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ANOTHER CLASH OF POWERS AND ITALY

Britain, France and United States Send a Joint Note

Want Explanation of Landing of Italian Forces in Turkey; Orlando, Replying in Council, Objects to Presence of Greek Premier

Paris, May 22—(By the Associated Press)—It has been learned in trustworthy quarters that Great Britain, France and the United States have united in sending a note to Italy requesting an explanation of the landing of Italian forces in Turkey.

Premier Orlando is said to have made a reply to the Council of Four, after a sharp personal incident, during which he objected to the presence of Premier Venizelos of Greece. The latter retired from the meeting.

The reported Italian incident apparently complicates the Turkish problem, already a vexed one, with which the peace conference heads have been struggling for some time.

In evident anticipation of a Greek mandate to administer the Smyrna district, Allied forces were landed at Smyrna on last Thursday, meeting with considerable resistance from the Turks, but making themselves masters of the city. Italian troops were reported to have participated to some extent in this landing. According to a Paris despatch of May 20, however, the Italians had previously landed forces at Adalia, on the southern coast of Asia Minor, and likewise at one time had disembarked troops at Budrum, ninety-six miles southeast of Smyrna, and at Makri, on the Gulf of Makri, in the vilayet of Smyrna.

There had been nothing to indicate that these landings were not by agreement among Italy and the Allies, and indeed, some of the unofficial forecasts as to the probable division of Turkish territory under the League of Nations mandatories had indicated the probability that Italy would be given the Adalia district to administer.

Italian Question Still Alive.

Paris, May 22—(Havas Agency)—The Temps anticipates that the revision of the peace treaty to be offered the Austrians at St. Germain will be delayed for a few days because the Italian government appears not disposed to sanction the new Austrian Jugo-Slovak frontier so long as the question of the frontier between Italy and Jugo-Slavia remains undetermined.

REALLY TO QUIET AGITATION AT HOME.

Paris, May 22—(Havas Agency)—The seven days granted the Germans before the limit for the submission of replies to the peace terms expires will not be devoted exclusively to the drafting of notes at Versailles, but will be employed at Berlin for the purpose of quieting agitation there, according to newspapers here. It is pointed out that there is an influential party in Germany, made up of independent and majority Socialists, which favors the signing of the treaty. Bankers, manufacturers and business men generally, as well as the military authorities, are said to share this view, believing, it is declared, that anything is preferable to Bolshevism, which might ensue if Germany refused to agree to the terms of peace. Philipp Scheidemann, German chancellor, and Gustav Noske, minister of defence, it is said, have compromised their position by exaggerated statements and have placed themselves in a difficult situation.

Newspapers declare that the extension granted yesterday will be the last concession as to time made to the enemy. If this is true, it is expected the treaty may be signed between June 12 and June 16.

PEACE TREATY DATE UNCERTAIN.

Paris, May 22—(By the Associated Press)—The notes which the German peace delegation will submit to the peace conference before May 29 to which time they are given to present answers to the peace terms, will apparently be so voluminous that the Entente representatives will require a week for reading and consideration before beginning to prepare a rejoinder. It is expected that there will be a new adjustment in the time set for the Germans to sign the treaty.

Versailles, May 22—(By the Associated Press)—Carl Kautsky, German Independent Socialist leader, has arrived here and has called for a consultation with the German peace delegation relative to the propriety of signing the treaty unless concessions are made.

WORK OF THE QUEBEC SOLDIER COMMISSION

Has Found Employment for 4,362 Men—Labors to End This Month

Montreal, May 22—It is announced that the Quebec Returned Soldiers' Commission, consisting of Hon. G. A. Simard, Senator Smeaton White and Alphonse Verville, M. P., has completed its work of the last few years for the benefit of returned soldiers, and will conclude its labors at the end of this month.

During the existence of the commission 4,362 soldiers physically fit, were found employment, and the commission has today 15,639 soldiers on file, thousands of whom have been assisted as regards adjustment of post discharge pay, war service gratuity, re-education, land settlement, medical treatment, etc.

