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Big Falling Off in Losses of Large Ships From U-Boat Attacks

CEASE PROBE TO EXAMINE BOOKS AGAIN

Cold Storage Commission Adjourns Investigation Until October Fourth.

MORE BACON HISTORY

Company Guaranteed Cost Price for Pork Supplied to War Office.

Statements were made by C. E. Fox, general manager of the William Davies Company, before the Dominion commission investigating the operations of the cold storage plants in the city hall yesterday, which were tantamount to an admission that the activities of his firm in meeting the demands of the British war office were to a certain extent responsible for the increase in the price of pork products in Canada. The statements were made under a severe examination of the witness by Chairman Henderson and Mr. Bain, counsel for the government, regarding the trading of the Davies firm in the English market. He stated that the company was guaranteed cost price for all pork supplied to the British war office and that the prevailing market price at the time of delivery, no matter how much more than cost, was paid for the shipments.

Regarding the trip to England in January, 1915, Mr. Fox stated that it had not any connection with the contracts to supply the war office, but he admitted that the business of the company increased to a large extent after his return. Arrangements were entered into with the John Agar Company of Chicago, by which the firm was to kill a maximum of 4000 hogs a week for the Davies company. A later arrangement was made whereby the maximum number of hogs to be killed weekly was increased to 12,000. The installation of machinery to provide for the increased business in Chicago cost \$200,000, which was paid in cash. The reason given for this provision was that the firm "saw the opportunity."

In the afternoon Mr. Fox produced correspondence between the Davies firm and Sheel, Thompson Co. of London, England, and a number of cables relating to the contracts of the Toronto.

BORDEN GIVES PLEDGE OF EQUAL FRANCHISE

Carrying Out of Promise Conditional Upon His Return to Power.

Vancouver, Sept. 19.—In the event of Premier Borden's return to power it is his intention to confer the franchise upon women generally and to make important amendments to the naturalization act, relieving women from discrimination as compared with men. In a letter to Mrs. J. O. Perry of Vancouver the premier says: "In case I am returned to power it is my purpose to place upon the statute book a measure granting the franchise to all women of British birth, and conferring upon women of foreign birth the right to seek and obtain naturalization on their own behalf. Women may thus become endowed with the same privileges as British women, after a certain length of residence in the country, and after reasonable educational tests. The same measure should provide that a woman of British citizenship should not lose that citizenship upon her marriage except with her own consent."

FURTHER U. S. AID IN TIGHTENING BLOCKADE

London, Sept. 19.—Lord Robert Cecil, British minister of blockade, and Albert Metin, under-secretary of the French foreign office, in charge of blockade matters, had a conference here yesterday with the object of raising closer co-operation from the United States in a policy which aims at exercising more rigid pressure on the enemy. This policy will be carried out without interference with the economic condition of neutral countries.

ONLY EIGHT BIG SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

British Report Surprising Slump in Attacks on Large Vessels—Twenty Small Craft Lost to U-Boats

London, Sept. 19.—British merchant ships of 1600 tons and over sunk by mine or submarine during the past week numbered eight, according to the admiralty report tonight. Twenty ships under 1600 tons were also sunk, and one fishing vessel. Summary: Arrivals, 5,695; sailings, 2,787. British merchant ships over 1600 tons sunk, eight; under 1600 tons, including nine previously sunk, twenty. British merchant vessels unsuccessfully attacked, six. Fishing vessels sunk, one. The number of vessels of more than 1600 tons is the smallest sunk by mines or submarines in one week since Germany began her intensified submarine campaign last February, but the number under 1600 tons is the largest for any week, but only since mid-February. The total number of ships sunk is the largest since the week ending June 24. The admiralty statement for the week ending September 9, showed 19 British vessels of over 1600 tons sunk by mines or submarines. That was the lowest mark since the week ending March 10, when thirteen vessels of that category were lost. The greatest number of vessels under 1600 tons was in the week ending May 5, when 23 went down.

