PLACE WREATHS ON MONUMENTS

Veterans Remember Heroes of Ridgeway, Northwest and S. Africa.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

Hon. I. B. Lucas, N. W. Rowell and Rev. Capt. Cameron Gave Addresses.

Impressive ceremonies were held at Queen's Park yesterday morning when the annual memorial service and decoration of the military monuments were held under the auspices of the Grand Council of Canadian Militia Veterans, before an assemblage estimated at three thousand people.

Veterans of 1866, 1885 and 1900, as well as returned soldiers from overseas service, participated in the ceremonials held during the decorations with floral wreaths of the monuments which preceded the addresses.

The latter were delivered from the band stand in the park. Only the persons on the program were permitted in the band stand because it has been condemned and thought likely to collapse. The audience occupied seats below or stood on the ground below the platform.

Rev. Capt. W. A. Cameron, with I. B. Lucas, attorney-general, and Surgeon-Gen. Ryerson and N. W. Rowell, as well as the chairman, H. R. Holt, paid an eloquent tribute to the veterans. He referred to them as "true kings of humanity," and declared that the occasion was fittingly held on the birthday of "the world's greatest Queen."

Just Meant Some.

"National unpreparedness is another term for national suicide," declared Capt. Cameron. "There is no virtue in national weakness nor personal weakness. There is no virtue in ignorance, no glory in stupidity.

"After twenty-one months of war we have reached another idea of national greatness. We've discovered after all a truth of that conception of real greatness—the idea of greatness which has found response in the hearts of all British people. Every goodness is borne in conflict.

"Our greatness is the righteousness, truth and justice to which we have pledged ourselves. These are not abstract virtues. They are the same virtues for which the noblest of the dead have died."

Mr. Lucas said that the reunion service was held to keep before us the noble traditions for which the veterans of 1866 fought and died. He declared that tho the war of today was on a grander scale, yet the same individual patriotism, courage and heroism were required in the days of '66.

Optimism, he said, would be infused in the people of today, and that the first duty of the people was to keep up the courage in the present strife. "We are in no hurry for peace," Mr. Lucas declared. "We didn't want the war, we didn't start the war, but now that we are in it, we'll carry it thru."

Mr. Rowell expressed the hope that one of the results of the war will be the control of the German Government by the German people, instead of the kaiser and the military caste. Only thru that change will the democracy of the future be assured, he said.

He paid a tribute to the British navy and declared his belief that the victory of the allies will be largely due to its control of the seas.

Gen. Ryerson pointed out Canada's part in the war and said the same spirit animated the veterans of '66.

Rev. Dr. Burwash pronounced the benediction. The program was interspersed with music by the Horsemen's Battalion Band.

The memorial committee was composed of Lieut.-Col. J. Knox Leslie, Capt. John A. Macdonald and Lieut.-Col. A. E. Belcher.

MORALE OF GERMANS SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED

Von Hindenburg Sternly Intimates Peace is Not Yet in Sight.

MUST GET OVER DWINA

Otherwise War Cannot Be Brought to End, Soldiers Are Told.

LONDON, May 24.—An order of the day, said to have been issued recently by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to his men on the Russian front, is quoted as follows in a Central News despatch from Basle, Switzerland:

"For some time a rumor has been spreading among the troops that peace negotiations are about to begin, and this fact, coupled with the instinct of self-preservation, which is constantly growing, is having a bad effect on the morale of the men.

"In the name of emperor, I declare that there cannot be any question of peace until we have crossed the Dvina. Soldiers, if you wish peace go and seek it on the other side of the Dwina."

PREVENT OVERLOADING OF VESSELS ON LAKES

When Freighters Carry Too Much, Damage is Done to Canals, Causing Expense.

DETROIT, Mich., May 24.—Wm. Livingston, president of the Lake Carriers' Association has been informed by the U. S. engineers that action is to be taken to prevent loading of lake freighters to such a depth that they will incur the risk of stranding in Lake St. Clair channel. It is understood than any vessel loaded to a greater depth than 9 feet 6 inches, the recommended draft for the locks at Sault Ste. Marie will be detained and required to discharge the excess of cargo before being allowed to proceed thru the locks.

It is said that when tugs are required to release vessels stranded in the St. Clair channel, sand hummocks are created which necessitate government expenditure in re-dredging the channel to its normal depth.

GENERAL HOLIDAY FOR ALL SOLDIERS

Only Guards Were Compelled to Remain in Camp Yesterday.

MORE HEROES COMING

Tomorrow's Arrival Makes Third Contingent Within a Week.

Active service soldiers in training in Toronto and all other parts of Military District No. 2 observed Victoria Day as a general holiday, orders having been issued by headquarters that no training other than physical drill, which is given in the morning, would be carried out. Friends of soldiers were allowed to visit Exhibition camp yesterday, but only a few went there, a large number of the soldiers visiting their relatives and friends in the city instead and spending the holiday with them.