NOW APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

American-Irish Delegates Ask Wilson For Hearing

REVIEW THEIR EFFORTS

Declare Refusal Would be Disconsonant With Declared Purpose For Which War Was Fought

Paris, May 22—Frank P. Walsh, Edward F. Dunne and Michael J. Ryan, representatives of Irish societies in the United States, have made public a letter addressed to President Wilson asking for permission to present to him personally the matter of safe conducts to Paris for Edward De Valera, Arthur Griffith and Count Plunkett, as well as "certain facts of grave import now in our possession."

The letter gives the history of the case, showing that on April 17 Colonel House requested Lloyd George that safe conducts be given the three Irish leaders as representatives of Ireland to the peace conference. On the day following, Colonel House informed them that Lloyd George was willing to comply, but desired an interview with the Irish American delegation before doing so.

After two tentative dates had been set by the British premier, and not having been received, they were advised by Colonel House to repeat the request through United States Secretary of State Lansing, who laid it before the president, to whom an appeal for a personal hearing is now made. In conclusion, the letter says:—

"In view of existing conditions in Ireland that cannot be denied, to foreclose its case by refusing a hearing to its representatives at this time would be disconsonant with the declared purpose for which the war has been prosecuted and out of harmony with the common principles of democracy."

Colonel House said last night that the letter was in error in stating that he had informed the delegation that Lloyd George was willing to comply with their request for safe conducts for the Irish leaders. The request for safe conducts had been made, but no reply that the request would be complied with.

Colonel House says that the request was unofficial, except, as the delegates stated, the president had referred them to him.

LIEUT. COL. SNOW TAKES OVER DUTIES; RUMOR OF POST FOR MAJOR KEEFE

Word was received at local military headquarters today from Ottawa authorizing the appointment of Lieut.-Col. A. B. Snow, to the office of organizer and inspector of cadet corps in this district. Major George Keefe, who has efficiently and most satisfactorily filled the position will hand over the duties of the office today.

Lieut.-Col. Snow was appointed to this office prior to the outbreak of the war, but he enlisted and proceeded overseas. It was said today that on the return of Major Keefe from overseas he was appointed pro tem, as the office was held open for Lieut.-Col. Snow should he wish it on his return.

It is rumored that Major Keefe will receive an important appointment in the course of a few days.

CHILDS BURIED IN WOODS WHERE FOUND

Moncton, N. B., May 22—Dr. Girvan, coroner, held an inquest at Rexton last evening into the death of Robert Childs, who murdered Mrs. John Childs and was found dead in the woods yesterday. A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered by the jury. The body was interred in the woods where it was found.

TO HALIFAX

A party of twenty young returned soldiers, who will assist in the debarkation and entertainment of soldiers at Halifax passed through the city from Montreal at noon today.

As Hiram Sees It

"You can't guess," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "what a feller give me yisteday."

"When I saw Mr. James Lewis last evening," replied the reporter, "he had a brace of horse pistols that once belonged to a man who lived on St. Helena. Was it something like that?"

"No, sir," said Hiram. "It wasn't. What's Jim goin' to do with them pistols? My great-gran'father fit a dool with hoss pistols once, an' got hit in the arm. What's Jim gonto celebrate?"

"I hear he is going gunning after South End men and boys who don't show up to work on the playground tonight," said the reporter. "But what particular gift did you receive—a razor—a necktie—or a wrist watch?"

"Guess agin," said Hiram. "An' remember what day after tomorrow is."

"Victoria Day," said the reporter. "Something patriotic, I suppose."

"No, siree," said Hiram. "But it's good for a holiday."

"What?" gasped the reporter. "Not—no, no—of course not."

"Of course not what?" demanded Hiram. "Jist what patickler thing was you alludin' to?"

"The inspector may be about," said the reporter, "and walls have ears. Sh-h-h!"

"You're sure you're feelin' quite well?" queried Hiram. "Ain't given to bad spells, be you?"

"Not at all," said the reporter, "but the fine, you know, is two hundred."

"Fine for what? See here, young feller—d'you think your Uncle Hiram hes somethin' on his hip?"

"Well, really, when you spoke of getting something good for a holiday—of course you know what I mean—I naturally thought that perhaps some friend had been thinking about you in terms of five dollars—which I believe is the correct figure for holiday goods this year."

