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PROBS.—MOSTLY FAIR

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GERMAN OFFENSIVE NORTH OF YPRES IS SPENT AND ALLIES AGAIN THE ATTACKERS

TROOPS LANDED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE GALLIOLI PENINSULA BY ALLIES

Aided by Navy are Strengthening Foothold and Breaking Turks' Defence—French Troops Occupy Turkish Village on Asiatic Side of Dardanelles.

London, April 27.—A joint war office and Admiralty statement issued tonight on the Dardanelles operations says:

"After days of hard fighting in a difficult country the troops landed on Gallipoli peninsula are thoroughly making good their footing with the effective help of the navy. The French have taken 500 prisoners."

The statement appends the following, which, it says, is officially published at Cairo:

"The allied forces under General Sir Ian Hamilton have effected a landing on both sides of the Dardanelles under excellent conditions. Many prisoners have been taken and our forces are continuing their advance."

FRENCH TAKE KUMKALEH.

Paris, April 27.—French troops have occupied the village of Kumkaleh, on the Asiatic side of the entrance to the Dardanelles. This announcement was made officially tonight.

"During the disembarkation Sunday of the allied forces at the Dardanelles, the official communication says, French troops, comprising infantry and artillery, had been designated particularly for operations at Kumkaleh, on the Asiatic side. This mission was completely and successfully fulfilled."

"Aided by the cannon of the French fleet, and under the fire of the enemy, our troops succeeded in occupying the village and have continued its occupation, despite seven counter-attacks at night, supported by heavy artillery."

"We took five hundred prisoners, and the losses to the enemy appear to have been considerable."

"The general disembarkation of the allied forces continues under good conditions."

CANADA'S TRADE FOR YEAR OVER BILLION DOLLARS

Splendid Showing in Spite of Abnormal Conditions—Big Increase in Exports of Made-in-Canada Goods.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 27.—The trade of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31 last was over a billion dollars, according to the statement issued today by Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs. The figures for the year totalled \$1,078,173,000 compared with \$1,112,562,000 for the previous fiscal year. Taking into consideration the disturbed economic conditions as a result of the war, the showing of Canadian trade is satisfactory and proves that Canada's prosperity is based on solid foundations. Domestic merchandise exported reached the large total of \$409,418,836 as against \$481,588,000 for the preceding year. The export of manufactured articles totalled \$359,539,000 against \$374,453,000 for the year 1913-14. Exports of animals and their products also were largely in excess of the corresponding year, being \$74,390,000 as against \$53,349,000. There was slight decrease during the year in the export of products of the mine, fisheries and forest, the figures being: Mine, \$51,740,000, against \$59,019,000 for 1913-14; fisheries, \$19,587,000 as against \$20,623,000 and forest, \$42,650,000 against \$42,792,000.

The total imports of dutiable goods were \$279,717,000, as compared with \$416,130,000 in 1913-14; free goods imported amounted to \$175,650,000 as against \$208,198,000. There was a large increase in coin and bullion imported, the figures being \$131,992,000 as against \$16,325,000 for the preceding year. The grand total imports, including coin and bullion were \$587,244,000 against \$612,564,000 for 1913-14.

German Merchant Ship Captured.

Bulletin—Melbourne, via London, April 27.—It is officially announced that a British warship has captured the German trading steamer Elfriede,

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CHANGING FLAGS—SIR WILFRID LAURIER ABANDONS RECIPROCITY FOR THE TIME BEING.

MORE PRAISE FROM GENERAL FRENCH FOR CANADIANS' SPLENDID WORK

Ottawa, April 27.—Sir John French has given further praise to the Canadian division for their recent fighting near Ypres. Colonel J. J. Carrick, M. P., the Canadian eye-witness, today cabled Sir Robert Borden:

"In an interview this morning with Sir John French he authorized me to cable you that the Canadians fought magnificently and splendidly, and their action will be one of the greatest factors in cementing in closer union the bonds of the British Empire in the eyes of the world."

