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No Water In City On Great Fire Anniversary

LOOK BACK ON GOOD SCHOOL YEAR

Closing Exercises of Rothesay Collegiate Today

Report of Head Master, Rev. W. R. Hibbard, Has Reference To Large Part That Old Pupils Are Taking in The War—The Prize-Winners

There was a good gathering at Rothesay Collegiate School today for the closing exercises and the finals in the sports. At the closing the report of the head master was read as follows:

The presence of many of the boys' parents and of other friends of the school at the close of the school year gives me an opportunity of briefly reviewing the year and of enumerating some of its outstanding features.

At no time now are our thoughts long absent from our soldiers, so first let me mention certain items of interest regarding our old boys who are serving in some military capacity.

Altogether on our honor roll we now have 174 names, of whom eight are former masters and 166 are former pupils. With all of these we try to keep in touch by sending them regularly the school magazine and, from time to time, other remembrances of our interest in them. That these efforts are appreciated is shown by the large number of letters received from them. One might think that their thoughts would be so engrossed by the stirring scenes in which most of them live, and the grim nature of the work upon which they are engaged, that all this would preclude them from taking any very keen interest in what goes on here at Rothesay. So far, however, is this from being the case, that one would conclude, judging by their letters, that the matters of supreme interest to them are the various successes we have from time to time in the school. Sometimes they make a passing reference to what is going on about them, but usually their letters are filled with comments on the school news which has reached them. Though we should much like to have more news about themselves, yet nevertheless, it is pleasant to have this proof of the deep attachment which our old boys have for the school.

Last year I read a long list of military honors which have been bestowed upon our former members. Since then military distinctions have been gained by the following: Major Alexander McMillan, Major Cecil Porter and Major Malcolm McAvity have won the D. S. O., Lieut. Jack Fairweather the M. C. and Sergeant (now lieutenant) Jack Harrison the D. C. M.

During the year the following old boys have died in the service of their country: Ptes. Jasper Andrews, Stuart Burchill, Lawrence Wilkinson, Arthur Thornton, Sergt. Heber Daniel and Lieut. Vernon Hatch. In matters pertaining to the present life of the school it is encouraging to note that all the places have been filled; in fact, had we had the accommodation for them, we should have been able to increase our numbers considerably. The fifth, or highest form of the school, was this year composed of thirteen members, of whom one left at Easter. Of these, four have taken the McGill matriculation examination, three part of the same, four the school examination and one the R. M. C. entrance. Two also took the King's College examination as well as the McGill. Results from the outside examinations have not yet been obtained.

Cadet Corps.

Last year we obtained second place in the province for proficiency, the Fredericton Normal School coming first. Our inspection this year took place on June 3, but the result of this will not be known until later. On May 24, in the Empire Day parade in St. John, the corps had the honor of winning the cup presented by Brigadier-General MacDonnell, C. M. G., D. S. O. On the evening of the same day we joined with the other corps of the province in giving the gymkhana in St. John in aid of the Halifax School for the Blind. Great interest has been taken this year in rifle shooting. The following is Sergt. Dooe's report of this branch of the cadet corps work: "Every boy in the school has been made a member of the Dominion Marksmen Association and over 12,000 rounds of ammunition have been used by them. Twenty-four bronze, fifteen silver and three gold buttons have been won; also one gold watch with a score of twenty points higher than the only other successful competitor in Canada. A team of six boys defeated a team composed of the masters and the school team defeated eight other teams in the rifle range at St. John on May 24, winning by over thirty points. At the same match we tied for first place in the individual scores, both competitors being awarded a prize."

This year the boys continued the volunteer farm work, begun a year ago last April on the school farm and on neighboring properties. A good deal in the way of land clearing was done and altogether work of the value of about $200 was accomplished. This is better than last year as a longer time was devoted to the work. I am glad to be able to say also that twenty-three Y. M. C. A. pledge cards were taken in the school. Each pledge card constitutes a promise to earn $10 and give that amount to the Y. M. C. A. fund.

