

# BELGIAN SOLDIERS DISPLAY GREAT GALLANTRY

## SPANISH RIPE FOR A DOMINATION OF SOME SORT IN NEAR FUTURE

### King Alfonso is Brave, and His Courage May Carry Him Safely Through the Storm — London Newspaper Correspondent Interviews Spanish Monarch — Latter is Hard Worker and Has No Use for Bull Fights.

New York, March 10.—The following interview with the King of Spain in written by Elyon Young for the London Daily Mail, is, by special arrangement with that paper, made available for members of the Associated Press:

The first time I saw the King of Spain, he was running up the steps of the Ritz Hotel in London, and the cabman in whom I was paying my fare remarked, "Good old Alfonso." He was certainly not old, and it was possible that at the moment he was not being particularly good; but the words expressed faithfully enough the attitude of mind, sympathetic, half-proprietary, wholly indulgent, of the British public towards the monarch, who is so friendly but foreign land. It was enough that he was coming to England for a wife, and that he was the friend and protégé of King Edward; he was "one of us."

The next time I saw him was at his mother's palace of Miramar, in Sebastian, where he did me the honor to receive me in private audience. The first touch of autumn was on the roses, and it must be confessed the geraniums of the palace garden, but the sunshine lay hot and bright on the blue waters of the shell-like bay, where, under the very windows of the palace, the great yacht Giralda was rolling at her moorings.

**Prefers the Truth.**

But there shines through his interview, certainly as I have found it, a certain clear preference for the truth even though it may not be agreeable, which courtiers are perhaps not very quick to grasp. It is difficult for an ordinary person to whom the sources of information or things in general are open and who approaches them by the common access, to realize the difference between his views of them and that of a monarch to whom they are always interpreted in the light of his own position. The very minds of men are most difficult for him to know as the streets of his own capital. Both he and the monarch are self-conscious in his presence; they are turned, as it were, to him, and present the aspect which they deem suitable. He sees everything in full face, and nothing in profile. He hardly ever overhears or overlooks; what he hears is spoken to him, and what he sees is prepared for him to look at.

**Well Modulated English.**

On being ushered into his presence, the young man who came forward with just a touch of formality to greet me seemed to be a denizen of the historical rather than the actual world, and the arched eyebrows, long Hapsburg chin, and the divided mustache, a la Philip IV., under the long Bourbon nose, produced a strangely foreign impression with the actual world, the ease of the modern manner and the well modulated English of the quiet voice to dispel. But only a few moments.

A wide smile spread over his face as we talked of London and England—especially of King Edward, of whom he spoke with an affection and regret that were very touching to an Englishman. The love of life that creates a ready echo in his world found a ready echo in the young heart of Don Alfonso.

"He was my professor," he said, and the boy who had never known a father found in the worldly wisdom of the English King a supplement to the loving thought, influences of his own circle. He told me of the dozen ways in which King Edward, by showing a ready sympathy with youthful spirits, could hold them back from follies or excesses by a single word or hint, and at the same time win the heart of his young fellow-traveller on the difficult road of the world.

"I was his most loyal subject," said King Alfonso; and very graciously said on the part of his Catholic Majesty.

I have had other talks with his Majesty in the same way and in the same roundings—among them in those of the Royal Palace of Madrid, perhaps the most magnificent of the inhabited houses of the kings. There the setting is so elaborate that it is almost surprising to find the man being a little obliterated by the monarch. But it was not so in my experience. When, after being passed from hand to hand, under the glowing canopy of Tripoli, it was the same friendly and unaffected graciousness that waited for one and led the way to the little ante-room, where chairs and a cigarette were substituted for inclinations and formalities. By dwelling on what he has in common with you, and seeming to ignore the rest, he throws a light bridge across whatever gulfs of training, race, or estate may separate you from him; and so make it possible for one whose knowledge of him is as limited as mine to form some living acquaintance with the mind and character that lie beneath the smiling surface.

**Not Easy Times.**

"These are not easy times in which to be king," he said to me; "one has to know a great deal more and work a great deal harder than in any other time. And if you fail, your failure means a great deal more. I may not be good enough for the post," he added "but anyhow I mean to try my best."