Premier Denham of Queensland, Australia, today cabled Sir Robert Borden, the Premier: "Queensland regards with boundless admiration and pride heroic deeds of Canadian troops in Flanders." The Premier replied: "We send our warmest thanks for your telegram, which will be deeply appreciated throughout the Dominion. Canada is filled with pride in the valor of her sons, and with sorrow for those who have fallen."

HAS GIVEN AN IMPETUS TO RECRUITING

News of Glorious Work of Canadians at Ypres Brings Forth Large Number of Volunteers.

Ottawa, April 27.—A further list of casualties received by General Hughes tonight intimates that six more officers were killed in the fighting around Ypres on Sunday and 24 officers wounded. The killed are Major G. W. Bennet of Peterboro, Capt. W. F. F. Gordon of Toronto, a son of Lockhart Gordon; Lt. H. N. Klots of Toronto, Lt. W. J. Duxee of Campbellford; Lt. C. W. Day of Kingston and Lt. W. Fitzpatrick of Pipestone, Man. Lt. Pipestone was formerly reported seriously wounded.

General Hughes stated tonight that so far only 32 officers and men have been reported as missing which would seem to discount the German statement that one thousand Canadian prisoners had been taken. There is no news yet from Col. John A. Currie, M. P., of Toronto. Capt. Clark Kennedy of Montreal, who was reported killed, is now reported alive and well. It will be a week yet before all the Ypres casualties are known. The Canadians are still resting after their terrific work. Many of the men had to go without food for 48 hours. The casualties amongst the officers total 129 to date.

The temper of the Canadian people is shown by the great impetus which has been given to recruiting by the news of the great battle. Men all over the country are coming forward to take the places of those who have fallen. General Hughes states that recruits are coming in faster than before.

HON. WALLACE GRAHAM CHIEF JUSTICE OF N. S.

Hallifax, April 27.—Hon. Wallace Graham, senior judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, has been appointed chief justice of the Province of Nova Scotia, succeeding Sir Charles Townshend, who retired from the bench a few weeks ago.

COLLECTED \$300,000 IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS. London, April 27.—The appeal of the British Committee for Relief in Belgium has resulted in \$300,000 being collected in less than 24 hours. New South Wales contributed \$143,750. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne's fund aggregated \$100,000.

Reports Say Germany Trying To Buy Up Four Years' Food Supply

London, April 27.—A telegram to the Evening News from Copenhagen quotes the German Councillor of State, Herr Gottschalk, as saying that systematic efforts were being inaugurated in Germany for the purchase of sufficient foodstuffs for four years' supply. This is being done, it

is said, on instructions to German chambers of commerce from Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, on the ground that Germans "must be prepared for at least this length."

Herr Gottschalk is on his way to Sweden and Norway to organize a system for making these purchases.

Bombarding Interior Forts of Dardanelles

London, April 28.—The Daily Mail's Athens correspondent, telegraphing Monday, says:

"The bombardment of the interior forts of the Dardanelles which began

Sunday, continued today and resulted in heavy damage to the forts. It is reported that the forts on the coast near Smyrna also were bombarded, but this report has not been confirmed."

ONE OF THE ALLIES' TORPEDOBOATSSUNK IN THE STRAITS?

Bulletin—Constantinople, April 27, via London, April 28, 1.58 a. m.—"When the enemy's fleet approached the Straits our fire sank one of their torpedo boats and damaged another so severely that it had to be towed to Tenedos. The enemy did not undertake any operations from the sea against the Dardanelles the following day."

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DOCTORS FROM CANADA

London, April 27.—Col. Pelletier, agent-general for the Province of Quebec, approached the medical chief of the war office recently with regard to the question of accepting Canadian doctors for service, either in field or home hospitals. He has now been informed that the Imperial government will accept any medical men approved by the Dominion government for this purpose.

ALLIES DRIVE GERMANS FROM LIZERNE; FRENCH CROSS CANAL TAKE HET SAS

Germans' Whirlwind Attack Stopped and Allies Now on the Offensive and Striking Towards St. Julien, Which Enemy Captured Last Week.

