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BRITISH HOLD MILE OF LINE TOWARD ARRAS

With Exception of About Two Thousand Yards of Trenches—Great Air Activity—Number of Successful Bombing Raids Mentioned in Official Report.

LONDON, May 21.—The British troops are now holding the entire Hindenburg line from the east of Bullecourt to Arras, with the exception of trench elements on a front of about 2,000 yards west of Bullecourt, according to the official communication issued tonight. The recent gains northwest of Bullecourt have been consolidated.

NEWFOUNDLAND TO HAVE CONSCRIPTION

Premier Morris Favors Selective Draft to Fill up Gaps—Will Husten Action—Bill to be Introduced in Legislature Which Meets Next Week.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 21.—A selective conscription law in Newfoundland, along the lines that are now in force in the United States, and proposed in Canada, will probably be introduced at the annual session of the legislature, which opens May 29. Such action was forecast today in a statement by Premier Sir Edward Morris, who returned yesterday from England, where he has been for three months attending sessions of the imperial war conference.

FEAR THAT COLONIAN IS A TOTAL LOSS

Leyland Liner Has Been Wrecked on South Coast of England—Carries 10,000 Cases of Ammunition and Grain, and 1,000 Crew Members—Fate of Crew Remains Uncertain.

BOSTON, May 21.—The Leyland liner Colonian was wrecked last night on the south coast of England, according to a cable received today by John H. Thomas, agent of the line here. The message stated that the steamer, which was carrying a cargo of munitions, grain, lumber and cotton from this port, probably would be a total loss. The cause of the accident and the fate of the crew were not mentioned.

It was believed in shipping circles at this port that the Colonian had lost her bearings and that the wreck was due to a mishap not connected with the perils of the war.

The steamer with her cargo was valued at \$2,000,000. It was considered probable that the Colonian landed part of her cargo, including munitions, at Plymouth, before the accident, which occurred probably while she was bound for London.

The Colonian, a steamer of 6,440 tons register, was built at Newcastle in 1901. She was commanded by Captain John McDonald.

CINDERELLA A FINE OPERETTA

Excellent Presentation by St. Julian Chapter Members at Y.M.C.A. Last Evening.

One of the most delightful amateur events held in Belleville for a long time was "Cinderella," a three act operetta produced under the auspices of St. Julian Chapter, I.O.D.E. last night at the Y.M.C.A. There was a generous patronage of the presentation by the citizens of Belleville, who are ever ready to help the work in which the St. Julian daughters are engaged on behalf of the men at the front.

Scintillating music of the real world and of fairyland, stately and majestic dances and measures of the old time, humorous dialogue and exquisite costumes were among the leading features of the production. Every one knows the story of Cinderella, and the composer and author had labored with a theme, which will ever hold the attention of human beings. The living embodiment of the story in the fair actresses of last evening served to impress its beauty more and more upon the audience.

The authors have followed the traditional outlines of the story faithfully. Some of the situations are expanded in harmony with the spirit of the entire work, thus providing plenty of dramatic effect.

Mrs. (Dr.) MacColl, regent of the chapter, who is responsible for the undertaking of the operetta, is to be congratulated upon the success which has met her efforts, not only in the financial but in the artistic sense.

Mrs. Albert Johnstone was in charge of the dancing. She spent a great deal of time in instructing the girls and the outcome was most satisfactory. For the first time in Belleville's history, the "Lancers" was presented in its true old country form.

Criticism has no fault to find with what was presented by the chapter members. All the roles were taken by the young ladies, who achieved success. Those who took the part of the male characters had especially difficult tasks to perform and the results speak volumes for the talents possessed by the young entertainers. The entire operetta was marked by an evenness of performance which is rather to be wondered at in view of the fact that all are amateurs. The singing in both solos and chorus was of a high class and the acting reached the same high standard.

Miss Marion Bruzin had the title role and proved to be a veritable Cinderella, interpreting with skill the maidenliness, noble character and justifiable curiosity that one is accustomed to look for in the character. Mrs. R. A. Backus as the baroness, had a difficult role but suc-

ceeded. The scenes with her daughters Clorinda (Miss Ruth Snell) and Miranda (Miss Edna Curry) were very humorous. The petty bickerings of the two sisters as to their love affairs and chances in the way of matrimony were well interpreted. Miss Isabel Burke proved a funny and active Signor Romero, father of Cinderella. She took the solos with fine effect. Miss May Wallace appeared as the Prince. With excellent stage presence and possession of a fine elocutional power, Miss Wallace played the part with nobility and distinction. Miss Jean Wiggins and Miss Kathleen Diamond played the role of courtiers with credit to themselves. Four young ladies played the part of cooks, Miss V. Coleman (Rudolfo, head cook), Miss C. Bruzin, (Robert Thomas), Miss G. Rayfield (John), and Miss D. Brooks (William) and introduced some novel features including dances.

