

THE HERALD

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THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Nelson, Premier, the Liberal member for Prince Edward County, and himself a farmer, made his contribution to the Budget Debate a thoughtful and spirited plea for thoroughness and energy in the furtherance of the agricultural interests in the Province. He urged a system of rural credits, mobilization of farmers' securities and greater co-operation between the departments of Agriculture and Education.

The Prohibition Bill was not introduced last week. A deputation from the liquor interests waited upon Premier Hearst, but it is understood they received little encouragement. It is still the general belief that Prohibition will be enacted by the Legislature itself at this session. Rumour says that a considerable number of private members on the Conservative side will not agree to the measure but even if this should turn out to be correct, the Bill would carry easily on account of the support of the Liberals, which will accompany it.

The new Government House provided one of the chief excitements of the week. The Opposition continued their fight against the extravagance and undemocratic luxuries of the province nearly one million and a quarter. The Opposition always does vote against expenditures on the new Government House every time they come up. On one occasion there were only fourteen Government members in the House and they found themselves in the minority. They had to speak against time until other members could be brought in from down town. Government members defended the expenditure on Government House, while the Liberals declared that they would continue their protest on every available occasion.

Another sensation of the week was the attack by the Provincial Auditor on the accounts of the Hydro Commission. In his report he said: "the absence of even a semblance of legislative control over the expenditures of the Hydro Commission," and "the seeming defiance of obedience of the act creating the Commission, with their powers and duties, with their attendant results, lie at the bottom of the present condition of things." Mr. Rowell said that nothing in the way of material projects was dearer to the hearts of the people than the Hydro, and that this was all the more reason why they should receive the very fullest information and details as to the actual financial position of the Commission.

Mr. Rowell pointed out by means of various statements and comparisons that if the Government in the years preceding the war had taken the advice of the Opposition and had been even moderately economical in the expenditure of public money, they now would be able to meet expenses in connection with patriotic war payments without having to levy any extra tax on the people as they were forced to do at present.

Once again the Government has voted down the Opposition proposal to grant the vote to the women of the Province. Mr. Hearst claimed that during the war was no time even to debate the question, but Mr. McDonald, mover of the Bill, and Mr. Rowell and the other Liberal speakers showed that there was no need for any discussion on the question if the Government would agree to it and thus let the Bill pass the House unanimously. In the Western provinces women have been granted the suffrage since the war began and without any discussion.

The speakers pointed out the wonderful self-sacrificing services performed by the women of the Province in connection with the war and declared that now was the time to recognize these services by granting the vote.

Mr. Rowell urged the claims of the returned soldiers. As time went on their numbers would increase enormously and the problem of placing them in the most suitable positions would become a pressing one. Those who needed it should be given technical training for some occupation. Mr. Rowell asked Mr. Hearst if he had considered giving preference to returned soldiers in vacancies in the Civil Service. Mr. Hearst's reply was non-committal. S. Ducharme, Liberal member for North Essex, gave one of the most eloquent speeches of the Session in urging the whole-hearted co-operation in the war of all Canadians, whether of French or English descent.

Winnipeg Presbytery voted sixteen to one in favor of Church union.

The enemy was defeated by bayonet attacks in German East Africa.

Romania has 30,000 laborers digging trenches on the Hungarian border.

Disorders have broken out in Hungary on account of a shortage of bread.

Mr. E. H. Tiffany, K.C., a prominent Hamilton lawyer, is dead in Montreal.

A new University company will be recruited, with Prof. A. H. Needler as Captain in command.

It is understood Ontario will in future have control over the charters for local electric railways within the Province.

Articles marked "Made in Germany" were found in the kit bags, a consignment of 300 of which was received from the Militia Department for the 206th (French-Canadian) Battalion.

The series of campaigns held this winter for the purposes of the Canadian Patriotic Fund have exceeded the estimates of the promoters. Nine million dollars was the goal aimed at. The subscriptions pledged amounted to ten million, according to final returns received at headquarters and just published in the monthly bulletin.

ASSAULT FELL SHORT

Germans Failed to Reach French Lines Near Vaux.

