

## Italy Calls To Colors Alpine Troops and Engineer Reserve Officers

Some 47,000 men have been called to the colors in Italy, the army being mobilized along the frontier. It will hardly be before May that Italy will get into the war, but the general expectation is that she will have entered by that time.

London, March 28.—The battles for the Carpathian passes continue with extreme violence, this being the only region where, for the moment, fighting on a large scale is taking place.

The Russians, who recently regained possession of Dukla Pass, are pushing their way toward Bartfeld, on one side, and Svidnik, on the other, where, if they achieved their object, they would have in their possession the heads of the railroad running southward into Hungary.

The Russians are also carrying on offensive operations against Uzok Pass, to the east, but at Tuholka Pass, still further to the east, they apparently are satisfied to withstand the Austro-German attacks against their strong positions at Kozulowka, which the Germans have tried so often to capture.

London, March 28, 10.50 p.m.—The steamer *Voges*, which was sunk yesterday off the Cornish coast, was sent to the bottom by the shell fire of a German submarine. When it became known last night that the vessel had been sunk there was no indication of the nature of the vessel that fired upon her.

It was learned today that the *Voges* was under fire for over two hours. In addition to her chief engineer, who was killed, two officers and two members of the crew of the *Voges* and a woman passenger were wounded.

## MORE GRAFT

A Story of The Sale of Binoculars to Government

How Ottawa Liberal Jeweler Fails To Sell Until He Makes Deal With Conservatives—The Boots Inquiry

Ottawa, March 27.—The public accounts committee today held the microscope over a few spots on the government's patronage and middleman system of buying war supplies. The same germ which has been found in every case yet investigated was located again today.

The purchase of 2,000 field glasses for the first and second contingents on ten per cent commission by P. W. Ellis & Co., of Toronto, was under survey. In his testimony a few days ago, Mr. Ellis maintained that politics had not been considered at all, that patriotism had been the first consideration, and that the government had got the glasses in the cheapest possible manner. The evidence given today showed that politics certainly had been considered, that patronage had been considered before patriotism, and that the government had refused to offer for glasses from Liberal vendors, and had bought these same glasses, or poorer ones, at considerably higher figures from Conservative vendors.

An Ottawa Jeweler, of Liberal persuasion, offered 400 glasses to the department last September at \$42 apiece. He could not get an order, as one of the officers of the department put it, he was "harred." Then he tried the influence of the local Liberal member of the legislature, J. C. Hurdman, with the latter's cousin, Lieutenant-Colonel Hurdman, the inspector of the department, who had to accept the glasses when purchased.

This was of no avail. Finally an agreement was drafted with a prominent local Conservative who, in the autumn of 1911, formed a company whose sole business since has been to sell supplies to the government. Profits were to be shared and a signed agreement was drawn up by the Liberal Jeweler and the Conservative hardware merchant. An order for 400 glasses was promptly secured. But the delay had meanwhile resulted in the picking up by various dealers of the available supply of glasses which the Liberal Jeweler

thought he could obtain. However, the Conservative hardware merchant was able to get hold of 160 of them and these he sold to the government at \$32 a pair.

These are the main facts of the stories brought out today. There was one other specially illuminating feature. In the agreement which the Conservative gentleman drafted, as to the division of profits, it was stated that \$2 per glass would have to be allowed for "incidentals." It was indicated in the evidence that these "incidentals" were primarily for the oiling process necessary in order to secure an order.

Some confidential correspondence which Mr. Hurdman was made to place on file with the committee indicated that General Sam Hughes had gone over the head of his board of experts on motor transports and had placed orders for trucks with the Russell Co., of Toronto, contrary to the wishes of the government's purchasing board.

Ottawa, March 27.—The investigations of the parliamentary boot committee are nearing a close. A report—probably two reports—will be presented to parliament before the Easter adjournment. There will be a majority report from the government members on the committee, emphasizing the points brought out for the defence, and probably exculpating the government from any blame for bad boots, on the ground of the necessity for haste and the lack of time for inspection and drafting of more adequate specifications for a suitable active service boot.

A minority report, from the Liberal members of the committee, may be expected allocating the blame between the government, which gave the orders for the boots, and the manufacturers, who filled the orders.