"You're dead wrong," said Hiram. "Nobody offered me any booze, an' I wouldn't take it if they did—no, sir."

"Then I give it up," said the reporter.

"Well," said Hiram, "I'll tell you. The feller give me the dandiest trout fishin' outfit you ever seen. I didn't want to take it, but he said he had no further use for it. I ast him if he wasn't goin' fishin' himself this spring and wha' d'you s'pose he said?"

"I have no idea," said the reporter.

"He looked at me as if I had horns, an' he says, says he—'Who in thunder wants to go a-fishin' when he can't git bait?'"

VICKERS MEN IN MONTREAL, IMPATIENT AT DELAY, TO ACT

Montreal, May 22—In protest against delay by the company in negotiating with them, and for other reasons the employes of the Canadian Vickers Company Limited, will walk out this afternoon, and proceed to a meeting in the Maisonneuve Market Hall. Since the demonstration at the Vickers plant last week when 1,400 men struck, negotiations between the men and the company have been dropped, with the understanding that they would be resumed as soon as the shipping plans of the government were known.

The men have become impatient under delay.

INTERESTING DEANERY MEETING

Rev. Canon Smithers passed through the city today on his way to Kingston, Kings county. He had been attending a meeting of the Fredericton deanery at Gladstone and Blissville on Tuesday and Wednesday. Rev. Canon Cowie of Fredericton preached eloquently in St. Andrew's church on the subject of Church Unity; Rev. W. J. Wilkinson read a paper on The Epistle to the Hebrews and Rev. Canon Smithers read a criticism of Bishop Andrews. The assembled clergymen passed a vote of thanks to Rev. E. Halestone and sister for their hospitality.

FISHING TRIP

A delightful fishing outing was enjoyed at Lake Theobald, St. John county, this week. A party of men, the guests of John W. Vanwart, left on last Monday for the lake and returned last night. They reported delightful weather and an excellent catch. The party consisted of Rev. S. S. Poole, Dr. W. P. Bonnell, H. G. Marr, E. L. Rising, W. C. Cross and Mr. Vanwart.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—The disturbance which is now very extensive covers the Great Lakes and middle states. The weather is fine and warm in the western provinces and in the maritime provinces, while in Ontario and western Quebec it is cool and rainy.

Showery.

Maritime — Western portion, fresh southeast winds, becoming showery; eastern portion, light winds, fine and a little warmer.

Gulf and North Shore—Easterly winds, fair and moderately warm.

New England—Probably showery tonight and Friday; moderate east and southeast winds, becoming variable.

Don't Like Tone Of Police Letter

Communication Sent To City Hall

Matter of Appointment of City Representatives on Association Bye-Laws—Question of Pollution of City Water Sources

At a meeting of the common council this morning letters were read from the St. John Policemen's Protective Association and the Street Railway. The former had reference to the appointment of the city representatives to go into the by-laws of the association in conjunction with their representatives and an independent chairman. The tone of the letter did not appeal to the commissioners and the mayor said that if that was the way they intended to go about it he did not feel like acting as a representative.

The communication from the street railway asked for permission to install a switch at the Golden Ball corner. They propose to run their West St. John car along Charlotte street, to Union thence to Sydney and back to King Street via King Square.

Commissioner Fisher told about conferences with Commissioner Jones and said he was in favor of having water mains and sewer pipes in Douglas Avenue, City Road, Haymarket Square and Brussels street renewed if necessary, before he could carry out his permanent pavement programme.

Commissioner Jones said he was prepared to come to the council for a bond issue to secure the necessary material, if the council would favor such a move. The matter will be taken up later.

The communication from the street railway was then read. Commissioner Fisher said that the extra cars passing the corners of Union and Charlotte street and the Golden Ball corner might increase the heavy traffic and might cause greater inconvenience than convenience.

Commissioner Bullock did not see where there was any danger of congestion and felt that it would be a convenience for the public.

Commissioner Thornton said that the public were clamoring for a better service and moved that the matter be given further consideration. This was decided on, the Mayor and Commissioners agreeing to go over the proposed route and then reach a decision.

Commissioner Bullock read a communication from the trustees of Firemen's Park asking for a renewal of their lease. The commissioners felt that ten years was too long and Commissioner Bullock moved that they be notified that the lease will continue from year to year.

