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SIR ARTHUR CURRIE CHOSEN TO COMMAND CANADIANS BRITISH ON POINTE LAUNCHING OFFENSIVE IN BELGIAN COASTAL REGION Guthrie Makes Strong Appeal For Coalition Government



When a party of returned soldiers arrived home yesterday morning they were met, in addition to their relatives, by a party of visiting United States soldiers. Photo shows one of the visitors carrying a dunnage bag for one of the wounded men.

BRITISH ABOUT TO COMMENCE BELGIAN DRIVE

Early Resumption of Operations Forecast in German Statement.

LOSE IN CHAMPAGNE

Kaiser's Men Fail to Recapture Positions From French.

London, June 19.—Indications point to an early resumption of operations on a grand scale in Belgium and France, if, indeed, they have not already begun in Flanders and Champagne. A significant statement in the latest Berlin official communication says that in Flanders and Champagne "the fighting activity has been revived at several points."

Aside from this there is no information as to the exact status of affairs. In Champagne the Germans have made an attempt to recapture positions between Mont Bland and Mont Camille, taken by the French Monday, but met with repulse, suffering heavy casualties. To the northwest, around Craonne, heavy artillery duels are being fought.

The situation in Flanders is even more obscure, as neither the British nor French statements tend to clarify the German report of the resumption of hostilities. Artillery duels of great intensity are known to have been in progress between Boesinghe and Frelinghen, and in the regions of Houthulst and Het Sas, while to the south in France, in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, the British troops have resumed their trench raiding operations, destroying German dugouts and taking prisoners.

CANADIAN TROOPS HOLD HORSE SHOW

Torrential Rains Fail to Alloy Pleasures of Occasion.

MOUNTS LOOK SLEEK

Animals Have Had Great Improvement in Condition Since Spring.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France.—(Via London, June 19).—The Canadian corps held its annual horse show today amid torrential rains. That did not matter, for there were no ladies, and there was no spring millinery and no grand stand. Under these conditions the horse came to his own as a centre of attraction. The transformation in the condition of the artillery and transport animals since March and early April, when serious losses were sustained because of the long-continued bad weather, is most remarkable. Sleek, finely-groomed horses, their spirit restored by careful handling, pranced about as if they had never experienced the hardships of winter.

A battery horse of the original division carried on his brow-band three narrow straps of gold braid, such as the wounded men wear on their tunic sleeves, as a badge of distinction. This horse was wounded in the flank at Ypres in 1915, lost a rib at the Somme, and was shot in the neck at Vimy. He is in perfect good condition, and doubtless spine great yards to the remnants that are his stable companions.

While judging between rival batteries is not so dangerous as umpiring a baseball match, it is, perhaps, as well that the judges are chosen from outside the corps. Their awards today were such as to encourage a lot of young fellows who never got prizes before to spend laborious days and nights keeping their horses and equipment in tip-top pink.

Out on the front there is nothing more serious to report than affairs of the trot, in which enemies, working in parties in the region northwest of Fresnoy, were dispersed.

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CURRIE IS APPOINTED AS BYNG'S SUCCESSOR

He is the First Canadian to Command Expeditionary Force and the Troops Are Highly Elated Over Choice Made—Sir Arthur, Born in Middlesex County, Went Overseas From Victoria Garrison.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 19.—Sir Arthur Currie, who has been acting commander of the Canadian Corps since Sir Julian Byng left, returned to headquarters this morning, having been authorized to take over the command. Sir Arthur came to France with the original Canadian overseas contingent as a brigadier, and has had a part in all the major engagements of the corps.

His appointment greatly pleases the men in the trenches. He is the first Canadian to command the corps. His predecessors, Generals Alderson and Byng, were both imperial officers of long service and distinction. Remarkable Rise. The new commander of the Canadians has had a remarkable military career since he joined the Canadian Garrison Artillery as a private at Victoria, British Columbia, fourteen years ago. He was lieutenant-colonel of the garrison when he left for overseas. His rapid rise was due to efficient and brilliant work in the service. In the three years which he commanded the "grade," previous to the outbreak of the war, two of the batteries took first and second awards each year. When the first Canadian contingent was mobilized for overseas service, Sir Sam Hughes, then minister of militia, first selected Sir Arthur Currie for command of the first brigade, and regarded him as "one of the finest officers in Canada." Sir Arthur, however, while accepting the appointment, did not go to France with the first brigade, but went overseas in charge of the second brigade.

Born in Ontario. It was at the battle of St. Julien that the successor to Gen. Byng first distinguished himself in France. He met an emergency at a critical time on the British front and the excellent conduct of his troops under desperate conditions earned the praise of Field Marshal Sir John French. He received a well deserved promotion and the fact that he held the rank of major-general at 38 years of age testifies to his military genius. While Sir Arthur Currie is claimed as a western soldier he is owned by Ontario, having been born at Napperton, in Middlesex County, and educated at Strathroy. He went to British Columbia in 1878. He is a member of the real estate firm of Currie and Power, Victoria, and is president of the King Edward Mining Company.

