fair grounds with mumps and have been isolated in order that their comrades may not get the disease also.

The question of securing additional hospital accommodation for the treatment of cases not serious enough to be sent to Victoria Hospital will be taken up at headquarters shortly, and it is likely that two 50-bed marquees will be equipped. There have been no further outbreaks of meningitis and all the "carriers" who are now receiving treatment will be freed in a few days.

Honesty Pays
An Ingersoll woman in the city on Monday wanted a copy of The Advertiser's evening edition, and called little Henry Foxworthy, 561 William street, to her side. Opening the paper, she handed two coins to the boy and started for the station.

Yesterday she discovered that she had handed the newspaper to a Canadian cad, and she notified The Advertiser. A notice was placed on the newspaper's bulletin board in the office, and within a short time the gold piece was in the possession of The Advertiser's circulation department.

Henry did not go unrewarded, however. The Advertiser paid him \$1 at the direction of the Ingersoll woman, and forwarded the balance of the money to her. So that for one paper he received \$1.01.

GERMANS GIVE UP PLAN FOR BREAKING THROUGH ON YSER

Enemy Making New Effort Along Fortified Franco-German
Border—Carpathian Battle Rivals Dardanelles
Fight in Its Political Possibilities.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 31.—The battle of the Carpathian passes now rivals the bombardment of the Dardanelles in political possibilities. German experts assert that the efforts being made by Russia are of such vital importance politically that the supreme command of the Teutonic allies is justified in exerting every effort to check the invader there.

According to this view of the situation, a sudden and dramatic influx of Muscovite hosts through the Carpathians into Hungary might stir the Balkan nations to action long before the tedious attack of the allied fleet on the Dardanelles attains anything approaching a definite result.

No Early Capitulation.
Petrograd has officially warned the Russian people not to expect an early capitulation of Constantinople. There are no signs, however, that the allied fleet has given up the attack, as battleships are again shelling the outer defences of the straits, while the Russian assault on the Bosphorus has merely been interrupted by a thick fog.

Still Bombard Nieuport.
At the same time the continued bombardment of Nieuport indicates that the Germans are still opposing any extension of the allied line along the Belgian coast. Internally, Britain is still concerned with the labor and drink situation. The Liverpool dockers show no indication of receding from their demands. Commercial bodies are coming forward with offers to back the Government in drastic action against the drink evil, while the liquor interests are beginning to express fear of severe Government regulations.

BECK DESCRIBES GRAY'S LINE AS "WILDCAT" AND PREVENTS IT FROM SECURING CHARTER

Interests of London's Two Conservative Members Have a
Head-On Collision in the Railway Committee at
Toronto—Sir Adam Has "Come Back."

The interests of London's Conservative member in the Dominion House, William Gray, and London's Conservative member in the Provincial House, Sir Adam Beck, had a head-on collision in the railway committee of the Ontario Legislature yesterday.

The hydro-railway project, organized by Gray for an extension of its charter, Mr. Beck and his supporters are opposing its extension of time for construction.

Calls It "Wildcatting."
But Sir Adam Beck, though otherwise, and he was able to dump Mr. Gray's radical apple cart on the plea that the proposed line would interfere with the hydro-railway project. He described the Gray proposal as "the wildest kind of wildcatting."

G. W. Thurston, representing the municipalities concerned, said there was no doubt that the people wanted the railway, and that they had spent \$57,000 in promoting it.

Most of the municipalities through which the road would run have voted in favor of the line.

Sir Adam's "Come Back."
Sir Adam's "Come Back," however, that the proposed hydro-railway would be interfered with was successful in having the time extension refused.

Mr. Gray recently challenged the Beck domination of the Conservative party in London, and was able to win the nomination despite every effort of Sir Adam and his followers to "kill him off." That the feud will become more bitter than ever following Sir Adam's "come back" is certain.

"Billy Gray won't forget that," said one of his friends, "Beck has been trying to kill him off for years, but Billy is the strongest man of the two in London at the present time."

WEDDING WON'T BE HELD TODAY IN MANITOBA NOW

Miss Hanson Says Marriage to
Sergt.-Maj. Burleigh-Price
Is Off For Present.

CEREMONY TO BE IN N. Y.
Expected Nuptials
Immediately.

Regimental Sergt.-Major Price, of the 18th Battalion, left for Toronto yesterday afternoon intending to be married there today to Miss Grace Hanson, of the "Bringing Up Father" company.

The wedding was postponed, however, because of the outbreak of the war, and the wedding will not take place until my return to New York, and, perhaps, not until after the war is over.

My parents live in New York. I was born and brought up there, and I promised my parents I would not take any such step, unless it was with their approval. So, when I am married, it will be in New York, at my own choice.

Miss Hanson says that her theatrical engagements will keep her in Canada for at least two months, so the wedding cannot take place before that.

BARRIE OFFICER WOUNDED IN LEG

Casualty List Contains Name
of Captain G. R.
Rogers.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, March 31.—The following casualties are announced today:

Princess Patricia's C. L. I.
Killed in action—March 25, No. 1627, Private Arthur Arthur Strips. Next of kin, W. Strips, Brandon, South Wales.

Wounded—March 25, No. 5123, Private Duncan McPhee. Next of kin, Kenneth McPhee, Glenale, Isle of Skye, Scotland.

Third Battalion.
Wounded—March 26, No. 5940, Private William Henry May. Next of kin, Mrs. Charles May, Aylesbury, Eng.

Fourth Battalion.
Wounded—Captain George R. Rogers, Barrie, Ont.

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.—Clearing house figures for the past month in London were \$4,411,196. For the same period of time during last year the figures were \$5,940,001.

HINTS on the
GROWING of
VEGETABLES
From time to time readers will find articles in a series on gardening on the woman's page. They are written by an expert.