

CREATION OF ORDER OF THE EMPIRE EXPLAINED

PRIME MINISTERS NOT OBLIGED TO RECOMMEND DECORATIONS

Hon. Walter Hume Long Explains the Order of the British Empire—Much Apprehension Regarding it Had Existed in Canada and Elsewhere—Order Created in Recognition of Noble War Service.

London, May 17.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—In the House of Commons today Hamar Greenwood (a native of Canada) drew attention to statements in the Canadian press that the colonial office was responsible for the creation of the order of the British Empire and that the colonial secretary had repeatedly pressed upon Sir Robert Borden, the Dominion premier, to submit lists of recommendations for the Right Hon. Walter Hume Long, replied and said he was glad to have the opportunity of making a statement regarding the matter about which considerable misapprehension appeared to exist. The colonial office, he said, was not consulted on the question of the creation of the order of the British Empire, which arose out of considerations which had no special reference to the dominions or colonies.

Dominions Did As Well.

Mr. Long proceeded to say that when it was decided to make use of this order for recognition of notable war service by civilians in Great Britain he claimed that services of no less merit had been rendered in the dominions, and that it should be possible for the prime ministers of the dominions. If they thought fit to submit names for recommendation for this honor on the same scale as here. His point was readily allowed and he communicated to the various governor-generals and the government of honors in each of the five

classes of the order for which it was open for the prime ministers to make recommendations. He made it clear that within these numbers it was entirely a matter for the discretion of the prime minister to put forward as many or as few names as they chose, or none at all if they so decided.

Mr. Outhwaite asked whether before making these representations, Mr. Long had enquired from representatives of overseas dominions of British whether they or their countries desired these honors.

Mr. Long replied: "The suggestion is one which it would be most improper for any minister to adopt. I make my communications to the respective governments and abide by the decisions they reach."

The newspapers contended that in Mr. Balfour's speech yesterday he disposed finally of the pacifist suggestion that any opportunity for peace was missed in the way that the letters of Emperor Charles last year were dealt with. The Daily News, which supplies an exception, in taking the opposite view, says that the facts so far as they are known do not support Mr. Balfour's claim that the attitude of the Allies was justified.

It is impossible to believe, for example, "that if the negotiations had been conducted by President Wilson instead of by the three statesmen who conducted them he would so easily have accepted the conclusion that they offered no hope of a stable peace."

CANADIANS HAVE DONE MUCH FIGHTING

Interesting Letter Received by Mrs. W. M. Barbour of Harvey from Her Son, Gordon, Who is Fighting in France.

Judging from the tone of a letter recently received by Mrs. W. M. Barbour of Harvey, Albert county, from her son, Gordon, the Canadians have done some fighting in the big drive launched by the Germans in March. Mrs. Barbour has taken part in a number of the big battles in that period. He was at Hill 70 and won the Military Medal in that engagement. The writer says:

France, April 18.

Dear Mother: Received your welcome letter two days ago. I have been very lazy about writing. To tell the truth, have not had much chance to write where I could get any paper in this spring. Fritz has still got a kick left in him, but I think he has sprung his bolt for good this time. The troops he brought from the Russian front have found by this time that there is a war on the west front.

The Canadian motor machine gun batteries have made a name for themselves in the last month. A French General said that in no battle is his- tory was there as many men killed as the Canadian machine gun batteries killed in the last battle on the Somme. He said that the Germans were piled up ten tier deep. One German that was taken prisoner said, "My God, the ground taken would not make a grave yard for our men that have been killed."

Your loving son,
GORDON.

EXPECTS TO JOIN R. F. C.

J. O. Fletcher, of Malpeque, Gloucester county, is in the city undergoing medical examination under M. S. C. He expects to join the R. F. C. in Toronto in the near future.

Heart Beat So Fast Could Not Sleep.

HAD TO SIT UP IN BED.

Heart trouble has of late years become very prevalent. Sometimes a pain catches you in the region of the heart, now and then your heart skips beats, palpitates, throbs, or beats with such rapidity and violence you think it will burst. You have weak and dizzy spells, are nervous, irritable and depressed, and if you attempt to walk upstairs or any distance you get all out of breath.

