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ST. ANDREWS, N. B., CANADA.

Saturday, April 13th, 1918.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[April 4 to April 10]

ON the first day of the week under review the war entered the forty-fifth month of its course; and it also entered a phase which may prove to be decisive. At no previous period in the prolonged struggle has the situation been more critical, or called for greater fortitude than at present. But in crises like that of the moment the hearts of Britons beat true, and their indomitable courage and determination sustain them.

At the beginning of the week the Germans resumed their drive in Picardy in great force, but gained very little ground, and at one or two points had to yield a trifle. At the week's close Amiens was still held by the Entente Allies. But on the last two days of the week a heavy German drive was made in the north, from Arras to Messines. This front was held by the British together with the Portuguese, who held a small sector in the middle. The Portuguese first yielded to the great pressure, the drive being somewhat of a surprise and greatly favored by weather conditions. The British troops had also to yield somewhat in order to rectify the line. The fighting was of the fiercest kind, much of it at closest quarters. Positions were lost and regained several times. Full details of the fighting on this sector were not to hand when this summary was compiled, but, undoubtedly, the Allies lost ground which had previously cost them much toil and bloodshed to gain and to hold. The ensuing week will most assuredly yield momentous results on this battlefield. Further to the south and east, especially about Laon, the Germans exerted steady pressure on the French, which the French as steadily resisted. Thus the chief German gains in the week were in the Flanders and Artois (or Ypres and Lille) sectors.

Activity was reported along the whole front in Italy during the last days of the week, but no alterations in positions were effected.

Of the Eastern campaign it it not easy to speak with precision or in detail, for little news was received. It was reported that the Germans and Ukrainians had occupied Kharkov, the furtherst easterly point reached by the Huns. The Germans were said to have landed many more troops in Finland. The Japanese and British warships at Vladivostok landed some troops to protect consulates and property, but the Bolshevik government having made a strong protest, the troops are certain to be withdrawn. The situation in the Caucasus was not clear. Armenians and Cossacks were said to have taken Erzrum from the Turks; while the Turks are said to have taken Sarykamysh, a railway terminus far to the northeast of Erzrum, also Van, which is much furthur to the southeast.

The week was without news of the campaigns in Mesopotamia, Palestine, and East Africa.

There was, apparently, considerable activity in the Balkan campaign, in which Hellenic troops were reported to have participatep on the side of the Entente Allies. No changes in positions were reported.

The hostile submarine campaign was less destructive than usual, affording evidence that this meanace is being overcome or getting under control.

The week's close was one of anxiety for the Entente Allies, but "hope springs exulting on triumphant wing," and, no doubt, the situation will be better and the outlook brighter in a short time. The speech of President Wilson at Baltimore on Saturday rings true, and is a clarion call of encouragement. In the British Parliament the Military Service act is to be extended to include men up to 51 years of age, and it is proposed to extend conscription to Ireland, which has hitherto been exempt. The enforcement of conscription in Ireland may be attended by difficulties, but these are certain to be overcome. American troops are being hurried to the front and incorporated with the French and British armies. The immediate need for more men is very great.

PARLIAMENT AND LEGISLATURE

The business of Parliament at Ottawa is making steady progress, and already important legislation has been enacted, notably the vote for $500,000,000 for war purposes. Daylight Saving (or clock manipulation) has been made law, and it is announced that it is to come into operation on Monday next, April 15. A discussion, started by Mr. Nickle, of the subject of titles, whether for life or hereditary, for Canadians elicited the fact that Canada is a democratic country, whatever else it may or may not be. The session of Parliament is not likely to be a long one, and there will probably the little contentious legislation introduced.

The Legislature at Fredericton has been gradually disposing of the business of the session, the budget having at length been introduced. We have so far been unable to chronicle the preceedings of the Legislature during the present session; but when the session is ended we may be able to present a summary of the legislation effected.

TOWN ELECTION

The election for Mayor and Aldermen takes place, if necessary, on Tuesday next, yesterday having been nomination day. As this paper goes to press on Friday afternoon we are unable to give the names of the candidates nominated, or to say whether or not there will be any contest. Town affairs do not seem to receive any great amount of attention on the part of the people generally; and there is always a difficulty in getting the most prominent townspeople to offer themselves as candidates for the Town Council. In the forthcoming election no one in Town has thought it worth while to announce himself in the local newpaper as a candidate; and it is not unlikely that this year, as in former elections, some candidates will be nominated who have not been consulted in the matter and may be unwilling to serve if elected.

ANGLICAN SYNOD

The Diocesan Synod of the Anglican Church has been in session at Fredericton this week, and it was opened by a memorable address delivered by Bishop Richardson, who has only recently returned from England and the front. All the Anglican clergymen of Charlotte County were in attendance. St. Andrews was represented by Rev. Geo. H. Elliot, rector of All Saints' Church, and Mr. T. E. Sharp, lay delegate.