Police Association

The following communication from the St. John Policemen's Protective Association was read. It was addressed to His Worship:

"Whereas it has been three months since the board appointed to settle the dispute between the corporation of the city of St. John and the Policemen's Federal Protective Association did give their decision, and

Whereas, the common council have been lax in taking any action on the finding of such board in regard to the by-laws of our association.

We the members of said association do demand that the committee appointed to deal with said constitution and by-laws get in session and have this settled on or before Monday, May 26, 1919. And would also recommend any one of the following men as an independent chairman for such committee: Rev. Mr. Robinson, Edward Scully, James Pullen and W. F. Hatheway.

(Sgd.) J. M. COLWELL, President.

Commissioner Fisher said that he did not like the tone and Mayor Hayes said he would have a peculiar taste if he did.

The common clerk said that he had already mailed the association a notice giving the names of the city's representatives.

The mayor said that they have not as yet been notified who was to represent the association.

Water Supply Matter.

Commissioner Jones read a report from Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief medical health officer of the province of New Brunswick, regarding the possibility of pollution of the water supply of the city. He presented the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Whereas, there is possibility of pollution of the water supply from Loch Lomond and Spruce and Ludgate lakes in consequence of the drainage, especially during the summer months, from cottages erected on the shores of such lakes; and

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance that the purity of the water supply of both the eastern and western sides of the harbor should be conserved and maintained at all seasons; and

Whereas, the continued occupation of such camps and cottages aforesaid endangers the health of the community.

Be it therefore resolved, that the common council does hereby agree to cooperate with health authorities in every way possible in preventing contamination of the city's water supply.

Commissioner Jones spoke of some precautions that would be necessary and spoke of the matter of boating and swimming.

REV. MAJOR HOOPER HAS RECEIVED APPOINTMENT

Major (the Rev.) E. B. Hooper, who was chaplain of the 26th and in hospitals in England, has been appointed chaplain for New Brunswick in connection with military hospitals and probably will reside in Fredericton.

JOYOUS WELCOME

More of Our Soldier Sons Arrived in City at Noon

The happy tide of returning soldier boys continues to flow St. Johnwards. On the delayed C. G. R. Maritime express this midday a party reached home and were mostly gladly welcomed. Decorated automobiles conveyed some of the lads to their homes.

One of today's squad was Renwick M. Anderson of West St. John, son of Robt. J. Anderson, grain elevator superintendent at Sand Point. This boy was one of the original artillerymen of the 3rd regiment here, those of the bluecoats and white helmets. He went into training on Partridge Island in November, 1914, and was afterwards attached to the Divisional Ammunition Column under the now Col. W. H. Harrison. The West End boy is therefore a genuine old timer at the war game and feels that he has had enough to last for a few months anyway. He was wounded and gassed at Passchendaele. His folks gave him a great reception at the depot.

Lieut. J. Dorset William, an upriver boy, son of Mrs. Bayard Williams of Williams' Wharf, Long Reach, also arrived today from Quebec, accompanied by his trans-Atlantic wife and babe. David Williams was down from the homestead to welcome him and a "regular" homecoming is in store for him when the evening steamer reaches the homestead wharf this evening. Lieut. Williams enlisted in the west and enjoys the distinction of being one of the pioneer Princess Pats, to which crack unit he was shifted at the outset. After a lot of service with these well-known dare-devils, in which he fully did his share, he was selected for a new forestry battalion as he was a practical woodsman by training. He served a long time at this work and part of his sojourn abroad was spent in hospital. The homecoming of Lieut. Williams has several interesting sides—his safe return from the war, his first visit to the old home in years, having resided in Saskatchewan, and the bringing of his English wife and war-time kiddie. The widowed mother, who is so well known to city folks, is naturally having her cup of happiness filled to overflowing.

Still another arrival from overseas today was that of Private R. E. Storey, who went away with the Divisional Ammunition Column under Colonel Harrison. Mr. Storey was accompanied by his wife. They live at No. 167 Queen street.

LOCAL NEWS

FIRE

Fire broke out at noon today in a house in Bridge street occupied by Mr. Higgins. The blaze started around the kitchen stove, but was extinguished by the chemical before it had made much headway.

