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WEATHER—FAIR

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HUNS SACRIFICE MEN USELESSLY; GREEKS FIGHTING WITH FRENCH

SPANIARDS FIGHT HUN SUBMARINE

Thrilling Encounter Between Trawlers and U-Boat.

TWO FRENCH VESSELS SENT TO BOTTOM.

First Time Vessels of Spain Have Combated Germans.

Paris, May 7.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from San Sebastian, Spain, tells of a fight between a submarine and Spanish and French trawlers, in which two French trawlers, with small-calibre guns, battled for some time with the submarine, but finally were sunk. Two of the Spanish trawlers also were sent to the bottom. The despatch says: "A submarine attacked the fishing fleet, consisting of a number of Spanish and French craft, including the French steamers Verdun and Marne, both of which were armed with small calibre guns. These guns were used so effectively that the submarine was compelled to plunge. Later it reappeared and the fight was resumed. It lasted for an hour, and the Verdun and Marne were gradually overcome and sunk. Seven sailors from the vessels are missing. "Two Spanish fishing craft also were sunk during the engagement."

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, May 7.—
Wounded—
D. Stewart, Taymouth, N. B.
P. W. McGrath, Halifax.
Infantry.
Missing—
F. Leadbetter, Port Hood, N. S.
Wounded—
E. S. Ayer, Westmorland Point, N. B.
H. J. Brooks, St. John's, N. S.
Missing—
J. A. Christie, South Tete-a-Quach, N. B.
Infantry.
Killed in Action—
A. Gierach, Kentville, N. S.
S. A. Stuart, Amherst, N. S.
T. Murphy, Chester, N. S.
W. Chapman, Sprinohill, N. S.
Percy E. Fahy, Milltown, N. B.
Corporal F. Vickery, Diligent River, N. S.
Missing—
M. Doucette, St. Edward, P. E. I.
Wounded—
Charles P. Grant, Annapolis.
D. A. Corbin, Chester Basin, N. S.
D. Arsenault, Central Bedouque, P. E. I.
M. Keating, New Aberdeen, N. S.
Lance Corporal D. Whalen, Sydney, N. S.
Artillery.
Wounded—
Acting Bomb J. Sampson, River Bourgeois, N. S.
CORRECTED LIST.
Infantry.
Wounded—
A. E. Powers, Halifax.
P. A. Hopkinson, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Major C. E. Elipita, Sussex, N. B.
Lieut. F. Armstrong, Sussex, N. B.
N. S.
G. McDonald, Yarmouth, N. S.
N. Kelly, Avonport, N. S.
J. Munro, Talamagochie, N. S.
F. Brest, St. John, N. B.
Lieut. M. R. West, Liverpool, N. S.
Gunner A. Sampson, Halifax.
Driver O. S. Baird, Amherst, N. S.
Ottawa, May 7.—Monday night list.
Infantry.
Killed in Action—
Lance Corporal G. Tompkins, St. John, N. B.
W. Doucette, Campbellton, N. B.
Missing—
H. J. Taylor, Lower Five Islands, N. B.
Wounded—
E. Downey, Hartland, N. B.
W. Johnston, St. John, N. B.
J. Boyd, Inlet, Bear River, N. S.
Died of Wounds—
CHARLOTTETOWN STRIKE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 7.—The Charlottetown longshoremen refuse to load the steamer Arammore unless they receive forty cents per hour day work and forty-five cents night work. It is impossible to get non-union men to handle the freight and the railway department will likely have to assent to the demands of the longshoremen.

Proposal To Elect Canadian Senators

Interesting Debate in House of Commons by Mr. German, Sir George Foster, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Turgeon and Others.

LIBERALS MISSED CHANCE TO REFORM UPPER HOUSE

Mr. German Would Retain Present Senators in Office Should His Plan be Adopted—Debate on Entire Question Adjourned Without Action.

