

Austrian Prisoners Riot in Northern Ontario
London is Stirred Over the Casement Trial
Hospital By-Law to be Submitted June 26th

AUSTRIANS ARE GETTING READY TO MEET GREAT ITALIAN SPRING DRIVE

All Villages in the Adige Valley Cleared of Civilians and 300,000 Austrian Troops Assembled For Defence.

New York, May 16.—A Rome despatch to a news agency here to-day says:

Austrian troops have abandoned their advanced positions before Rovereto in expectation of a heavy Italian offensive in the direction of Trent.

All villages in the Adige River valley up which the Italian armies might be expected to move have been cleared of non-combatants.

Three hundred thousand Austrian troops are now concentrated on the Trentino-Tyrole front.

paths and making every preparation to meet the expected attack.

Italian troops, meanwhile, continue to improve their positions in the region of Rovereto, while artillery systematically wrecks Austrian defences as rapidly as they are constructed.

The war office has issued a detailed statement of the Italian operations for the last two months, including a report on the recent isonzo offensive. It was stated that the Italians attacked both in this zone and in the Trentino to prevent Austrian troops from being sent into action with the Germans at Verdun.

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blaze, but breakfast was served as usual to-day in the Chateau.

Officials of the hotel to-day refused to discuss the cause of the fire, but all are emphatic in declaring the origin is purely accidental.

C. P. R. QUEBEC HOTEL DAMAGED BY BAD FIRE

\$25,000 Loss by Blaze in the Chateau Frontenac.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Quebec, May 16.—The famous Canadian Pacific Railway hotel known the world over as the Chateau Frontenac, standing over the Dufferin terrace, on the very cliffs of Cape Diamond, was threatened with entire destruction last night when about 11.30 a blaze was discovered under the copper roof of the kitchen section in the servants quarters.

Firemen, summoned by a general alarm, were busy on the scene until 7 this morning, in their efforts to keep the fire from spreading to the guests apartments, and in this they succeeded, although the roof and upper stories of the servants' ward were badly gutted.

As it is, the roof for the length of a few hundred feet, was torn open to allow streams of water to play on the

CORPORAL TAPLEY IS COMING HOME

Word received from Quebec to-day announces the arrival in that harbor of the Allan liner, Scandinavian, carrying 158 invalided soldiers.

Among this number is Corporal F. Tapley of Brantford, a member of the 4th Battalion. He enlisted in the 2nd Battery immediately upon the outbreak of war, and left the city with a quota of the battery on Aug. 28, 1914.

At the time of his enlistment Corporal Tapley resided on Herbert Street, Grandview, was employed by Schultz Brothers, and was a married man with six children.

He had had a great deal of previous experience in the artillery, having spent three years in the Royal Fusiliers, London, and three in the 22nd Sherbrooke Field Battery. A regrettable incident is the fact that a son of Corporal Tapley was killed by a train only a few days ago.

The returned soldier will, in all probability arrive in the city to-morrow evening, when he will be accorded the usual civic reception.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS NOT GOOD POLICY

More Serious in Ireland Than Even the Military Executions.

INSTANCES OF COERCION People Marched Off to Meet Fate No One Knows About.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, May 16 (Montreal Gazette editorial).—The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial, deplors the fact that the military executions in Ireland have been succeeded by what it calls the even more serious mistake of wholesale arrests all over the southern provinces. It says:

"Ever since the swift suppression of disorder, the military authorities have been busy arresting and imprisoning not merely members of the various organizations with which Irish volunteers, or the citizen army had points of contact."

"The loyal nationalist majority are tried almost beyond endurance. Instead of magnanimity they experience the harshest coercion. Day by day in towns and villages they witness gangs of prisoners marched off through hedges of bayonets, their own friends and relatives among them, arrested, no one knows on what evidence, to be deported, no one knows where to meet a fate—no one knows what."

"Was it for this they remained loyal? Is it for this their sons and brothers have been fighting in the trenches of Flanders and the east?"

The Chronicle says these proceedings have the worst possible effect in the United States, and further The London Times Washington correspondent also reports the American press unanimous in condemning them.

The Chronicle's parliamentary correspondent points out that one fact arising out of the wholesale arrests is that they cleared the ground for the erection of some new structure of government. Moderate Unionists, he declares, are clamoring for a settlement, while the Nationalists are in a conciliatory mood.

Were the Home Rule act put into operation at an early date they would agree, if need be, to the doubling of Ulster's representation in the Irish parliament.

BUTTONS FOR REJECTED MEN

Brantford Has Decided to Issue Them to Those Turned Down by Doctor.