RETURNING TO DUTY

Elvin W. Cameron of Providence, R. I., who recently was was placed on inactive duty for the U. S. naval service and who has for the last two weeks been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cameron, 64 Charlotte street, is to leave tonight on the Boston train to return to his duties in the state capitol in Providence.

IN HONOR OF SOLDIER.

Friends and relatives of Gunner Kenneth G. Finlay of No. 1 Siege Battery gathered at his home, Loch Lomond road, last evening and welcomed him home after four years of active service. On behalf of the company Ernest Coates presented to him a gold signet ring in honor of his homecoming. The evening was spent in games and music. Refreshments were served and the party broke up in the early morning.

A HAPPY EVENT

A reception was given last evening to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. McEachern of Amherst, at the home of his father, J. D. McEachern, 549 Main street. Mr. McEachern recently returned with the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders from overseas after a brilliant military career. E. N. Stockford gave a welcome address to Mr. and Mrs. McEachern, after which, on behalf of the family, he presented to them a beautiful silver cake basket and tray. Games and music were enjoyed, and refreshments served.

DOING WELL OUT WEST.

Miss Jessie Church, energetic little worker in the government pension office here until her promotion to more important work in that department out west, is meeting with success in Calgary and roundabout, where her duties take her. She writes home that she enjoys her work in the new territory very much indeed and has already been sent on special errands over the Rockies into British Columbia. Her brother, William A., who was with the Brandram-Henderson paint concern here, is at Moosejaw, where his firm have a western headquarters and his management there is greatly enjoyed. St. John folks who know Mr. Church and his capable sister wonder very little at their success in the bigger country out west.

SAVING THE GREEN GRASS

Gardeners are turning over the sods on the outer mounds of King Square so that the havoc played by the enthusiastic crowds during the late soldier welcomings may be overcome by re-seeding and re-greening, as it were. In fact a growing carelessness on the part of the public, chiefly children, in taking short cuts over the grassy embankments, has created a lot of unsightly bald spots roundabout the Square. It is to be hoped, citizens think, that this summer Chief Smith will instruct his policemen to exercise special vigilence in preserving the grass plots from trampling, that same kind of vigilance that prevents children from coasting on prohibited hills in winter. Once the remedy is applied it is confidently felt a cure for this carelessness will be effected.

THE CARONIA IS AT HALIFAX

REACH HALIFAX ON THE CARONIA; HOME TOMORROW

Names of St. John Men and Others For New Brunswick Who Landed Today

A wire from Halifax to Chas. Robinson, secretary N. B. Returned Soldiers' Commission, states that the following men arrived there this morning on the Caronia for New Brunswick. The men will leave Halifax by regular train tonight and will arrive in St. John at six o'clock (daylight time) tomorrow morning.