No Recruiting.

The armories recruiting depot observed the holiday by being closed. The recruiting sergeants were not on the streets and no recruiting meetings were scheduled.

Relatives and friends of officers and men in the 95th Battalion will be permitted to visit them at Exhibition camp next Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

More Soldiers Returning.

Twenty returned soldiers, who reached Quebec on board the Metagama on Monday, are due to arrive in Toronto tomorrow morning. They will make the third contingent of war heroes to reach this city this week.

Capt. Gore Barrow, chaplain of the 84th Battalion, formerly a curate of St. James' Cathedral, has been appointed chaplain of Bramshott camp, England.

Rev. S. B. Nelson, a Presbyterian minister of Hamilton, has been selected as chaplain of the 213th Battalion, American Legion, which is now being built up by Lt.-Col. J. B. McCormack. The chaplain will have the rank of honorary captain.

SCORE'S TALK ON SUMMER CLOTHES.

It surely by this time has been realized by the buying public, that made-to-measure clothes by a good tailor who buys only reliable materials, is the economical way to secure value—for clothes which are only pressed into shape very soon lose that individuality which is so necessary for appearance and wear, as cheap clothes are dear at any price. Our special suits for Spring, made from imported Scotch tweeds and Irish Blue Serges, pure indigo dye, at $28.00, will give every satisfaction and, on account of their being made-to-measure and hand-tailored, they possess that personal appearance that is so necessary to good dressers. R. Score & Son, Limited, Tailors and Haberdashers, 77 King Street West, Toronto.

GERMANY CANNOT EXPORT DYESTUFFS

Lord Cecil Says Britain Must Forbid Step in Own Interest.

GERMAN DESIGN CLEAR

Purpose Behind Move is to Keep Up Exchange With America.

LONDON, May 24.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, informed the house this afternoon that a proposal had been received to permit the exportation from Germany to the American Government of dye stuffs, but that no answer had yet been given.

The war trade minister denied reports giving much publicity in England that licenses had been granted for the export from Germany to the United States of $5,000,000 worth of dyes, part of a shipment which might reach $30,000,000.

Lord Robert Cecil agreed with Sir John Lonsdale, Conservative member for Mid Armagh, who was the questioner, that the object of Germany's desire to export dyestuffs was to keep up German exchange with America. He added: "Unquestionably it is not to our interest to allow that to take place, and I will bear that consideration very carefully in mind when the reply is sent to the American Government."

Lord Robert said that in 1915 the British Government was willing to allow the exportation from Germany to the United States of two cargoes of dyestuffs but that this offer had lapsed.

NOTABLE CELEBRATION IS HELD AT CAPITAL

Duke of Connaught's Call for Salute is Greeted With Cheers.

STIRRING SPECTACLE

Victoria Day Address Paid Tribute to Canada's Fine Patriotism.

OTTAWA, May 24.—Empire Day was right royally celebrated by the citizens of the capital by a flag-raising ceremony on parliament hill. Such a stirring and patriotic scene has not been witnessed in Ottawa for years and a huge throng witnessed the Duke of Connaught's call for the salute to the Union Jack. In a square formed by overseas units the royal governor gave the signal and the crowds burst into cheers. Even the scaffolding around the ruined parliament buildings which formed a background was filled with spectators.

The Duke of Connaught delivered a brief but particularly fitting speech. He said:

"We are all assembled here today to commemorate the birthday of our late revered Queen Victoria. This day has been set apart by the unanimous wish of the people of Canada to be observed forever as a national holiday and known as 'Victoria' or 'Empire Day.'

"The example of this great Dominion has now been recognized thruout every portion of the British Empire.

Queen Victoria's Wisdom.

"It is right we should join in commemorating the very long reign of 64 years of our late beloved sovereign. Her wise rule and deep sympathy with all classes of her subjects has endeared her for all time in our memories.

"It was thru her far-seeing judgment that the various dominions and colonies of this great empire were brought together, and are today united in one common cause, and to this is due the great wave of patriotism and loyalty to the King and empire that has so spontaneously moved its citizens thruout the world.

"It is to our late Queen that Canada owes its present constitution, of which the Dominion is so justly proud, and whose sons have no nobly come forward and laid down their lives for the great cause for which the whole empire is fighting.

"As the late Queen's only surviving son, and as the representative of her grandson, our present King, George V., my heart goes out to all these I see before me assembled in Canada's capital on this anniversary.

"May the ideals of our late Queen ever lead us in the paths of honor and duty, and may we ever remember that the flag we have just unfurled and saluted stands for everything right, liberty and justice thruout the world."