Brantford has definitely adopted the A. R. button for rejected men. This step, considered for some time, was determined upon yesterday at a meeting of the Brant Recruiting League.

Those present being Lt.-Col. H. Cockshutt and Messrs. Gould, Watt and Brewster, 1,000 of the buttons were ordered, and are expected in the city shortly.

That there will be no mismanagement of the matter, is evident from the manner in which the buttons are issued. Any man desirous of obtaining one must submit himself for examination, no matter whether he already holds a rejection certificate. If, after being examined by the doctor, he is found unfit, he is given a button to wear with his certificate, both of which bear a distinguishing number.

The records of all buttons issued, and headquarters, so that if any deception is practised through the exchanging of buttons from their holders to other men, physically fit, the trickery may be discovered. Little difficulty is anticipated in this way, however, the majority of the rejected men being glad enough to have a symbol to distinguish them.

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HAVE BEEN GIVEN INCREASE

Telegraphers on Penn Lines East of Pittsburg Get a Raise.

Pittsburgh, May 15.—It became known here to-day that all telegraph operators on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburg had been notified of a wage increase. The advance, it was stated was individual and made according to the merit of the men and their length of service.

From three to six men are employed in each of the company's towers. Many of the 300 Western Union operators, whose wages were increased from eight to thirty-three and one-third per cent were notified when they reported for work that the new rates were effective to-day. For others the increase was effective May 1.

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HELFFERICH NEW MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

Probable Choice to Fill This Post in the German Government.

FRIENDLY TO UNITED STATES New Office Not Quite So Important as it Formerly Was.

Berlin, May 15.—via London, May 16.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, the present minister of finance and the youngest member of the cabinet, is the most likely candidate for the post of minister of the interior and vice-chancellor, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Clemens Dreyer.

Dr. Helfferich is a man of thorough business training and was one of the strongest forces in the recent crisis in German-American relations in favor of reaching an understanding with the United States. In his statements in the April debate of the Reichstag's ways and means committee on the submarine issues and his reports to newspapers on the latest German note contributed materially to overcome the desires of advocates of unlimited use of the torpedo and bringing about a settlement of the controversy with the United States.

With the impending separation of the problems of food regulation from the ministry of the interior and the creation of a separate department of government with plenary powers to control food prices and distribution, the ministry of the interior still remains the most influential department of the civil administration.

The new director or directors, of food supplies (for the powers, may be entrusted to a dumviariate with one military power) apparently has not been selected, but Baron von Stein, head of the food supply department of the ministry of the interior, is the most prominent of the candidates.

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TURKS MAKING HARD FIGHT TO WARD OFF THE RUSSIAN DRIVE

Loss of Erzerum and Trebizond are Felt and Forces of Islam are Trying to Recover Lost Territory.

London, May 16.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to The Daily Chronicle from Petrograd says: "The Turks in Asia Minor are making a hard fight to ward off the consequences of the loss of Erzerum and Trebizond and, if possible, to recover their position. They have reinforced and rearranged their troops and received from their Austro-German allies approximately a division of infantry and a brigade of cavalry, besides artillery, aeroplanes and motor cars."

"The new Turkish base is at Khaput on the upper Euphrates, one hundred miles south of Erzingan by difficult mountain roads. The chief efforts of the Ottoman commanders are directed to breaking the Russian centre at Ashkaleh, midway between Erzingan, and so clearing the road to Rizeh and Trerzum."

"After a fortnight's heavy fighting and that at the cost of great losses, they have succeeded in slightly pushing back the Russians at a few points, but this inconceivable gain in the centre is outweighed by growing Russian successes on the flanks."

"The Turkish force engaged at Kur, is said to have been dispatched northward to resist the Russian advance on Bagdad, but the movements of General Gerring's and General Barot's forces are strictly co-ordinated and the struggle for Bagdad seems about to enter a new and interesting phase."

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OUTBREAK IN KUPASKASING PRISON CAMP

300 Austrian Prisoners Started a Riot Last Friday.

TROUBLE LASTED SEVERAL HOURS One Dead, Several Wounded, Some Fatally, is the Result.

Cochrane, Ont., May 16.—One man dead, nine seriously wounded, several fatally and four injured is the result of an outbreak instigated by 300 Austrian prisoners who arrived at Kupaskasing prison camp, 60 miles west of here, on the N. T. R., from Petawawa on Wednesday last under guard of 300 soldiers.

The outbreak, in which the 300 other inmates of the camp participated, occurred on Friday, and the riot lasted several hours, the soldiers using their bayonets as well as firing on the prisoners.

