

SHIPS BEING BUILT FASTER THAN THE OLD ARE SUNK

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT BY RT. HON. ANDREW BONAR LAW

Total British War Reaches Stupendous Sum of \$35,000,000,000—New Credit of 500,000,000 Pounds Introduced in Commons—America Not Coming Into the War, But Is Already in—Allies Confident.

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Attack Has Failed.

"The offensive was launched by a very large number of Austrian divisions. A good deal more than half their total on that front is engaged in the attack. All I can say today is that after three days of fighting the attack has failed.

"Our advice from Italian headquarters are that the enemy has not secured in three days the objectives which they had hoped to obtain the amount of success which we had no offensive on this scale throughout the whole war has at its initiation secured so little success.

"There is no doubt that our own and the French troops are giving a good account of themselves, and the Italians have been fighting throughout with the highest courage and the most marked tenacity. The Italian higher command has no fear of the result. The danger is not yet over, but the government can express admiration and gratitude to the Italians for the share they have taken in the general struggle."

Allies Were Informed.

Speaking of the western front, Mr. Bonar Law said that British and French headquarters knew the positions to which the German divisions were being sent before the commencement of the offensive on March 21. He admitted that the attack had attained an amount of success which had caused the utmost anxiety.

"But," he added, "three months have passed, and although the battle is continuing on, we can look back upon what has happened with some confidence.

"In this whole campaign the Germans have had before them three great objectives. One was Paris, another was the channel ports, the third was not only the defeat, if they could achieve it, of the allied army, but the breaking of the communications between British and French forces. Although the allied have had to give much ground, not one of the enemy's strategic objectives has been attained.

Huns Disappointed.

"I think if any one in the early days of the struggle had suggested to Hindenburg that in three months the position would be what it is today he would have treated the suggestion with scorn. There is clear and increasing evidence in the German press that they are becoming disappointed with the success—great as it has been—which has attended the German arms so far.

"On the other hand, if we could have foreseen three months ago what the position is now, our anxiety would have been less.

"The chancellor classed the battle of St. Quentin and the first battle of the Lys as great German successes, while the battle of Arras was one in which the British were entirely victorious. The same was true of the second phase of the Lys.

"Regarding that part of the line held by the French, he said the first attack was a great victory for the Germans, but that later an immense attack was started which entirely failed in its object.

Unity of Command.

"The offensive of March 21," he continued, "has brought about unity of command, which results have justified. The long continued lack of unity is a question of reserves. The great source of allied reserves is America, and it is undoubtedly part of the German scheme to try to be reinforced from America. But in this they have not succeeded.

"I wish it were possible to tell the house the number of troops, which since March 21, have been sent from this country to strengthen our own forces. It is a large number, but, as I have said, the main source of the allied reserves is America."

Praises Air Service.

Mr. Bonar Law also wished it were possible to attract the general notice of the country and tabulate in some way the work of the air service. There was no branch of British effort in the war, of which the people had greater reason to be proud. It had played throughout a magnificent part, not only in assisting the British troops but in helping Italy, and especially the French in their long struggle.

Hurricane Coming.

Alluding to the present lull on the western front, he predicted that it was only the lull preceding a hurricane. But he had the greatest confidence in the moral courage and their readiness to face what was coming, despite all they had suffered and endured. Their morale had never been higher.

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AMHERST WOMAN IS NOT GUILTY OF ARSON PLOT

Mrs. Jeanie T. Logan Acquitted on Sensational Charge By Colored Woman That She Planned To Burn Boarding House.

Special to The Standard.
Amherst, N. S., June 18.—The June term of the Supreme Court opened today at Amherst with one of the longest dockets in the history of the county.

C. Smith, K. C., president of the Cumberland Bar, made an address of welcome to Mr. Justice Chisholm as he visited the county in his official capacity, after which Mr. Justice Chisholm appropriately replied.

Six criminal cases were presented for the consideration of the grand jury, in all of which true bills were found. The first criminal case to be tried was that of Rex vs. Jeanie T. Logan. The charge against Mrs. Logan was attempted arson. A colored woman named Mrs. Adolph Skinner, testified that in August last Mrs. Logan offered her five hundred dollars if she, (Mrs. Skinner) would set fire to Logan Lodge, a boarding house owned by Mrs. Logan while she, Mrs. Logan, was absent in Scotland. Mrs. Logan denied the charge. The jury was out only about ten minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty.

AUSTRIANS FIGHT LOSING BATTLE

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"Our parties and a French contingent in a strong attack gained ground on the spur of Costalunga and took some prisoners there.

