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NEW RUSSIAN MOVE ON NORTHERN FRONT BIGGEST UNDERTAKEN IN THAT THEATRE BY EITHER SIDE

RUSSIANS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VERDUN FIGHT TO LAUNCH BIG DRIVE AROUND DVINSK

ANTICIPATE PLANS HUNS MIGHT HAVE IN MIND AND START MOVEMENT WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL WILL DRIVE GERMANS FROM POSITIONS THEY HOLD IN NORTHERN FRONT.

Petrograd, March 22.—The Russian operations on the northern front promise to develop into the most serious movement undertaken by either side in this theatre of war since Field Marshal Von Hindenberg's campaign against Dvinsk last autumn.

Taking advantage of the German pre-occupation at Verdun, the Russian staff decided to anticipate any plans the Germans might be making for an offensive in the Dvinsk region by a series of manoeuvres which, if successful, will make it not only impossible for them to institute the advance they apparently intended, but will force them out of the positions they now hold against the northern Russian army.

The position of the German forces in the northern sector takes the form of an arc, with the army before Dvinsk occupying the point in the arc further extended into Russian territory.

This alignment makes the German position particularly susceptible to flanking attacks by the Russians north and south of Dvinsk. These, an official announced, have already begun.

In the region of Lake Norocz, south of Dvinsk the Russians advanced along a ten mile front, threatening the Vilna railroad and German communications between this point and Dvinsk. It is unofficially reported that this movement against the southern flank of the German Dvinsk position was accompanied by manoeuvres of the same nature against the northern German flank in the neighborhood of Friedrichstadt. The effect of these two attacks, if successfully executed, will be to squeeze the Germans from their extended position before Dvinsk and convert the present arc into a straight line from Friedrichstadt to Svientsyank.

KING AND QUEEN STAND WHILE BAND PLAYS "THE MAPLE LEAF"

London, March 22.—A pleasing incident, complimentary to Canada, and indicative of King George's appreciation of the dominion's military aid, occurred at today's royal entertainment at Buckingham Palace on behalf of wounded soldiers. Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence, and his aide de camp, Captain John Bassett, occupied seats just behind the royal party as guests of the King and Queen. One item on the programme was "The Maple Leaf Ever," rendered by the famed choristers of the Temple Church. Just as the opening bars were played, their Majesties rose to their feet and turning round, bowed to General Hughes with cordial smiles, and the audience manifested its sympathy. As General Hughes left the palace he was warmly greeted by large numbers of Canadian wounded assembled from the London hospitals, and these all received a cheery word from the minister.

At the conference which Sir Sam had this morning with the brigadier-generals commanding brigades at Shorncliffe and Bramshott camps, testimony was given regarding the good conduct of the Canadian troops, charges of drunkenness being only one per cent, and other evils being of correspondingly small proportions.

BOY SENDS IN TEN CENTS FROM HIS SAVINGS TOWARDS BAND FUND

Two contributions towards the fund for the 140th New Brunswick Battalion Band were received by The Standard yesterday and are accounted for herewith.

The Standard and The Brunswick Chapter, I. O. D. E., are endeavoring to secure the best possible information with respect to the purchase of instruments, and before long will be in a position to outline exactly what instruments will be required giving the definite cost of each one and of course the total cost for the whole band. It is quite certain that nothing in the vicinity of two hundred and thirty-five dollars will pay for the whole band equipment, so it is up to friends of this battalion all over the southern portion of the province to respond most generously to this request for funds in a very worthy cause.

One of the most encouraging features of the whole affair so far is a letter received yesterday afternoon by The Standard, dated from Fairville, addressed to Uncle Dick, Editor of the Children's Corner in Saturday's Standard. The writer is a little boy who says, "Do you think the kiddies of the Children's Corner could send in a little money to help to buy the band for the 140th Battalion. I am enclosing ten cents for it if you think it will help. With love, from Willie Harris."

Previously acknowledged \$230.50
Dr. W. S. Carter, Fredericton 5.00
Willie Harris, Fairville 10
\$235.60

HUNS GAIN FOOTING ON HAUCOURT HILL NEAR MALINCOURT

HELD IN OTHER SECTIONS BY FRENCH BARRIER FIRE AND ALL ATTEMPTS TO ADVANCE FAIL — GIG GUNS OF BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO HAMMER OPPOSING POSITIONS.

