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COMBINED ALLIED OFFENSIVE BEFORE END OF JUNE ON ALL FRONTS TO BRING KAISER TO HIS KNEES

London Says This Result of Great War Council in Paris---May Begin Before Crown Prince Ends Present Operations at Verdun---British Have Taken Over Part of Line Held by French---Change Effected With Great Success and Secrecy---Now Holding One-Fourth of Whole Line.

New York, March 29.—A despatch from London says: "Before the end of June the Allied armies will strike simultaneously, blows on all fronts with the object of bringing the Kaiser to his knees and ending the war before Christmas."

"This combined offensive, it was held in London today, is the certain result of the great war council of the Allies, which closed at Paris last night. The Allied forces may begin to move before the Crown Prince ceases his offensive movement at Verdun."

"The Allied drives may be preceded by other German attempts to break the western front, it is generally believed here. There are persistent rumors that the Germans have used the long lull at Verdun to shift troops for a blow at some other sector of the front."

"No further statement of the results of the war council sessions at Paris will be given out, it was stated authoritatively today."

British Holding One-Quarter Whole Line at Verdun.

London, March 29.—"The official communications have revealed the fact that the British armies have taken over a length of the line previously held by the French," says Reuters correspondent at the British headquarters in France. "I am permitted to make reference to it."

"The new dispositions were carried out with great success and secrecy, and the result of them has been the release of large French forces who were manifestly of great value in another area. At present the British are probably holding something like one-fourth of the entire length of the western front, extending in an unbroken line from the Yser to the Somme."

"Although the hour of the British army may be at hand, it is not yet. Nor is there any reason to believe that the Germans will succeed by their attacks on Verdun in upsetting the pre-arranged strategy of the great coming offensive."

SASKATCHEWAN MEMBER "GOT HIS SHARE" OF N. S. STEEL INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK

Interesting Evidence Brought Out at Royal Commission Probe Into Bribery Charges

Regina, Mar. 29.—Before the Royal Commission investigating the bribery charges evidence was given today by Frank Brunner to the effect that as treasurer of the licensed victuallers in December, 1913, he had drawn \$10,000 from the bank and had given it to Clayton Peterson, Regina hotel man. He said that he had personally given Gerhard Ems, at that time M. L. A. for Rosthern, \$500 when Ems complained to him about being left out of a previous payment, and that C. H. Cavithorne, M. L. A. for Biggar, and H. C. Pierce, M. L. A. for Wadena, had stated to him that they had received their share of the money from Peterson.

Brunner admitted he was "sore" when the government passed its temperance legislation last year. George Sharp, Gull Lake, said things were very indefinite at the executive meetings regarding the banish the bar bill. Peterson, he said, stated to the executive that he had inside information, and had a better chance to get in touch with the "boys" staying at his hotel. Peterson, Brunner and Wilson were a committee, who, it was understood, were to draw on the association funds to gain the support of the members of the legislature. There were no restrictions in the way they were to spend the money. E. J. Barry, Saskatoon, gave similar evidence.

To \$16,000,000—New Blast Furnace at Sydney Mines—Eastern Car Co. Preferred Dividend of 2 p. c. for Past Four Months.

Halifax, March 29.—The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company took place today at New Glasgow. Besides routine business and the adoption of the financial statement which has already appeared the only matter of general importance was the authority given to the directors to make the common stock of the company \$16,000,000 thus adding \$5,000,000 to the present \$7,500,000. In regard to the new common stock the power is given to issue it, but there is no intention to make such an issue in the meantime. This would only be done in the case of contingencies not at the present time foreseen.

A new director was added to the board in the person of Mr. McKelvie of the firm of Hayden & Stone, Boston and New York. Mr. McKelvie is a Prince Edward Island man and at one time was on the Bank of Nova Scotia staff. This appointment completes the board of directors so that now there are no vacancies. At a meeting of the board of directors, prior to the assembling of the shareholders' meeting it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of another blast furnace at Sydney Mines to cost from two hundred to three hundred thousand dollars. At a meeting of the directors of the Eastern Car Company held in the

HUNS MAKE SMALL GAIN IN NEW DRIVE NEAR MALANCOURT

Gain Footing in Advanced French Position—Heavy Thaw on Russian Front, but Czar's Army Continues to Hammer Enemy Around Dvinsk and on Stripa River.

Paris, Mar. 29.—In an attack with heavy forces against the village of Malancourt today the Germans succeeded in gaining a footing in an advanced work north of Malancourt, and occupying two houses in the village, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight. Further attempts were checked by the French.

The Germans to the northwest of Verdun, in an infantry attack, launched with huge effectives, have gained additional ground against the French north of Malancourt, and have even penetrated the northwest corner of the village.