RUSSIANS FIGHT TURKS IN MANY ENCOUNTERS

Petrograd, via London, June 19.—The following official communication was issued today: On the western and Rumanian fronts there has been no fighting. On the Caucasus front: Southeast of Kalkit, our reconnaissance detachments drove back Turkish outposts. An offensive by the Kurds near Tchelik Semack, ten versts north of Ognoff, was also repulsed by our fire. Near Baburgur, sixty versts east of Sennek, we dispersed a large body of Kurds, making a raid behind our positions. Our airplanes have dropped bombs at various points in the rear of the enemy's lines.

ROYALTY GIVES UP GERMAN TITLES

King Orders Princes of Family to Take English Surnames.

CONFERS PEERAGES

His Majesty Creates Marquises and Earldoms for Relations.

London, June 19.—The following official announcement was made today: The King has deemed it advisable in the conditions brought about by the war that those princes of his family who are his subjects and bear German names and titles should relinquish those titles and henceforth adopt British surnames. At the same time and consequent upon this decision the King has been pleased to confer peerages of the United Kingdom on the following:

Duke of Teck, marquis; Prince Alexander of Teck, earl; Prince Louis of Battenberg, marquis, and Prince Alexander of Battenberg, marquis. A further abolition of German titles held by members of the English royal family residing in England is indicated in tonight's court circular, which announces: Their Highnesses Princess Victoria and Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein will henceforth be styled Their Highnesses Princesses Helena Victoria and Princesses Marie Louise respectively.

The circular adds that the princesses of the royal family who bear the title Duchess of Saxony have at the King's desire relinquished that title and the King has directed that royal warrants be prepared stating what they will be styled in the future. The Times says it understands Prince Louis of Battenberg will take the title of Marquis of Mount Batten. "This," says The Times "is simply an English translation of the German name, but it is not perhaps wholly accidental that the new name of the former sea lord's family should also be that of the little headland overlooking the old eastern harbor of Plymouth, from which the famous Drake sailed."

Order is Approved. The King's order is commented on by the morning newspapers with enthusiastic approval as a reform in part of the war has been the cause of the monarchy and as emphasizing the fact that nowadays the court must identify its interests with the interests of the nation.

EARLY DEVELOPMENTS IN SERBIA EXPECTED

London, June 19.—The Macedonian theatre also still holds forth the promise of early developments on a large scale. While along the line where Gen. Sarrail's forces are facing the Teutonic allies near the Greco-Serbian border the reports show only artillery duels to be in progress, the entente commander is still pouring men into Thessaly and occupying important localities. Another indication that the Greeks are turning toward the entente cause is shown by the fact that considerable quantities of arms and ammunition have been surrendered by the population of the invaded towns and villages.

BORDEN BLAMED BY HUGHES FOR FAILURE OF RECRUITING

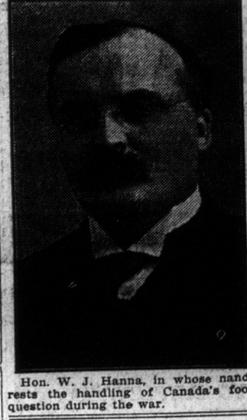
Charges Made by Hughes

Premier Borden did not answer letter written by Hughes last October urging enforcement of the Militia Act. The premier might have been influenced by the strong agitation against conscription due to lavish use of Prussian gold. Premier Borden asked him on many occasions to slow down on recruiting. Certain so-called labor leaders, who had caused outcry against recruiting, were in the pay of German agitators in the United States. One reason why the voluntary system fell down was the influence of prominent men who wanted cheap labor and big profits. They influenced the imperial munitions board, the cabinet and prime minister. Sir Thomas White had warned the premier that manufacturers were protesting because Toronto's recruiting was too fast. Journalists in German pay were preaching pacifism.

HANNA IS GIVEN POST OF FOOD CONTROLLER

Former Provincial Secretary Is Clothed With Sweeping Powers to Regulate Prices and Distribution Throughout Canada.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, June 19.—Premier Borden announced in the house this afternoon that Hon. W. J. Hanna, former provincial secretary, had been appointed food controller for Canada. No salary is attached to the position. The order-in-council defining the duties and powers of the food controller provides that he shall make necessary investigations into the quantities, location, ownership, sources of supply and prices of any article of food in Canada, and that he shall ascertain domestic requirements and facilitate the export of the surplus to Great Britain and her allies subject to the approval of the governor-in-council. The food controller may make regulations governing the prices of food and the storage, distribution, sale and delivery thereof, providing for its conservation and governing consumption in hotels, restaurants, cafes, private houses, clubs, etc. It is further provided that, subject to the approval of the cabinet, the food controller may requisition, store, sell and deliver food, and may appoint a necessary staff to carry on the work. Provision is made for co-operative action between the department of the Canadian Government or of the



Hon. W. J. Hanna, in whose hands rests the handling of Canada's food question during the war.