Infantry attacks northwest of Verdun, preceded by vigorous bombardments, have enabled the Germans to gain a foothold on the small hill of Haucourt, which lies just south of the village of Malancourt, and between that town and the eastern edge of the Malancourt wood.

The entire sector of about two and a half miles from the Avocourt wood to Malancourt has been subjected to a violent artillery bombardment and several German infantry attacks, but except in the immediate vicinity of Malancourt the Germans were held by the French barrier fire and were unable to advance.

Northeast of Verdun, around Dounmont and Vaux, an intense artillery bombardment is still in progress. The infantry forces, however, have remained inactive in this district.

From the west, in the forest of the Argonne, the French are heavily shelling the Malancourt wood, which is in the hands of the Germans, and at various points in the forest have bombarded German communications, especially at Four De Paris, La Fille Morte and Montfaucou.

The Russian offensive against the Germans in Northwest Russia has increased in intensity, and fighting is in progress day and night. The latest official statement from Russian general headquarters says that desperate infantry fighting is proceeding north

of the town of Postavy, where the Germans launched violent counter-attacks in an attempt to dislodge the Russians from trenches which they had previously captured. Respecting this operation the Berlin communication says that at this point the Russians delivered their heaviest attack, and their losses reached "extraordinarily high figures, even for the number of Russians in action."

The Russians captured three lines of the German trenches on the southwestern shore of Lake Narocz, where, it is officially declared, the fighting is developing in favor of the Russian forces. Here the Russians, despite "astounding" losses, and a "murderous fire," forced three lines of wire entanglements and made their gain in a series of fierce hand-to-hand encounters.

The Russian war office also officially announces the capture of Isaphan, in Persia, after an engagement. An unofficial report, received by way of Rome and London, says that the Austrians have abandoned Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina.

Bad weather again has broken over the Austro-Italian front, but it has not put a stop to the violent bombardments. The Austrians have delivered surprise attacks with infantry against Italian positions at various points, but these, according to Rome, have everywhere been repulsed.

N. S. STEEL PREFERRED DIVIDEND

Directors Decide to Declare Dividend for First Quarter of 1916 Payable April 15.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, March 22.—The directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company met yesterday at New Glasgow. It was decided to declare the dividend on the preferred stock for the first quarter of 1916 payable April 15th. The reports of the company's operations were satisfactory. Sufficient orders are in hand to keep them busy for the whole of this year.

SEVEN RECRUITS AT NEW DENMARK

Andover, Mar. 22.—A very successful recruiting meeting was held tonight at New Denmark. The hall was filled with a most enthusiastic audience. The Rev. Mr. Howell acted as chairman and the speakers were Lieut. Wilson, Sergt. Ashworth, Sergt. Mackey, Pte. Bell, Pte. Hovey and Pte. Coulson. Councillor A. J. Jensen and N. J. Wootton, the recruiting officer for Victoria county, Pte. Lawless was present and added much to the pleasure of the evening by his work on the violin. Seven men offered their services to the empire as follows: Gifford Watson, Bev. Jensen, Peter Swanson, John Oquilt, Edgar Prinkham, Carl Jensen and Arnold Jensen. This makes twenty-six men from Victoria county for the first three days of the week, and it is hoped to get fifty before the week ends.

CASUALTY LIST REPORTS DEATH OF PTE. JOS. McELHINNEY

The midnight casualty list has only one New Brunswicker, Pte. Joseph McElhinney, 209 Paradise Row, a member of the 26th Battalion, notice of whose death was received through private sources from the Militia Department at Ottawa a couple of days ago. This is the only Maritime Province casualty in the list.

PROROGATION IS EXPECTED ABOUT APR. 15

Ottawa, March 22.—Indication of the approaching end of the session is given in a notice of motion by the prime minister for morning sittings of the House beginning on Monday next. The motion also provides that starting with next week government orders shall have precedence every day.

Prorogation is expected by April 15, giving the members ample time to get home for Easter.

WILL ASK SUBSIDY FOR ST. JOHN-FCTON STEAMER SERVICE

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, March 22.—A delegation is expected to appear before the government tomorrow asking for a subsidy for a steamboat service on the St. John river this season between St. John and Fredericton.

With the steamer Victoria burned, steamers owned by the company headed by Mr. D. J. Purdy of St. John are said to be the only ones available to furnish the service for the St. John and Fredericton route this year. Without a subsidy it is claimed the service cannot be maintained and will not be attempted.