I quote his remark because I believe it represents no mere affectation, but a genuine sense of his responsibilities and of the difficulty of discharging them aright. It is not that he has an obsession as to the greatness of his position; rather he has arrived at the conclusion along with most men of sense and spirit, that it is none to easy a task to fulfill one's whole obligations in any walk of life, and that the complications of constitutional govern-

## W. B. NORTHRUP FOR COMMONS CLERK

Dr. Chabot Will Give Answer Today Regarding Deputy Speakership.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Mar. 10.—It is now expected that W. B. Northrup, ex-M. P. for Hastings, will be appointed clerk of the House of Commons in succession to Dr. Flint, who was superannuated. It is understood that the position was offered to F. H. Gibson, law clerk of the Commons, who declined it.

Dr. Chabot has not yet given a definite reply regarding the deputy speakership of the Commons. He states that he will decide definitely tomorrow.

## STORM HEAVY ALONG C. G. R.

One of Worst Blizzards of the Winter Strikes Railway City — Maritime Late.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Mar. 10.—One of the worst blizzards of the winter struck Moncton shortly after noon today and reports received state that the storm is raging east and west along the C. G. R. with a probability of seriously interfering with traffic. Tonight's Maritime Express was only slightly affected by the storm, arriving here less than two hours late.

The storm is worse along the northern division, being particularly severe in Quebec.

## LESS SMALLPOX IN NORTHUMBERLAND

There Are 37 Cases at Present Time, But Situation Improving.

Special to The Standard.

Newcastle, March 10.—There were 121 cases of smallpox in Northumberland during the present season, according to Dr. P. J. Desmond, chairman of the County Board of Health. Nelson had 37 cases, Chatham 11; Erisfield and Ludlow 18; North Bek 4, and the lumber camps 43.

There are only 37 cases now and the situation is steadily improving. The disease is confined to Alwinton, North Bek, Blackfitt, Glenelg, Nelson, Rogersville, Bilsfield and Ludlow Parishes.

Of course we talked of the war; but here he asked questions more than he expressed opinions, and I can honestly say that on no occasion did he say anything as to where his private sympathies lay. But I am entitled to my own opinion, and it was of a nature to make me like, and not dislike, telling him about the war as I have seen it by land and sea.

## Courageous King.

His courage is perhaps the noblest and the most conspicuous thing about King Alfonso. It is courage of the very finest temper. I spoke of the young tree swaying in the winds, untried as yet by the tempest. Really I have no doubt as to the result of the trial. Courage like his can bend almost infinitely, but it can also stand firm as a well-rooted tree in the storm.

And the storm is coming. When or how, from what direction, I am not wise enough to predict. I can only say that in Spain are all the elements ripe and over-ripe, for a commotion of the first magnitude. It is often threatened; I have seen him in one moment when it seemed imminent, and he would smile gravely, the calm but alert courage, that has visualized the worst that can happen and finds it neither terrifying nor unbearable.

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## THE TROOPS OF KING ALBERT DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES

### Germans Make Strong Attack in Flooded Zone North of Dixmude, But Artillerymen, Machine Gunners and Riflemen Check Advance — Belgians Cross Flooded Space on Single Board Walk Under Terrific Fire—Losses of Enemy Exceedingly Heavy.

British Army Headquarters in France, Friday, Mar. 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Great gallantry and individual heroism was displayed by the Belgian soldiers in the face of great odds in the flooded zone northwest of Dixmude Wednesday. The German attack was frustrated, and reports received state that the storm is raging east and west along the C. G. R. with a probability of seriously interfering with traffic.

## Sanguinary Fighting.

In the meantime, the chasseurs were organized for a counter-attack and these troops advanced under excellent support by the Belgian batteries. In order for the chasseurs to reach the posts held by the Germans it was necessary for them to cross the flooded space on a single board walk, which was dominated by German artillery and machine gun fire. Dismounted horsemen went forward as though on parade amid the crashing of great shells and hurled themselves fiercely upon the invaders. Sanguinary fighting followed and at one o'clock in the afternoon the Belgians succeeded in taking the first of seven posts lying in a semicircle in front of the bridgehead. The savage battle continued until 5.30 in the afternoon when the last of the posts was regained.