Ottawa, May 7.—In moving his resolution in parliament today calling for a new system of constituting the senate on the elective principle, W. M. German, Liberal, Welland, admitted there might be fair grounds in doubting the sincerity of anyone who proposed such a change. "All such resolutions have always emanated from the opposition," he said.

Hon. A. K. MacLean, Liberal, Halifax—"Gilbert McIntyre moved one in 1907."

"It is true he was a supporter of the government," replied Mr. German, "but evidently he received little support notwithstanding the fact that one of the planks in the Liberal platform of 1893 was reform of the senate. Although we were in power for fifteen years no reform of the senate was made except through Divine Providence."

Favors Change.
Although there had been dereliction of duty on the part of all parties in this respect, continued Mr. German, he believed a change was necessary and should be made. The senate was a sprig of aristocracy engrafted on our constitution and doomed to failure in a democratic country. While the appointments had been in the main of the highest character and compared favorably with members elected to the commons yet they had failed to perform the duty for which the senate was constituted and had lost the confidence of the people of Canada. The member for Welland believed this was due to the fact that they represented party, not people.

His reasons for an elective senate were that it should be representative, independent and permanent. This would be accomplished by electing the members by the people as far as possible independent of party and making the period of office such as not to be affected by dissolution of parliament.

Would Continue Incumbents.
In proposing that the present members of the senate continue to hold office during life, he did so because in the first instance they had a right and secondly that no bill to reform the senate would be passed by that body without such a provision.

He proposed that the senate of Canada be constituted of the same number of members as at present and from the same senatorial areas.

Provisions should be made for four new senators to represent Newfoundland in event of the ancient colony coming into confederation.

Mr. Turri's Views.
J. G. Turri, Assiniboia, did not believe an elective senate would be less partisan than the one at present.

O. Turgeon, Liberal, Gloucester, pointed out in his province the next election there would be ten senators and eleven commoners. He favored the appointment system.

Sir George Foster, commencing his address, said it did not follow that because the Fathers of Confederation had reached certain decisions, those decisions could not be revised to meet new conditions and changed times. The acting premier did not think it would be possible to secure through an elective system a senate absolutely without political bias.

It would be difficult indeed to eliminate political principles from a body which was called up to deal with public questions. Sir George admitted that possibly under the appointive system the country did not secure quite as strong a set of senators as it might by an elective system.

Sir George said that for his own part he would like to see some changes in the constitution of the senate.

WILD SCENE AT MEETING IN MONTREAL

Great Disorder at Assembly Addressed by Hon. P. E. Blondin.

CAPT. PAPINEAU IS HOWLED DOWN

Unpatriotic Mob in Galleries Made Exhibition of Itself.

Special to The Standard
Montreal, May 7.—Hon. P. E. Blondin made his first public speech in Montreal tonight at a recruiting meeting in the Monument Nationale before an audience which filled all the seats. Sir Louis Tullon was the chairman.

The meeting turned into scenes that mark it as one of the most stormy since the war, and one at which an organized effort was shown against the principles for which the speakers were pleading. No one was respected.

Looked Serious.
At times it seemed that in the gallery trouble of the most serious kind would result. Only the level headed restraint of the military men, officers and privates, who patrolled the gallery, prevented a serious situation.

The din was tremendous. By far the greater part of the audience was very friendly disposed to the speaker.

Captain Mackay Papineau was hissed continuously until he was forced to retire. In his speech he had said that Quebec had not done its duty.

FRENCH TRAIN IS WRECKED
Arcole, Ills., May 7.—Members of the French mission to the United States were severely shaken up, but other wise unharmed, when the special train, aboard which they were returning east from the middle western tour, was derailed one and one-half miles from here tonight. William Nye, in charge of the United States secret service detail, attached to the party, made a thorough investigation of conditions surrounding the wreck and announced as his opinion that it was entirely accidental.

Another mishap to the train occurred at Decatur, Ills., late today when it ran down and killed a man as it was leaving the city.