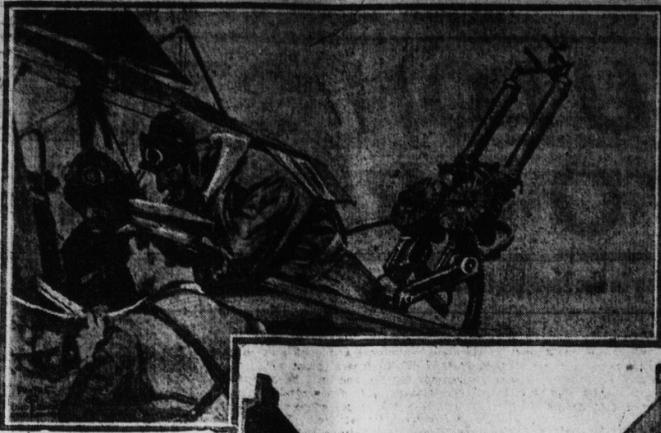
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Mrs. A. Russell, Niagara Falls, Ont., writes: "At night I could not sleep, and had to sit up in bed, my heart would beat so fast, my head would throb."

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FIRST BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOS OF THE BATTLE OF PICARDY



These are the first British official photographs of scenes in the battle of Picardy, the greatest battle of the world, to arrive in the United States. The upper photograph shows two British flyers alighting from a trip over the German lines and giving their report to a British officer. At the rear of the airplane will be seen



two Lewis machine guns mounted in a pair. This method of handling the Lewis machine gun is new and unknown to the American makers of it. It was the Lewis gun, an American invention, it may thus be seen again, which helped stay the march of the Hun hordes in their latest attempt to destroy civilization. Below is a British tank hurrying through a French village on the way to the front to meet the advancing Germans.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Table with columns for Moon phases, Sunrise, Sunset, etc. for various dates in May.

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, May 16.—Since last night showers have occurred in many parts of the western provinces; elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

Table showing weather conditions for various cities like Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, etc.

PERSONAL.

Hon. G. D. Roberts passed through the city last night en route to Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. George J. Schmidt, of Moncton, with their child, were in the city yesterday.

MARRIED.

MACHUM-BARNHARDT — On May 8th, 1916, at the Church of England, Cranbrook, British Columbia, Mary Alberta, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnhardt, to Kenneth R. Machum, B. S. F., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Machum of "Baldie House," Millidgeville, New Brunswick, Canada.

FILM EXCHANGES MAY BE MOVED

Location of Exchanges May Be Changed Owing to Excessive Taxation in St. John — Representative Before the Moncton Council Yesterday

I. Soskin, representing the Film Exchange of Canada interviewed the city council of Moncton last evening with reference to the possible location of the Film Exchange, now in St. John at that place.

Mr. Soskin said it had been found necessary to make a change in the location of the Exchanges because of excessive taxation in St. John. He was given a good hearing and the council promised consideration and possible concessions should the industry prove to be important as Mr. Soskin claimed.

Mr. Soskin will leave today for Truro and Halifax both of which centres are anxious to have the industry locate with them if it is decided to remove from St. John.

WEDDINGS

Machum-Barnhardt. The Cranbrook Herald of May 8th prints the following:

Rev. F. V. Harrison officiated at a very pretty church wedding at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, May 8th, when Mrs. S. Barnhardt's youngest daughter, Mary, was united in marriage to Mr. Kenneth R. Machum.

The bride looked charming in a gown of white duchesse satin and nines trimmed with gold beads, and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Crane of Melod. Miss Mary Terrace acted as bridesmaid and was dressed in pink voile with picture hat to match and carried a bouquet of white and pink carnations. Mr. James Arnold acted as best man. The groom's present to the bride was a diamond pendant and to the best man a set of pipes. The wedding march was played by Miss Fye.

A number of guests sat down to a dainty wedding breakfast which was served at the home of the bride's mother. The bride's travelling costume was of Copenhagen blue broadcloth with hat to match. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Vancouver where they will spend their honeymoon, and on their return will reside on Burwell Avenue.

"NIFTY NIGHT" WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

St. Paul's Schoolroom Crowded Last Evening at Entertainment Given by the Lady Roberts Chapter, I. O. D. E. — Delightfully Novel and Varied Programme.

It is not only the senior chapters of the I. O. D. E. who can give delightful entertainment, as was proved last evening at the Nifty Night arranged by the Lady Roberts Chapter of the I. O. D. E. and held in St. Paul's schoolroom. There was present a large audience who were most appreciative of the many good numbers on the programme.

