

# PEOPLE OF INDIA WILL SUPPORT EMPIRE UNTIL END OF WAR REGARDLESS OF SACRIFICES

## TWO LINES OF GERMAN TRENCHES, 400 PRISONERS TAKEN IN FIERCE HAND TO HAND STRUGGLE

Petrograd, Feb. 25, via London, Feb. 26.—An official communication issued this evening says:

"On the Niemen sector from Kovno to Olita, our vanguards have progressed a long distance from the river. In the region of Sventvianski-Goja, the left bank of the river was occupied by the Germans, who made a small detachment of infantry to the right bank near Sventvianski. The battle is progressing in this region.

"On the left bank of the Niemen, north of Grodno and the Upper Boho, fighting continues in the Stabline region.

"The artillery of the fortress of Osowetz has successfully withstood the fire of the German batteries in the approaches to the fortress.

"On the right bank of the Narva actions have occurred along the whole front. The enemy is concentrating there his principal efforts in the direction of Novo Grodsk and Prasnysk. Our troops have repulsed the German attacks in many sectors with heavy losses for the enemy, and have counter-attacked vigorously. German attempts to cross the River Orza.

"The Germans defended fiercely a farm near the village of Krasnoseltz, which was captured after a great struggle at six o'clock in the evening of the 24th. Only 150 Germans of the garrison of this point of support survived. They surrendered.

"On the left bank of the Vistula on Feb. 24th the Germans assumed the offensive in the region of the farm at Mogheli. Our troops, by an impetuous advance, seized their positions and, after a hand-to-hand struggle, captured their first and second lines of trenches, making prisoners of seven officers and four hundred soldiers and some machine guns.

"Our artillery fire dispersed three battalions of Germans from Holimow, who had come to reinforce the enemy.

"The battles in the Carpathians continue.

"In Galicia a desperate fight took place on the Tschetchva river, where, by a night attack, we dislodged the Austrians from the village of Lukha and on the rivers Zolottaya, Bystritsa and Vorona. The Austrians, overwhelmed by our fire near the villages of Vatchnets and Poluje, fled in disorder, the bodies of their dead being heaped in the defiles near these villages.

"A counter-attack, which we delivered with the bayonet near the village of Podpeshary, succeeded in throwing the Austrians back, after a desperate encounter."

## SOOTHING DYING MOMENTS OF A GERMAN SOLDIER.



"THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE BRITISH"—AN INCIDENT ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

Concerning this incident, drawn especially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, a British soldier at the front in a letter says:—"I stopped for a few seconds by the side of a German who was dying. He was in great pain, and when I asked what I could do for him he said in a pathetic tone that went to my heart, 'Nothing unless you would be so good as to hold my hand until all is over.' I gave him my hand and stayed to the end. It seemed to comfort that poor chap a lot. He was able to speak good English, and we had quite a pleasant chat, considering the circumstances. He thought the war would last another year at least, but had no doubt that his own country would be beaten in the end. 'Our people didn't make enough allowance for the fighting spirit of the

## TREATMENT OF INDIA'S SOLDIERS APPRECIATED

London, Feb. 25.—A special despatch from Delhi says:

"At a meeting today of the legislative council of India, Lord Hardinge, the viceroy, presiding, a resolution by Mr. Madhu Das expressing gratitude and loyalty to the King for his personal attention to the Indian soldiers at the front and in the hospitals was adopted unanimously. The resolution also declared it to be the unwavering determination of the people of India to support the war regardless of the sacrifices involved.

"The viceroy addressed the council in reply and promised to convey the message to the King-Emperor."

## DENIES HE TRIED TO MAKE PROFITS OUT OF WAR CONTRACTS

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—"I say to you now in the plainest language that you can use, that your insinuations are false and cowardly, and I say further that I made no representation of any sort as to these profits, and you know that I did not."

Letter from Wm. F. Garland, member for Carleton, Ont., to H. W. Brown, director of contracts.

The letter containing this paragraph forms part of a mass of official correspondence dealing with militia contracts in the House today.

Mr. Garland's repudiation had to do with what he regarded as an intimation that he was personally interested in the profits on large orders for field dressings, profits which the auditor General found to be so high that an effort was made to obtain a refund.

On August 22nd, the Director-General of medical services made a requisition for thirty thousand field dressings for the Canadian troops. The order went to the firm of Bauer and Black, of Chicago, through an Ottawa druggist, as their agent, Mr. E. Powell, who was recommended to the department by Wm. F. Garland, M. P.

## WELSH HAD WHITE AT HIS MERCY DURING BETTER PART OF BOUT

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 25.—Freddie Welsh outboxed Charlie White in a ten round no-decision boxing contest at the Auditorium tonight, according to the almost unanimous opinion of sporting writers. Welsh appeared to have had the advantage of five rounds, the third to seventh inclusive. White shaded his opponent in the ninth and tenth, and the first, second and eighth appeared to be even.

The Englishman had White at his mercy during most of the fight, being fast and clever and getting away with-out punishment. White was slow and seemed unable to solve Welsh's whirlwind style of attack. In the earlier rounds Welsh set a brisk pace, but found White willing to mix with him at all times. White waited carefully for openings, in the evident hope of shooting in the short left hook for which he is famous, but the champion's shifty footwork and clever blocking made many of his efforts of no avail.

