

HUN ARMY MAKING DESPERATE STAND IN FRANCE

GERMAN ARMY SLOWLY RETREATING FROM FRANCE

French Troops Forcing Ahead, Face Last Great Barrier Between Them and Laon—Huns Falling Back Along Twelve-Mile Front.

Paris, Mar. 28.—The southern wing of the retreating German army is slowly receding along a ten-mile front under the furious onslaughts of the French. The first section of the great Concy-St. Gobain forests has been completely cleared of the invaders and General Nivelle's troops are now facing the last formidable natural barrier which lies between them and Laon—the plateau of St. Gobain.

This densely wooded plateau lies between the Oise and the Ailette and is about 10,000 acres in extent, rising from about eighty to 200 feet in height. No railway or highroads traverse it, but an important railroad sweeps around its southern border and runs north to Chauny. This road is in the hands of the French up to within about three miles of Laon, which is ten miles west of Laon. To the north the French are about two miles from the town of St. Gobain, centre of the most famous glass factories in Europe. St. Gobain is thirteen miles northwest of Laon.

Desperate Stand.

No change has taken place in the neighborhood of St. Quentin, where the Germans are still making desper-

WOMAN SUFFRAGE FAVORED

Premier Lloyd George Makes Declaration in House of Commons in Favor of Votes for Women.

London, Mar. 28.—Premier Lloyd George made a declaration in the House of Commons today in favor of woman suffrage.

The premier said he welcomed the recommendation in favor of woman suffrage which was made in the programme for electoral reform moved today by former Premier Asquith. The other reform measure former Premier Asquith said that the House would not be unprepared to hear that he and other members no longer regarded the question of woman suffrage from the standpoint they occupied before the war. Mr. Asquith made this statement in moving the adoption of a plan for electoral reform.

Mr. Asquith said his opposition to woman suffrage always had been based solely on considerations of public expediency. The women had now worked out their own salvation. The war could not be carried on without them. What moved him especially, he added, was the problem of reconstruction after the war. He considered it to be neither just nor expedient to withhold from women the power or the right to make their voices heard directly.

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CANADIANS ARE DOING GOOD IN NORTH FRANCE

No Slackening in Activity in General Campaign to Drive Huns Out of France—Boys from Dominion Worry Germans Constantly by Rifle Fire and Bomb Tactics.

London, Mar. 28.—The following communique, covering the operations of the Canadian corps from March 1 to March 25, was issued by the Canadian war record office today:

If it be said that a week has been passed on the Canadian front without incident it must be understood that the term is used only in a comparative sense. The minor operations carried out by the Canadians, any one of which in itself would make a thrilling story, if the full details could be told, have been overshadowed by our important advances scored by our troops in other regions.

Canadians Active.

The Canadians have not had the luck to capture a "Bapaume" or a "Peronne" during the past week, but there has been no slackening in their activity, which keeps the enemy perpetually on the qui vive, or in our own vigilance. The best evidence of the unflinching work kept by the Canadians is the record each week of enemy attempts at aggressiveness, which end in disaster to themselves.

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NOTES FOR DEBATE IN COMMONS

(Continued from page 1) Lloyd George.

The premier, paying the warmest tribute to woman's work during the war, especially the devotion, courage and zeal of women munition workers, said that when, after the war, the nation came to recast the whole industrial fabric, to give women no voice therein would be an outrage; it would be inequitable, unjust and ungrateful, and he believed that the country would not sanction such injustice for a moment. He agreed to the desirability of avoiding all political controversies during the war. Parliament, to be elected after peace was declared, would have to solve quickly the problems which would determine the course of things in Great Britain and the empire for generations, and unless he was mistaken in the temper of the people they did not intend to entrust this tremendous reconstruction to any party machine; they meant, he believed, to take it into their own hands. Therefore, he declared that he was glad that men of all political faith had agreed upon a basis for an electorate, millions of whom had made sacrifices for their country.

After intimating that the government was not prepared to adopt proportional representation, the premier concluded by expressing the hope that the House would show the same spirit, not merely of conciliation, but of good sense, and carry through the recommendations substantially in the form in which they were made, and without bitterness of a political controversy.

Andrew Bonar Law, addressing himself to the Conservative opponents to the recommendations of the speaker's conference, said he had always held the view that the Conservative party, which was not a national party, might as well go out of business altogether. There was going to be a new world after the war, and it was certain, at least, that no party need attempt to exist which could not hope to have the support of the men and the bulk of the nation which had saved the liberties of the empire. If there could then be a better understanding between all classes in the recognition that increased production was for the benefit of all, the recovery from devastation of war would be quick.

The war, Mr. Bonar Law declared, had altered his views on the subject of woman's suffrage, and he would do his best to prevent any extension of the franchise to men or women left out.