AN INVESTIGATION Gen. Logie, commanding the Toronto district, is in camp conducting an investigation.

The new arrivals, who started the uprising and who already had given considerable trouble at Petawawa, refused to go to work and turned on their guards.

There were no casualties among the soldiers. Details of the riot so far known

show that on Friday morning the newly arrived Austrians, who had been sent from Petawawa owing to doubts as to the ability of the authorities to cope with them, refused to do manual labor. The leaders were taken aside by the military authorities and advised to yield, but while the conference was in progress the rank and file attempted to rush the wire fence, being met by the guards with fixed bayonets. Several broke through and shots were fired at them, but most of the prisoners who were injured received their wounds at the point of the bayonet.

AN INVESTIGATION. Ottawa, May 16.—Major-Gen Sir Sam Hughes announced last night that General Logie, commanding the Toronto Military District, had gone to the Kapuskasing internment camp,

stalled by our company at your water-works pumping station have shown that it will not meet the guarantee, we wish to notify you that we will install a vertical low lift motor driven centrifugal pump having a capacity of eight million gallons, which will be operated by a 15 horse-power motor.

This pump will be arranged to lift the water from the well into which the existing intake pipes are connected, so as to reduce the suction lift by five feet. This will enable our present pump-in equipment to give their guaranteed capacity and efficiency.

Respectfully yours, Turbine Equipment Co., Limited, (Signed) R. N. Austin, Secretary.

To this proposition the commission-ers pointed out the following:

1. The proposal by the Turbine Equipment Company does not give any time limit to complete its proposition.

2. It really proposes to put pumps in the existing well. This would mean another well. Will the company build this well to the satisfaction of Chipman and Power?

3. And will the company build a building to protect the motors to the satisfaction of Chipman and Power?

4. Will the company comply with the other matters embraced in the contract (which involves about \$500) to the satisfaction of the said Chipman and Power?

5. What price do the company propose to pay for their default. An answer is requested on or before the 19th of May, 1916.

Algoma, where there had been an outbreak among the prisoners, resulting in four or five being shot. The department has no details of the occurrence beyond that the camp is quiet now, and is awaiting the report of General Logie, in whose district the outbreak happened.

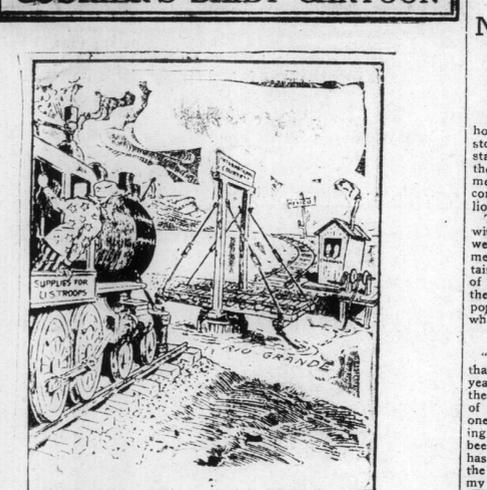
A schoolmarm of Pittston, Pa., routed a burglar by biting one of his fingers almost off.

Republican favorite sons now centre their fire on Justice Hughes' opening campaign in the West.

The Japanese steamship Governor Borles has been sold to the Chili Exploration Company of New York.

A committee of the U. S. Methodist General conference reported in favor of permitting dancing and card playing.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



London, May 16.—10.51 a.m.—For hours this morning crowds of people stood in line around Bow Street police station waiting for the resumption of the arraignment of Sir Roger Casement on charges of high treason in connection with the Sinn Fein rebellion.

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lieved that this will not be done. His lawyers refuse to state whether they will consider such a step or not.

WOMAN IDENTIFIED HIM. The first witness of the day was Mary Gorman, a typical Irish girl, who was the first witness to identify Casement as one of the men who landed from the German submarine at Tralee. She testified she saw three men passing a farm yard gate early Good Friday morning.

She was asked by A. H. Bodkin, for the prosecution whether she could identify any of the three men. She replied:

"Yes, sir," and pointed to Casement. The prisoner bowed his head and scribbled more diligently than ever on the pad of paper.

Fire destroyed thirteen stores and other buildings at Sandusky, Ohio, loss \$500,000.

Mr. Wm. Holden Weeks, deputy fire commissioner of New York, died from heart disease.

All 240 parochial schools in Chicago will banish text books written in foreign languages.

Indictment of at least one New York city official is predicted in wire tapping inquiry.

THEATRE

OF FEATURES