THE WAR DEMAND AIDS MOLYBDENUM MINING

Influential New York Capital Proposes to Develop Important Areas in Quebec Province.

Special to The Standard
Montreal, May 7.—In mining circles it is stated that influential New York interests may shortly enter into development of important molybdenum areas in the neighborhood of Uyon, Que. A number of molybdenum properties have been operated with varying success since war demands stimulated demand for the metal. Technical as well as financial difficulties have had to be surmounted. It is held in connection with the Uyon venture that it started out under favorable auspices on the technical side, having the advice of distinguished American experts and that this has facilitated the enlisting of the support of New York capital. If the promise of the present development is verified it will be another instance of the stimulus of war business to the metallurgical industry of the country.

FIGHT AT GLACE BAY.
Sydney, N. S., May 7.—Jon Rivers of Boston and Mickey McIntyre fought ten rounds at Glace Bay tonight and owing to closeness of contest referee gave no decision.

PRIVATE ATKINSON DEAD

Special to The Standard
Moncton May 7.—Mrs. Lavina Atkinson

Hun Hordes Mowed Down By Gun-Fire

Desperate Assaults on British South of the Souchez Fail, Not a Teuton Soldier Being Able to Reach the Trenches.

SIX MORE HUN AIRPLANES BROUGHT DOWN BY BRITISH

French Enlarge Positions South of Sapigneul, but No Heavy Fighting Late Yesterday—Greeks Assist French.

London, May 7.—The official report from British headquarters in France tonight reads: "This afternoon the enemy launched his third counter-attack with considerable forces upon our new positions south of the Souchez river. The first wave of assault to reach the slope in front of our trenches was there destroyed by our rifle and machine gun fire. The supporting waves caught by our artillery barrage were broken up. No Germans reached our trenches.

"This morning a strong body of the enemy was caught in the open in the neighborhood of Bullecourt by our artillery and machine gun fire, suffering heavy losses.

"Successful work was done by our airplanes yesterday, in spite of a strong wind. Six German airplanes were brought down, one of which fell within our lines. One other enemy machine was driven down out of control. Three of our machines are missing."

French Statement.
Paris, May 7.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "The enemy did not renew his attack in the region north of Moulin De Laffaux, or on the Chemin-Des-Dames. Violent artillery fighting continued, particularly near Hurtebise and the sector of Craonne, where our troops consolidated their positions on the California plateau.

"According to prisoners taken on that part of the front, four fresh regiments, which participated in the fruitless attacks last night on this plateau, suffered very heavy losses.

"Northwest of Rheims we carried out an isolated operation which enabled us appreciably to enlarge our positions south of Sapigneul. About 100 prisoners, of whom two were officers, remain in our hands.

"Belgian communication: There is nothing to report. There were artillery actions along the whole front. An attack carried out on May 5 by French and Venizelist contingents in the region of Ljunica (Lymnitsa, Serbia) enabled us to occupy enemy advanced elements on a front of five kilometers. A Bulgarian counter-attack delivered for the purpose of regaining the captured positions was repulsed on May 6 by a Venizelist regiment, which took some prisoners."

TAMMANY HALL POLITICS UP IN WESTMORLAND

Robinsons, Smith and McQueens Fire Popular Sheriff—They Forgot Who Befriended "Joe" McQueen.

Special to The Standard
Moncton, May 7.—The dismissal of high sheriff George Willett and the appointment of Councillor I. N. Kilham in his stead in Westmorland by Foster-Carter-Smith crowd has created considerable surprise and discussion throughout the county. Sheriff Willett was a popular and most efficient official and charges of partisanship against him during his term of office could not be sustained.

The removal of Sheriff Willett by the Fosterites is in marked contrast to the attitude of the Conservative government towards former sheriff Joseph A. McQueen who was retained in office as long as he was capable of filling the position. While the Foster government since taking office has been principally engaged in dismissing conservatives and appointing their own friends to office, yet it was felt here they would hesitate about removing such competent and popular official as Sheriff Willett especially in view of the treatment the late administration accorded the appointee of the government prior to 1908.