The other characters hail from the fairy world, the fairies being Misses Vandervoort, Bateman, Ivey, Smith, McKee, Kitty Johnstone and Lila Sprague. They brought the atmosphere of romance, with light dances and airy music. Miss Edna Bowen was a delightful Gossamer, Miss Lela Weese played the part of Bee-swing, the fairy godmother, and gave a clever study of the part.

Among the specialties were a solo by Miss Lila Sprague and a sword dance by Miss Kitty Johnstone, both of whom made such pleasing impressions upon the audience that the young Misses were encored.

"Cinderella" will be repeated to-night and a good audience is assured.

CAPT. RUSTON A BUSY MAN

Twelve Children Made Wards of C.A.S.—Nine Brought to Shelter on Saturday.

Captain T. D. Ruston was in North Hastings last week and brought several cases of neglected children before Magistrate Jarman at Bancroft. The inspector of the Children's Aid had a very busy week conducting investigation and as a result twelve children were taken from their parents or guardians on the court's order and made wards of the society. Nine of them were brought to the city on Saturday by Capt. Ruston. He expects to have to return to the North again for a few days.

EACH SCHOLAR GAVE A POTATO

Six and a Half Bushels Contributed to C.A.S. Plot by the Children of City Schools.

Recently Capt. Ruston, inspector of the Children's Aid, wrote to all the public school principals of the city and asked that each scholar contribute one seed potato to plant in a plot adjacent to the Children's Shelter. The result is a grand success. Six and one-half bushels have been contributed for this purpose.

There is still some land for seeding and further contributions of "spuds" will be welcomed from any source.

QUIETLY WEDDED

Nuptials of Mr. Newton Thompson and Miss Fannie M. Strong Celebrated

A quiet wedding took place in Belleville this morning when Miss Fannie May Strong, only daughter of the late Walter and of Mrs. Strong of this city was united in marriage to Mr. Newton Thompson, of the Grand Trunk Railway staff and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Shannonville. Rev. S. C. Moore, B.A., B.D., officiating in the absence of the Rev. A. S. Kerr, M.A., the pastor of St. Andrews Church which the bride attended.

A FEW VACANCIES

There are a few vacancies for young men in the Belleville Heavy Battery whose headquarters are now permanently in this city. Sign up now with the big guns as a volunteer, don't wait for conscription. Recruiting Sergeant always in attendance at the Artillery Armouries, on Church street, next door to Griffin's opera House.

Bomb, Bullock and Gnr. Madill of the Cobourg Heavy Battery are in the city this week recruiting and are having excellent success.

ARTHUR W. COE PASSED AWAY

Madoc Loses one of its Most Prominent Citizens and Business Men.

Arthur W. Coe, one of Madoc's most prominent business men and citizens passed away last night after a prolonged illness. Death was not unexpected. About eleven years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis. While this did not altogether incapacitate him he never quite recovered and he afterwards was not active in business circles. About seven weeks ago his condition became worse and his death was momentarily looked for.

Mr. Coe was the son of the late William Coe and was born in England fifty-six years ago. When he was but a child his parents emigrated to Canada and settled at Whitby, removing shortly afterwards to Madoc. Here William Coe rapidly rose to prominence in mining circles, particularly in connection with the development of the iron-mining industry at Coe Hill in the township of Wollaston. He was also well known as a breeder of thoroughbred livestock. William Coe was a candidate for the House of Commons for North Hastings in the general election of 1882, his successful opponent being Hon. (now Sir) Mackenzie Bowell.

Upon the death of William Coe some years ago his son Arthur succeeded to the business and estate. The young man speedily proved his aptitude and genius for mining endeavor for he soon acquired and developed mining properties that proved highly profitable. In the very midst of his success he was suddenly stricken with paralysis and since that time has been living in partial retirement.

As a citizen Mr. Coe was deservedly popular. He was public spirited, of a most kindly and affable disposition and made firm friends wherever he went. In politics he was a staunch Liberal. In religion he was an Anglican. He was never a seeker after public office but in the discharge of such duties as councillor, member of the high school board and clerk of the division court he brought to bear the resources of a trained mind and sound judgment. He was regarded as one of the foremost business men of the district. Those having dealings with him speak of him as having eminently honorable and fair in addition to being singularly able and acute.

In addition to his sorrowing wife (nee Lillian Moon) he is survived by one son, William of California and one daughter, Miss Lola, at home. He is survived also by five sisters and a half-brother—Mrs. Jennie Caldwell, Madoc, Mrs. Fred Hatch, Whitby, Mrs. W. S. Volume, Wainhope, Mrs. W. J. Atkins, Madoc, Mrs. Louisa Martin, Toronto, and Lieut. Allen P. Coe, of Edmonton, Alta., now overseas.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

VOLUNTEERS WENT TO COBOURG

Fifteen Young Men From Belleville Go To Join Battery

Fifteen young men of this city yesterday afternoon summoned up resolution and went to Cobourg to endeavour to enlist in the Heavy Artillery. It is said that another crowd of a similar number will go up in a day or so to don khaki if possible before conscription comes in. No excitement has been seen around the 15th C.D.F. headquarters. Reports from various sections of the third division however speak of increased numbers of volunteers.

