

WILL TRY CONSCRIPTION.

India is to Come Under Military Service Act.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A special despatch from Delhi says:

Lord Chelmsford, the viceroy, presiding over the imperial legislative council, said that the Government's activities were being concentrated upon how best to assist the empire to achieve victory. India must be ready to place all resources at the disposal of the Empire. He did not wish to minimize the efforts already made, but for the future the motto must be "effort and yet greater effort." Lord Chelmsford asked the new members to continue to co-operate in avoiding controversial questions.

Referring to the recent ordinance requiring all European males in India between the ages of 18 and 50 to register, the viceroy stated that the time had now arrived for India to release for service in the field British units which otherwise would be employed on garrison duty. The necessities of war made it imperative to organize an Indian defence force. It was therefore proposed to introduce a bill whereby all European British subjects between the ages of 18 and 41 would be liable to general military service in India. Those between the ages of 41 and 50 would be compulsorily enrolled for local military service, and youths between the ages of 16 and 18 would be enrolled for military training. The Government also proposed enrolling Indians in their own units for general military service in India for the duration of the war.

TURKS BADLY BEATEN.

Lose Position Held by Gen. Townshend During Siege.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—An official report issued Sunday night describes briefly a British success against the Turks in Mesopotamia, a new line being occupied by the British of about three and a half miles to a depth of more than half a mile. The text of the statement reads:

"In Mesopotamia during Friday night and Saturday four Turkish attacks on the right were repulsed, and the British held on the enemy trenches on the left was rapidly extended by bombing attacks. Later after a heavy bombardment a successful assault was undertaken against trenches west of the liquorice factory which General Townshend held throughout the siege of Kut, whereby we secured the factory and five hundred yards of enemy trenches.

"As a result of these operations a new line has been occupied on a frontage of over 6,000 yards, and the enemy pushed back for a depth varying from 800 to 1,200 yards. All the evidence shows that the Turks suffered heavily."

The British offensive south of Kut-el-Amara was resumed successfully on Friday, says an official statement on the campaign issued Saturday night. Under cover of a heavy bombardment a portion of the new Turkish front line west of the Hai River was secured and consolidated in the face of two counter-attacks and two bombing attacks. Further westward, the statement adds, Turkish trenches were penetrated and by successful bombing work were secured and consolidated along a front of 1,200 yards.

Austrians Are Active.

ROME, Feb. 12, via London.—An attack in considerable force was made on the Italian lines east of Goritz on Friday night, the War Office announced Sunday. The Austrians were repulsed at nearly all points, and such portions of the front lines as have not yet been reoccupied by the Italians have been held under heavy fire, it is declared.

The statement says that "after heavy artillery and trench mortar preparation the enemy in considerable force attacked our positions on the western slopes of Santa Caterina, northwest of San Marco and east of Vertobizza, between Sober and the Goritz-Dornberg railway. After heavy fighting the enemy was repulsed nearly everywhere. Some very small portions of our front-line trenches which have not yet been reoccupied are kept under our heavy barrage fire. We captured more than seventy prisoners."

Fighting the Pirates.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 12.—Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, declared in an interview here Saturday that the submarine Deutschland has been captured by the British.

"I have positive knowledge," he said, "that the Deutschland is one of eighty-five German submarines in one British port. I know that the British have captured not less than 200 German submarines."

"The Deutschland now lying at Bremen is another submarine with that name painted on it to support the story that the submarine carrier never started on a third trip," Butler said.

"The German submarine plan will not succeed," Butler claimed. "The British patrol and the active submarine arm of the British navy will prove their efficiency to adequately and most effective deal with the blockade," he declared.

A Knockout for Foe.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—In a letter read at the war loan meeting Saturday, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon, commander of the Dover patrol, is quoted as saying:

"If you will try as hard to do your duty ashore by raising a loan as we are doing at sea by sinking submarines and frustrating other evil devices, you will make the loan such a success that it will be a knockout blow to the enemy."

Lance-Corporal Riley, a son of G. H. Riley of Murray township, near Cobourg, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field. He is a member of the Military Medal for bravery in the field.

NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper — A Solid Hour's Enjoyment.

TUESDAY.

Major Tidy resigned from the 198th Battalion (Buffs).

Butter over fifty cents a pound in Toronto, which makes it prohibitive. The French were successful in minor operations on the west front.

The Czar has formed a committee to arrange for the reorganization of Poland.

Hogs are expected to bring fifteen dollars a hundredweight within two months' time.

Mr. Ralph C. Norton said 40,000 Belgian soldiers are waiting for the gift of a Bible.

Seventeen German vessels interned in Manila Bay were seized by the United States authorities.

The City Council decided to apply for legislation permitting the operation of a civic coal yard.

The Irish-Canadian Rangers of Montreal are to go to the front as a complete unit in the 5th Canadian Division.

Dr. Michael Clark, M.P., addressing the Canadian Club, Toronto, gave the war first place amongst Canadian problems.

The Toronto Board of Trade despatched their traffic expert to Buffalo to watch coal and other shipping from border points.

Seven survivors of the Shackleton party stranded on Elephant Island, in the Antarctic, have been rescued by the relief ship Aurora.

Senator Landry says the French-Canadian Educational Association will resist Regulation 17 of the Ontario Department of Education to the end.

