

BUSINESS NOT TOO BAD, SAY GERMANS

That is Commercial, Not War Business—A Report From Berlin

Berlin, March 30.—The business situation in Germany is regarded as fairly satisfactory, and better than might have been expected in view of the war. All industries, of course, are running on a restricted scale, chiefly because of the virtual cessation of overseas exports, but, as a large proportion of the skilled workmen went into the army, the sharp curtailment in production was not attended by a corresponding increase in unemployment. More women and girls are seeking work in some branches of industry than can find employment, but this is far from being the case with the men.

On the contrary, the chief industries of the country are seriously embarrassed by the scarcity of skilled workmen. This is true of the coal and iron trade, shipbuilding and certain sections of the chemical industry. A pronounced scarcity of workmen is reported from the great industrial district about Essen. The demand for coal is increasing, but the mines can meet, although its export has been prohibited.

Last month conditions in the iron trade were reflected by an advance in prices. The production of pig iron, running about 35 per cent over the normal, would be still larger if the necessary labor could be obtained.

Many branches of machinery manufacture, an important branch of German industrial activity are working full time or overtime, but here also a scarcity of workmen is felt.

Textile factories engaged in turning out the cheaper lines of goods are hampered by a shortage of raw material. The import of wool has virtually ceased and woollen rags are in great demand for the making of shoddy. Some mills have taken to spinning shoddy yarns. Indeed, quite recently cotton have raised the price of cotton yarns and cloths.

FREDERICTON SOLDIER IS AMONG WOUNDED

Robt. Markey Now in Hospital—Member of 24th Battery Goes to France—The River

Fredricton, N. B., March 30.—Bandsman Robert McDonald in a letter to a friend here from Tidworth barracks states that Private Robert Markey, formerly of Marysville, is in a hospital in London suffering from wounds in the head and leg. Markey was a member of the 12th Battalion, and was sent to France.

Allan Boone, of this city, a member of the 24th battery, has, with several other members, been transferred to the heavy battery in connection with the campaign in France. He volunteered as driver.

Several inches of snow fell here last night, and raw, cold weather prevails today. There are no indications that the ice in the river will break before the middle of April. Lambersmen say that the backward spring weather will benefit the stream driving operations.

OPPOSE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ACT CHANGE

Delegation of Retail Men to Fredericton—Favor the Grants

The Retail Merchants' Association, at a largely attended meeting last night, decided to oppose strenuously the amendments to the assessment act which are coming before the local legislature. A strong delegation headed by the executive of the association will go to Fredericton to use every effort to defeat the measure. It is anticipated that about thirty in all will go.

A. O. Skinner, president of the association, occupied the chair and prominent citizens were speakers. The attitude they took was that the amendments were not for the good of the city nor for the welfare of the working class. It was urged by some that later on a commission should be appointed to investigate the present taxation system and formulate suggestions. The matter of restoring civic grants was also taken up, and a unanimous resolution was placed on record in favor of giving grants.

SOLDIERS' VOTE BILL COMES UP AGAIN

Ottawa, March 30.—The bill giving votes to soldiers on service has a place on the order paper of the commons. The minister of justice stated that it would be preceded by a resolution and Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed.

The minister of justice introduced a bill providing that polls at Dominion elections must be kept open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Another important amendment provides that workmen may have an additional hour at noon with pay for the purpose of voting.

The Hon. Frank Cochrane gave notice of his resolution to provide for the operation of the National Transcontinental line in the opposition leader, he said that a lease had been sent to the Grand Trunk Company.

ACCIDENT

Frank Matthews, a steevedor, had one of his fingers crushed last evening while he was working on board the Allan liner Hesperian, at St. John's. He was nursed for in the Emergency Hospital.

Estate of Hannah Lynch

All persons having claims against the estate of the late Hannah Lynch, are requested to send them to the administrators, Ann O'Brien, 287 Ludlow street, Dartmouth, and all persons indebted to the estate (except book debts), to make returns by the 7th of April, 1915, to be said Ann O'Brien.

HURDMAN SAYS HE KNEW THEY WERE INFERIOR

All The Glasses That Could be Got, is Excuse He Gave Public Accounts Committee

Ottawa, March 30.—That P. W. Ellis & Company knew that inferior binoculars were being supplied to the Canadian forces was sworn to by Lieut.-Col. W. G. Hurdman, of the militia department, in evidence before the public accounts committee today.

Some of the glasses were supplied at rates as low as \$9.75. The average price paid by the government was about \$40. The defence put forward as an excuse for the inferior kind of glasses was all that could be got. The evidence was illuminating in view of Mr. Ellis having taken the course of procuring the saving effected for the government through his activities.