"Formidable enemy attacks alternated with our counter-attacks. At the beginning vigorous advances were crushed by our resistance or arrested by counter-offensive actions. The struggle was suspended only late at night.

"The valiant troops of our enemy were strenuously tried but the enemy was not able to increase the short depth in the strip of ground within which the fighting has been raging four days.

"Prisoners to the number of 1,500 remained in our hands.

"Our armies tirelessly continued to participate effectively in the battle notwithstanding the heavy rain.

"Numerous prisoners were captured by the British."

Methodist communicant members within the bounds of the conference 15,169, received by profession of faith during the year, 614, catechumens in training, 2020, number of Methodist families, 8649, church benevolences, supernumerary ministers fund, \$20,161.00 women's missionary society, 15,134.00, educational fund \$2,303.00, social service, \$10,830.00, sustentation fund, \$2073.00, total raised for benevolences, \$48,930.00, total amount raised by the various church organizations, Sunday school, young people societies, ladies aids, trustee boards, etc., \$102,893, paid for ministerial support, \$85,313 total raised for all purposes \$222,779.

GUNS ROARING ON FRENCH SECTORS

But Otherwise All Is At Standstill—Fighting Likely on Large Scale Soon.

The infantry operations on the battlefront in France continue virtually at a standstill, but the allied and German guns are roaring at various sectors and it is not improbable that fighting on a large scale will be resumed somewhere shortly.

Several attempts by the Germans to penetrate the American lines in the Marne sector have been smashed by the American machine gun fire.

British Statement.

London, June 18.—The British official communication issued this evening says: "We carried out a successful raid last night north of Lens. This morning English troops raided the enemy's trenches south of Hulluch and captured several prisoners after strong fighting."

"On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report, beyond artillery activity by both sides."

With the American forces on the Marne, June 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Several German patrols recently attempted last night to approach the American lines in the Marne sector were smashed by the accuracy of the American machine gun fire. One German patrol was almost wiped out.

WESTMORLAND CO. FARMERS DECIDE TO JOIN THE U. F.

Monctonians To Number of Nearly Two Thousand Have Already Signed Registration Cards.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, June 18.—Rev. Father Gurtin of St. Joseph's College presided at a meeting held here this afternoon for the purpose of organizing a branch of the United Farmers of New Brunswick. C. L. Smith of Woodstock, president of the United Farmers of New Brunswick, and R. McKenzie, Winnipeg, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, addressed the gathering.

The same speakers will address the farmers at a picnic of the local agricultural society to be held at Lewisville tomorrow, when a branch will probably be completed.

Registration offices were opened in Moncton this morning, and up to closing time tonight nearly two thousand had registered. By Saturday night the city will be fully registered.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. THE ROYALIST CONFERENCE ENDS

Rev. George M. Young Has Been Splendid Presiding Officer—Sunday School Work and Lord's Day Observance To Be Pushed—Conference Represented 15,169 Communicants and \$2,179,645 in Property—Officials Elected.

Special to The Standard.
Sackville, June 18.—The 35th annual conference of New Brunswick and P. E. I. of the Methodist Church closed its sessions today. The morning found but a remnant of the delegates in attendance and the business was rushed to completion.

The president, Rev. George M. Young, has proved splendid presiding officer, prompt, clear headed and courteous. In spite of the fact that this is general conference year which involves a large amount of extra business the conference is closing in advance of the usual time. The Sunday school committee reported through Rev. J. A. Rice, drawing attention to the co-operative summer school for the study of Sunday School methods and missions to be held in Mount Allison ladies college beginning August 1st and continuing for a week and urging the members to encourage the attendance of their young people and Sunday school workers. The statistics of the conference were presented by Rev. Percy A. Fitzpatrick the statistical secretary.

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\$2,179,645 Property

The Methodist church in New Brunswick and P. E. I. Island possesses properties, churches, parsonages, schools and colleges to the value of \$2,179,645. The board of Christian education, under the secretary, Rev. H. E. Thomas, as that the examination of probationers will be held on the 19th Tuesday in April, 1919. Supplemental examinations will be graded in the fourth week in October, 1918. The members of the board are Wm. Harrison, D. D., chairman, H. E. Thomas, secretary, Prof. W. G. Watson, D. D., J. J. Pinkerton.

PROSPERITY PREVAILS AT THE MAGDALENE ISLANDS

Lobsters Plentiful and Herring Strike in In Abundance—Long, Lonely Vigil Last Winter — A Land of Which Little Is Heard — Fishermen Have Harrowing Experience.