Mr. Salter's amendment was rejected 94 to 62, and Mr. Asquith's motion was carried.

Several members of the House supported an amendment introduced by Arthur Clavell Salter, Unionist, urging the avoidance of the question during the war, except in the shape of a temporary measure placing soldiers and sailors on the register, the secretary added, but if he still held the same views, which he did not, he would not raise his voice against granting recognition to women, who had suffered and died for their country in the war, and without whose heroism, self-denial, skill, physical strength and endurance the country could never have faced its hour of crisis.

Four Inebriates.

Four persons charged with drunkenness were arrested last night. One of the party was a woman.

MGR. DOYLE PASSES AWAY

A telegram from St. Stephen to His lordship Bishop LeBlanc, yesterday afternoon, brought news of the death of the Right Rev. Mgr. Doyle, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Milltown.

Mgr. Doyle, P. P. D. P., was born in Youghal, Ireland, in 1839, and was ordained June 29, 1866. After his ordination he came to St. John. He was stationed at the Cathedral for five years. Later he was appointed pastor of St. George, Charlotte County, where he remained for some fifteen years. In September, 1886, he was promoted to the pastorate of the important parish of Milltown. Since going to Milltown Father Doyle had made two trips to Ireland, the land of his birth. He made his first trip in July, 1890, and his second in the summer of 1899. On the latter occasion he toured the continent and visited Rome, where he had an audience with the late Holy Father, Pius X. On his return to Milltown from his European trip he received a public welcome from the citizens of Milltown, regardless of class or creed, which was accompanied by a well filled purse.

In recognition of his long and zealous record in the ministry, Mgr. Doyle was appointed a Domestic Prelate of the Papal Household by the late Pope Pius X. in 1914.

On July 12, 1916, the venerable prelate celebrated his fiftieth anniversary. He had been dean of the diocese since the death of Very Rev. Mr. Thomas Connolly, on Oct. 15, 1902.

Mgr. Doyle was the last survivor of a class of eleven candidates who were ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin, June 29, 1866.

Very many years have elapsed since Mgr. Doyle lived in St. John, but many old residents will have kind remembrances of him. During his long life in Charlotte County he was an arduous worker and was held in high regard by all.

Could Not Get Clergyman

The police court almost became the scene of a wedding yesterday afternoon when a young man, at present an inmate of the jail, and his fiancée decided to get married but could find no minister to officiate. While the man, in company with a court officer, went out and succeeded in getting a marriage license but when they got back to the station they were informed by the girl that she could not locate the minister. While the man made himself comfortable in a chair in the guard room the girl went out again and made the rounds of the parsonages but in each case was unsuccessful. So the man was reminded to jail and another attempt will probably be made today to arrange the wedding.

Miss A. B. Jenner, who has been spending the winter at the home of her father, Rev. J. H. Jenner, of West St. John, left yesterday for the west. Miss Jenner takes the summer school at Spranrao, Sask.

THE MAN WHO WINS

Some men seem to have all the luck. If there are any good things going these men seem to get them. They make other people do their will—they are leaders. If they are business men they are successful; if they are workmen they get the foreman's job. They have the power of influencing people.

The same thing is true of women. Some have the charm that makes men seek them out; others are always neglected. But this is not luck. It is due to a personal gift—vitality. Men and women of this sort are never weak, puny invalids. They may not be big, but they are full of life and energy. The whole thing is a matter of good blood, good nerves and good health. Everyone would wish to be like this and the qualities that make for vitality and energy are purely a matter of health. By building up the blood and nerves sleeplessness, want of energy, weakness of the back, stooping shoulders, the aches and pains, dejected girls and women plump, rosy and attractive, by improving their nerves. If you are weak, ailing, lapsed or unhealthily, begin to cure yourself today by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

You can get these Pills through any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents per box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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Mothers should give cross, sick, bilious, feverish children a whole Cascarets anytime as they can not injure the thirty cells of tender bowels.

EUROPEAN WAR VETERANS HOLD SUCCESSFUL SMOKER

Battle Scarred Heroes Gave Guests Most Enjoyable Time Last Night—Rousing Addresses by Prominent Men and Excellent Musical Programme.

The members of the European War Veterans' Association entertained a large number of guests at a smoker in their rooms 38 Charlotte street last night.

These heroes who have done their bit at the front, and who have gone through all the hardships and dangers of the war, were invited to take all the enjoyment possible, now that they have returned home, but there is one thing certain, and that is, they know how to make their guests feel at home, and for three or four hours there was not one idle moment. It was all enjoyment.

The programme brought forth some excellent speakers, readers and musicians, and to say that those present enjoyed the function is but mildly stating the case.

