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INVASION OF HUNGARY BEGUN; FIVE TOWNS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED

Russians Also Record Two Victories Over the Germans in Poland—Austrian Reinforcements Too Late to Save Loss of Roads to Hungary

Petrograd, March 29.—Pouring through Dukla Pass, three Russian corps of 120,000 men have captured five Hungarian towns in the district of Sarov.

While all eyes are directed towards the Carpathian front and the invasion of Hungary, two new Russian victories in Poland were officially reported, one on the Skwa River, and another near the Pilica.

The Russian drive through Dukla pass has resulted in the occupation of Buszov by Russian troops. The advance Russian forces entered the northern outskirts of Szvidnik on Sunday, but met determined resistance, and were compelled to retire to await the arrival of the main forces.

London, March 29.—The Times' Petrograd correspondent says the Austrian reinforcements arrived too late to prevent the Russians from securing command of the roads into Hungary.

The correspondent adds that the German field marshal, Von Hindenberg, apparently has disposed of the eighth, ninth and tenth armies in a manner calculated to enable him to retain the defenses until larger forces or favorable circumstances warrant a resumption of the offensive.

AUSTRIA'S BID TO ITALY. Paris, March 29.—The Petit Parisien's Rome correspondent says he is informed that Austria has made a definite offer to cede to Italy a part of the province of Trent at the close of the war.

Would Like It So. Berlin, March 29.—The Bucharest correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung telegraphs that Romania will continue to maintain her neutrality.

MAJOR GUTHRIE SECOND IN COMMAND OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BATTALION

Letters Reach Fredericton—Hope For War Orders For Capital Concern

Fredericton, N. B., March 29.—The total proceeds of a bazaar and festival held by Normal School students for Red Cross work amounted to \$737.

Recent letters from Major Guthrie state that he has gone to the front as second in command of the 7th British Columbia Battalion.

John Palmer, managing director of the Palmer-McClellan Shoepeg Co., reached home this morning. He visited London and Paris, and is hopeful of securing some war orders for footwear.

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The legislature will resume work this evening. It is expected that Dr. Landry will bring down the budget tomorrow.

BISHOP OF AMIENS DEAD

Amiens, France, March 29.—Monsignor Jean Marie Leon Dilen, Bishop of Amiens, died here yesterday.

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Five applications were received by Dr. E. Skinner this morning in response to the announcement that he had received a letter as president of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, giving power to sign nurses for overseas service in that unit.

Applications will be forwarded to headquarters, and appointments announced later.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—A fairly energetic cold wave, which has moved down from the northwest, is centred in Manitoba, causing cold weather again in nearly all portions of the Dominion.

Coast. Maritime.—Fresh westerly to northwesterly winds, a few local snow flurries, but generally fair; colder tonight and on Tuesday.

New England forecast.—Fair and colder tonight; Tuesday, fair, moderate west to northwest winds.

German Submarine Now Is On Roll of The British Navy

The U-21, Sunk Off Fleetwood, Raised and Saved

Repairs Took Too Long, However, To Permit of Daring Raid on Cuxhaven Planned by Some Junior British Officers

Toronto, March 29.—A London cable to the Toronto Globe says: It now transpires that the famous submarine U-21, the officers of which were personally decorated with iron crosses by the Kaiser, has become part of the British navy.

It was sunk off the west coast, somewhere near Fleetwood, about the middle of February, the U-21 was raised and taken into Barrow-in-Furness. She was very slightly damaged, although the cause of disablement cannot be ascertained. In fact the whole affair is shrouded in mystery, and has been one of the most closely guarded of naval secrets.

Slight repairs were made, and in a very short time the U-21 was again at sea, headed for home waters, but manned by a British crew. Had it been possible to effect the repairs before her loss could be learned by the German authorities, a hare-brained venture was actually contemplated by some junior British officers. It was nothing less than a plan to sail the U-21 straight into Cuxhaven or some equally important German base, and before being discovered as an enemy craft to torpedo every German war vessel within range.

This time chapsing between her last report to the German admiralty, and her readiness for departure after being raised and repaired, made this plan impracticable, and the German authorities are now preparing to admit her loss.

German Navy Hard Hit By Russians In Baltic

Submarines Suffer Severely and Several Transports Are Destroyed—Russian Cruiser Joins French and British in Bombardment of Turkish Forts

Petrograd, March 29.—Severe losses have been inflicted upon the German naval units in the Baltic Sea by the Russians, according to a semi-official review of operations there made public last night.

"Early in September, the activity of our fleet in the southern Baltic compelled the enemy to modify his plan and concentrate his chief efforts upon operations by submarines. Nineteen of these attacks were made in two months but only one was successful.