In a rear-end collision of a passenger extra on the C. N. R. with a snow plow train, near Saskatoon, three men were killed and six injured.

WEDNESDAY.

The Turks evacuated the south bank of the Tigris, leaving behind them 600 dead.

Hon. Howard Ferguson announces that measures have been taken to safeguard the lumber of the Province.

More than 900 persons of Teutonic birth renounced their allegiance to Germany and Austria in one day in New York.

The German crews in the interned vessels in New York harbor have damaged the machinery to render the boats useless.

Frigid weather in Germany has been breaking all records, the Potsdam Observatory recording 26 degrees below zero.

A petition asking for votes for women, signed by 21,000 names, will be presented to the Government of the Province of Ontario.

A rioting has taken place in Holland because food is being sent to Germany when the Dutch have not enough for their own use.

The Canadian Club of Hamilton has started recruiting to fill up the vacancies in a local battalion, and is meeting with great success.

President Carranza of Mexico is reported to have sent greetings to the Kaiser. This is intended for a slap in the face for Uncle Sam.

Bruges Harbor has been bombarded by the British aeroplanes. Buildings and docks were set on fire and torpedo craft badly damaged.

Forty passengers were injured when the C. P. R. train from Montreal was wrecked between Piedmont and Ste. Adele in the Province of Quebec.

Count von Bernstorff, the dismissed German ambassador to the United States, has been granted the iron cross with the white ribbon by the Kaiser.

THURSDAY.

Mr. Justice Leitch died at his home in Toronto.

Norway, Sweden, and Denmark have refused to break with Germany.

U. S. War Secretary Baker denied any Teuton vessels had been seized.

Two hundred people were killed by the wreck of a German dynamite factory.

The half million dollar war appropriation was passed by the Commons.

A young Austrian was killed in the Swift Canadian abattoir at West Toronto.

Ontario sheep breeders held their annual meeting, and took important action.

The town of Forest was lighted Wednesday night with Hydro for the first time.

Dundas county defeated York county in the Provincial live stock judging contest.

Guelph Patriotic Fund campaign aimed at \$100,000 in three days and reached \$102,185.

An improved highway between Hamilton and the United States boundary is proposed.

Toronto backyards should produce vegetables worth \$1,000,000, the Thrift Committee thinks.

A. P. MacAuley, the Toronto broker, was arraigned before the General Sessions Court in New York.

Parliament adjourned till April 19 to permit the Premier, Sir Robert Borden, to proceed to the Imperial War Council.

Prof. C. A. Zavitz at the Fairs Association convention urged the farmers to sow good seed, of which there was an ample supply, he said.

Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, a Hamilton officer, who has seen service at the front, replaces Lieut.-Colonel Burleigh as head of the Welland Canal force.

The special Parliamentary committees on returning soldiers, on Confederation jubilee and on railway act revision were named in the House.

Fifty-five per cent. of the pupils in the primary and first grades of Sarnia public schools are reported by

the Inspector to be suffering from defective eyesight.

Mr. Stewart Lyon, Managing Editor of The Toronto Globe, was chosen by the directors of the Canadian Press, Limited, in a meeting at Montreal to represent the Canadian papers at the front as war correspondent.

Brig.-General Garnet Hughes, only son of General Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Militia, has accepted the command of the 5th Canadian Division now being organized in England, and has been promoted to be Major-General.

FRIDAY.

Electrify the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, is Chairman Englehart's proposal.

Brantford's Patriotic Fund campaign, aiming at \$150,000 in three days, concluded with \$158,000 obtained.

Canadian troops to the number of 316 officers and 3,860 other ranks have recently arrived safely in England.

The special Parliamentary Committee on Returned Soldiers will meet February 21. Sir Herbert B. Ames has been chosen Chairman.

Jessie Biggs, three years old, while playing with matches at her home in Brantford, set fire to her clothing and was fatally burned.

The Lake Erie Fishermen's Association will ask the Government to place two substantial patrol boats on the fishery protection service in place of the two small ones at present there.

A Grand Trunk Pacific train carrying the 233rd Battalion of French-Canadians eastward was wrecked on account of a broken rail forty miles west of Winnipeg, five cars rolling down an embankment. No one was seriously hurt.

Premier W. M. Martin, in the Saskatchewan Legislature, moving the adoption of the Brown-Elwood Commission's report, read out of the Liberal party S. R. Moore, M.P.P. for Pinto Creek, and said he would move the expulsion of C. H. Cawthorpe, M.P.P. for Biggar, who had refused to resign.

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MONDAY.

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PURVIS STREET

Feb. 5th,

Mrs. Roy Gibson entertained a number of her friends to a tea one evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Manhart spent a few days last week visiting friends in Athens and Plum Hollow.

Mrs. M. A. Chick spent a week visiting friends in Mallorytown.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Graham attended the Graham-Guild wedding at Mallorytown last week.

Mr. Alex Herbison has returned home after visiting friends in Brockville.

Mrs. T. L. Chick spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbison, Brockville.

Last fall Master Geo. Coley, Ganancque, a lad ten years of age saved Miss Madeline Sheets from drowning, by rushing her to the river's bank and rolled her in the water. Through the efforts of Miss McGammon, with the kind assistance of Judge McDonald, Brockville, the Royal Canadian Humane Society Medal has been granted him. It's now being engraved, and there will be a public presentation later on.

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