QUEBEC DISTURBANCE

An inquest on the cause of the four men killed on Monday, April 1, in the Quebec riot, is now in progress in that City. In another column we reprint from *Hansard* of 2nd instant the first announcement made by the Premier in the House of Commons at Ottawa concerning the disturbance at Quebec which finally resulted in the death of the four men. On the completion of the inquest it will be possible to obtain a clearer understanding of the causes and course of the rioting, and to put the blame and responsibility where they belong.

Up-River Doings

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., April 10

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Huestis have returned from a visit in New York City.

The "Thompson" tea given by the ladies of Trinity Church Guild last Thursday afternoon and evening, in Trinity school-room, was a splendid success in every way, and the sum of $125 was realized.

Mr. Earle Dixon has returned from a trip to Daytina, Florida.

Mrs. James D. Lawson has returned from a brief visit in Woodstock with her sister, Mrs. J. Rankine Brown.

It is expected that his lordship Bishop Richardson will address the Women's Canadian Club on the evening of April 15th. His subject will be his trip overseas, and his visit to the Canadian Army in the trenches on the Western Front.

Mrs. A. E. Vessey has been convalescing from an attack of grippe.

Miss Mary Abbott has been quite ill during the past week with a severe cold.

Mrs. Everett Dyas, of Eastport, was visiting Calais relatives last week.

Mr. E. W. Ward, the genial manager of the Bank of B. N. A., has been a recent guest in St. John of Judge Grimmer.

On Sunday morning his lordship Bishop Richardson will preach in Christ Church, and in the evening will administer the rite of confirmation and preach in Trinity Church.

Mrs. W. Tomalin is spending this week in Calais at St. Anne's Church Rectory, the guest of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, during the absence of Rev. Mr. Tomalin at the meeting of the Synod in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, of the Queen Hotel, with their daughter, Hazel, who have spent the winter in Florida, have arrived home.

Mr. Lewis Mills was in St. John during the past week.

Miss Christine Douglas has returned to her studies at U. N. B., after a pleasant visit at her home in St. Stephen.

Miss Helen Burnett, of the St. Stephen School Staff, spent her Easter holidays in Fredericton.

The fine residence on Union and Hawthorne Streets, once the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stevens, who are now in California, has been purchased by Mr. Arthur B. McKenzie, who with his family, has already taken possession.

Mr. Percy Clarke, of St. John, has purchased from Dr. J. Moore his residence on Veasie Street.

Rev. Mr. Tomalin, who recently resigned the parish of Trinity Church, has accepted the rectorship of Shediac Parish, and expects to leave St. Stephen for his new field of work about May 2nd.

The bridge party given by the members of the Women's Patriotic Association on Tuesday evening in the Town Council Chamber was a very pleasant affair and a great success. The hall was decorated with flags of the Allies and looked very cosy and bright. Besides bridge there was a musical programme which was much enjoyed by those who did not care for cards. The bridge prizes were won by Miss Lelia McVay and Dr. E. V. Cooke. At the close of the evening refreshments were served by the young ladies of the Association. The money realized from the party will be used to further the good work among the soldiers which the Association has been engaged in during the past year.

Miss Emma Boardman entertained friends very pleasantly at her home on Friday evening, to meet Miss Rachel Walker, of St. John.

Much to the regret of his friends, indeed of all his fellowtownsmen, Judge N. Marks Mills continnes ill from an aggravated attack of grippe.

Mrs. T. R. Kent, of St. George, is the guest this week of her cousin, Miss Branscombe, and is most cordially welcomed by a number of friends.

WILSON'S BEACH, C-BELLO

April 11

Miss Jedio Brown is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Seelye, at Letite.

Mrs. W. B. Lank was an over-Sunday guest of friends in Eastport.

A baby boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs Simon Newman on April 7th.

Messrs Ethelbert Savage and Edgar Brown visited St. John this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Osbourn Rice, who spent the winter in Portland, Me., are home again.

The mock ministrel entertainment was repeated in the hall on Saturday evening. Proceeds amounted to about thirty-five dollars.

Mrs. Arthur Calder and children, of St. Andaews, are visiting here.

Arthur Babcock, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again.

Mr. Beverly Lank returned on Monday from a short but pleasant visit with friends in Fredericton and Kingsclear.

GRAND HARBOR, G. M.

April 10.

Mrs. Le Roy Russell has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dakin, for a few days.

Albert Wooster, with a crew of ten men, left on Monday for Cape Tormentine, where they will be employed in the fish business.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ingalls were passengers on Stmr. *Grand Manan*, for St. John, *en route* to Baie Verte.

Mr. Edgar Cook, Mr. J. L. Guptill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young and son, Emmerson, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guptill, all left on Monday, for up the Bay, where they are engaged in the fish business.