The attempts of the Teutons to carry their advance farther, however, were stopped by the French fire, as also were three counter-attacks against the positions in the Avocourt wood, south of Malancourt, which had previously been taken from them by a French infantry attack. The German official communication says that the advance of the Germans north of Malancourt was over a front of more than a mile. German offensive on Malancourt the French heavy guns from the Argonne were directing their fire on the Malancourt and Avocourt woods.

Aside from the infantry attacks and counter-attacks in this region a heavy bombardment has been in progress from Avocourt northeastward to Bettincourt, a distance of five miles. There has also been a continuation of the sporadic outbursts of artillery fire to the north and east of Verdun; while in the Vosges mountains the French batteries have been keeping up their usual bombardment of German organizations.

In mining operations in the Argonne the French have blown up German posts, and between the Oise and the Aisne have dispersed German convoys with their guns. The Germans claim that in a hand grenade encounter they re-captured from the British a mine crater at St. Elol. The British declare they have concentrated all the ground gained on March 27.

Although a thaw has set in on the Russian front, and the rivers are flooded and the lowlands turned into morasses, hard fighting between the Germans and Russians continues from the Dvinsk region southward. Near Lake Narco the Germans have been driven out of a wooded sector and their counter-attacks repulsed by the Russian fire. German trenches have been taken by the Russians in the Ogniski Canal region.

The Russians have been on the offensive along the Stripa river region and on the Bessarabia front. In the latter region the Russian artillery is very active.

The repulse of vicious Italian attacks on the northern slope of San Michele and near San Martino on the Austro-Italian line is chronicled by Vienna. Austrian armies have bombarded Italian railway lines in Venetia.

The Turks turned on the offensive against the Russians in the coastal sector of the Caucasus, and the Russians beat them off with heavy casualties and forced them to retreat. Forenoon it was decided to pay a dividend of two per cent. on the preferred stock for the months of December, January, February and March. This is at the rate of six per cent. per annum. Formerly the Eastern Car Company's year ended on November 30th. This has been changed to make the company's year coincide with the calendar year. The present year of the company will therefore consist of thirteen months.

"DOWN WITH BARBARIANS" GREEK CRY

Sentiment Strong Against Huns for Recent Air Raid on Saloniki—Lost Four Machines in the Attack.

Saloniki, March 27, via Paris, March 29, 5:20 p. m.—The mayor of Saloniki has telegraphed King Constantine asking that the population of the city be protected against future raids. The funerals of the victims of the aerial attack were marked by shouts of "down with barbarians and criminals."

One of the bombs fell in front of the house of General Moschopoulos, commander of the Greek forces in Saloniki. Four German aeroplanes were brought down in the air raid over Saloniki today. Two of the machines were shot down as they tried to approach the waterfront, while the others were brought to earth later during a chase by French machines. The aviators in all four of the machines were killed.

Athens, March 29, via Paris, (6:20 p. m.)—Le Patrie says that the consuls of the United States, Spain and Roumania have asked their governments for authority to leave Saloniki, with their respective nationals, owing to the insecurity of the place.

Strong Protest. Athens, March 27, via Paris, March 29.—The Greek government has protested to the Central Powers against the air bombardment of Saloniki last Monday.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT IN THE BRITISH COMMONS

London, March 29.—Members of the House of Commons were shocked this afternoon when an army officer who was sitting in the strangers' gallery, jumped over the railing into the distinguished strangers' gallery and then climbing over the outer railing, hung suspended for a moment over the floor of the House. He dropped thence to the House floor without apparently receiving any injury, although the drop was from a considerable height. His incoherent remarks proved that he was not responsible for his act and he was quietly led out of the chamber.

The object of the officer apparently was to call attention to the supply of helmets for the army, for he cried out as he dropped to the floor: "I ask you to protect the heads of British soldiers against shrapnel fire."

HON. DR. LANDRY'S BUDGET SHOWS PROVINCIAL FUNDS JUDICIOUSLY ADMINISTERED

MINISTER OF WAR IN RUSSIA HAS RESIGNED

Rumored He Was Responsible for Shortage of Munitions—Recently Ousted from Council of the Empire.

London, Mar. 29.—The Russian war minister, General Polivanoff has resigned, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. General Chouvaloff has been appointed to succeed him.

General Polivanoff was relieved from office at his own request. Gen. Polivanoff was appointed by the Emperor as minister of war last June, to succeed Gen. Soukhomlinoff. After Gen. Soukhomlinoff's resignation there were reports that he had been responsible for the shortage of munitions, which had seriously interfered with the operations of the Russian army. Recently Gen. Soukhomlinoff was removed by Imperial ukase from the Council of the Empire.