## NO WAR TAX ON LETTERS TO SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

Government Probably Will Arrange for Voting by Soldiers on Active Service

Ottawa, March 27.—At the opening of the house today the minister of finance stated that there would be no extra war stamp tax for letters to soldiers in France, over and above the ordinary rate of five cents.

The commons agreed today on every-

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## Shall The War End In August?

(Toronto World)

There appears to be a concurrence of opinion among Canadians who have just returned from England that the impression prevails in the highest circles that the war may be concluded by August. Contractors who have instructions about shipments confirm the opinion that this is held by officials competent to judge. It is evident that such a view must be a conditional one and rests upon knowledge of circumstances not generally known to the public, and that its accuracy depends upon the fulfillment of arrangements, many among which are liable to disturbance. The most comforting thing about it is that at least it indicates a hopeful spirit in those who are conducting the affairs of the nation, and indeed of the world at this juncture.

It has been estimated that Germany has been losing about 10,000 men a day since the war opened. This wastage could be and has been supplied up to the present, and without doubt can be carried on for some time to come. But unless the German nation is prepared to deplete its manhood population the wastage cannot be replaced beyond the month of May without impairing the power of the German Empire to recuperate after the war.

Another factor of the greatest importance in the war is ammunition. The Germans have, for twenty years past, made gigantic preparations for a war which their greatest soldiers and strategists expected would be over in three months. They anticipated every apparent contingency, and, allowing a liberal margin, prepared supplies for six months. We have already been fighting for seven months. Germany's original supplies of weapons and ammunition have been exhausted. It was never

contemplated that constant firing would have to be maintained over hundreds of miles of trench-defended lines. The consumption of shot and shell has been beyond precedent.

The allies have had the same problem, but also are those of all the warring sides. They have practically inexhaustible sources of supply. It was stated this week that 100,000 tons of munitions of war had left New York harbor for European nations within a few days. We may be sure that none of this will reach Germany. Germany is therefore confined to her own interior resources for her needs. These resources are limited and her workmen have had their ranks thinned by drafts for the front. It is believed that the leader will find it difficult to prolong the war on this account alone.

The failure of ammunition supplies would lead to a speedy and total collapse. It would not be a gradual collapse, but sudden. Defeatless, the German would simply have to lay down their arms. It might come in a night. Hence the desperate efforts of the Germans to establish themselves in the territory now invaded, or to arrange terms of peace on the grounds of their present occupation of these territories.

Sir Edward Grey has taken away any hope the Germans may have of such a possibility, by his strong statements of the determination of the allies to put an end forever to the disturbing element in European affairs. Four times now has Prussia broken up the peace and harmony of the continent. There will be no cessation of the war until the Hohenzollern dynasty has been removed from its position of ambitious menace, or rendered harmless by some rearrangement of the German states. It is probable that Saxony, Bavaria, and Wurtemberg will be great a larger voice in the imperial control, and it is possible that Hanover may recover some of her ancient power, and Brunswick perhaps endued with a larger sovereignty.

At any rate Prussia will be shorn of the authority she has won by turbulence and craft for the last 100 years. Her eastern territory will go to the new Poland. She will lose the Silesian area which Frederick the Great took from Maria Theresa. On the west it seems highly probable that Holland will take a part in the final assault, and the Rhine will be widened to the German Rhine, in line with those of Belgium and Luxembourg. The east is certainly coming into the conflict on the south. With the tremendous drive being made by Russia on the east, France and Britain on the west, the German power, great and daring as it has been, scarcely seems to have very long, and it may be on such premises that the option has been formed that August will see a definite term to the fighting.

## HONOR ROLL IN CARLETON CHURCH

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1st Contingent.  
Capt. J. L. Duval, M. D. C. M., Sig. Capt. Chas. Cunningham, Pte. Maubien V. Seeley, Pte. Alex. Henderson, Pte. J. Harry Allingham, Corp. W. J. Wilson Evans.