London, April 27.—On the narrow, rocky Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey, and on a restricted front stretching northward from Ypres in Belgium, two of the most vital struggles of the war are now in progress. Neither struggle has yet reached a stage which would permit of a prediction of the ultimate result.

In the Gallipoli peninsula a picturesque assortment of Allied troops landed Sunday, supported by the fire of the warships and are trying to batter their way through thousands of German-officerled Turks in an effort to force the Dardanelles—the main gateway of the Ottoman Empire—and reach Constantinople.

According to the British claim, the attack is progressing, but a Turkish communication received tonight declares that although the Allies landed forces at four points these forces are being beaten back to the coast, while the Moslems in the French ranks are deserting and casting their lot with their co-religionists.

Equally contradictory are the official statements concerning the fighting in the vicinity of Ypres. It would appear that the German offensive north of that city, which resulted in their recent gain of nearly three miles, has

reached its limit, and that, although the Germans hold most of the ground they gained, the question now is whether they have sufficiently consolidated the new line to hold it.

The rush over, the British troops are now said to have taken the offensive and are striking toward St. Julien which the Germans captured, while the French on the British left not only have pushed the Germans from Lizerne, their new lodgment on the west bank of the canal nearest Calais, but have crossed the canal and hold Het Sas, on the east bank.

The German official communication of today, which records no progress for the German troops, admits that the British took the offensive toward St. Julien, but insists that the successive attacks broke down.

Some sections of the British press profess the belief that the crisis in the new battle, or series of battles, for the French coast has passed, but others are of the opinion that the end is not yet.

"The fate of Calais still hangs in the balance," says the Evening News. "The Germans are not disheartened. They are not starving, and they are capable of a great sustained offensive in Flanders."

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT OTTAWA

For Canada's Heroes—Service on Parliament Hill tomorrow morning with Governor-General and Suite in attendance.

Ottawa, April 28.—Brigadier-General Hodgins, Adjutant General of the Canadian Militia, tonight issued orders for a public service in commemoration of those Canadians who have recently fallen in battle. The service will be held Thursday morning, 29th instant, at 10:30 on Parliament Hill. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and suite will attend, as well as members of the Ottawa garrison, overseas troops in training in the capital, members of the cabinet, and the general public. The troops will march past His Royal Highness after the service.

KAISER HOPES TO INTIMIDATE GREECE

Sends Sister, Queen of Greece, Report of German Successes and Warns Greece Against Joining Allies.

London, April 28, 1.42 a. m.—A Reuters despatch from Sofia says that the German emperor recently sent to his sister, the Queen of Greece, a telegram in plain language describing the German success both on the western and eastern fronts, and affirming his conviction of eventual victory for Germany and Austria, adding that "this will serve as a warning to any countries venturing to join Germany's enemies."

ENORMOUS WAR ORDER FOR CANADA

General Hughes Intimates Orders for Shells to Extent of \$175,000,000 Being Executed in Dominion.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 27.—General Hughes intimated tonight that orders for shells for the allies to the extent of \$175,000,000 were being executed in Canada. He gave the further most important information that arrangements at Saul Ste. Marie, Ont., and Sydney, C. B., were now so far forward that henceforth Canada would refine her own copper, purify her own zinc and manufacture her own brass for war munitions.

MAJOR MERSEREAU AMONG THE WOUNDED

Formerly Engaged in Real Estate and Fox business here.

News that Major C. J. Mersereau was seriously injured in the fighting last week in Flanders will be heard with sincere regret by his many friends in this city and province.

Major C. J. Mersereau was formerly a member of the firm of Kelstead & Mersereau, real estate and fox brokers with offices in Dock street. Major Mersereau had his home at Hampton and recruited the corps of Guides, which was made up when the first call for troops came. He went to Valcartier with the members of the first Canadian contingent and sailed with it to the Old Country.