

Budget Speech in Ontario House Yesterday Amusements Taxed One Cent on Each Ticket Verdun Fighting Wages Still More Fiercely

FROM CHEPPY TO FRESNES, BATTLE FOR VERDUN IS RAGING

Germans Make Slight Gains, But Loss of Life Very High—Loss of Fresnes Not Serious as it Was Only of Secondary Importance.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, March 8.—The battle of Verdun developed both in intensity and in extent all day yesterday and is now raging along the line from Cheppy in the Argonne to Fresnes in the West, showing that the second attack for the stronghold is to be made on a larger scale than the first. So far, according to the reports received here, the Germans by employing masses of men without counting cost, obtained some slight gains both to the west of the Meuse and in the West, where they carried Fresnes, after a fierce struggle.

Desperate fighting is again going on on the left bank of the river. Following up the advantage of yesterday, the Germans, going around the foot of the slope, which served them as a flank, followed the railroad and entered the town of Verdun. They then launched 15,000 men against hill 245, to the east of Cote de L'Or, and carried it. They control the loop of the Meuse within which Regmeville is located. The French withdrew their right front within the loop and it now rests on the Meuse above Cumières. This withdrawal from an

advanced position on the left bank became necessary, according to the military experts, in order to maintain alignment with the positions on the right bank, and it would have been difficult to hold the advanced point which the Germans could at the same time attack in front and on the flank. Having thus obtained command of the slopes leading to the principal French positions which run from Bethincourt to Cote de L'Or by the northeastern spur of Le Mort Homme and the woods of Corbeaux and Cumières, the Germans, without losing a moment's time hurried masses of infantry against these positions. They gained a footing in the Corbeaux wood, but elsewhere their attacks were repulsed with heavy losses. In this district centres at present the chief interest of the battle and the support of the German troops is awaited by the French with confidence, as they rely in the strength of their defensive preparations. The occupation of Fresnes is considered as of only secondary importance, since the position was an advanced one and not worth the incurring of heavy sacrifices to defend.

PLANT AT NIAGARA FALLS N. Y. IS BOMBED

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 8.—Fire followed an explosion in the chlorate department of the Niagara Chemical Company shortly before 9 o'clock, threatening to complete the destruction of the plant begun last night when several explosions and the resultant fire inflicted damage estimated at \$150,000.

The explosion was heard for several miles around and across the Niagara Cataract in Canada, when it

caused a hasty mobilization of militia guarding the frontier. The police of the streets in the vicinity of the chemical plant as the fire was driven toward chemicals of a highly explosive nature. The firemen were helpless to cope with the spreading fire because water mixing with the chemicals only added fuel to the flames.

Dr. Hector R. Carvath, manager of the company, issued a formal statement to-day to the effect that the plant had been "bombed."

FRENCH CAPTAIN GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBES THE VERDUN STRUGGLE

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, March 8.—"You are not cool enough to feel fear during a battle," said a captain of light infantry, who in civil life is a professor of philosophy, and who fought in the battle of Verdun, "but when the uproar ceases, when the cannon are silent you have a sensation that something is going to happen, but what you do not know. You expect anything. Those are the horrible moments and the following is an instance.

"The German attack was beginning. In a little wood near Vaux we had made for ourselves a hiding place, taking advantage of a hollow in the ground, where the searchlights passed over us. All day and evening the German artillery searched out our lines all round our shelter. Great signs and flashes. Before us we saw a trench remained untouched. Toward 2 o'clock in the morning, the guns stopped. For nine hours my men had not moved for fear of our revealing their position. Their nerves were torn to rags. I could feel their powers of resistance failing, and I was afraid every instant that some one would shout and bring down a shower of heavy shells upon us.

"Mysterious life filled the night, life which none of us understood, full of strange lights and sounds. My men began to grit their teeth. This enveloping mystery tortured their nerves. Some closed their eyes, others gnashed their fists. Before us we saw crawling forms, they were certainly Germans. We waited for them with machine guns loaded and pointed, but our orders were to let the assailants approach and to shoot them down safely from our shelter. But the men could hold themselves no longer.

Those groping shadows in the darkness, pierced by mysterious flashes, set them mad, and they raged at not being able to understand why they were kept tied down in a hole.

"Suddenly, before I could stop them, they leaped from the hole and fell upon the Germans in the dark, yelling like madmen. They should have perished to a man under the fire of the German guns, but the luck was on their side, and in a minute were all back in the trench quite calmed. They had at length pierced, at the peril of their lives, the mystery of the lights, that mystery peopled with phantoms and will o' the wisps, which causes the bravest to shudder."

The largest bail ever required in the Federal District Court in New York was fixed in the case of Dr. John Grant Lyman, who was held by Judge Dayton in \$100,000 bond on an indictment charging use of the mails to defraud.

Henry Horgenthau, ambassador to Turkey, has suggested restoring Armenia to the Armenians, who have been driven out by the Turks. He says \$5,000,000 would be enough.

Conservative Notice

Brantford, Nov. 8, 1916.

