

EARLY MESSAGES

MAY 3.

likely to increase the difficulties of dredging and prevent the harbor being cleared up. Admiral Jellicoe has sent warm congratulations to the commander of the naval forces at the time of the raid, on his achievements. Plans for the enterprise were submitted and approved by Admiral Jellicoe when he was First Sea Lord.

USED UP RESERVES.

LONDON, May 3.

A representative of General Radcliffe, Director of Military Operations at the War Office, to-day summed up the situation on the West front as follows: In the north, while the Germans failed in their main objective, they made their right flank secure by the capture of Kemmel Hill; but we must regard the operation from the viewpoint of economy of men, and they used up five divisions from the general reserve, besides seven or eight divisions previously employed.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, May 3.

The statement issued by the War Office to-night says: There was no infantry fighting during the course of the day but there was great activity by the opposing artillery in the region north and south of the Arras. Our batteries took under their fire and dispersed bodies of enemy troops, south of Villers-Bretonneux and before Castel.

Eastern Theater—There were reciprocal artillery actions along the Struma sector in the region of Vetroik and at the Cerna bend. Our heavy artillery silenced many enemy batteries. Enemy reconnaissance parties were dispersed north and east of Mayday in the region of Sokal and at the Cerna bend before Gradestras. A Serbian detachment penetrated between trenches and captured prisoners.

BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS CO-OPERATE.

LONDON, May 3.

In local fighting last night, south of Villers-Bretonneux, says Halg's report to-night, our troops co-operated with the French and secured a few prisoners. The enemy's artillery showed great activity this morning north of Albert in the Beaumont-Hamel sector. Apart from artillery activities on both sides, on other parts of the front there's nothing to report.

FIRE AT THREE RIVERS.

THREE RIVERS, Que., May 3.

The fire starting in the film room of the Victoria Theatre spread rapidly through the building this a.m. and after it collapsed, to the store and residential section of the city adjacent. A number of stores and houses were destroyed while several hundred families were compelled to evacuate their homes on account of the heat. The fire got a good hold on the theatre because the firemen were at first hampered by a poor pressure in the water mains. The flames were fanned by a high wind and spread with great rapidity. In their path on Steller Street was a school. The children at the approach of the flames were dismissed. They marched out of the school building without a sign of panic, under the direction of the Sister teachers. When it was seen that a number of houses were bound to be consumed, the town people left their work and banded themselves together to do salvage work. By their timely assistance little of the furniture in the burned-out residential section was lost. The total damage done is estimated at \$150,000. No loss of life was reported at this hour. The flames were put under control at 12.30.

SHIPWRECKED CREW IN HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, May 3.

The crew of the shipwrecked Newfoundland schooner Oregon arrived here to-night from New York via Yarmouth. The Oregon was bound from Cadiz to St. John's with a cargo of salt and had to be abandoned in mid-ocean. The crew was landed in New York by steamer. Capt. Chas. Rose, Mate Paul, Steward Mallon and Seamen Roland Emberley and Hodder leave for their homes in Grand Bank to-day. The schooner was owned in Grand Bank.

THE IRISH SITUATION.

LONDON, May 3.

(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The alliance of Sinn Feiners and Nationalists promises not to be long lived. A quarrel has broken out on the subject of the bye-election in East Cavan, which the Sinn Feiners persist in contesting despite Nationalist demonstrations. Thirty Nationalist Commoneers speak there on May 5th in opposition to Griffiths, the Sinn Fein candidate. John Dillon, leader of the Irish Nationalists, speaking at Belleborough yesterday, said the Nationalists wherein no way responsible for the unhappy situation that had now arisen. If the spirit exhibited by the Sinn Fein leaders in making this innocent attempt to capture the seat were to prevail, national unity would be impossible, and the imposition of conscription facilitated. De Valera, the Sinn Fein leader, visited the Bishop of Killmore yesterday in connection with

WARNING!

Persons Engaging Young Men
For Any Work or Occupation
this Season

which young men are, under the Selective Conscription Act, eligible for immediate or early Military Service

Will Do So At Their Own Risk.