LAWS OF HUMANITY DEAD LETTER WITH GERMAN PIRATES

None of British Steamers Torpedoed Since New Submarine Policy Began Have Received Warning.

London, March 29 (10:40 p. m.)—The British steamer Minneapolis, which was torpedoed without warning in the Mediterranean last Wednesday, remained afloat, according to a Reuter despatch from Malta, and attempts were being made to tow her into port. About 200 of the crew of the Minneapolis were landed at Malta, and 10 men are missing.

The captain of the steamer says the vessel struck a mine Tuesday afternoon.

Attacked But Did Not Sink. London, March 29 (7:35 p. m.)—The British steamer Berwindvale was attacked today, but not sunk.

The Berwindvale, a vessel of 5,252 tons, sailed from Galveston, February 24, and Newport News, March 2, for Avonmouth, according to available shipping records.

No Warning Given.

London, March 29.—British naval officials point out that none of the British vessels, armed or unarmed, torpedoed since the inception of the new German submarine campaign, has received any warning, nor has the crew been removed, except where the torpedoed ship sank slowly.

A report, which has been made public, shows that four unarmed British merchantmen engaged in trade between British and American ports, have been sunk without warning. They included the Englishman, from Avonmouth for Portland, Maine, and the Fenay Bridge and Manchester Engineer, both from Philadelphia for England. These vessels followed the general practice of British merchantmen engaged in trade with America in not even having a defensive armament.

Province Progressing as Never Before in Its History—People's Money Carefully and Honestly Expended and Their Interests Well Looked After.

Provincial Secretary's Comparison Between Present Methods and Those of Grit Regime a Strong Indictment of Latter's Stewardship—Criticism of Hon. C. W. Robinson and W. E. Foster Proved Erroneous and Show Lack of Knowledge.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, March 29.—Hon. Dr. Landry made the third budget speech of his career as Provincial Secretary, in the Legislature this afternoon, and while it was in some respects a departure from the usual style of speech heretofore delivered on such occasions, it lacked none of the eloquence and comprehensiveness to which the House has been accustomed of late years.

In the course of his remarks, which held the closest attention of the entire House for upwards of two hours, Dr. Landry presented facts and figures which could not fail to convince any impartial individual that under the administrative methods now in vogue, the province is progressing in a manner and at a rate never hitherto experienced in its history. While the speech naturally dealt very largely with statistics it was couched in such language as made this feature of it as interesting as possible and comparisons which the Prov. Secretary was able to present to House of financial conditions as they exist today and as they existed during the late government's regime provided a strong indictment of the latter. He showed that despite the war, revenue continued as buoyant as ever with every prospect of a continuance of such satisfactory conditions.

In the course of his speech Dr. Landry took occasion to refer to the criticisms of provincial finances by Messrs. C. W. Robinson and W. E. Foster, and had no difficulty in showing that these gentlemen, when they undertook to discuss the matter, not only displayed an entire lack of knowledge of it, but an inability also to properly understand the ordinary principles of finance, to say nothing of systematic bookkeeping. Their figures and conclusions were utterly erroneous, as was very readily proved.

Mr. J. K. Pinder moved the adjournment of the debate, but it is not expected that any lengthy speeches will be delivered.

By holding three sessions today the municipalities committee was able to dispose of all St. John bills. (Continued on page 3)

LAST CLASS OF UNMARRIED MEN CALLED

Those who Reached Age of 19 Since Attesting—Big Rush at Recruiting Offices in London Yesterday.

London, Mar. 29.—The last class of unmarried men, those who have reached the age of nineteen since their attestation, appeared in large numbers at recruiting offices today to join the colors.

There is now only one proclamation out in connection with enlistments. It calls on the first eight groups of the married men to present themselves on April 7. This is the proclamation which has caused so much dis-

OPENING SESSION OF P.E.I. LEGISLATURE

Charlottetown, March 29.—The first session of the provincial legislature since the general election in September last was opened today by Lieut. Governor MacDonald, who was appointed since last session. The speech from the throne foreshadowed legislation giving effect to war measures, drainage of farm lands, also legislation to further develop the fisheries. Suitable provision will be made for soldiers returning from the war. Reference was also made in the speech to the steady progress in educational matters, but the work is handicapped by the absence on military duty of the chief superintendent, three inspectors and fifty teachers.

Half of the new officials of the house to be appointed were returned soldiers. The first division was taken today in a full house on an amendment moved by Mr. Bell, leader of the opposition showed sixteen Conservatives, thirteen Liberals with the new speaker, John S. Martin in the chair.