Meeting of the Conservative Association for the election of Chairman and Sub-Chairmen in Ward 1, subdivisions 4, 5, 6, Ward 3, and all subdivisions, Ward 4, and all subdivisions, is called for Wednesday evening in the rooms of the Association at 8 o'clock sharp. All Conservatives in the above Wards are cordially invited.

N. D. NEILL, H. COCKSHUTT
Secretary. President.

NEW ENACTMENTS FOR RAISING MONEY WILL BE PLACED ON PROVINCIAL STATUTE BOOKS

Hon. T. W. M'Garry Presented Budget to Ontario House Yesterday Afternoon—Tax on People Who Patronize Amusements Such as Theatres and Athletic Events is One of the Big Features.

RACE TRACKS' TAX RAISED

A Surplus of \$271,000 Shown—Government Determined to Make the Grand Trunk Pacific Live up to its Contract With the T. & N. O. as Regards Running Rights.

THE NEW BUDGET TALKS

On every admission to any theatre, amusement hall, skating rink, baseball, Rugby or hockey match, or any other similar form of entertainment, the Provincial Government will impose a tax of one cent.

Race tracks will be required to pay \$1,250 a day instead of \$500, as heretofore.

Mill on the dollar war tax will be continued this year.

Provincial finances show a surplus of \$271,000 for the year.

Government will exact in future 25 per cent. penalty charge on estates under-valued for succession duties.

Government will proceed in courts against G. T. P. if railway refuses to live up to running rights contract with T. and N. O.

Toronto, March 8.—If war has made any pessimists in Ontario the address of Hon. T. W. M'Garry in the Legislature yesterday in setting forth the financial position of the province will be a full and complete answer to their gloomy forebodings as to the future. After 18 months of war, a

statement that showed increased year and a half that has strained the financial resources of Europe and America almost to the danger point, that has called for expenditures on a scale never known before the struggle opened, the Provincial Treasurer was able to come before the House with a statement that showed increased

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON

THOSE MIGHTY HUNTERS!



By Art Zimm. FRANK JOSEF: "You haven't got that Hon. Wilson!" TOGETHER: "Do you really do look like his last assistant?"

WALTER FEWSON REPORTED DEAD FROM WOUNDS

Former Employee of Screw Co., Gives His Life for the Empire.

To-day's casualty list contained the following item: "Died of wound, Walter Fewson, 14 Richardson St., Brantford, Ont.

Walter Fewson enlisted in December, 1914 and was attached to the 19th Battalion, then at the Exhibition Camp. He is married and leaves a wife and one child, 8 years old. His wife lives now at 28 Walnut St.

He was born in England, but came to Canada in 1910 and was employed at the Screw Co. He was an active member of the 8th Dufferin Rifles. In religion he was an Anglican.

revenues and a surplus of well over a quarter million of dollars.

The surplus announced by Hon. M. M'Garry was all the more remarkable in view of the fact that a year ago with only three months of war shown in the provincial finances, the Treasurer had to admit a deficit of over \$200,000. His improved statement yesterday is the direct result of the policy inaugurated shortly after the outbreak of war, a policy of eliminating all unnecessary expenditures capital and current, and requiring from the heads of the various departments the most rigid economy.

The policy, according to the Treasurer, will be continued. The Ontario Government will not rest satisfied with this year's surplus, with this year's revenues. To enable the province to take its full share in the financial burdens of the war new taxation will be imposed.

This taxation, briefly announced, a tax of one cent on every paid admission to theatres, amusement halls, skating rinks, dance halls, baseball games, etc., in Ontario apart from that paid for religious, patriotic or philanthropic purposes. It will give the province at least \$350,000, and if to the price paid for the ticket, as is proposed later, will considerably increase that sum.

In addition all race tracks will pay \$1,250 per day, instead of \$500, as heretofore.

The Provincial Treasurer's address was one of the finest ever given in the Legislature. He spoke for two hours and covered the big field of provincial finance with a surety that showed absolute familiarity with his work, and a high appreciation of the responsibility of the Government to the Imperial cause. At the conclusion of his address he was generally congratulated, among the first being Mr. Rowell and other members from the Opposition side. The presentation of the budget was, incidentally, the earliest it has been brought down for early before.

In opening his address the Treasurer naturally devoted some time to what he termed the "brighter incidents" of the serious condition of affairs in the Empire to-day, and instanced the sinking of party politics and the readiness of both sides to combine to assist enlisting and patriotic giving. He referred to the fact that the Prime Minister, Hon. Mr. Foy, and Hon. W. J. King, Hon. James Duff and Hon. I. B. Lucas, all had sons either on the fighting line or in training for overseas service.