It has long been said that a person might as well be out of the world as to be on the Magdalen Islands in the winter time. It is true that those bleak spots on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and about the same distance from Prince Edward Island, are lonely enough for some of the general population. It is largely French, but they grow accustomed to their quiet, peaceful abode and except in the winter season have constant intercourse with the outside world. There is cable connection with Cape Breton, the submarine wire landing at Meate Cove.

Although the islands are much closer to the Maritime Provinces than they are to Quebec province, yet they belong to the latter and elect a representative to the Quebec legislature.

The islands composing the group are Grand Goffin, Grindstone and Amherst. There are two small rocks to the north, Byron Island and Bird Rock which are used for fishing stations, especially lobsters which are usually very plentiful about the Magdalen Islands.

Grand Entry, Etang du Nord, the cable station village; and Old Harry are three of the principal villages. The population is largely French, but they are quite a number of English speaking people, especially during the summer season, and there are several Anglican churches.

Regular Mails.

The French speaking people have Roman Catholic churches and their own priests. There is steamship communication in the season of navigation with Prince Edward Island weekly, and the mails are handled regularly.

The island soil is not over-favorable for farming, but yet some crops are raised, although much produce is sent from Prince Edward Island. Cows are carried from Cape Breton. Although the islands belong to Quebec they do the bulk of their business with Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Americans have considerable interest in the fisheries, and leave much money there each year when the fishing season is successful.

It is a long and lonely vigil last winter. A land of which little is heard. Fishermen have harrowing experience.

The British three masted schooner Conrad S., formerly managed by William K. McKean of St. John, has been sold to the Grenfell Association of America to replace the schooner George B. Cluett, sold some time ago. The Conrad S. will be renamed George D. Cluett. The vessel will be equipped with auxiliary power and will undergo extensive repairs. She will make her first trip to the far north, carrying provisions for the Grenfell missions at St. Anthony, Nfld., and Labrador. She registers 283 tons net, and 844 gross. The schooner was built at Port George in 1908 and hailed from Parravon.

EVERYBODY HAPPY IN NEW GLASGOW

Strikers At Trenton Plants Resumed Work Last Evening Under Wage Advance—No Recognition of Union.

Special to The Standard.
New Glasgow, N. S., June 18.—The strike at the Trenton plants has been settled, the furnaces are being heated up and work was resumed as usual at the steel works this evening.

Following the good offices of the Board of Trade and immediately after a mass meeting of the strikers was held. The committee of the men, accompanied by James C. Walters, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and special representative in this instance of the labor department, waited upon Mr. Crookard, of the Nova Scotia Steel Co., at six p. m.

They said the schedule of wages which covered an increase for men if not all of the employees, was satisfactory, but reported that the men wanted the "check off." The check off is the collection of union dues in the company's office.

This Mr. Crookard would not consider at all.

The committee reported at a mass meeting held at eight p. m., and the men decided to go back to work on the revised wage schedule, dropping their demand for the check off or for recognition, which is pretty much the same thing.

New Glasgow heard a big sigh of relief when the word passed quickly around to the effect that a settlement had been arrived at and that work would be resumed.

The men have the consolation of knowing that as a result of the action they took they secured a general advance of wages. The company stands just on the recognition issue.

It is distinctly understood that the management will receive committees of workers who have grievance to ventilate or any matters which they want to have dealt with.

Islanders made much money that year. Rev. E. Templeman, who is in charge of the Anglican churches on the Magdalen Islands in New Brunswick recently on his way home from Quebec, where he attended the annual synod of his diocese. Rev. Templeman reports the Anglican church to be thriving in the Magdalen, and two new churches are now about completed—St. Peter's, at Old Harry, and St. Luke's, at Grindstone. The Bishop of Quebec is expected on the islands shortly to perform the rites of consecrating these edifices. Mr. Templeman has up to a short time ago an assistant, Rev. Arthur Reeves, but the war has deprived him of his services, he having enlisted in the Army Medical Corps, and is now overseas.

Times Are Good.

Rev. Mr. Templeman stated that times are good on the islands. The lobsterers are more plentiful than they have been for years and the packers are having hard work to keep pace with the fisherman who are landing big catches daily.

Herring also are very plentiful but so far very few bankers have put in an appearance. Cod are scarce, but this is accounted for by the fact that there is still a quantity of ice outside of the "banks."

The past winter was an exceptionally long and tedious one to the islanders. There was an immense depth of snow and the season was marked by some exceedingly cold spells of weather.