## Heavy Losses.

The German losses were exceedingly heavy. Forty bodies were found lying on the barbed wire alone, while many perished under the grizzling fire of the Belgians. One German officer was decapitated by a shell as he was running away. Five officers and 111 men were captured, together with twelve machine guns.

The Germans claim to have captured a considerable number of Belgians and they undoubtedly carried away some prisoners. Although it is impossible to give the exact total of the Belgian losses, they were light.

## GOVERNMENT REGULATES ALL BIG PACKING COMPANIES

### Dividends Not Exceeding Seven Per Cent. on Actually Invested Capital Goes Free—Above That Part of Profits Goes to Government — Penalty for Violation of Regulations \$5,000 Fine or Imprisonment or Both.

Ottawa, Mar. 10.—Regulations governing packing companies, retroactive to January 1, 1918, were issued tonight. In regard to profits they followed the lines enunciated by the government some time ago. A dividend not exceeding seven per cent on actually invested capital goes free. A dividend between seven and fifteen per cent pays one-half over seven per cent to the treasury. All profits over fifteen per cent go to the treasury. The highest dividend thus possible is 11 per cent.

It is also provided that a licensee shall not be entitled to retain any profit exceeding an amount equal to two per cent of the gross value of his sales during any one year.

The Regulations.

The regulations stipulate further that "no person, firm, association or incorporated company shall engage in the slaughtering of live stock or the manufacture of products therefrom whose business exceeds \$750,000 in gross sales, without a written license from the Canada food board. Definitions of profits and the computation of capital are dealt with at length in the regulations. In computing capital it is provided that:

The capital actually invested in the business shall be the amount paid up in cash on the capital stock.

Where stock has been issued for any consideration other than cash, the fair value of the stock at the date of issue will be deemed to be the amount paid upon such stock. In no case will the value of the stock be fixed at an amount exceeding par value.

The actual unimpaired reserve, rest or accumulated profits of an incorporated company will be included as part of the capital.

Capital of Companies.

The Minister of Finance may determine the amount of the capital of any incorporated company issuing stock after the first day of January, 1918, and if, after January 1st, 1918, the capital stock of any incorporated company is in increased or additional stock is issued or if the stock is in any way changed or re-organized in such a manner as to increase the amount of the capital for the purpose of the regulations, the Minister of Finance may decide whether or not it is fair and proper to include such increase or any part thereof when determining the capital of such company for the purpose of the regulations and the decision of the minister shall be final and conclusive.

Reasonable provision for depreciation of buildings, machinery and equipment may be deducted.

No extraordinary or abnormal provision, reserve expenditure or loss of any nature shall be deductible from the business of a given accounting period, to be deducted from profits or charged to operating expenses without the approval of the Minister of Finance.

Violation of any of the principles of the regulations imposes liability to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

The regulations are in force from 1st of January, 1918, and continue in force during the continuance of the present war and until further order.

## OBITUARY

**James Sheagreen.**

Newcastle, Mar. 8.—The death of James Sheagreen of South Esk, the efficient and popular superintendent of the Southwest Miramichi salmon hatchery, occurred at his home on Sunday last. Deceased, who was forty-nine years of age, had been ill only about two months and was thought to be improving. Mr. Sheagreen, who was most respected citizen, succeeded to the superintendency of the hatchery last September on the resignation of his brother, William, who had held it since the death of his father, three years before. Deceased leaves a widow, who was formerly Miss Laura Murphy of Redbank, and the following children, all of whom are at home: Gertrude, Frances, Nellie, James, Louis and Isaac.

## CAPTAIN WELDON COMING.

Capt. D. B. Weldon, well known young Moncton officer who was recently awarded Military Cross for gallantry in action is on his way home to Canada on short furlough. Capt. Weldon went overseas as Lieutenant with Wodderburn's Light in August, 1916, and has seen much service, having recently been promoted to captain and decorated with a Military Cross. He is expected to reach a maritime port very soon.

## THE ALLIES IN FRANCE OPTIMISTIC

(Continued from page 1)

Russian Situation.