Pte. J. A. Wood, 78 Sydney street, St. John.
Pte. A. Thomapn, 148 Mill street, St. John.
Pte. G. G. Seeley, 258 Tower street, West St. John.
Cpl. C. W. McLean, 18 Meadow street, St. John.
Pte. S. A. Ireland, 155 Hawthorne ave., St. John.
L.-Cpl. G. C. Merrell, 22 Exmouth street, St. John.
Pte. W. Lewis, Edith ave., East St. John.
Pte. J. O. Arbo, Milford, St. John.
Pte. T. W. McKee, 34 Celebration street, St. John.
Sgt. K. J. Giggie, Silver Falls, St. John.
Pte. R. C. Looz, Andover, Vic. Co., N. B.
Spr. A. S. Aird, Boothford, Car. Co., N. B.
Sgt. R. R. Nason, Debec, N. B.
Sgt. S. A. Foster, 1 Brunswick street, St. John.
Pte. W. H. Chamberlain, Prince William, York Co., N. B.
Pte. R. J. Bell, Grand Falls.
Pte. K. L. Hutchins, Hampton.
L.-Cpl. Wilson, Harvey Station.
Pte. E. J. Loggie, Loggieville.
Pte. W. W. Barge, Maple Glen, North county.
Spr. E. T. Denison, Marysville.
Sgt. R. O. McLean, Marysville.
Pte. J. W. Bryne, Norton, Kings Co.
Pte. J. Dafoun, Nash's Creek.
Pte. W. T. Smith, O'Dell River, Victoria county.
Pte. H. Clowes, Perth.
Pte. W. A. Toland, Plaster Rock.
Pte. E. Doherty, St. Andrews.
Pte. C. C. Cronk, St. Andrews.
Pte. A. N. Dodds, St. George.
Spr. F. B. Boyd, Stanley, York Co.
Pte. M. R. McLennan, Sussex.
Sgt. P. A. Whitlaw, Moncton.
L.-Cpl. W. A. Balsar, Moncton.
Pte. H. D. Lutes, Moncton.
Pte. H. E. McIntyre, Moncton.
Pte. L. W. Blanchard, East Bathurst.
Pte. M. Burton, Bathurst.
Pte. L. R. Hamilton, Campbellton.
Pte. J. Boucher, Campbellton.
Cpl. F. J. Wyers, Campbellton.
Pte. J. Sherard, 268 Germain street, St. John.
Pte. W. Goulette, Chatham.
Cpl. D. D. McArthur, Chatham.
Pte. C. A. Carr, Chatham.
Pte. C. E. LeBlanc, College Bridge.
Cpl. A. J. LeCoufe, Dalhousie.
Pte. M. Whalen, Edmundston.
Pte. J. Jean, 7el River Crossing.
Pte. J. Savoy, McKendrick.
Gnr. W. G. Alison, Newcastle.
Bgr. C. R. Crossman, Pine Glenn.

No addresses are given for the following:—

Privates A. G. Belliveau, A. Boudin; Spr. W. S. Butler, Ptes. G. C. Hisson, F. Despres, R. M. Fawcett, Q. M. S. J. A. LeBlanc, Ptes. L. LeBlanc, F. Mallet, J. Poulen, B. W. Steeves, G. P. Stewart, H. Gimmeau, J. T. Holland, T. R. Miles, E. Parsons, H. L. Stevens, C. W. Roberts, J. H. Nixon, J. McBrayne, Spr. H. H. Giggie, Spr. F. A. Fairweather, Ptes. T. E. Kentwell, W. T. Brown, J. Bellanger, J. T. Allan, E. H. Simms, Gnr. E. D. Kilkens, Pte. J. A. Miller, Spa. C. Hewitt, Ptes. A. J. Howard, T. Titus, P. McBaren, Spr. M. Milanorich, Ptes. D. Morrison, R. F. Norris, W. Boyne, A. S. Grant, H. C. Margison, LeB. N. Grasse, G. S. White, B. Gagnon, T. Mador, B. Sullivan, R. Stilwell, Ewikes.

THE FARMER AND THE HIGH PRICES

Montreal, May 22—Some observations on the reasons for the high prices of farm produce in Montreal, made by Adelaird Fortier, chairman of the agricultural committee of the chamber of commerce, caused a discussion by the members of the chamber at a meeting yesterday.

Mr. Fortier said that in view of certain newspaper articles and statements made on the subject of farm produce prices it was time that the public informed itself better on the subject, and that there be a stop put to the creation of discord which, if persisted in, might lead to results not desired. The farmers must be paid for their produce, and if the prices were not paid it would quickly mean that the issue would not be of prices but of getting the produce. He said he agreed that the workmen should obtain proper wages, but in return must pay for what they bought, for the farmer had to be compensated for his labor and the capital invested, and everything had risen in price for him as well as the cost of produce to the city dweller.

Reaches Height of 28,871 Feet.

Paris, May 21—(French Wireless)—The aviator Sadi Lecointe, yesterday ascended to a height of 8,800 metres, (28,871 feet) at the Villacoublay airdrome, establishing a French record for height.

The world's height record is held by Major R. W. Schroeder, who last September at Dayton, Ohio, ascended to a height of 28,900 feet or twenty-nine feet higher than the mark made by Lecointe.

Four Battalions of 4th Brigade

SAW HEAVY FIGHTING

Their Battles Recalled — Officers Say Disturbance at Whitley Camp Just Before Sailing Was Not Serious — Soldier Dies on Voyage

Halifax, N. S., May 22—The transport Caronia, which arrived here last night from England with the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st Battalion, fourth brigade, second division, on board, docked this morning a little after seven o'clock, and disembarkation of the troops was at once commenced.