"Our fleet has developed intense activity along the enemy's coast. Details of the operations cannot be published yet, but the enemy suffered heavy losses in fighting units and has been seriously impeded in the operations along his coast by the loss of a number of transports with munitions."

RUSSIAN CRUISER TAKES PART. Paris, March 29.—An Athens despatch says that the French battleships Suffren and Gueules, which were badly damaged by fire from Turkish batteries in the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts on March 18, have left for Toulon, a French naval base, to be repaired in the dry dock there.

No attack was made in the straits on Sunday, the despatch says, but a Franco-British fleet and the Russian cruiser Askold bombarded the Bulair line of forts from the Gulf of Saros.

HONORS WON ON THE BATTLE FRONT BY MAJOR FRANK MAGEE

St. John Officer Personally Complimented by Generals Birdsall and Alderson—Two Others From Here Mentioned

News of distinctive honors for St. John men now on the battle line in France reached the city on Saturday in a letter received by Lieut. Col. B. R. Armstrong, O. C. the 3rd regt., C. A. from Lieut. Cyrus Inches, formerly of this city. The letter told of personal compliments by General Birdsall and General Alderson bestowed upon Major Frank Magee and his men of the heavy artillery for efficient work in dismantling an observation tower held by the enemy.

The news will be received with pleasure by friends in St. John. The work was being done with direct fire by the heavy artillery in shelter behind a hill and shooting at long range at a German observation tower which was an important post in aiding to direct the fire of the enemy's guns. For some time efforts by others to bring down the tower had been ineffective until Major Magee as battery commander began to direct the fire against the tower and it was not long before the day's work of regiment.

HARD PASSAGE. Word to the L. C. R. ticket offices today said that the steamer Minio, en route yesterday, was in the ice between Pictou Island and Cape Bear, and that the Stanley, ex-Georgetown, had had to put back last night, but left again this morning. The ice was reported heavy.

THE PASSOVER. The Jewish feast of the Passover will begin this evening at sunset and continues for one week. Special services are to be held in the synagogues on the first and last two days of the week. The feast is an important one with the Hebrew race.

FRENCH AGAIN CARRY THE WAR TO THE ENEMY

Driving Against German Forces On St. Mihiel-Metz Line

Almost a Slaughter, so Many Killed in Fighting in Champagne District—Belgian Airmen Proving Their Worth

Paris, March 29.—Along the heights of the Meuse, to the east of Verdun, in the vicinity of Les Eparges, the French are again driving against the German forces defending the St. Mihiel-Metz line of communications. Hard fighting has been in progress south of Etain in the Woerw district, but a series of strong night attacks have dislodged the Germans from several lines of trenches.

In the Vosges, the German artillery is bombarding the position which the French took up on the eminence of Hartmannswiller Kopf.

GREAT NUMBERS KILLED. In the Champagne district there has been no weakening of French pressure against the German lines, and reports from the region state that the numbers killed amount to actual slaughter.

Belgian aviators bombarded the German aviation camp at Ghisbiller, seven miles southeast of Bruges. Several hangars were set on fire, and two Taube machines were rendered useless. A bomb fell in the midst of a group of soldiers and it is believed that several of them were killed.

Desultory artillery fire is reported from several districts on the northern end of the battle line.

Canadian Dead Now 268 Wounded in Hospitals in France and England 500 and Number Growing

Ottawa, March 29.—Since the Canadian forces went abroad, there have been 268 deaths in the ranks, including those who died at Salisbury Plain or elsewhere, who have been killed in action or who have died from wounds sustained in the field.

For the whole Canadian division the number of wounded in hospitals in France and England is around 500, and is growing.

THE GRANTS TWO BUILDINGS IN FREEPORT, N.S., BURNED

Fire on Sunday Night—Wedding of Rev. F. H. Eaton and Miss Campbell

Digby, N. S., March 29.—Two buildings were destroyed by fire at Freeport last night. The one in which the fire started was owned by Mrs. Mabel McEwan, and was full of goods owned by A. E. Rose, a foreigner, who had just moved to Freeport. He had recently purchased from Bernard Blackford a nearby store. This also was destroyed.

It is understood the loss is covered by insurance, with the exception of Mrs. McEwan's building, which was only partially covered, if at all.

Rev. F. H. Eaton, pastor of Freeport Baptist church, was united in marriage last evening to Miss Lola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Campbell, of Freeport. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. L. Kinsman, of the Westport Baptist church. The wedding March was played by Miss Grace Morell. They will go by autoval Brightwater, where the groom has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church.

Schooner Loran B. Snow was towed from Turnbull & Co's wharf this morning by the tug Moto, and will be taken to Meteghan for repairs.

Schooner Dora, Captain Cannine called for St. John at noon.