Largely signed petitions have been forwarded here from St. John asking that the requested financial assistance be given for this steamboat service, Fredericton as well as districts along the river will watch with interest the result of tomorrow's hearing.

I. A. Governor Wood and Mrs. Wood were assisted at their weekly reception at Queen Hotel this afternoon by Lady Tiley of St. John. First double dinner of session tomorrow night.

GALLOPER LIGHTSHIP AT MOUTH OF THE THAMES TORPEDOED

Bulletin—London, Mar. 22.—The Galloper Lightship, at the mouth of the Thames, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to a Lloyd's report. The Dutch steamer Amstelland, from Buenos Aires for Amsterdam, reported according to a Reuter despatch from

ORANGE GRAND LODGE FOR CONSCRIPTION AND PROHIBITION

Resolutions to this Effect Passed Yesterday at St. Stephen — B. N. Clarkson New Grand Master.

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, March 22.—Sessions of the Orange Grand Lodge today have been mostly devoted to matters concerning the welfare of the order. At the morning session Col. Percy A. Guthrie was made a life member of the association, in recognition of the distinguished service he has rendered the Empire.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Wilson Field, secretary of the Dominion Temperance Alliance, was granted the courtesy of appearing on the matter of provincial prohibition, and at the close of his address the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That, whereas there is a strong movement in favor of the principle of the prohibition of the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors, and emphatically endorse the agitation for the prohibition of the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors as a beverage."

Another resolution unanimously adopted read: "We recommend that this Grand Lodge go on record as being in hearty sympathy with the policy of conscription. We wish to observe, however, that the members of our own order have not been backward in enlisting. Up to the first of June, when approximately 3,000 men had enlisted in the Province of New Brunswick, we had contributed of that number 500 men."

At the close of the evening session the members of Grand Lodge and some invited guests were entertained at a banquet by the local lodge.

Officers were elected at this evening's session: Grand master, B. H. Clarkson; Sr. deputy grand master, J. N. Perry; Jr. deputy grand master, D. A. Nesbitt; grand chaplain, E. H. Penwarden; grand secretary, Niel J. Morrison; grand treasurer, H. G. Wadman; grand lecturer, W. A. McFarlane; D. of C. P. A. Baird; auditors, H. Selken, J. W. McFarlane.

Truident, that she set her course for the Galloper Lightship but found on the spot only a mast above the surface of the sea.

MEXICAN AFFAIR TAKES ON MORE SERIOUS ASPECT

Late Reports Show People Not Unanimous in Carranza's Policy of Aiding U. S., and Garrison at Chihuahua Has Revolted, the Commandant Declaring Himself for Villa.

El Paso, Texas, March 22.—The silence which for two days has enveloped the Mexican situation, as far as any definite news of the pursuit of Villa is concerned, gave fresh force today to the numerous reports from various sources of grave disaffection among the Carranza troops.

On the border, at least, it is firmly believed that the soldiers of the First Chet are far from giving any real co-operation to the American expeditionary force. It is admitted that General Carranza and some of his lieutenants are sincerely anxious to avoid friction with the United States, but it is not believed that the head of the de facto government represents the attitude or sentiments of his army or fellow citizens.

From several different sources, a circumstantial report was received to the effect that the garrison at Chihuahua, supposed to number 2,000 men, had revolted, and that their commander, General Luis Herrera, had declared in favor of Villa. Andres Garcia, the Carranza consul here, branded this report as false, but in high official circles here it was accepted as at least possible, in view of the fact that more than half of the Mexican troops at Chihuahua were former Villa followers.

Since yesterday morning General Gavira, at Juarez, has claimed that the wires along the Mexican North-western Railroad between Juarez and Casas Grandes have been cut, and that consequently he could give no information in regard to the reported battle at Namiquipa between the Carranza and Villa forces. Americans here, especially refugees from Mexico, are frankly skeptical both as to the reported battle and the cut wires.

If Herrera and his troops have joined Villa, some officials believe other Carranza commanders and troops may quickly follow their example. In such an event the United States and the de facto government of Mexico would find themselves confronted with a situation no serious that its possibilities hardly could be estimated. A large part of the forces of the de facto government in Northern Mexico formerly were Villa soldiers.

The troops under Herrera are described here as being probably the best equipped in Northern Mexico, and they are said to be well supplied with ammunition.