It is evident that Class A will have to be called up immediately, and Class B may have to be called up much earlier than some people may think.

Patriotic Newfoundlanders

are not engaging young men who have not anybody particularly dependent upon them and who are eligible for Military Service. Neither are they giving their support or financial backing to parties who might, for their own interests, engage such young men.

Some People Have Been
Unwise Enough to Say

that the Selective Conscription Bill will not be enforced by the Government for some time.

Don't Let Anybody Run Away With This Idea!

WE KNOW

that there are too strong reasons why this Bill must be enforced immediately by the Government. And as regards the enforcement of a Conscription Act, every intelligent man, woman and child throughout the Dominion is behind the same, even knowing only some of the necessities.

The Returned Soldiers' and
Rejected Volunteers' Assoc.

Civil Servants Hold
Successful Meeting.

Over 120 Government employees including representatives of every department and several deputy heads assembled in the T. A. Armory last night and discussed the high cost of living as compared with the present rate of wages.

Mr. J. T. Meaney, the convenor, briefly outlined the object of the gathering. Mr. Theo. Thompson was appointed chairman and Mr. Alex. Rooney, Secretary. Mr. Meaney then pointed out the situation as to the salaries paid civil servants, who said there were family men in the city to-day, employees of the Govt., whose monthly wage is not sufficient to obtain the absolute necessities of life. They are half fed, less than half clothed and during the past winter more than half cold. The civil servant in St. John's is the worst paid man in Newfoundland. The majority of the family men have not received more than \$50 per year advance in wages since 1914. The increase given last year did not exceed 7 per cent. to men whose salaries were barely sufficient for their maintenance before the war. Mr. Meaney submitted a statement showing where the cost of living is approximately 100 per cent. higher than in 1914. He then moved for the presentation to the Government of a resolution setting forth the unfortunate position of the majority of civil servants in this city, asking that their request of an increase of salaries be favourably considered. The resolution was unanimously passed.

The forming of a Civil Servants Association was discussed and some excellent speeches made on the subject. It will be further dealt with at a future meeting as it is hoped that by united effort they will obtain their just demands.

Miss Brigden's Address

There was a large congregation at Gower Street Methodist Church last night to hear Miss Beatrice Brigden, A.C.S.E., deliver an address on "The Three Institutions for the Growing Child." In a very striking and convincing manner she impressed upon her congregation the responsibility of the home, the school and the church in the development of a strong Christian character. The lecturer pointed out that the criminal and immoral class of citizens was easily produced and that the easiest way to offset this condition was to begin with the training of the child, and by careful attention through the medium of an institution of a constructive character it was easy to produce a god-fearing, moral and useful citizen.

Degeneration of home life means the decay of citizenship. We know more about the physical nature of the stars than we do of the nature of the man; more of waste steam than we do of wasted life energy; most of the misery and sadness find their genesis in the lax and inconsistent training in the home.

She pointed out that out of our educational institutions, fully two-thirds of those that study therein are failures.

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A NEW TYPE OF SHIP.

LONDON, May 3.

The first electrically-propelled merchant ship ever built in London and the largest electric vessel in the world, is now undergoing its finishing touches at a British shipyard and will soon start on its first voyage. The vessel is designed on a system in which a combination of steam and electricity is employed. The importance of this type of vessel under present conditions is its decreased coal consumption and larger cargo space.

CHEAP OYSTER STEWS.—To clear our stock of Oysters, we are serving Oyster Stews at 25c. WOOD'S West End Restaurant.—apr27,tf

SCOTLAND IN IT.

LONDON, May 3.

The war spirit in Scotland is de-

the latter's suggestion for a compromise in East Cavan. A member of the American Mission now in London, in an article in the Irish Independent, appeals to the people of Ireland to help in the greatest crusade the American people have ever undertaken. He says that Americans were grieved and amazed that Irishmen had not long since proved that conscription was unnecessary. He contrasts the high standard of Irishmen had not long since proved that conscription was unnecessary. He contrasts the high standard of Irishmen had not long since proved that conscription was unnecessary.

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