ASSESSMENT BILL TAKES MANY FROM HERE TO CAPITAL

There will be a big delegation of citizens from St. John's Fredericton tomorrow to appear before the municipalities committee in connection with the civic bill to amend the assessment act by providing for the exemption from taxation of all incomes under \$1,000, partial exemption up to \$1,400 and exemption of small holdings of personal property.

The mayor and several of the other city commissioners will be on hand, probably leaving this evening.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade this morning it was decided to send a strong delegation to speak on behalf of the city. President J. A. Lilely occupied the chair and there was a good attendance. The meeting was unanimous in its opposition to the bill.

The Retail Merchants' Association arrived at the same decision last evening and they will be represented by a large delegation. Speakers for these delegations will be chosen at a meeting to be held on the train.

Forty members of the Trades and Labor Council will leave tomorrow for the capital to appear before the committee in the legislature in connection with the bill. C. H. Stevens will act as chairman of the delegation. The following have been chosen to speak on behalf of the council: C. H. Stevens, H. Campbell, J. L. Suggue, John Kemp and Fred Hyslop.

All three delegations will leave St. John tomorrow morning in special cars attached to the legislative train. They will return by the regular train in the evening.

WIFE MURDER AND SUICIDE BACK OF NEW YORK FIRE

New York, March 30.—Firemen who extinguished a blaze today in the rooms of Louis Varadi in Fourth street, found Varadi and his wife, Ethel, dead in bed, of what were thought at first to be burns.

Close examination, however, disclosed that the woman had been tied to the bed and that there were two bullet wounds in her head, either of which would have caused death. Varadi also was found to have a bullet in his chest. A pistol lay nearby. The police believe Varadi killed his wife and then himself, and that the blaze from the pistol fired the bed clothing.

MOTHERS PETITION FOR CITY GRANTS

At the common council this afternoon a petition from the mothers of children who have been attending the free kindergartens, asking for the restoration of the civic grants, will be presented.

DEATHS

GLASGOW—On March 30, 1915, Arthur Louis Glasgow, aged one year and six months, son of the late Arthur L. Glasgow, leaving his mother, one brother and step-father in this city, (Boston, New York and St. Stephen papers please copy).

Hoyt—At 56 Sydney street, on March 29, Kestah E. widow of Reginald Hoyt, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn.

Brady—In this city, on the 29th inst., Francis, son of the late Bernard and Mary Brady, in the 45th year of his age, leaving three sisters and one brother to mourn.

Elliott—In this city, on the 29th inst., at the General Public Hospital, Thomas Elliott, leaving three daughters, two brothers and two sisters, besides a large circle of friends.

In Memoriam—In loving memory of my dear grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, who departed this life March 31st, 1914. Gone but not forgotten.

GRAND-DAUGHTER BESSIE—Mrs. Alexander Gunn and family wish to extend sincere thanks to friends and relatives for their kindness and sympathy in their late bereavement; and also for beautiful flowers sent.

CARDS OF THANKS—The family of the late Mrs. Taylor place this afternoon from her late residence, 125 Erin street, to the Cathedral where burial services were conducted by Rev. M. O'Brien. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

SOME WITNESSES HEARD—The case against William Stevens and Fred O'Neil was continued in the police court this morning. After two witnesses testified, the defendants were demanded.

KHAKI WORTHY OF WIDE ENDORSATION AND ASSISTANCE

The New Monthly Magazine and News-Letter Designed For Free Distribution to Overseas Soldiers in Empire's War

The Times yesterday referred to Khaki, a new magazine issued in London for the pleasure and satisfaction of the overseas soldiers who are aiding in fighting the empire's fight in the great war. Something more than the brief notice given in the Times will be added. The idea of the magazine is purely patriotic one. It is not a money-making and interesting reading matter to the colonial soldiers at the front, and at the same time pay a debt of gratitude to the overseas men who are supporting the colors on the battlefields of Europe. An appealing feature is an inset news letter, compact, but comprehensive, giving the home news from all the overseas dominions—not war news, but the news of the day, which will appeal to the men from those dominions.

The magazine itself is of 180 pages, with well selected stories, poetry, excellent illustrations, some phases of the lighter side of life, and is pictorially illustrated. It is very readable, and is bound to give the soldier pleasant hours.

The aim is to supply to each overseas soldier a copy of magazine and cable letter free every month. To make this possible, subscriptions are asked for and \$5 will pay for a six months subscription, which will include a monthly copy sent to the subscriber. The Royal Bank of Canada is looking after this financial end of the project, and the \$5 may be sent to any branch of the bank which will be remitted to the London office of the bank and acknowledged in Khaki. Copies received at the King Street branch of the Royal Bank have found ready sale over the counter at 15c.