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Succession of Breaks In Large Mains

Last, About a Quarter After Seven, Caused Complete Stoppage of Supply on Eastern Side of The Harbor

For several hours this morning, on the anniversary of the great St. John fire of 1877, the city was without water. Citizens were unable to perform their morning ablutions, breakfasts could not be prepared; shaves were conspicuous by their absence; industrial plants stood still; the power company's plant was motionless and the street cars were stalled in the streets. A whole host of minor and major troubles made their appearance in the wake of water famine and, over them all brooded the spectre of the disaster that might occur if a fire should get a fair start with no adequate means of combatting it. Residents of St. John had an opportunity this morning to realize how vital a part the water system plays in urban life.

The cause was the third successive break, within twenty-four hours, in one of the twenty-four inch water mains leading to the city. The trouble started yesterday morning when a break occurred in the Marsh road, near the McAvity plant. Scarcely had this been repaired when another gusher occurred near the One Mile House. Repairs to this break were completed about eleven o'clock, p. m.

Early this morning a sudden drop in the pressure gauge at the water works office, about 7.15 o'clock—indicated another break. It soon was located at the eastern end of the Marsh bridge, where the water was welling up through a crater in the ground and flooding the surrounding street. Commissioner Hilyard and a gang of men soon were on hand to cope with the situation and work was started immediately.

While only one of the three mains was affected directly by the break, the entire water supply for the city was cut off by the escape of water which removed the pressure necessary to maintain the service throughout the city. Almost so soon as the break occurred the entire city was dry.

This break occurred in the "hatch box" on the twenty-four inch main. This is a large casting installed in the main for the purpose, as its name indicates, of permitting entry to the pipe to effect repairs, through a hatchway. This hatch was opened yesterday when repairs were being made to the other breaks and everything seemed to be in order when it was bolted down again. Some weakness had developed with the extra strain when the water was turned on again, apparently, and the casting burst.

In order to effect repairs, the water was cut off at Silver Falls, and the stop-cock at the inner end of the main was closed to stop the back flow from the other mains. The morning was spent pumping out the water from the main to enable the men to get at the pipe to effect repairs. Until the damage was entirely uncovered it was impossible to ascertain its extent or to estimate the time required before the repairs can be completed.

When the stopcocks were closed the water made its way through the other mains to the city and by 9 o'clock the lower levels were supplied. It was an hour later before the pressure had carried the supply to the heights but by 10 o'clock the gauge in the water office showed thirteen pounds and by noon twenty-five. This is about seventeen less than normal but sufficient to supply the entire city, with the exception of some of the higher places on Mount Pleasant.

It is expected that by this evening the repair work will be done, unless a new casting is required.

Special precautions were taken by Chief Blake of the fire department this morning so that any blaze which might occur could be dealt with promptly by the chemical engines.

It has been several years since the city has been without water and the citizens are quite willing that the period until the next drought should be even longer.

Samuel Sewell, superintendent of the water department, was painfully injured by being struck on the forehead by a flying piece of iron when he was superintending repairs to the first break yesterday. Today he is resting at his home. Eight stitches were required to close a gap in his forehead and further surgical attention to the wound is required.

PRUSSIAN BAN ON CELEBRATIONS IN POLISH TERRITORY

Amsterdam, June 20 — Dr. Drows, Prussian minister of interior, announced in the Prussian lower house that henceforth all public celebrations would be prohibited in Polish territory during the war. The step was taken, he said, as a result of disturbance which occurred at the Kosciusko celebrations, which must have hurt the German population.

AGAIN URGE PUBLISHERS TO USE LESS PAPER

Washington, June 20—Publishers are again urged to reduce consumption of news print paper. There was no great saving in May, following a previous appeal.

NOT DESIRABLE TO PROSECUTE SINN FEINERS

London, June 20—Edward Short, chief secretary to Ireland, said in the House of Commons today that there was sufficient evidence against the Sinn Feiners recently for their prosecution for treason, but that it was not desirable or necessary to institute it.

MAY START BIG HALIFAX SHIP PLANT NEXT WEEK

Depends on Progress on Plans of Engineers

KEELS LAID IN THREE MONTHS

Three 10,000 Ton Steel Freight Steamers—Officials Inspect Site and Dry Dock—Expenditure on Plant Three and Three Quarters to Four Millions

Halifax, June 20—That the work of establishing the big steel shipbuilding plant at Halifax will be commenced next week if the engineers' plans are completed by that time, and that within three months the keels of three 10,000 ton freight steamers—the largest ever built in Canada—will have been laid on the building berths, is a statement by J. W. Norcross, president of "Halifax Shipyards, Limited."