Little additional information has come through concerning the situation in Russia, as regards either Great Russia, Little Russia or eastern Siberia. Reports from Sweden say that a force of German infantry and artillery has invaded Finland, landing at Abo from the Aland Islands. The Cossack leader, General Semenov, is endeavoring to put down the opposition of the Bolsheviks along the trans-Siberian Railway in East Siberia. The Japanese foreign minister has declined in the Diet to discuss the subject of Japan's intervention in Siberia.

British armies have successfully bombed the great Daimler motor factory at Stuttgart, where for a long time the intensive manufacture of airplanes and airplane motors has been in progress. Munitions factories and the railway station also were bombed during the attack, which was carried out in broad daylight.

## VESSEL WRECKED, PASSENGERS SAFE

Steamship Admiral Evans of Pacific Steamship Co. Meets Disaster Near Rock Hawk Inlet, Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska, March 10.—The steamship Admiral Evans, of the Pacific Steamship Company, was wrecked near Rock Hawk Inlet, Cannery, Saturday afternoon, according to word received here late last night. All of the 176 persons aboard her are reported safe and were expected to reach here today on the steamer Sophia. Whether the vessel is a total loss is not known.

## CHINESE GOVT LOSES CHENG TU

Peking, Thursday, Mar. 7.—Government troops have suffered a severe reverse through the capture of Chengtu, capital of the province of Sze-Chuen, by forces from Yunnan and Kwoichow, provinces bordering on the south of Sze-Chuen.

Motono Silent.

## MARRIAGES

EVELEIGH-DAVIS—At the residence of the bride, Gagetown, Mar. 6th, by Rev. N. Harrison, B. A., Samuel W. Eveleigh of Hampstead to Mary L. Davis of Gagetown, N. B.

## CASUALTIES

Ottawa, March 9.—The following casualties are reported:

**Killed in Action.**  
A. P. Gibson, Woodstock, N. B.  
Died of Wounds—  
F. Dofron, Mayfield, P. E. I.  
A. R. Campbell, Plaster Rock, N. B.

**Wounded.**  
R. Gould, Rexton, N. B.  
Gassed—  
H. S. Wasson, Chipman, N. B.

**Ill.**  
Acting Corporal F. J. Northrup, St. John (before reported).

**Wounded.**  
Gunner K. A. Ferguson, Southport, P. E. I.

## DEATHS.

WOODLEY.—In this city, March 10, Walter, son of the late John and Rebecca Woodley, leaving a wife, six brothers and three sisters to mourn. Funeral from his late residence, 101 Duke street, Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock.

## ROYAL BABY BORN

Paris, Mar. 10.—"A son has been born to Empress Zita of Austria at Baden-Baden."



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## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Gales, northwesterly to westerly, decreasing at night, clearing and cold; rising temperature on Tuesday.

Northern New England—Fair Monday; Tuesday fair, slightly warmer; Diminishing northwest winds.

Toronto, Ont., Mar. 10.—The important disturbance which centred over Iowa on Saturday morning now covers the Nova Scotia coast. It has caused gales and snow from Ontario to Newfoundland. In the west the weather remains cold, with some light local snow.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	11	32
Victoria	32	48
Vancouver	34	44
Calgary	24	40
Edmonton	16	30
Medicine Hat	14	28
Winnipeg	11	27
Saskatoon	10	26
Regina	10	26
Montreal	8	14
Ottawa	8	18
Quebec	4	10

—Below zero.

## MINIATURE ALMANAC.

MARCH—PHASES OF THE MOON.			
Last Quarter, 5th	8h. 44m. p.m.		
New Moon, 12th	3h. 52m. p.m.		
First Quarter, 19th	9h. 30m. a.m.		
Full Moon, 27th	11h. 32m. a.m.		

  

Date	Mo. of W.	Sun. Rise	Sun. Set	Hi. Water a.m.	Hi. Water p.m.	Lo. Water a.m.	Lo. Water p.m.
11 Mon	4.1	6.10	10.1	23.36	4.06	16.33	17.22
12 Tue	4.7	6.21	11.02	23.24	4.53	17.22	17.22
13 Wed	5.2	6.32	11.53	23.11	5.47	18.13	18.13
14 Thu	5.8	6.43	12.43	22.58	6.35	19.00	19.00

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## THE RUSSIAN

### Propose to Soviet Assistance Moving Alexander

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