Many Liberals openly express strong disapproval of the Foster government's action and the end may not be yet.

Justice Lewis received word today that her son, Pte. Arthur George Atkinson had died of wounds received in the Vimy Ridge fight. Private Atkinson went overseas with the Westmorland Kent Battalion. He was under seventeen years of age at the time of his death.

FRANCE WILL SEE FLAG OF UNCLE SAM

American Contingents to go on Battlefield Early as Possible.

WILL ALSO BE NAVAL CO-OPERATION SOON

Canada and United States to Act Together on Food Question.

Washington, May 7.—Naval co-operation between the United States and the Allies against Germany is being negotiated in London, it was learned, instead of here at Washington, as is the case with military and other subjects. Rear-Admiral Sims, who was on his way to England when war was declared, and who has just attended the Allied naval conference at Paris, is charged to speak for the American government on the major questions of policy.

Apart from the original announcement that the United States will patrol American waters, and thus relieve the Allied vessels on duty here for two and a half years, no statement of naval policy is expected.

Flag To Go To France.
The American flag is to float over American contingents on the battlefield in France at the earliest possible moment. Nice companies of engineers are to be sent to France to aid in keeping open the lines of communication. For the first time in several months a German airplane has dropped bombs on London.

MR. WILLIAM RIPPEY OF MONCTON PASSES AWAY

Was Well-Known and Respected Citizen—Once Resided in St. John.

Special to The Standard
Moncton, May 8.—Wm. Rippey, one of Moncton's oldest and best known citizens, died this afternoon at his home on Church St. after a week's illness. About three years ago deceased suffered a slight stroke and had been in indifferent health since, although able to be about. A week ago he suffered another stroke which resulted in his death.

Mr. Rippey was 73 years old, and was a native of Ireland, coming to Canada who quite young and locating at St. John. About 48 years ago he came to Moncton, residing here ever since. For over forty years he was employed by the Record Foundry, first under C. B. Record and later under the Record F. & M. Co., being foreman the greater part of the time. He is survived by a widow, two sons, William N., superintendent of car service of the C. G. R. Moncton; John, in the West, and two daughters, Mrs. R. E. Smith and Mrs. W. D. Allanach of Moncton.

MANY HONOR GALLANT CANADIAN COLONEL

Canadian army headquarters in France, May 7, via London.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press)—The funeral of Colonel Britton, of the Canadian artillery, killed in action the afternoon before the capture of Fresnoy, was made the occasion for showing the respect and affection held by all ranks for this very gallant officer. It was attended by the officers of the division with which the deceased officer was connected, by the general officer commanding the artillery corps and by many gunners who had served under him.

PRIVATE MILLIGAN DIES

Special to The Standard
Dorchester, May 7.—Parents of Pte. James Milligan have been notified from Ottawa that their son has been killed in action. Private Milligan was originally a member of Westmorland and Kent battalion.

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER THE LIQUOR TRADE?

London, May 7.—An order will be issued in the near future providing that the waste of any kind of food shall be punishable offense. Captain Charles Bathurst, parliamentary secretary of the food controllers' department, made this announcement today in the House of Commons.

KRONPRINZESSIN CECILIE OWNERS WIN THEIR CASE

Washington, May 7.—New York banks today lost their litigation in the supreme court against the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, at Boston, in which they claimed \$2,240,000 damages for failure of the vessel to deliver gold bullion worth \$11,000,000 shipped to England and France just at the outbreak of the war.

The Cecilie, the supreme court decided, is not liable in damages to the shippers for turning back to America in mid-ocean, and abandoning her voyage. The decision determines large similar claims against a score of other German vessels in American ports.

Justice Holmes delivered the decision. Justices Pitney and Clark dissented.