EVIDENCE IN CASE OF THEFT OF CIGARS

The preliminary hearing in the case of William Stevens and Frank O'Shea, charged with stealing cigars from B. Bishop, proprietor of the Gem dining rooms, King Square, was taken up in the police court this morning. Mr. Bishop testified that he missed eight boxes of cigars on 19th, and on the following Sunday learned that four more boxes were stolen. He had kept them in a small room in his lodging house. The door had been locked, but the catch had been removed. He said they were worth about \$125 a box. He said the defendants boarded with him. He had no desire to prosecute them.

The magistrate remarked that he was not doing the prosecuting, it was the King vs. the prisoners, and he was only a witness.

Fred Ramsey said he had met the defendants in Union street about ten or twelve days ago and had purchased from them four boxes of cigars. He said he paid \$2 for them, and later sold them to Joseph Daly for the same amount. The latter testified about buying the cigars from Ramsey. Special Policeman McBride and Barrett testified about recovering the cigars and filed about recovering the cigars and the case was set aside until tomorrow morning.

CAPT. DUTTON DEAD IN AFRICA

Mrs. Richard B. Cline, of German street, received a letter today telling of the death of Captain Dutton, who formerly sailed out of St. John on the steamer Borna in the trade between St. John, Halifax and Mexico. He died in Sapele, West Coast of Africa, on Feb. 14. Captain Dutton had many friends in St. John who will hear with regret of his death.

WILL NOT PROBE BERRY CHARGES

Commissioner Chandler Declines to Investigate Them

AN ASTONISHING REPLY

Says This Does Not Come Within Scope of His Authority—Also Wants Charges Against Individuals in Some Other Matters—What Was Promised When the Enquiry Opened

Commissioner Chandler has declined to investigate the charges made by E. S. Carter concerning W. H. Berry. Those charges were as follows:

(1) It has been stated through the press that while the crown lands of this province were being classified in 1914, under the direction of William H. Berry, then chief superintendent of crown lands, large sums of money were paid to him personally by some crown timber licensees of this province for his own use.

(2) That in this connection the sum of \$5,000 was forwarded from Bathurst to St. John and paid to Mr. W. H. Berry personally at that place.

(3) That the sum of \$1,000 was paid by Allan Ritchie, Esq., of Newcastle, a crown land licensee, to W. H. Berry for his own use.

(4) That a similar amount for a similar purpose was paid to W. H. Berry by Hubert Sinclair, another crown land licensee.

(5) That considerable quantities of lumber for house building purposes were shipped to W. H. Berry at his home at Oak Bay by mill owners who were crown land licensees, which was not paid for at that time or since.

(6) That it was proposed by E. A. McCurdy, manager of the Royal Bank, Newcastle, to raise a fund for the purchase of a similar amount for a similar purpose to that of W. H. Berry.

Commissioner Chandler has also declined to enquire into the following charges also brought to his attention by Mr. Carter:

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Von Kluck Is Wounded

Berlin, March 29.—General Von Kluck who led the German rush into France, has been slightly wounded by shrapnel fire.

MAY SELL ICE CREAM ON SUNDAY, JUDGMENT IN TORONTO COURT

Case of Interest in St. John Because of Present Day Activities

Toronto, March 29.—In a carefully worded judgment, Magistrate Rupert Kingsford in the police court hands down his decision in an ice cream Sunday selling case, brought up by Louis Heyd, K. C., as a test case.

Sixteen keepers of ice cream parlors were summoned and one of them was taken as a test case.

Magistrate Kingsford contends that the holders of an ice cream license does not come under the act, and dismissed the charge of selling on Sunday. If His Worship's ruling is upheld, it means that the holder of an ice cream license may sell on Sunday if he so desires.

"In these Sunday cases," adds His Worship, "the only question is one of law. Private opinion or sentiment must be excluded in deciding how far a defendant is liable. It is purely a question of the construction of the act which applies."

PARLIAMENT WILL NOT SIT ON GOOD FRIDAY

Ottawa, March 29.—Parliament is to adjourn on Thursday but whether this will only be over Good Friday or until after Easter Monday is not certain. It is there is any chance of proroguing on Saturday, the adjournment will be for four months in all.

POLICE COURT

John A. Ferris, arrested on Saturday evening by Special Patrolman Barrett on a charge of drunkenness and assaulting Charles Landers, was fined \$28 or four months in jail.

One man on a drunkenness charge was remanded.

A case against Hop Lee, charged with having opium in his possession, was to have been taken up, but on application of Daniel Mullin, K. C., counsel for the defence, it was postponed until the afternoon of April 6. H. O. McInerney appeared as prosecuting attorney on behalf of the city.