HIGH COURT WAS OPENED

Two Cases Settled in Long List of Causes For Trial

The High Court non-jury sittings opened this afternoon at the Court House. The case of Martin vs. Maynes has been settled by the payment of \$1,300 to the plaintiff by the defendant. Porter & Carnew for plaintiff; and W. C. Mikel, K.C. for defendant.

The action of Loney vs. Ewen was settled upon the payment of \$112.50 by the defendant to the plaintiff and the discharge of two mortgages held by the defendant against the plaintiff.

Lt.-Col. B. R. Hepburn, M.P., of Picton has been gazetted assistant director of timer operation in England. Col. Hepburn is well-known in Belleville as the head of the Ontario and Quebec Navigation Company.

IRISH PEOPLE WILL DECIDE OWN DESTINY

Convention Called to Draft Constitution Will Represent All Classes—Miracle Hoped For—Baron Shaughnessy is Mentioned as Possible Choice for Chairmanship.

LONDON, May 21.—For the first time in modern history, the destinies of Ireland are to be placed in the hands of Irishmen alone. The British prime minister, David Lloyd George announced to the house of commons today that the government will call a convention of Irishmen to frame a constitution for Ireland, and, if Irishmen are able to agree upon any scheme for the administration of their country, will attempt to enact it into legislation without delay. All sections, parties, and creeds, with clergymen and laymen, as well as politicians and revolutionaries of the Sinn Fein society, will be invited to get together.

If this final attempt succeeds a political miracle will have been accomplished. There is no great optimism respecting the success of the plan apparent, for Ulster stands where she has always stood. Sir John Lonsdale, whip of the Irish Unionists, predicted the same deadlock, declaring that Ulster would not be driven into a home rule parliament and predicting that the Nationalists will not consent to the exclusion of six Ulster counties. But if the attempt fails, the failure will deprive the ancient charge that John Bull's greater island is "the oppressor" of much of its force and it is pointed out that Ireland can hardly be haled before the European peace conference as onther Poland, while America and the colonies can no longer reproach Great Britain with having neglected to set her own house in order.

Both houses of parliament discussed Ireland today, with hardly a ripple of the old animosities and feuds disturbing their harmony.

"The patient must administer to himself," said Lloyd George, and a noteworthy feature of the discussion was an agreement that politicians must play a secondary part to the men from other walks of life. The premier specified the Nationalist factions, of which John Redmond and William O'Brien are leaders; the Ulster Unionists, the southern Unionists and the Sinn Feiners as the political bodies which should be represented in the convention, but said that the government considered it most important that representatives of local governing bodies the churches, trades unions and commercial and educational interests should participate.

ENEMY IS DRIVEN FROM STRONG PLACES

French Plans, Brilliantly Conceived, Executed Without a Hitch—Eight Hundred Taken—Hundreds of Bodies of Germans Strew Ground and Shelters.

With the French armies on the French front, May 21st.—While the Germans were throwing masses of man against the French positions along the Chemin-des-Dames only to suffer defeat with terrific losses, the French last night effected an attack in the Moronvilliers section and drove the Germans from some of their strongest positions. The French plans were brilliantly conceived and executed without a hitch. Their objective was most difficult, a hilly range filled with deep caverns afforded shelter to hundreds of men and machine guns, but the French infantry stormed the heights of Casque and Teton, 786 and 745 feet in height, respectively, and carried them with a rush while other columns captured the trenches lining the northern slopes of Mount Carnillet. The result of these operations gives the French a commanding view on their left. The value placed on the possession of these hills is shown by the violence of the German counter-attacks in the course of the early morning, which everywhere broke down. They left more than 800 prisoners in the hands of the French, while hundreds of bodies of Germans strew the ground and lie in the cavernous shelters.

NO CANADIAN WHEAT TO NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

Holland Will No Longer Obtain Supplies from Canada

OTTAWA, May 21.—One of the reasons for the high cost of wheat and flour is that large quantities have been going to neutral countries, particularly to Holland. This has diminished the supply to such an extent as to provide an excuse for increasing the price in this country. The government in considering the food situation, has come to the decision to prohibit in the meantime the exportation of wheat and wheat flour to other than British and Allied countries. It is felt that this action will have an immediate effect upon the prices prevailing in this country with regard to these commodities.

GERMAN MUNITION DEPOT DESTROYED

LONDON, May 22.—The war office reports that during the night British detachments raided the enemy's lines northeast of Epehy, south of Arras, Cambrai road and west of Lens. A huge German ammunition depot was destroyed northeast of Queant.