Heavy Bombardments Have Been the Order of the Day on the Verdun Sector, but Since Failure of Saturday Germans Are Evidently Taking a Rest—Enemy Munition Depot Blown Up Near Damloup.

PARIS, March 20.—The Germans resumed their attack in the region of Vaux Saturday without changing the situation. The attack, like the violent assaults which marked the earlier efforts of the Germans to take this sector, was preceded by an intense bombardment. But on this occasion the infantry forces used to carry home the attack were small. Using these smaller forces, the Germans made a series of assaults against the line between the Vaux village and the wood to the south of the Haudromont farm. The French artillery, machine guns and rifles, threw out the customary fire curtain and at no point were the enemy troops able to reach the French lines.

Heavy bombardments occurred in the course of the day in the Verdun sector. The German artillery directed an especially heavy fire against the line Montville-Bois Bourrus, on the western bank of the Meuse, south of Chattancourt. The French guns were also active on the whole front, particularly in the Woëvre. A German munition depot was blown up in the Moranville woods, south-east of Damloup.

Information that German troops were being brought north of Verdun from the eastern part of the St. Mihiel salient caused the French guns to keep up a heavy bombardment Saturday night of the road between Apremont and Vigneulles. The afternoon communique told of heavy French artillery fire on Hill 265 and the Corbeaux wood, to the west of the Meuse, to which the Germans made no response.

After their repulse Saturday the Germans apparently decided to take a breathing spell, as Sunday passed quietly without any infantry attacks. Even the bombardment by the artillery decreased in violence.

The French bombarded German trenches in Champagne and German depots north-east of St. Mihiel.

TURKS SURRENDERING.

Large Proportion of Officers Giving Up to the Russians.

PETROGRAD, March 20.—After three weeks of suspended activity the main Russian forces beyond Erzerum, which have been waiting for the development of operations on the Black Sea and in the Lake Van region to make their position secure against possible flank attacks by the Turks, have again resumed their westward march toward Sivas.

Although the Russian advance is yielding a constantly growing number of Turk prisoners, there is no reason to suppose that the Turks have begun to offer serious resistance to their pursuer. According to unofficial reports, the large number of prisoners is accounted for by the Turkish discontent with conditions prevailing in the Turkish army, which has resulted in a growing disposition of the soldiers to surrender. In this connection it is interesting to note that an exceptionally high percentage of officers have been taken prisoner. Some of them say that they were unable longer to tolerate German control of the army.

The capture of Mamahatun bridge shows that the Russian forces are within 60 miles of Erzinjan, on the road to Sivas. Sivas will probably mark the first organized resistance of the Turkish armies.

A MYTHICAL BATTLE.

Germans Claim Victory on Eastern Front to Cheer Up People.

LONDON, March 20.—In order to offset the news of the repeated defeats of the Germans at Verdun, the Berlin official report is manufacturing victories on the Russian front. Sunday's report contained this announcement:

"Eastern war theatre: The expected Russian attacks on the front of Drisviaty Lake and Postavy and on both sides of Narocz Lake began with the greatest violence, but the enemy was everywhere repulsed with extraordinarily heavy losses. Before our positions on both sides of Lake Narocz we counted 9,270 dead Russians. Our losses were very small."

Neither the Saturday or Sunday Petrograd official report contains any reference to these alleged attacks. Saturday's report does, however, refer to the explosion of a mine by the Germans north of Lake Drisviaty, and to the repulse of two offensives by the enemy.

Japs Smash Paper Office.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 20.—Japanese recruits in this city, who have been training for about two months in expectation of being utilized by the Canadian military authorities, and have become dissatisfied because they have not been supplied with uniforms, demolished the newspaper plant of The Canadian News, owned by Rev. Geo. Kaburagi, Saturday night, in revenge for an article in the paper in question depicting assaults by the Japanese as an outcome of their dissatisfaction. Police reserves were called out, and ten Japanese were arrested, after a strenuous fight.

To Stay in America.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Francis Neilson, author, playwright, and Liberal member of the British Parliament for the Hyde division of Cheshire, long prominent as a land reformer, who came here recently, announced yesterday that he intended to make his home in America.

BATTLE FOUGHT IN AIR

Greatest Conflict Since War Began Occurs in Alsace.