BRITISH GAIN SUCCESS IN MINOR OPERATIONS

Distinguished French General Bestows Decoration on Haig's Soldiers—Troops at Review Display Consciousness of Triumph.

London, Sept. 19.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters in France telegraphs: We have recently carried out sundry raids and minor attacks with a satisfactory measure of success. It is worthy of note that the Hunns have been fighting with more determination than usual on these occasions. I was present yesterday afternoon at a ceremonial parade on a large scale, in a back area, when a distinguished French general bestowed sundry decorations on British officers and men, and I confess I was deeply impressed with the splendidly inspiring bearing of our troops. Several battalions, which had borne the full brunt of the recent battles in Flanders, swung past the saluting base to their respective regimental marches, and there was an air and consciousness of triumph in their whole demeanor which left one in no doubt as to how the British army feels about it all. Then followed a band competition in which the drums and fifes and pipers and the full bands of various divisions and regiments participated. It was a brave spectacle of proud strutting and the whirling of tenor drumsticks with the fanfare of silver tones who clapped and cheered as one after another of the bands marched on to the parade grounds, was breathed into the stirring strains and horns in defiant strides of tiger-skinned drummers and in the challenging precision of the fife.

FRENCH CAPTURE MACEDONIAN HEIGHT

Allies Again Show Activity on Front North of Salonica.

LIVELINESS IN FRANCE

Belgian Artillery Indulges in Extremely Heavy Shelling of Germans.

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SWEDEN'S OFFICIAL RETICENCE A CLOAK

U. S. Disposed to Accept Lindman's Words as Accurate Index.

MESSAGES HELD UP

Code Cables to and From Stockholm Subjected to Indefinite Delay.

TURMEL WILL REPLY TO GRAVE ACCUSATION

Proceedings to Be Taken Against Member of French Parliament.

Paris, Sept. 19.—The special committee of eleven members of the chamber of deputies has approved unanimously the report demanding authorization of legal proceedings against Deputy Louis Turmel. The committee reported their action to M. Deschanel, president of the chamber, who has received a telegram from Turmel asking that he be heard by the committee. Further action in the matter then was postponed until tomorrow afternoon. Turmel is suspected of betraying proceedings of the French chamber of deputies to Germany.

MISSING SINCE MONDAY

Mrs. John Roberts Fears Husband Has Been Drowned in the Lake. John Roberts, 130 Cooper avenue, has been missing from his home since last Monday and his wife fears that he has been drowned in the lake. On Monday he left home and said that he was going to the lake shore near the street, similar to those that Roberts was wearing when he left home. Miss Aykroyd will drag the water in the vicinity of Windermere avenue today in an effort to find the body.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE WESTERN FRONT. Canadians handling a big howitzer.

LARGE ONSET IMPENDS AGAINST GERMAN LINE

Increase of Artillery Action East of Ypres Believed to Presage Drive on Big Scale Into Belgium.

London, Sept. 19.—Bombardment by the British artillery of the German lines in the Ypres sector, in Flanders, continues most intense, but there has been no infantry movement in force, an attack on a large scale than the usual daily raids probably is imminent. Berlin apparently is much exercised over the ever-increasing volume of shells from the British big guns. From the Houthulst Wood, north-east of Ypres, to the River Lys, on the Belgio-French border, Berlin reports, the British fire has been destructive. Field Marshal Haig's artillery increased its volume of fire to drumfire several times. As on the front in Flanders and Artois, there has been no major operation on the French portion of the western front. At several points from the Aisne Valley to Lorraine, the French have carried out raids into the German defenses. Here, too, the expenditure of ammunition is great, especially on the Aisne front and northeast of Verdun. The official report from British headquarters in France, tonight reads: "Our airplanes, on Tuesday, continued to observe our artillery, despite most unfavorable weather conditions. One hostile machine was driven down out of control; two of ours are missing. "There is nothing to report except great artillery activity, which continues on both sides in the Ypres sector."