Earl Yingling has a three year contract with the Cincinnati club and seems sure of his money whether he plays or not. Yingling has balked on making the trip to Salt Lake City, but has agreed to play with an American Association club if Herrmann can arrange it. Garry is now trying to make a deal.

## LIBERALS SUDDENLY BECOME ECONOMICAL

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Referring to the administration of the Post Office Department the government, in his county, had established over 700 miles of rural mail route.

Previous to 1911 rural routes were only established here and there through political pull. An opposition member could not get a route established in his county. Now the advantage of the rural mail had been given to the farmers, irrespective of any political pull.

## TOOK COMMAND OF THE EVELYN ON A WAGER

Capt. Smith Posted Bet He Would Take the Steamer Through Mine Fields Around British Isles.

The Evelyn fell under the command of Captain David Smith through a wager which he posted with a friend, an official of the United Fruit Company, who had remarked in Captain Smith's presence that the vessel was tied up at a pier in Brooklyn for an indefinite period because nobody could be found who stood willing to navigate her through the treacherous mine fields.

The little vessel had been under the command of one skipper for many years. Running in the trade between Philadelphia and Galveston, he became so pleased with the vessel as a home that he is said to have refused several tempting offers to command a larger craft. When she was booked for a voyage to Bremen he refused point blank to continue the command.

"Considerable trouble was experienced in the search for another captain until the matter was brought to the attention of Captain Smith. The official of the United Fruit Company jokingly remarked that he was willing to post a wager that Captain Smith would not attempt the voyage.

"Get me the job and I will post any amount of money that I am willing to take her out," said Captain Smith.

The command was obtained for him. Even then his friends expressed the belief that he would not attempt the voyage. Wagers were posted and Captain Smith cleared the Evelyn for Bremen on January 29.

Captain Smith makes his home with his father, a retired sea captain, at Marlborough, N. Y. He is about forty years of age and took up the sea as an apprentice on a "windjammer" when he was a mere lad. He worked in various capacities aboard sailing vessels for many years and finally took employment as third officer on board one of the vessels of the United Fruit line, where his father is said to have been employed before his retirement.

He quickly worked his way up until he obtained his master's certificate and was looked on as one of the most careful and competent navigators in the company's service. He had no difficulty in obtaining the command of the Evelyn and it was generally believed that he, if any one, would be able to pilot her safely into Bremen.

With the exception of Captain Smith most of the other men of the crew lived in Philadelphia. Charles Tubman, chief engineer, and Charles Koebnick, first assistant engineer, both of Philadelphia, are the only men aboard who are well known in New York shipping circles.

## FRENCH MINISTER OF WAR PRAISES UNITED KINGDOM

M. Millerand is Astounded at Results of War from Military Effort of Great Britain.

Paris, France, Feb. 25.—On returning to Paris after his visit to England, M. Millerand attended a cabinet council. It is stated in the Gaiette that in the course of the statement made by M. Millerand to the army committee of the Senate respecting his visit to England, he declared that he was absolutely astounded at the results obtained by the military effort of Great Britain. It completely surpassed his hopes and justified the confidence which France had always felt in the courage of the British army and in the irresistible power of the British fleet.

The Temps in a leading article on the united efforts of the Allies, after giving tribute to Great Britain for the success of her fleet in the North Sea, speaks of the military effort which, it says, a few months ago would never have been expected of her.

She has already sent us, states the paper, her regular army, her Indian troops; the other portions of the Empire have added their contingents, and their gifts. This British force has been strengthened and developed. This might have been foreseen. But the strong purpose of Great Britain to insure final victory, no matter what sacrifices are demanded to bring about this result, has shown itself in a more unexpected and grand way. A new army has been organized, created by Lord Kitchener. This army consists actually of 10 army corps, the first detachments of which are already in France. M. Millerand, during his recent visit to England, saw troops ready to start, and he was able to express his admiration at the magnificent results of British energy, results all the more remarkable when it is remembered that these new armies have had to be furnished with equipment with guns and small arms, none of which existed.

Great Britain has manufactured all this war material, providing at the same time for the needs of Russia and France, which these countries were unable to meet themselves owing to the mobilization order. Besides these efforts, troops were sent to Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Africa, to deal with the accomplices of Germany. The further organization of military units in Great Britain goes to prove that in a few months time the British military strength on the continent will be 1,000,000 men; if this is not sufficient, adds the Temps, the English government has declared that it will not hesitate to have recourse to conscription.

## BEGIN PAYING EMPRESS CLAIMS NEXT MONTH

London, Feb. 25.—It is expected that Canadian claimants on the Empress of Ireland Mansion House Fund will begin to get a settlement of their claims by the end of March. This statement was made by the Public Trustee today. Complaint has reached the Montreal Gazette representative that although English claimants have been settled since the closing of the fund in the latter part of 1914, Canadians were being kept waiting.