"Our expenditure for the shipbuilding plant," he said, "will be between $3,750,000 and $4,000,000, and, if the engineers have the plans ready, we will start spending that money during the latter part of next week, when we will let our contracts."

With Mr. Norcross, who is vice-president of Canada Steamship Lines, Montreal, are James Carruthers, president of that company; M. J. Haney, C. E., of Toronto, and H. W. Brown of Vancouver. The party yesterday inspected the shipyard site and the dry dock and lunched at the Halifax Club, the guests of prominent citizens.

The officers of the Halifax Shipyards, Limited, include: Chairman of board, James Carruthers, Montreal; president, J. W. Norcross, Montreal; vice-president and managing director, R. M. Wolvin; vice-president, M. J. Haney, C. E., Toronto; treasurer, F. S. Izard, Montreal.

S. M. Brookfield, president of the Halifax Graving Dock, has been retained in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Brown of the party now, is a prominent shipbuilder on the Pacific coast, who has come to assist President Norcross in arranging preliminary details of the establishment of the plant.

STEADY STREAM OF AMERICANS TO FRANCE

French Parliamentary Army Commission Hears Re-assuring Statements as to Allies' Strength

Paris, June 20—(Havas Agency)—Premier Clemenceau said today that there was a steady and safe arrival of large numbers of American reinforcements in France. He was speaking to the parliamentary army commission.

Leon Abrami, under-secretary for effectives, of the war department, gave details of the military strength of the Entente. His revelations, together with the premier's statements, had a most reassuring effect upon the commissioners.

ROYAL DUTCH GOES DOWN SIX MORE

New York, June 20—(Wall street)—Specialties were the chief features at the strong opening of today's stock market, although the whole list reflected the further favorable war news. Tobacco issues, notably United Cigars and Sumatra, rose one to two and a half points. Industrials of the war class were less active but equipments, shippings and oils made irregular gains. Brooklyn Transit was the only heavy stock, losing two and a quarter points. Rails lagged, except Reading and the secondary coalers. Liberty bonds were steady.

Noon Report.

Early promises of a general advance were not fulfilled, trading becoming very dull and prices somewhat irregular before midday. General Cigars, running counter to other stocks of the same class, reacted four points and Royal Dutch Oil dropped another six points for a total of sixteen since Tuesday. Brooklyn Transit extended its decline to four points and other utilities were under pressure, presumably because of the attitude taken by the war finance corporation.

CORN AND OATS.

Chicago, June 20—Official notice that the food administration license of commission merchants does not cover the carrying of cash grain for customers who are not licensed brought about general selling today in the corn market. Prices declined sharply in consequence. Big receipts here tended also to weaken prices. Opening quotations, which ranged from ½ cent to 1⅞ cent lower with July at $1.44⅝ to $1.45⅜ and August at $1.46½ to $1.46¾, were followed by an additional setback.

Oats, like corn, weakened owing to the food administration notice. Reports of excessive heat in the southwest failed to check the downturns. After opening ⅜ to ½ lower, with July at 72½ to 72¾, the market rallied a little but then sagged further than before.

Provisions dropped with grain and hogs. Houses with stock yard connections were the chief sellers.

Serious Rioting In Austrian Capital

Mobs Protesting Against Reduction of Bread Ration—Cavalry Being Rushed to Capital

London, June 20—Serious rioting broke out in Vienna yesterday, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam. The mobs broke into bakeries, stoned the residence of the premier, and also one of the wings of the Hofburg Palace. Cavalry is being rushed to the capital to restore order. It is said to be probable that martial law will be proclaimed.

This rioting was in protest against the reduction of the bread ration.

Amsterdam, June 20—The Cologne Gazette's Berlin despatch declares authoritatively that there is no question of non-fulfillment of German obligations to supply grain to Austria, because Germany has not been in a position to forward such supplies.

Amsterdam, June 20—Vienna dispatches to German newspapers say the reduction of the bread ration in Austria-Hungary caused immense excitement throughout the dual monarchy. All Austrian newspapers without distinction of party protest against the measure, demanding its removal and ask immediate help from Germany and Hungary.