He paid a tribute to the Hon. Mr. King, who had done in organizing the Ontario Hospital at Orpington, and to the splendid service Lieut.-Col. Ross, member for Kingston, had given at the front. Col. Ross' devotion to duty was so intense that the Government was having difficulty in pe-

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GREAT PARADE IN TORONTO UNIQUE AND IMPRESSIVE SIGHT

March of the 18,000 Soldiers of a Week Ago Put in the Shade by the Procession of People To Present the Temperance Petition.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Toronto, March 8.—One week ago to-day eighteen thousand khaki-clad soldiers marched through the streets of Toronto, the biggest parade ever seen in this city of great demonstrations. To-day the militant procession of a week ago was discounted by the irregular tramp of tens of thousands of Ontario's citizens in their triumphal march to the parliament buildings to lay before the government the petitions for a dry Ontario. The weather despite a slight snow fall, was favorable for such a gathering and the irregular tramp of the mobilized force of citizens, accompanied by dozens of military bands, the picturesque floats, the flaunting banners, and the hundreds of automobiles carrying the "women workers" of the great crusade furnished a unique and impressive spectacle.

30,000 IN PARADE

At the headquarters of the Committee of One Hundred it was stated this morning that at least ten thousand people from outside points arrived in the city last night and every train this morning swelled the throng.

At noon a mass was estimated that at least 30,000 people, men, women and children took part in the big parade.

The temperance campaign of which to-day's feature was the climax was inaugurated last fall when a conference was held at which nearly all the protestant churches, the Catholic church and all the temperance organizations of Ontario took part. It was then decided to launch a campaign to secure prohibition in Ontario by July 1916. The whole province was

mapped out into districts and petitions circulated which were signed by over 825,000, some 348,166 being voted.

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OXTABY AND GODDEN

Are Among a List of Returned Canadian Soldiers.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Quebec, March 8.—With limbs amputated, with features worn by sufferings at the front, but with eyes glowing and smiling lips, a large number of soldiers invalided home from England, arrived here last evening from St. Johns, where they landed on the C. P. R. Liner Metagama.

The following are from Western Ontario:

London, Ontario—J. R. Stone, A. Marr, A. Holmes, W. Willett, H. P. Ross, H. B. Clifford.

Hamilton—W. Haywood, W. Leiseman.

Woodstock—A. G. Seagrave, Hespeler—E. H. Schad, A. M. Cober.

Berlin—W. Bailey, G. Alward.

Windsor—W. J. Larkin, J. Smith, A. Rowland.

Walkerville—H. Carroll.

Galt—J. Buttock.

Hamilton—C. H. Hughes, C. J. Porter, E. Strike.

Brantford—W. G. Oxtaby, A. Godden.

Dunnville—W. C. Rice.

Could Drag the Insurgents to Water, But He Could Not Make Them Drink

New York Tribune Not Satisfied Over Wilson's Reported Triumph Over Congress; Other American Papers, Express Their Views, and are Content.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, March 8.—The New York morning papers comment on the result of the vote in Congress yesterday on the McLarmore resolution as follows:

"The before would be farcical if it were not so tragical in its possibilities. Should Germany try to take advantage of a divided congress we might easily have war, and the hope of peace to-day rests in the chance that the German Government will continue to regard President Wilson as the only official spokesman of the American people and the American Government. The congressional conspiracy against the honor of the nation, and against its immediate purpose, but the American people still have a supreme duty to perform in respect to their own patriotism. That duty is to deal drastically with every member of congress who participated in this plot to exalt the military necessities of the German Empire above the faith and the traditions of the republic."

"The president could drag the insurgents to water, but he could not make them drink. They have escaped his trap. They are free to continue their work of undermining his leadership. What scanty and dubious glory he may get out of a refusal by the Senate and the House to vote on resolutions affecting his conduct of foreign relations, is obscured by the fact that it was in the interest of the insurgents to congress, and not in his own interest, that a direct vote was dodged."

STARS AND STRIPES STILL.

The Times: "The courage and the wisdom of the President have their reward. The

last stronghold of sedition, of alien intrigue and factional conspiracy has surrendered. The Senate last week, by a vote of 88 to 14 and the House of Representatives yesterday by a vote of 278 to 142 have put out of the way the cowardly proposal to continue the sphere of American rights to make room for the expansion of Germany's sphere of lawlessness. The stars and stripes float from the capital."

The Sun: "The principle of non-interference with the executive in the performance of its functions with respect to diplomatic negotiations, was upheld by the representatives yesterday. A victory was won for sanity, for good faith and for good sense. The detestable influences that have sought to hamstring the President's management of foreign affairs were exposed and crushed. The sentimental weakness that mistook a virtuous longing for a statesman's mandate was suppressed. The ignorance of well-intentioned, but uninformed minds was conquered. It was affirmatively decided that this country should not commit its transactions with foreign powers to the hands of a town meeting, but should continue them in the control of that department of its government to which the constitution confers them."

REPUUDIATES THE KAISER.

The Herald: "The House of Representatives has repudiated Wilhelm, the Nihilist, and his field commanders, Count Von Bernstorff and Mr. Bryan a guest as emphatically as the Senate did last week. The vote taken in disposing of the McLarmore resolution should end the pro-German agitation conducted for the purpose of embarrassing the President and besmirching the nation."