Of those who buy the magazine, it is safe to say many will become subscribers. The Royal Bank, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and other big men of military, nautical and sea interest, have been instrumental in the work. When it becomes a profit-making enterprise, it is announced, a suitable charity will be found for the profits.

Boys give evidence. A youth arrested recently charged with escaping from the Boys' Industrial Home, incidentally to the theft of provisions, was before Magistrate Ritchie in the juvenile court this morning and remanded. Five boys from the home testified, after which he was remanded.

OFFICERS OF THE 55TH ANNOUNCED

(Continued from page 1.)
don, Ont., and Lieutenants A. R. Matthews, of Montreal, H. B. Tallmadge, of Toronto, and G. H. Bainville, of Montreal. The Winnipeg Co. No. 7, is commanded by Major H. B. Hunter, of London, Ont., with Capt. H. J. Freeman, of Winnipeg and Lieutenants R. A. Laird, of Regina, R. S. Roby, of Ottawa, and E. J. Kelly, of Vancouver. Lieut. H. A. Mitchell of Kingston, Ont., commands No. 7 Co. from Vancouver with Capt. E. S. Shortt, of Vancouver, and Lieutenants R. T. Perry and C. H. Graham, of Vancouver. Major J. M. G. J. Freeman, is second in command of the unit, has been in the city since Lieut. Col. Massie, as second in command of the train, has gone to England, and has been promoted to Lieut. Colonel.

THE DELMIRA, WHICH WAS TORPEDDED, DID NOT SINK

The steamer Delmira, torpedoed by a German submarine in the English Channel on last Friday, and supposed to have gone to the bottom, did not sink, according to a cable received by J. T. Knight & Company, local agents for the steamer. The message said that the steamer had gone aground at La Hague. An endeavor will be made to float her and have her towed to a French port for repairs.

RECENT DEATHS

William A. Charles of Moncton is dead, aged sixty-seven years, leaving his wife, three sons and one daughter.

George Bond of Sackville and her infant child are dead. She was forty years, and leaves her husband and several children.

Margaret, widow of Daniel Robinson, Norton, is dead, aged forty years, leaving two sons and one daughter.

Henry McCloskey, formerly of Fredericton, died in Detroit, aged sixty-one years, leaving his wife, two daughters and three sons, besides a brother and sister who live in Fredericton.

Joseph Sands of Fredericton is dead, leaving his wife, one daughter and two brothers. He died of blood poisoning.

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LOCAL NEWS

DEATH OF CHILD.
Mrs. Arthur L. Glasgow of West End will have the sympathy of many friends in the death of her son, Arthur Louis, aged a year and a half, which occurred today.

Easter cards.—Hoyt, Bros., German street.

DRY SLAB WOOD \$1.00
Big load, Fairville Fuel Co., Phone West 307-21, 3-31.

THE POLICE.
When asked today by Det. Simpson refused to make any statement regarding the resignation of Detective Killen. When asked if it was true that Harry Luddecke was no longer a special patrolman, he said he had no man by that name in the department.

PAY AS YOU LEAVE.
From now on, as formerly, no money will be taken as you enter the door of the Grand Union Cafe, Mill street. Eat your dinner and pay the 25c. at the desk as you go out. Very simple, isn't it?

LIVING HIGH!
Not if you go at the Grand Union Cafe, Mill street. Full course dinners served from 11.30 to 2 p. m. at 25c. per head. The prospects are more favorable today.

THE ISLAND STEAMERS.
The steamer Miata left Picton on Sunday morning for Georgetown and arrived there safely at 2.30 this morning. At noon today she started on a return trip to Picton. The Stanley left Georgetown on Sunday morning and is off Picton Island endeavoring to make Picton. The prospects are more favorable today.

REV. DR. CHOWN TONIGHT
Rev. Dr. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, is to address a meeting in Centenary Church at 8 o'clock tonight on Patriotism and Conservation. J. Hunter White will be chairman. The offering will be for the Patriotic Fund.

WAS ARRANGED.
Samuel Wilkinson, arrested in Woodstock on a charge of deserting his wife, was brought to the city last night. This morning his wife appeared against him, and Lt. Col. Black of Sackville, seven years and had three children, that on April 13 he disappeared and since that time she has had to support herself. She said that when he went away she had neither food nor coal and had to depend upon her relatives for support. The magistrate allowed them to confer together and as a result the matter was satisfactorily arranged. The defendant was warned that the fine for non-support was \$500.