Seated about the rooms, or helping the guests to the good things offered were many of the brave sons of St. John, or other parts of New Brunswick, who have been overseas fighting the fight for the Empire, the fight for freedom and right. Some were maimed for life, nearly all bore the marks of conflict with the enemy, but all were cheerful, and their one desire appeared to be to make those present feel at home, and take all the enjoyment that could be offered them.

The festivities of the night commenced with the singing of God Save the King. Bud Tippetts, the president of the association, made a short address and then handed the chair over to J. J. Paddy, who held down that position in a admirable manner for the remainder of the evening.

On behalf of the association Charles Robinson, secretary for the returned soldiers' aid commission, was called upon, and in a brief address welcomed the guests on behalf of the Veterans' Association.

His Worship Mayor Hayes made a short but appropriate address, in which he spoke of the honor that had been conferred on him on being invited to be present at the smoker. His Worship said nothing too good could be offered to the returned soldiers.

Other gentlemen called on for addresses were E. A. Schofield, James Sweeney and Dr. James Manning.

A. O. H. Wilson was also called on. He spoke of having two sons at the front, and said nothing too good could be offered to the returned soldiers on their return home. He said that all the men who return from the front were not farmers, and they should not be asked to go out and hoe potatoes on rocky soil, such as had been offered them.

At the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's address no less than six returned veterans took their turn in replying to him. They took objection to his remarks, saying they perfectly under-

FREIGHT TRAIN DECISION BY R. R. COMMISSION

Ottawa, Mar. 28.—Under existing conditions the board is not justified in directing a revision of the length of freight trains, says a judgment of the Railway Commission regarding the application for an order setting the maximum length of trains to be hauled on Canadian railways.

"With the termination of the war and the getting back to more normal conditions the matter of the regulation of the length of long trains can and will be gone into on its merits. In the meantime there is no other one thing more important in transportation than the movement of the freight."

"The fundamental importance of getting the most efficient movement out of the rolling stock is patent to all."

The order goes on to say that "conditions are such that it is impossible to add to the rolling stock at once. The question is to do the best with what there is."

MANY PROVINCIAL PEOPLE TO ATTEND WIN-WAR CONVENTION

A determined effort is being made to have a large and influential delegation from New Brunswick attend the Win-War Convention at Montreal. While the exact dates of the meetings have not yet been announced the gathering will take place in the near future. Mayor McKenna of St. John, who has done much to advance recruiting in Kings county since the commencement of the war, told The Standard yesterday that there would undoubtedly be a large number going from this province to the big convention.

The arrangements for the programme are in the hands of a competent committee and it is planned to have addresses by leading public men and others as well as an interchange of ideas between the delegates. It is the endeavor of the managing committee to awaken the people of the Dominion to a more complete realization of the present crisis with a view of having each citizen do his utmost to bring the war to an early and happy termination.

A STORMY DEBATE IN NEW YORK LEGISLATURE

Albany, N. Y., March 28.—After a stormy debate, during which personalities were freely exchanged, the assembly today adopted a resolution offered by Democratic Leader Callahan to place the New York legislature on record in favor of the principle of universal military training.

JAPAN RECOGNIZES THE NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

Tokio, March 28.—Japan has decided to recognize the new Russian government.

HUNS MAY STRIKE AT ST. JOHN

Rome, via Paris, March 28.—The central powers continue the chief topic of discussion today and political circles.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is credited with aiming at an attack on France, across a prostrate Italy, in connection with the troops, serving with the Italian army, in preparation against the enemy announces it in intimidate us by threatening with the fate of Romania.

FORMER ST. JOHN WEDS BLIND

Miss Teresa Flynn, Graduate Nurse of Brookline, is Bride of Professor

Boston, March 28.—The marriage of Miss Teresa Flynn, graduate nurse of Brookline, and A. Thompson, a blind typographer, became known here today. The couple were married at the Mission Rev. Thom. G. Raynor, who had been blind for several years, but acquainted with his bride ago when she was nursing in Brookline. The couple had been engaged for some time. To add to the mystery, I had been doing her regular October.

Mrs. Thompson comes from Worcester City Hospital School 118. Prof. Thompson is in Newville, Ark.

ST. JOHN MAN WOUNDED PETITCODIAC MAN DEAD

Ottawa, March 28, 9:30 last—Infantry. Presumed to have died—Frank Gloster, Dartmouth, N. S.

Mounted Rifles. Presumed to have died—D. J. Hiltz, Petitcodiac, N. B.; G. Rae, Strathadam, N. B.

Artillery. Dangerously ill—Gunner George Curtis, New Zealand, P. E. I.

Dangerously wounded—Acting Bombardier W. G. Stears, St. John, N. B.

Services. Wounded—Roger Specht, Barton, N. S.

DYSPEPSIA MOST DIFFICULT TO BUT B. B. B.

Dyspepsia is one of the most difficult diseases of the stomach to cure.

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