Bear This In Mind When You Fill Out The Registration Cards

Ottawa, June 20—A bulletin from the Canada Food Board reads:—

"Great Britain in peace times depends upon imports for four-fifths of her food supplies. One out of every seven of Scotland's total population is in the army; in England one out of every twelve; in Canada one out of every seventeen.

"Britain, despite army demands for men, has increased her farm acreage by help of women, boys and labor diverted from towns and cities. She has also increased her production of munitions and ships, and her manufactured exports, such as cotton, by which she finances herself.

"But most of her usual sources of food supplies have been cut off by the war and scarcity of ships. Canada produces the largest available food surplus in the British empire. The responsibility for feeding the armies and the mother country falls directly upon Canada. The harvest of 1918 must be saved or millions will starve.

"Let Canadians realize the truth before writing 'yes' or 'no,' on the registration cards in answer to the question:—'Are you willing to do farm work?'"

CAPO SILE WON BACK BY ITALIANS

London, June 20—News reaching London this afternoon is that the Italians have regained Capo Sile, a town on the lagoon to the west of the Piave River, near its mouth, which was captured by the Austro-Hungarians.

FIRMLY BELIEVE IN EVENTUAL VICTORY OF ALLIES OVER THE TEUTONIC POWERS

Geneva, June 20—The Jugoslavs firmly believe in the eventual victory of the Entente Allies, according to the Journal Novine, of Agram, Hungary. "Every month," says the paper, "the Allies grow stronger in men and richer in material. Altogether, it is to the interest of the Central Powers to conclude a peace quickly. The internal strife between the nationalities of Austria-Hungary. has reached its height. Never before in history has the people's spirit for freedom and independence been so agitated as now. We have every faith in the Allies."

URGES ALLIES TO TAKE HAND IN RUSSIA

Paris, June 20—(Havas Agency)—Basile Maklakoff, Russian ambassador to France, reiterates his appeal to the Allies for intervention in Russia, saying that such action is absolutely necessary.

HUNS TRY TO SPREAD PEACE PROPAGANDA AMONG OUR SOLDIERS

Geneva, June 19—The Tribune asserts that the Germans are neglecting no opportunity to carry out pacifist propaganda behind the Allied front. An example of this, the newspaper says, occurred yesterday at the village of Becares, near Porentruy, thirty-eight miles northwest of Berne, where a German propaganda balloon, destined for France, fell.

The basket was loaded with French and English pamphlets and copies of the Continental Times and the Gazette Ardennes. The papers contain alleged late speeches delivered by the premiers of Allied countries. The cargo weighed nearly a quarter of a ton, and evidently was intended for British and American soldiers.

AUSTRIANS DESERT GENERAL; HE FIGHTS TILL MORTALLY WOUNDED

Italian Army Headquarters, uJne 12—(By the Asosciated Press)—Deserted by his staff on the Montello Plateau, Major General Von Kronstadt of the Austrian army, fought single-handed against the Italian Arditi until he was wounded seriously. He died later in a hospital.

FREDERICTON SOLDIER BELIEVED TO HAVE GIVEN HIS LIFE

Ottawa, June 20—Today's list of forty-four casualties includes one Canadian killed in action, one died of wounds, three died, twenty-five presumed to have died, two missing, seven wounded, one gassed and four ill.

Those from the maritime province are:

INFANTRY

Presumed to Have Died

M. B. Patterson, Fredericton, N. B.; L. Lounsbury, Midway, N. B.; W. E. Preckin, North Sydney, N. S.

Wounded

J. J. Morrison, Glace Bay, N. S.

RESIDENT MINISTERS IN LONDON LIKELY TO STAY TILL WAR WON.

London, June 20—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The Morning Post says it is proposed that the resident ministers of the dominions in London be appointed at least for the duration of the war, in addition to the high commissioners. They would deal with all war matters concerning the dominions. It remains to be decided whether they will all be members of the war cabinet like General Smuts of South Africa and Hon. Mr. Hughes, premier of Australia.

WASHINGTON BARS IMPORT OF EGYPTIAN COTTON

Washington, June 20—The war trade board has placed on the restricted imports list Egyptian cotton and monazite. After today importation of brown Egyptian and other low grade cottons from Egypt will be prohibited.