The Knitting Song, which opened the programme, was a very pretty selection. Miss Valde Fenton singing the solo, the members of the chapter furnishing the chorus. The soloist and the six "knitters" were costumed in pink and white dresses and carried large knitting bags with "Nifty Night" upon them.

The Nifty Staters' Shop Window was a well planned and well posed fashion show and the models were much admired in their stylish costumes. Wear- ing the flowing draperies, Gowns of Greek design, the Seven Graces made lovely groups of statuary, depicting allegorical subjects.

These were really lovely and the performers and their director deserve much credit for their work.

An aesthetic dance with many graceful movements was a much enjoyed number.

Reading by Mrs. W. A. Clark, who gave Tennyson's, The Revenge, with fine dramatic effect, good solos by Mr. Thomas Guy and two selections by Miss Fenton (from whom an encore was instantly demanded) made up a most pleasing programme.

BOSTON BROKERS FAIL FOR HALF A MILLION

Codman, Fletcher & Co. brokers, 59 Congress street, have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, B. A. Brickley, 141 Milk St. is the assignee. According to Mr. Brickley the assignment was precipitated by the withdrawals of customers, and a pending lawsuit.

He said that the liabilities would probably amount to \$500,000 with assets of \$300,000.

The seats of the concern on the New York and Boston Stock Exchanges, according to Mr. Brickley, are expected to cover all brokers' liabilities.

SIX FISHERMEN LOSE LIVES IN A COLLISION

Steamer Runs Down Gloucester Schooner Benjamin Smith.

Boston, May 17.—The mackerel schooner Benjamin Smith reports that while off shore she was making her way slowly through a fog Tuesday of Nantucket when she was run down by a Norwegian steamer. The steamer crashed into the Smith's side, badly damaging her.

Nine of the twenty fishermen on the schooner jumped into a dory being towed astern. The dory was overturned and six of the men were drowned. Had they remained on the vessel they would have been safe.

Those drowned were—Murdoch Beaton, Leonard Williams, William Burridge, Patrick Wowers, Peter Powers and Calson Doucette. With the exception of Beaton and Williams the drowned fishermen leave widows. Doucette and Beaton were Nova Scotians.

GERMAN PLOT IN IRELAND

Dublin, May 17.—A proclamation issued tonight says a German plot in Ireland has been discovered. In the proclamation the viceroy calls upon all loyal Irishmen to defeat the conspiracy.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph says a proclamation was issued tonight, signed by Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland, asserting that certain persons in Ireland have been in communication with Germany, "redrafting on Ireland's fair name."

OBITUARY

Thomas W. Darrah. Greenwich, May 16.—Quite suddenly on Tuesday, May 14th, Thomas William Darrah entered into his rest at his home, Central Greenwich. He was one of the oldest residents of Greenwich, being 84 years of age, and will be greatly missed. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and came out to this country while an infant and he has lived in Greenwich ever since.

Mr. Darrah's funeral took place from his home May 15th; the Rev. T. Smart of Westfield taking the service. Besides his wife he leaves to mourn six children: George Darrah of Green-

wich; Edward of Portland, Me.; An- sleigh of Prince Edward Island; Mrs. E. Northrup of Greenwich; Mrs. E. Davis of Portland, Me. and Mrs. T. Wilson of Olinville.

The interment took place at Brown's Plains, the Orangemen taking charge of the burial after the minister had finished.

Through the courtesy of Imperial Theatre management, Dr. Mabel Huntington will speak on public health on Tuesday, May 21, at the close of the afternoon show. The Women's Canadian Club, under whose auspices Dr. Huntington appears, invites all women to attend.

DIED.

McDONALD.—On Tuesday, May 14, 1916, at 20 Orange street, after a short illness, Angus McDonald, aged 74 years, leaving five daughters, all mourners.

Funeral Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from his late residence.

(Halifax and Moncton papers, please copy.)

DARRAH.—Suddenly, at Central Greenwich, on Tuesday, May 14th, Thomas William Darrah, aged 84 years, leaving a wife and six children to mourn.

Funeral took place May 16th, interment at Brown's Plains.

PARLEE.—Killed in action, somewhere in France, on May 1st, Henry Andrew (Harry) Parlee, aged 26 years, fourth and dearly loved son of Rev. Henry T. Parlee and Mrs. Parlee, the rectory, Stowicks, N. S. Besides his father and mother he leaves two sisters and four brothers to mourn his sad loss.

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