MALARIA CAUSES BRITISH RETREAT

Troops Evacuate Part of Eastern Bank of Struma.

OVERRUN THESSALY

French Forces Reach Southern Limits of Grecian Province.

London, June 19.—An official statement from British headquarters at Salonica issued tonight reads: "Owing to the advent of the malarial season our troops east of the Struma have been somewhat withdrawn. Our patrols are active on the east bank and have cleared Homonod, Jenikol, Cuculuk, Cavdarmah, Elisan and Hasnatar, which small hostilities evacuated by us is completely dominated by our positions on the hills west of the river. "Our air force has bombarded the Forna and Tumba stations, east of Seres, Sarjak, five miles south of Demir Hassar, and Sivrach, thirteen miles northeast of Petrenik. The latter detachments are participating in the occupation of Thessaly and Piraeus."

An official communication issued at Paris tonight says: "Eastern theatre: Our artillery counter-batted the enemy artillery in a lively fashion in the region of Monastir. "Thessaly: Our troops have reached Furka Pass on Othrys mountain, the southern limit of Thessaly, and a hold quantity of arms and munitions has been surrendered to them by the population."

CONSTANTINE AT LUGANO. Berne, via Paris, June 19.—The former Greek King, Constantine, is expected to reach Lugano tonight. Constantine's suite numbers forty.

Sir Sam Charges Premier Was Swayed by Manufacturers' Demands and Says Prussian Gold Also Exerts Influence in Canada—Guthrie Calls for Coalition

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, June 19.—Hugh Guthrie, Liberal member for South Wellington, deeply impressed the house of commons tonight by an eloquent plea for the immediate formation of a coalition government. He declared the published correspondence between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier plainly showed that there was no insuperable obstacle in the way of an agreement. They should and must come together, otherwise it would be the duty of the back benches on both sides to take the matter into their own hands. To pass the conscription bill, in his opinion, would under present circumstances land us nowhere, because it could never be properly enforced by a party government.

Hughes' slashing speech was contributed to the adjourned debate on the second reading of the conscription bill. The debate was resumed this afternoon by Lieutenant-General Sir Sam Hughes, who earnestly supported the bill and opposed a referendum. Incidentally, he reviewed the causes which led to the fall down of the voluntary system, and among these he said was the effort of the prime minister to slow down recruiting in response to a demand from the larger employers of labor. Sir Sam offered to read a confidential letter from Sir Robert Borden to himself on the subject, if the prime minister would release the veil of confidence. The prime minister would go no further than to say that Sir Sam could pursue his own course, and the letter was, therefore, not read.

General Hughes was followed by Mr. Guthrie who supported the bill and vigorously opposed the referendum amendment calling for a referendum. He added, however, that the bill should not pass unless the government pledged itself to bring down at this session concurrent legislation for the conscription of wealth. Lemieux Stirs Storm. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux made the first out and out anti-conscription speech delivered so far in the debate. He took the stand that Canada's first duty was to attend to the economic condition of the country, declaring that a conscription of wealth should precede a conscription of men for election purposes. This statement caused a great outcry from the government benches, and the balance of his speech was pitched in a more moderate tone. He contended that the government had so mismanaged recruiting in Quebec as to justify the charge that it had deliberately set out to "discover" French-Canadian enlistment.

The debate will be continued tomorrow by Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor.

ALLEGED PICKPOCKET TAKEN AT MONTREAL

Man With Many Aliases, Wanted in Toronto, Arrested on Street Car.

Montreal, June 19.—David Allan, alias George Lamont, alias Cameron, was arrested here today on the strength of a three-year-old warrant, issued in Toronto, charging him with being a pickpocket. Allan is alleged to have slipped out of Montreal, and was arrested in New York City, where he was being taken off a street car by local detectives. The latter are being held pending enquiries about them.

Pressure on Premier

Sir Sam went on to say that he endeavored to educate the government and some time ago gave notice that upon the house being moved into supply he would move a resolution declaring in favor of conscription. He also wrote to the prime minister, urging that he would not press the resolution if the prime minister also promised speedy and definite action. A day or two later the prime minister announced conscription, and General Hughes observed that this was more satisfactory to him than it

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The Cat and the Parrot.

John: Yuh bet yuh, Sam Fuse don't like Jo Flavell and Jo don't like Sam. Hok: Sir Joseph says Sir Sam, in pressing for conscription, is taking men from the munition plants, I'm for both. But who was it that wanted to invite the Kaiser to come over and save Ireland from home rule? John: It wasn't Hum Smith, yuh bet, but Sam Fuser's a sin finer'n silk. An Jo Flavell's wearin' silk britches takin' up the kollek in his church. An they both are Lindsay Knights. Hok: But "birds in their little nests agree." John: Politics ain't no bird nest. It's a cat an' parrot managery, an' Sam think he's both the bird an' the boss.