2nd Contingent.  
Sergt. Roy T. Armstrong, Corp. Geo. B. Cushing, Ptes. J. D. Levin Montgomery, William C. Warnock, Walter W. Allingham, Harry A. Brittain, Eugene E. Woodrow, K. John Stirling, Donald D. Fraser, Alfred T. Henderson, W. Bayard D. Moore, J. Harry Armstrong, Robert Alge, W. Harry Bazillion.

TO RED CROSS.  
The proceeds from the St. George's church entertainment on the east side of the Theatre will go to the Red Cross about the Patriotic fund, as reported.

A twilight recital was given in Queen Square Methodist church on Saturday by Miss B. H. Farmer, Mrs. B. L. Gerow, Mrs. George Bell, Mrs. T. J. Gunn, Mrs. H. Macmillan, C. B. Skelton, Mr. Stenhouse and Harry Dunlop. About \$25 was realized for church and charitable purposes.

## TURKS KNOW END IS NEAR

Sultan Alone Talks of Remaining

GOLD LEAVING COUNTRY

Preparations For Success of Allies, But Member of Senate is treated For Suggesting Surrender

London, March 29.—The London Morning Post has received the following telegram from a foreigner residing in Constantinople, and dated March 28: "The excitement has been very great the last ten days. The German and Austrian banks have sent away all their gold to Konia, and the Imperial Ottoman Bank, whose English and French directors were turned away about a month ago, has been ordered by the Turkish government to send all its gold across the water to Asia. Parliament was prorogued on Monday and the government is making all preparations to go to East Souda."

The story goes that in the senate on Monday Ahmed Riza said: "Turkey is practically ruined, but it is not yet too late, even now, at the eleventh hour, to save her, by opening the straits and welcoming the English and French fleets. He was himself and reached down and a most undignified scene was the result."

All of the imperial princes are ready to find refuge in Asia. Some of them already have sent away their harems to Ada Bazar.

"The Sultan says that nothing will induce him to leave Constantinople. Large numbers of German and Austrian families have left there within the last few days; also many Italians and Jews, who say they are afraid of the Russian. The Turks themselves are leaving Istanbul, Souda and Mada in large numbers, and are going over to Broussa. Some are leaving for Switzerland."

"The Austrian ambassador has sent away the women of the embassy and the consulate, and although the wife of the German ambassador has not gone yet, I am told that her passport is ready, and also are those of all the wives and daughters of the German officers, and they are ready to be off at any moment. The Oriental Railway Company has received orders to be ready to start Adriatic with all the rolling stock at short notice."

Harrowing Sights  
On Monday and Tuesday the whole population of Prince's Islands, in the sea of Marmara, was turned away, and on Monday night the poor wretched people arrived two late to go anywhere, so they slept on the pontoons under the Galata Bridge. All day Tuesday one met strings of them in the streets, the women carrying their babies, and their menfolk behind following with all their bundles. Today, however, they have been told to return to the islands, and the latter are being fortified and are full of soldiers.

"Should the allied fleet get through, the idea is that the Turkish fleet will make a last fight and there will be a naval battle off the Prince's Islands. Whether the Goeben by that time will be sufficiently patched up to take part seems doubtful. Within the last week most of the chief German military and naval officers have been down to the Dardanelles and have come back, saying that it will be impossible for the French fleet to force the straits, because they are too strongly fortified."

It is not to be expected since last May the German admiral who is responsible for the Cuxhaven fortifications has been working on the forts, that is to say, he was there from May until August. "There are supposed to be thirty-five thousand men at the Dardanelles, but within the last fortnight many more have been sent down and other troops have been brought up from Smyrna. The Germans here persist in saying that the fleet cannot possibly get through, and yet they go on making preparations here as though they quite expected it. The allies at the Dardanelles. They say they are sure they will deliver a blow to England."

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"When we return, that is those of us who do return, we shall not regret our experience; we shall be proud of the fact that we gave the best that is in us in defence of the mother country and the empire to which we belong, but we shall more than ever be disposed, at home and in church, to lift up our voices and to say 'Thank the Lord I'm a Canadian.' This is the feeling that is deep down in the hearts of all of us. It inspires us to fight the harder, to endure cheerfully the hardships of the trenches and of exposure, as we feel we are fighting in a measure out of gratitude to the country which has given us birth, but even more the credit and honor of our own beloved land."

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