Mrs. Albert Cronk is quite ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

Mrs. Roy Guptill, of Castalia, spent Monday with Mrs. Edgar.

Mr. Judson Foster's family are all very ill with measels.

LORD'S COVE, D. I.

April 10.

The many friends of Capt. Liscomb Hartford will be pleased to hear that he is much improved at the Calais hospital.

Mr. Willie Hooper, of Rockland, Me., visited his sister, Mrs. James Stuart, over Sunday.

Rev. H. R. Bell was called to Calais on business on Saturday morning.

We are glad to report that Mr. Calvin Pendleton is much better at the Calais Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Hartford returned from Calais on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parker entertained a large number of their friends on Thursday evening. Games of all kinds were played, and after the treat of ice cream and cake was served the company departed about midnight, much pleased with their evening's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Barker and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lord were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Stuart, of Stuart Town, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lizzie Leonard, and Miss Verna Barker entertained their Sunday School classes on Wednesday afternoon in the old Sunday School building. A treat of cake, tea, candy, and apples was served to about thirty-two. Games were played and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mr. Frank Pendleton, Jr., went on Thursdry to Rockland where he expects to remain a month.

Mr. Frank Mitchell, traveller, visited the stores here on Monday.

Mr. Bugbee Morang and son, Bertie were working for Mr. W. Cline, of Leonardville, on Monday.

Mr. Calvin Pendleton is able to be in Eastport for a few days before going back to Calais, Me.

The Red Cross met at the home of Mrs. Luther Lambert on Monday evening.

Mr. T. D. Lambert is expected home from Halifax for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stuart are preparing their Sunday School classes for a concert to be held in T. L. Trecarten's hall on Saturday evening.

CHAMCOOK, N. B.

April 11.

Mr. Chas. Wilson, late foreman of the Globe Factory, Lubec, arrived on Friday to take the position as general foreman in the factory here.

Mr. Geo. Newton has returned from a visit to his home in Red Beach.

Mrs. Wm. Bowden went to Eastport on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaney are the latest arrivals here.

Mr. Ripley is visiting his wife and family in Boston.

Mr. Wesley Simpson, of Deer Island, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. M. Garnett.

On Sunday Mrs. Bucknam entertained twenty of her friends. Mrs. McCoubrey and Mr. Newton rendered some selections of sacred music and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

A nnmber of Mr. Bowden's friends called at his house on Saturday evening and spent a very enjoyable time. Mrs. McCoubrey, playing the piano, and Mr. Newton the violin, treated the company to some excellent music.

Mr. William Bowden met with an accident this morning, while making repairs to the gas producer, in the American Can Plant, his leg and ankle were badly crushed by the falling of an iron bar.

BOLO PASHA IS GIVEN REPRIEVE

Paris, April 6—It is officially announced that the appeal of Bolo Pasha for a new trial was rejected to-day by the Committee of Revision, sitting at the Ministry of Justice. Bolo Pasha is under sentence of death for espionage. The Senate to-day passed a resolution favorable to lifting the parliamentary immunity of Senator Charles Humbert, concerning charges growing out of his activities in the United States in the early days of the war.

Paris, April 8—Shortly following the action of President Poincare in refusing clemency to Bolo Pasha, convicted of treason in acting as the agent of German propaganda in France, which caused the expectation that his execution would not be long delayed, it was announced to-day that the military judicial authorities had granted Bolo a reprieve. Their action was based on the representation of his attorney, Albert Salles, that the convicted man had revelations to make to the authorities.

The length of the reprieve is not given in the official announcement, while in making public the fact of the reprieve, states that it is granted "for the monent."

Paris, April 9—Revelations of the highest importance are said by the *Matin* to have been made by Bolo Pasha, under sentence of death for treason, to whom a reprieve was granted yesterday. The newspaper asserts Bolo has made only a beginning of what he has to say, and another important case in connexion with the German propaganda in France is about to develop.

When daylight saving began—"Gee whiz!" said the impudent office boy. "I wish I was on the night shift on Saturday night. Them fellows will get paid for an hour they won't work." "Well," said the boss, "anything unusual about that?"—*Buffalo Express.*

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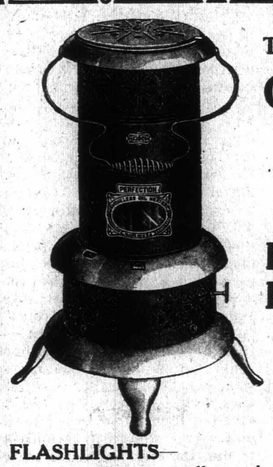

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The farmers are asked to write to the Minister of Agriculture stating what help they require and for what period. Arrangements as to wages will be agreed upon by the farmer and the boy.

J. F. TWEEDALE,
Minister for Agriculture
Fredericton, N. B.

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