The explanation of the delay on the part of the trustees was that a proposed Canadian committee, to be formed in Montreal, had not been appointed, although the Dominion government had been invited to form one whose function would be merely to distribute claims already adjudicated upon here, and advise on cases requiring local investigation. The original proposal was that the Salvation Army might act as a Canadian agency, since this body had received a large number of claims both from their own members and others.

In this acting, the army received the support of the Canadian Pacific officials, and owing to their needy circumstances several claimants have been paid considerable amounts in anticipation of reimbursement. Such a refund is impossible, however, until a local committee is appointed.

The Montreal Board of Trade was requested to administer the fund with the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Salvation Army representative, but declined to do so, since which time the matter seems to have remained in abeyance, although it is understood that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy thought the Canadian Pacific and the Army could have undertaken it.

The number of claimants in Canada is less than one hundred, and on both sides is less than anticipated, as a number of foreign claims have lapsed owing to the war which has scattered aliens.

## MARRIED.

HEINE-McALLISTER—In this city, on February 25, 1915, Rev. Dr. Roe coe Heine to Miss Annie J. McAllister by Rev. Wellington Camp.

GRIBBLE-CURREY—At the home of Alice Taylor, East St. John, on the 25th inst., by Rev. William Waisace Malcolm, Mary Ellen Curry to William Gribble, both of East St. John.

CARPENTER-HANSON—At 270 Guilford street, West End, on the 25th inst., Herman Smith Carpenter, of Manawagonish Road, to Miss Mary Hanson, of this city, by Rev. A. J. Archibald.

## DIED.

CROTHERS—At the residence of her son-in-law, T. H. Estabrooks, on the 25th inst., Eleanor, widow of Captain Thomas Crotthers of Upper Gagetown, leaving three sons and two daughters to mourn.

Private services at the house Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

MILLER—At her late residence No. 158 Douglas Avenue, on the 25th inst., Sarah E. widow of the late Henry U. Miller, in the 86th year of her age, leaving one son, Harry, of this city, and eight grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Funeral on Saturday afternoon from the late residence. Services at 2:30 o'clock.

McKILLOP—Suddenly, at St. John West, on February 24, James W. McKillop, aged 68 years, leaving four daughters and four sons to mourn.

(Scottish papers please copy.)

Funeral on Friday, at 2:30, from the residence of his son-in-law, George Mackay, corner of St. James and Victoria streets. Friends invited to attend.

CORR—In this city, on the 24th inst., Mrs. May Corr, wife of Michael Corr, leaving besides her husband, three sons and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday morning at nine o'clock from her late residence, 121 Brussels street, to the Cathedral for High Mass of Requiem.

Friends invited to attend.

MOORE—In this city on the 24th inst., at his residence, 125 Marsh Road, Benjamin Moore, leaving his wife, one son, one daughter, one brother and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral from his late residence, 125 Marsh Road, Friday, at 2:30. Friends invited to attend.

## CHILDREN IN GERMANY ASKED TO GIVE UP DELICACIES

Have you signed the pledge? Is the question that everybody in Germany even to the school children, is asking everybody. That pledge is not for the usual temperance cause. It refers to sausage and other delicacies that should not be indulged in until the food embargo is lifted.

According to the Lokalansetzer the school children of the capital are asked to make the following resolution: If from today, so long as the war lasts, we renounce sausages and meat for dinner and bind ourselves to take school not more than two slices of

## OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 25.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"In the region of Lombardzede our artillery has reduced to silence and severely damaged a battery of the enemy.

"The day has been relatively calm on the front from the Lys as far as the Champagne district. In the region of Seunin and Beusejour the operations continue under conditions favorable for us.

"Notably, we have captured a German heavy to the north of Mesnil, inflicted heavy losses on and dispersed by our fire a column on the march to the southeast of Valenciennes, and the fire of a hostile battery and blown up several caissons.

"In the Argonne, on the little stream of Meurissons near Four-De-Paris, we destroyed a block-house.

"At Marie Therese a German attack, in an attempt to debouch, was repelled by our fire."

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PAST PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS in film productions will surely be eclipsed by "Quo Vadis," the most stupendous work of its kind ever attempted, excepting "Cabiria," now showing in big centres. It is a glorious series of living photographs consuming two hours in the showing and depicting life in the ancient city of Rome when despotic Nero was at the height of his cruelty and folly. It is also the period in history when the Apostle Paul labored in Rome and hardships thrown upon Holy Writ by this historical novel—relevant and respectful at all times—are deeply impressive. There are eight reels in the production. A description of them really belittles language. We see the orgies of the nobility, the grandeur and debauchery of Nero's court; the tragic life of the Christian maiden Lygia, whose faithful slave Ursus—a giant in stature and strength—plays such an important role in the arena scenes. Paul and Peter, Apostles of Christ, are impersonated with vivid truth, the burning of Rome is a marvel of stagecraft and dramatic climax, while the piteous scene in the arena where Christians are thrown to the wild beasts it is impossible to describe. You may call "Quo Vadis" entertainment, if you like, but we look upon it as a powerful lesson—a sermon—on a crucial period in the history of the Christian church.

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SOME THING (By William Staff Cor

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