Rebellion in Carranza's army would render the position of the American expeditionary force so perilous that every available soldier would be rushed in to reinforce the advancing columns. For this purpose not more than about 15,000 men would be available without calling out the National Guard. There are now on the border, or in Mexico, in the neighborhood of 25,000 soldiers, and in the whole of the United States the other mobile forces number only a little more than 5,000.

All reports from the border were sent to the White House tonight and were the subject of a long conference during the evening between President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker.

MT. A. DEBATING TEAM WINNERS AT DALHOUSIE

Halifax, Mar. 22.—Mt. Allison University won from Dalhousie University tonight in the annual intercollegiate debate, two of the judges voting for the New Brunswicker debaters, and one for the local men. The assembly hall of school for the blind was crowded with students and their friends.

The judges were Mr. Justice Harris, Mr. Justice Russell and Judge Jonah. Principal Clarence MacKinnon presided.

The subject of the debate was "Resolved that the United States should have entered the present war on the side of the Allies." Dalhousie had the affirmative.

Anxiety at Washington.
Washington, March 22.—Grave apprehension regarding the outcome of the American expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa was evident, for the first time, in Washington tonight after receipt by the war department of a despatch from General Punston saying a report had reached him that 2,000 Carranza troops at Chihuahua, under General Luis Herrera, had revolted and aligned themselves with the bandit chief.

While no confirmation reached the State Department or the Mexican embassy, fear that the report might be true was not disguised in official circles.

ARRAIGNS THE BRITISH AIR SERVICE

New Member of Commons Says Blunders in Building Machines Cause of Several Airmen's Deaths.

London, Mar. 22.—Noel Pemberton-Billing, who was recently elected to parliament after a campaign in which he demanded sweeping changes in Great Britain's air defense methods, stirred the House of Commons this afternoon with an arraignment of the British air service, which he charged with inefficiency. He asserted that a blundering policy in construction of the committee on control of air defence because he was not well informed on the subject.

Mr. Billing said that within the next few years the big nations would possess from 100,000 to 200,000 aeroplanes, with which the sky would be blackened, while even the smaller nations, which were unable to afford battleships, would be able to maintain fleets of aircraft which cost only from £100 to £200 a piece.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, replied that Mr. Billing's charges were grotesquely absurd and untrue, and he argued that the commander-in-chief at the front was thoroughly satisfied with the air service, while the word "murder" in connection with the deaths of airmen never should have been used.

Mr. Billing again sprang to his feet, saying: "I repeat the statement, and if Mr. Tennant wishes to challenge, if I will produce such evidence as will shock the house."

Mr. Tennant retorted that the member had done little to justify his charges of "murder."

Nothing further developed in the Commons in connection with Mr. Billing's "murder" charge, but in the House of Lords the Duke of Devonshire, replying to a question by Baron

HOW GRIT OFFICIAL ORGAN JUGGLES WITH THE FACTS

Ottawa Free Press, Liberal, Gives Its Impressions of Canadian Liberal Monthly.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, March 22.—The Ottawa Free Press, the Liberal organ in the capital, says tonight: "The Canadian Liberal Monthly for March features the speech of Mr. F. B. Carvell in the House of Commons on January 25, when he made 'grave and positive charges of manipulation for the benefit of party friends, who were awarded contracts for hay purchased by the Borden government for the British government,' and declared that the favored political friends were 'placed in a position to slich \$45,000.'"

"The Canadian Liberal Monthly" says: "To this day the charges have not been answered," and again: "As was stated at the outset of this article, the charges made by Mr. Carvell have not been answered in any particular."

"Yet Hansard shows that Hon. Martin Burrell, on January 27, did undertake to reply to the accusation made by Mr. Carvell, and twelve pages of the official record are occupied by that portion of Mr. Burrell's speech directly dealing with the matter referred to by the Canadian Liberal Monthly. An additional five pages of Hansard are devoted to Mr. Burrell's relation of an incident at the time of the Boer war with which Mr. Carvell was apparently connected—an incident not at all inappropriate in view of some of Mr. Carvell's statements, and one that the beneficiaries are probably desirous of forgetting."

The Canadian Liberal Monthly issued by "The Central Information Office of the Canadian Liberal Party" was established to give facts to Liberals throughout the country, but if its facts are to be no more authentic than the assertions above quoted, its value as a medium for the spread of information seems doubtful.

Hereafter on the same subject, said: "No authentic record exists of any officer losing his life through a faulty machine, although two officers were killed while making important experiments."

Baron Buresford thereupon apologized for his statement, saying that his information came from what he had considered a reliable source.