With a Score of Combatants on Each Side French and German Aviators Engage in Struggle in Which Seven Machines Are Driven to Earth—Frenchmen Had Raided Muelhausen and Dropped Shells on Railway.

LONDON, March 20.—A raid by a French aeroplane squadron comprising 23 machines on upper Alsace Saturday night resulted in one of the greatest aerial battles fought in the war. The number of German machines taking part in the engagement is not announced, but the two squadrons appear to have been fairly evenly matched. Four French aeroplanes were driven to earth, and three German machines. Two of the German machines fell in flames. The raid which precipitated the battle was directed against Muelhausen and Habsheim, on the edge of the Hartwald, just to the east of Muelhausen. Altogether 72 shells were dropped on the Muelhausen freight station and the aviation camp at Habsheim.

The German squadron, which rose to drive off the invading French, gave battle at once. One of the most dramatic incidents of the engagement was a duel between a French and a German machine, which resulted in each of the two machines being so riddled by the bullets of the other's machine gun that both were compelled to descend. Three other French aeroplanes were so seriously damaged that they were forced to land in enemy territory.

The official announcement of the aerial battle given out yesterday in Berlin says that the occupants of all four of the French machines which descended are dead. The German statement says that seven inhabitants were killed and thirteen injured at Muelhausen by bombs dropped by the French machines, and that one soldier was killed at Habsheim.

Another raid of small proportions was made by the French about the same time on Metz, Chateau-Salins, to the south-east of Metz, and Dieuze, just east of Chateau-Salins. The targets in this raid, in which five double-motored aeroplanes took part, were the balloon station at Metz, the ammunition depots near Chateau-Salins and the aerodrome at Dieuze. Twenty large shells were dropped on the station at Metz, and ten more were divided between the other two objectives.

German aviators also executed two raids Saturday on French railway works, the first on the Clermont-Verdun line and the second on the line from Epinal to Vesoul, and also bombarded the region to the south of Dijon.

A German aeroplane, reconnoitering in the Verdun region, was brought down by a French machine near Montville, the German machine landing within the French lines. This was announced in the afternoon communique.

Last night's official communique tells of the bringing down of another German machine by Adjutant Navarre, making the seventh machine brought down by that aviator. The British headquarters in France sends the following report on aerial activity on the British front: Hostile aeroplanes were active, and there were many combats. A hostile machine was brought down in the vicinity of Radinghem. One of our reconnaissance planes was heavily engaged but drove off all attacks and brought down one hostile machine in a damaged condition. All our machines returned safely, having completed their missions.

A German aeroplane from Coblenz landed at Herpt, Holland, according to the Amsterdam Telegraaf. The machine and its occupants were interned.

FRENCH DESTROYER LOST.

The Renaudin is Sunk in Adriatic by a Submarine.

PARIS, March 20.—The French torpedo boat destroyer Renaudin has been sunk in the Adriatic by a submarine. The vessel was on patrol when the crew were lost. Two officers and 34 of the crew were saved.

The Ministry of Marine made the following official announcement last night regarding the loss of the destroyer: "The squadron torpedo boat Renaudin was sunk in the Adriatic by an enemy submarine on the morning of March 18. Three officers among whom were the commandant and second officer, and 44 seamen were lost. Two officers and 34 seamen were rescued by a French torpedo boat which accompanied the Renaudin."

Brazil Has Not Seized German Ships.

RIO JANEIRO, March 20.—From a reliable source it was declared that the Brazilian Government, despite reports to the contrary in circulation in the United States, has taken no action towards requisitioning merchant vessels of German ownership interned in Brazilian ports. According to information published in the newspapers, the Brazilian Government would not consider taking such action without an amicable agreement with all interests concerned. The neutrality of Brazil in the war between Germany and Portugal has been decreed.

Canadian Girl Decorated.

LONDON, March 20.—At an investiture Saturday the King decorated with the Royal Red Cross Miss Vivien Tremaine of Montreal, acting matron of the Daughters of the Empire Canadian Hospital for officers. She is the nurse who was obtained quite fortuitously to attend upon the King when his Majesty met with his recent accident in France. She travelled to England in charge of the Royal patient.

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DEATHS.

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