U. S. STOCKYARDS MUST BE LICENSED

Washington, June 20—All stockyards in the United States today were ordered by President Wilson to be put under federal license by July 25.

Licensing of commission men, order buyers, traders, speculators and scalpers handling or dealing in live cattle, sheep, swine or goats, in or in connection with such stockyards also is required, except those exempted by the food and fuel law.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherdinand

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The area of high pressure which for some days has covered the Great Lakes is now moving eastward and a low area is advancing from the westward. Moderate showers have occurred in Manitoba and parts of Saskatchewan, but the weather over most of Canada has been quite fine.

Forecasts.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate to fresh easterly winds, fair and cool; Friday, showers and a little warmer.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valleys, Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Fine and cool; Friday, southerly winds, warmer and showery.

Fair and Cool.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and cool today and on Friday.

Superior—Fresh southwesterly winds, showery; Friday, westerly winds, fair.

Western provinces—West and north winds, fair and a little cooler today and on Friday.

New England—Fair tonight; Friday, warmer; light northeast winds, becoming variable.

Situation Bad For Austrians

Lack of Food for Army Is Feature

PARIS SAYS DEFEAT SURE

Success in Holding Enemy Spurs On Italians to Renewed Effort—Emperor Charles, Vexed At Check, Likely to Try to Force Drive

Italian Army Headquarters, June 19—(By the Associated Press)—The Italians have won complete control of the air along the Piave line, where the most determined fighting of the present Austrian offensive is in progress. This afternoon not a single Austrian machine was aloft on this front.

In general the situation of the Austrians along the Piave appears far from satisfactory to them. Prisoners taken by the Italians all declare the Austrian army has little food. Some of the prisoners had not eaten for forty-eight hours.

SEE DEFEAT OF AUSTRIANS CERTAIN

Paris, June 20—The excellent resistance of the Italians and their Franco-British allies leads the French press to conclude that the Austrians cannot avoid defeat, especially as well directed counter-attacks have resulted in the capture of thousands of prisoners and machine guns.

A Havas despatch from Rome says that Italy has achieved a great double victory, referring to the recent naval exploit in the Adriatic and the present checking of the Austrians.

SUCCESS SPURS ON THE ITALIANS

Italian Army Headquarters, June 19—(By the Associated Press)—Realization that the Austrian offensive has failed is spurring the Italian troops to a desperate resistance along the Piave. Heavy fighting continued today around the Montello Plateau on the north and near San Dona Di Piave on the south.

On Montello, which is hilly and wooded, the opposing forces frequently stumbled upon each other unexpectedly. Such meetings always resulted in sharp encounters.

The spirit of the Italian troops is at high pitch despite wounds, loss of sleep and constant movements made necessary by the conditions of the terrain at several points.

CHARLES PEEVED; WILL TRY AGAIN

London, June 19—Reuter's Rome correspondent says that according to reports, the Austrian emperor, who is at the front, is disappointed at the results obtained in the present offensive, and jealous of the excessive credit the Germans took for their share in last year's offensive, is determined to make another desperate attempt to overwhelm the Italians unaided, before asking for German assistance.

Rome, June 19—Emperor Charles is personally encouraging his troops in their efforts to break down the fierce resistance of the Italians. It is reported that he desired to cross the Piave and to climb Montello, but his advisers induced him to postpone the plan, believing the position to be unsafe, owing to the danger from artillery bombardment and the activity of Anglo-Italian airmen.

Strenuous Fighting

Italian Army Headquarters, June 19—(By the Associated Press)—Strenuous fighting continued today around the Montello Plateau and on the bottom lands along the Piave near San Dona Di Piave, both the Italians and Austrians concentrating their efforts at these points. Most of the battles are in the open without protecting trenches.

There is great aerial activity, the opposing airplanes flying low over the fighting zone, doing much damage in the opposing ranks.

With their machine guns the aviators pursue the troops along the fluctuating battle lines and even seek them out among the thick bushes which are characteristic of the country along the lower Piave.

FATALITY IN HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, VERDUN

Montreal, June 20—Cornelius Boone, a colored patient in the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, Verdun, died yesterday from injuries received during a struggle with three attendants. It is said that Boone was trying to escape, and, believing he had a knife, he was attacked by the attendants.