ARGENTINA TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH HUNS

Buenos Aires, Sept. 19.—The Argentine senate, by a vote of 23 to 1, today declared for the breaking off of relations with Germany.

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HIGHER FREIGHT RATES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED

Western Shippers Given an Opportunity to Present Arguments.

Winnipeg, Sept. 19.—In reply to the telegram from the Winnipeg board of trade asking for a suspension of the increase in freight rates from east to west, in which several western cities joined, A. D. Cartwright, secretary of the board of railway commissioners at Ottawa, this afternoon wired: "Board is issuing orders suspending new tariffs increasing all rail rates to the west until the objections have been heard in the sittings of the west."

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY INFERNAL MACHINE

London, Sept. 19.—The British steamer Port Kembla has been sunk by an explosion in her forward hold while near Cape Farewell, N.Z., says a Lloyd's despatch from Nelson, N.Z. The crew was saved. The Port Kembla, of 4700 gross tons, was bound from Melbourne, Australia, to London. A Reuter despatch from Melbourne says the captain of the Port Kembla reports that the explosion was caused by an infernal machine, according to his belief.

SHARP ACTIONS WON AT LENS BY CANADIANS

Fierce Fight Proceeds for House in Western Limits of Town.

GUNFIRE INCREASES

Germans Attempt to Terrorize Mineworkers in Rear of Front.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, Sept. 19.—Via London—Sharp outpost actions occurred south of Lens yesterday morning and again this morning in which the enemy were the aggressors. In the first affair, picked German troops raided our outpost line and succeeded in cutting off one of the garrisons. He tried to hide in a shell hole, but was discovered and captured. Shortly afterwards the score was evened by one of our patrols that caught a member of a raiding party who had missed his way. The objective of this morning's skirmish was a certain ruined house in the western part of Lens, occupied by us as an outpost. Early last night a strong party of Germans attacked the house, but were driven off. They returned to the attack a second time in stronger force and captured the house. The Canadians who had held it at once organized a counter-attack, driving out the Germans. Artillery activity has been greater today, aided by brilliant sunshine, than for several days. The tendency of the enemy's army noted to devote more attention to shelling our back areas with its range of high velocity guns increases, as does his use of gas shells in sections where

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DEADLOCK OVER FRANCHISE BILL STILL UNBROKEN

House of Commons Refuses to Accept Amendment Acceptable to Senate.

BLOCK PROROGATION?

Program May Not Be Carried Out as Planned for Today.

SPAN MUST RISE THIRTY FEET ONLY

Completion of Quebec Bridge Today is Awaited With Confidence.

UNMOVED BY STORM

Thunder and Rain Luckily Not Accompanied by Much Wind.

QUEBEC BRIDGE

The central span of the Quebec bridge was raised to such a height today that the span is firmly bolted in its final position. An exception was made in the case of the Lingan because her cargo is badly needed in Montreal.

THIRTY FEET ONLY

Today the bridge workers struck a gain of about 14 minutes to each hour, and by maintaining its lead all day, brought the span up fifty feet, the best day's lifting since the hoisting began.

LINK WOULD GO TO GO

The link now hangs a scant thirty feet from the floor of the bridge, and the engineers were able to announce that only a few hours of uninterrupted work were required to put it in place, thus completing the structural part of the bridge. The span is now 140 feet above the stream at low tide and 156 feet at high tide, and has been actually raised a distance of 120 feet. The engineers now have only one link and a half of the sets used originally to take up, while the link was raised, ten feet more than its own height—110 feet. The day's operations passed off without a hitch. The splendid weather since Sunday, from the engineers' point of view, came to an abrupt end this afternoon, however. The men were just completing the afternoon's lifting when a tremendous thunder storm struck Quebec. The thunder was not accompanied by much rain, the element most feared by the engineers, and the rainfall was very heavy while it lasted the span rode thru the storm with hardly a tremor. Tonight all was peaceful again, and prospects for a successful completion of the bridge tomorrow were bright.

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