NOEL MARSHALL
Well known Toronto citizen, who is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

MARKED PRAISE FOR THE 6TH MOUNTED RIFLES

(Amherst News)
Maintaining a steadfastness and appearance of immobility seldom seen, except in soldiers of years standing the Sixth Mounted Rifles passed a successful review before Col. Smart of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, comprising the 4th, 6th and 8th Mounted Regiments, and Lt. Col. Black of Sackville, brigade major of the same division, together with Colonel Ryan, commander of the Sixth, his staff, and other officers of the Amherst Military Band, strengthened by bandsmen from the Rifles greeted Colonel Smart, and Lieut. Col. Black, and their arrival in Amherst yesterday morning. They then headed the 800 men in their march of inspection.

Great credit is due the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Sixth Mounted Rifles from Colonel Ryan to the private lance corporal, and the men themselves included in these words of praise, for the high degree of military efficiency obtained in such a remarkably short time.

The mounted Rifles mobilized here at Amherst could accent themselves more than favorably against the best troops in the third contingent at the present day. Taken as a unit they typify a class of men not found in the two former contingents. The spirit of patriotism moved them to enlist and good jobs which the majority of them held were thrown to the four winds when the call came.

The intelligence of the men in the Rifles has brought about this rapid reduction in military matters. It is the coordination of mind and muscle that makes the regiment to move as one man.

THREE SONS AND FIVE NEPHEWS TO WAR

Three sons of E. S. Peacock, director of Music, are wearing the uniforms of the King when the 28th Battalion leaves St. John he will have his three sons, Ernest, Reginald, and Roy, accompanying him to bear their share of England's battle, besides five nephews already serving with other regiments. Naturally Mr. and Mrs. Peacock take pride in the family record and while of course anxious for the welfare of their soldier boys, are pleased at the manly step they have taken.

PERSONALS

Mrs. D. C. Burpee of Gibson, will leave this evening on a trip to British Columbia. In Toronto she will spend a few days with her son.

Capt. R. R. Rankine, of the 58th Battalion, returned to the city at noon today.

Major J. Pringle, of the 20th, came home from Fredericton this morning. Rev. Father Gerleton from Petersburg was a visitor to the city today.

Friends of Mrs. James T. Dalton of Main street, Fairville, will be sorry to learn that she is confined to her home with a severe attack of bronchitis.

Capt. F. A. Kirkpatrick, accompanied by his wife and little son, Arthur, has returned from Halifax, where he has been doing guard duty since the war broke out. He is now attached as quartermaster to the 55th Battalion.

Dr. H. D. Fritz has gone to Montreal and Quebec on professional business. He expects to return in a week or ten days.

St. John will be pleased to know that Miss Katherine E. Butler of this city will be one of the graduates at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital on April 6. The class numbers thirty-nine.

The engagement of Rev. A. H. Greenwood, acting rector of the parish church in Fredericton, and Miss Elsie Townsend, daughter of the late M. Townsend of Amherst, is announced.

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POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning two men arrested on drunkenness charges were fined 80 or two months in jail. Garnett McDonald, arrested yesterday on a charge of drunkenness and also breaking a window in Fillmore's restaurant, St. John street, West End, was fined \$25 or two months in jail.

George Sullivan and George Johnson, arrested last night for creating a disturbance on the ferry boat and also interfering with people going up the floats, were remanded.

William Peggin, said to have interfered with the policeman making the arrest, was also remanded.

JOHN LECK, TRAVELER FOR ST. JOHN FIRM, IS DEAD

Truro, N. S., March 30.—The death of John Leck, occurred in the Truro Hospital yesterday, following an operation for appendicitis. He was a native of Gay's River. At the time of his death he was representing the firm of H. Horton & Sons, St. John.

In his earlier days he was a member of the firm of Leck & Archibald, Truro. He was about fifty-two years of age. His second wife, a Woodstock, N. B., lady, and three children survive. The elder is Russell Miller of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Truro.

Mr. Leck was exceedingly well known throughout the maritime provinces and Newfoundland.

VISITING OLD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Miles T. Kierstead of Pentton, B. C., have been in the city on their way to revisit their old home in Belleisle, Queens county. While in St. John they were the guests of Mrs. W. B. Sprague, sister of Mrs. Kierstead, at her home, 203 Main street. They were warmly welcomed by old friends.

SERVICES OF PASSOVER

The Jewish feast of the Passover, which was begun yesterday at sunset will continue for the balance of the week with special services today, and again on the last two days of the week. The services last evening in the Hazen avenue synagogue were conducted by Rev. B. L. Ambrose.

THE STEAMERS.

The steamer Manchester Citizen left Halifax this morning for St. John. The steamer Sagamore will sail for London tonight via Halifax.

The steamer Bruce Head will leave a coaling port on Thursday for this city. It will be the last of the season's sailings for the Head Line.

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