The troops were in command of Brigadier-General Robert Rennie, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O., M. V. O., who headed the brigade practically all the time it was in France. Among the engagements in which the 4th brigade participated were the following—

1916—March-April, St. Eloi crater operations; June, The Salient; September, the Somme battle, including the capture of the Sugar Refinery at Courcelette and subsequent operations.

1917—January, Brigade raid north of Calonne; April, Battle of Vimy Ridge and succeeding operations; August, Hill 70, battle near Lens.

1918—August, Battle of Amiens, including capture of Marcelcave and Fransart; August 26, Battle of Arras; taking of Chapel Hill, Guemapue and Vis-En-Artois.

The brigade participated in the Mons advance and on November 11 occupied the most forward positions held by the Canadian corps, east of Mons. The brigade is especially proud of its record during the battles of Amiens and Arras and in the Hill 70 and Vimy Ridge fighting. General Rennie said that the slight disturbance which had occurred at Witley Camp previous to sailing had been greatly exaggerated. As a matter of fact it had amounted to nothing at all.

Delayed Sailing.

Lieut. Col. H. E. Pense, D. S. O., M. C., officer commanding the 21st Eastern Ontario Battalion, which is to be demobilized at Kingston, explained that the fourth brigade, owing to its being the senior brigade of the second division, was to have sailed for Canada first and arrangements had been made for a sailing on the Saxonia on May 4. This sailing, however, was subsequently cancelled, while that arranged for the fifth brigade was not, with the result that the latter brigade got away first. Some of the men of the fourth brigade felt they had a grievance and this added to the general reaction induced by a period of comparative inactivity following the strenuous years of the war had precipitated the disturbance, such as it was.

It broke out at 10.35 on the night of May 6, and as an evidence of the promptness with which it was handled and the really insignificant character of the affair, Colonel Pense said that everything was quiet and he was in bed a little after midnight.

Less than five per cent of the battalion were involved. One man attempted to make a speech from an overturned soap box, but he was not heard, and there was absolutely no organization back of the outbreak and nothing in the way of formal demands. The disturbance was quelled by officers going among the men and calling upon them to move away. The damage involved amounted to approximately £100 and as a result of an investigation held into the affair, this damage was equally assessed among all the units occupying that section of Witley Camp in which the fourth brigade was quartered.

Lieut. Colonel L. E. Jones, D. S. O., commanding the 18th Western Ontario Battalion, to be demoblized at London; Lieut. Col. L. H. Millen, D. S. O., commanding the 19th Central Ontario Battalion, and Lieut. Col. B. O. Hooper, D. S. O., M. C., commanding the 20th Central Ontario Battalion, corroborated what Brig.-General Rennie and Colonel Pense had said.

One death occurred on the trip across, that of Pte. A. J. Robertson, of the 21st Battalion, who enlisted in Kingston, but whose next of kin lives in Florida. He died on Tuesday, following an acute attack of influenza. His body was brought to Halifax.

MAJOR RYDER HOME

Major T. E. Ryder, M. C., who returned on the Mauretania's last trip to Halifax in command of the 7th Siege Battery, which he took to Montreal to be demobilized, is now in the city.

Major Ryder went over in a draft to the 1st Heavy Battery early in 1915. For a time he was with the 2nd. Divisional Ammunition Column and from October, 1917, until March, 1918, he was with the 6th Battery, taking over command of that unit. Later when the 6th. was broken up as the result of very heavy casualties, Major Ryder was given command of the 7th. Battery, which unit he brought home. He was in France steadily from Festubert until the armistice, with the exception of a few leaves to "Blighty," going through the battles of St. Eloi, third battle of Ypres, Courcellette, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendale, Amiens, Arras and Cambrai.

Before the war Major Ryder was manager of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Company in this city. He expects to spend about two weeks here, when he will go to Montreal, where he will locate, going into business there.

His many friends in St. John are delighted to welcome him home and to congratulate him upon his fine record at the front, but are very sorry to know that he intends leaving this city, though they wish him every success in Montreal.