It is the first case of the kind since the opening of the hospital twenty-eight years ago. The attendants are held for a coroner's inquest.

NOTED AMERICAN SURGEON MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

New York, June 20—Dr. Valentine Mott, traveller and surgeon, one of the early exponents of the Pasteur treatment for hydrophobia in this country, died suddenly yesterday of angina pectoris, aged sixty-five.

At His Own Request.

Rome, June 20—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Mgr. Stagni, apostolic delegate to Canada, was recalled at his own request, for reasons of health.

DEFEAT OF THE HUNS AT RHEIMS WAS DECISIVE

Never Did So Important An Attack Fail So Completely

GOOD AUGURY FOR ALLIES

Further Proof of Exhaustion of German Crown Prince's Army—British and French Made Successful Raids Last Night

Paris, June 20—The sanguinary defeat of the Germans before Rheims is pointed to by the morning newspapers as an excellent augury for the Allies in the operations to come. The military experts, the Havas Agency notes, are displaying particular satisfaction over the outcome, regarding it as further proof of the exhaustion of the crown prince's army, which is showing itself incapable of prolonged efforts.

The commentators, however, do not seek to minimize the ability displayed by the defenders, and they point particularly to the remarkable artillery barrage, the notable resistance of the infantry and the irresistible counter-attacks of the brave colonial troops under General Gouraud.

"Never did so important an attack fail so completely," says the Petit Journal.

British Raiders Active

London, June 20—Raids were carried out by the British last night in the neighborhood of Boyelles (southwest of Arras), Lens and Givenchy, and in the Strazeele and Ypres sectors (Flanders). Some of these enterprises led to sharp fighting, in which the enemy suffered many casualties. We captured eighteen prisoners and three machine guns.

Hostile artillery activity developed during the night north of Albert and in the La Bassee Canal sector.

A French Raid

Paris, June 20—French troops entered the German lines between Mont Didier and the Oise last night and captured twenty prisoners. There was nothing of importance on the rest of the front.

TALK ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Doctor Abramson, director of the provincial laboratory under the new health act, addressed the Canadian Club at lunch today on the relationship of a provincial laboratory to the public health. Judge McInerney presided. Among the guests was John A. Sullivan of Boston, who will represent the city in the power company investigation. Doctor Abramson said that the relationship of the laboratory to public health was like that of a mother to her children. Its work was creative, and it made public health. He told of the discoveries of Pasteur and others and explained clearly what the laboratory had done in connection with cure and prevention in the cases of typhoid, tuberculosis, rabies, diphtheria, spinal meningitis and other diseases. It was a clear and not a technical explanation, and was heard with great interest by the members.

TROUBLES IN BULGARIA LONG STANDING, BUT THE NEWS SUPPRESSED

Amsterdam, June 20 — The Cologne Volks Zeitung declares that a crisis has existed in Bulgaria ever since the conclusion of the Bucharest peace, but that the censorship prevented any illusion to it.

The Bulgarian parties, it says, did not forgive Premier Radoslavoff that he failed to return from Bucharest with the entire Dobrudja. This, together with the food situation, led to the defection of a large section of Radoslavoff's supporters.

With Radoslavoff, the last of the prominent statesmen active at the outbreak of the war, lays down office.

NEW YORK A. O. H. AGAINST TREASON PREACHED UNDER GUISE OF IRISH PATRIOTISM

New York, June 20—A demand that the government "stamp out the propaganda of treason and sedition which is being openly conducted under the guise of Irish patriotism," was made in resolutions adopted here last night by Division No. 9, A. O. H. The resolutions, which, it was said, would have "the support of 95 per cent of our race," were telegraphed to President Wilson.

PEACE DEMONSTRATION IN GERMAN CAPITAL

London, June 20—Heavily censored private messages received in Stockholm indicate that peace demonstrations were held recently in Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne, and that several workmen were killed and many persons arrested, says a despatch to the Morning Post from Stockholm.

According to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Zurich, there have been strikes in Vienna and Neustadt, owing to a reduction in the bread rations.

The despatch adds that an almost general strike is expected and that the situation is considered grave.