That the Magdalen Islands fishermen are a remarkable hardy lot of men was proved in a singularly trying experience which befell two of them during the winter. Those two fishermen left Entry Island in a boat for Amherst Island to bring back supplies. A big gale came on which carried them right up to the Cape Breton shore, so close, indeed, that they could plainly see the trees and other objects on the land. Then the wind suddenly veered to the exact opposite direction, and carried the boat with its occupants all the way back in a direct line to their starting point. They were rescued in a well-lighted exhausted condition of Grand Entry after being 72 hours in the boat without a bite to eat, and having suffered terribly from the inclemency of the weather.

SCHOONER CONRAD S. SOLD TO DR. GRENFELL

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June—Phases of the Moon.

Last Quarter, 2nd 1h. 20m. a.m.
New Moon, 8th 7h. 3m. p.m.
First Quarter, 16th 10h. 12m. a.m.
Full Moon, 24th	..... 7h. 32m. a.m.

Date	D. of W.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	H. Water, a.m.	H. Water, p.m.	J. Water, a.m.	J. Water, p.m.
19 Wed	5.41	9.09	8.43	31.05	2.31	14.53	
20 Thu	6.41	9.09	8.40	31.54	3.21	15.47	
21 Fri	6.41	9.10	10.23	32.39	4.18	16.37	
22 Sat	6.41	9.10	11.13	33.23	5.05	17.23	
23 Sun	6.42	9.10	11.56	34.06	5.47	18.03	

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh west and northwest winds; fair, with much the same temperature.

Northern New England—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; somewhat warmer Thursday; moderate southeast to south winds.

Toronto, June 18.—The barometer is quite high over the Great Lakes and relatively both east and west. The weather is fine throughout the Dominion.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	..... 44	62
Edmonton	..... 46	74
Calgary	..... 53	76
Prince Albert	..... 52	76
Moosjav	..... 52	86
Medicine Hat	..... 49	86
Winnipeg	..... 56	80
Party Sound 48	79
London 45	78
Quebec 49	68
Kingston 50	66
Ottawa 44	74
Montreal 44	72
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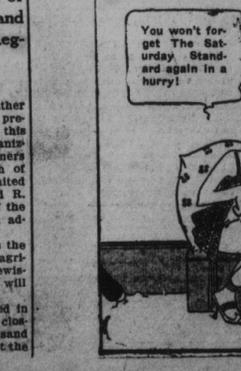
Local theatregoers will be interested to know that the author of Mary Jane's Pa, the comedy picture that is to be presented at the Imperial today, is Edith Ellis Baker, a former local stage favorite. She will be well remembered here as leading lady with the Baker Ellis stock company and later with the McCutcheon-Ellis stock company of which her brother Ed. Ellis was a member. Since leaving here she has become prominent as a playwright and Mary Jane's Pa established her reputation. Those who want a long hearty laugh should see it as it will be shown today only. There will be other pictures and those splendid Italian singers. Tomorrow Seven Days' Leave.

WEDDINGS.

LeBlanc-Hebert.
Moncton, June 18.—L'Assomption Church was the scene of a pretty wedding this morning at eight o'clock, when Philip LeBlanc, assistant manager of the Provincial Bank here, was married to Miss Lucie Hebert, daughter of Mrs. Theophile Landry. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father H. D. Cormier, pastor of L'Assomption. Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc left on a wedding trip to P. E. I. They will reside in Moncton.

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FREE GERMAN DEEDS

Wilbur Forrest of the Terrible my Outnum Though Free Arms Under

(Special Cable to The and The St. John's Wilbur Forrest)

With the French Army June 17.—Among the hottest fighting has been a division victor although it has been under fire or fighting in the enemy outnumbering them on June 12, was outfought after one third of strength had been killed. This action was only the past few weeks in French troops and the of nationalities composed have taken an enormous taking enemy's attacks and displaying every American soldier to emulate. Though it has been heavy, always superior numbers, I found on their arms, under today, waiting for the move. Ground which sort of no man's land and the Germans, is likely with corpses.

They could not and the Feldgrau from the decimated midlet was downed. Some of the German but ten or fifteen men statements of captives. Though only a few in the legion, my divisions declined to break which they were getting guns glared in their group of prisoners or legionnaires however the statement that his machine gun had seen a thousand of the day, attack three days ago.

It is needless state the enemy's mass effect began in March, as their companies have least 15,000 of the man army because of they faced such troops.

A Brave German

I saw the general division in a small area. Overhead German constantly winning. holes everywhere. The lings truly befitted a man to whom brave place. With typical the general stopped the fav American troops. I saw even his divisions of heavy action, fall his ears.

Such praise from an eral is something ill. Then after exhibiting a dead Prussian officer the German army had over fifteen miles in attack against the eral showed us this which he was preparing

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