WILL MAKE COLLECTION FOR SOLDIERS AT FRONT

Shower Will Be Held Tomorrow by the Queen Mary Needlework Guild.

Queen Mary's birthday, tomorrow, May 26th, will be celebrated by a royal spring shower for the soldiers at the front, consisting of subscriptions, sox, smokes and sweets.

The shower will be under the auspices of the Queen Mary Needlework Guild of Canada and the patronage of H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught and Lady Hendrie.

Subscriptions will be received by the treasurer, C. A. Bogert at the Dominion Bank, corner of King and Yonge streets. On Friday May the 26th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the savings department of the bank, gifts will be received by Lady Mackenzie, Mrs. Arthur Van Koughnet and Mrs. R. G. Baker.

The needlework Giuld are working very hard in order to make this the most successful shower of soldiers' comforts possible and request the contributions and gifts of all those interested in the men at the front and the Needlework Guild.

Those subscribing will please give their names, but the gifts or subscriptions will not be described.

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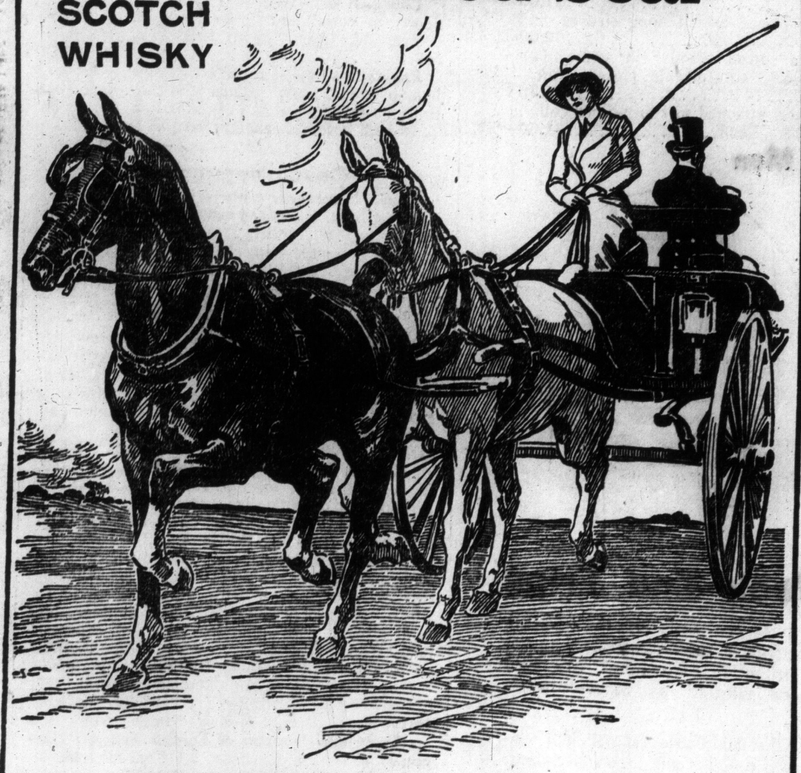

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DEMAND A SESSION FOR EXPLANATIONS

Motion Being Circulated in Paris Already Has Many Signatures.

IN REGARD TO VERDUN

Information in Regard to First Phase of Operations Being Asked.

PARIS, May 24.—A motion demanding a secret sitting of the chamber of deputies at which the government should give full explanations in regard to the first phase of the Verdun operations is being circulated in the legislative lobby and has already obtained 150 signatures. It is not likely, however that the motion will be moved until Premier Briand has again appeared before the army committee.

Premier Briand and General Roques, the minister of war, appeared before the army committee of the chamber of deputies on May 4, after a profound sensation had been caused in Paris by the publication in the newspapers of a charge that a general of the French staff had contemplated a retreat of the forces on the right bank of the Meuse. This charge was met at the time by an official statement that the chief command had never given any order for a retreat at any time during the battle of Verdun.

BIENNIAL MEETING WAS HELD AT GALT

Grand Lodge of Daughters and Maids of England Had Large Attendance.

Special to The Toronto World.

GALT, May 24.—For the first time in twenty years the biennial meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Daughters and Maids of England Benefit Society of Canada was held here today, with a good attendance, delegates being present from Halifax to Vancouver. The next grand lodge will meetin 1918 at Windsor. Reports showed the lodge in a splendid condition financially and the membership has increased.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Past grand president, Mrs. Pincombe, Toronto; grand president, Mrs. B. Nobes, Toronto; grand vice-president, Mrs. Emma Clark, Toronto; grand treasurer, F. H. Revell, Hamilton; grand secretary, G. Cross, Toronto. Trustees—Miss Lee, Hamilton, and Mrs. Butler, Windsor. Auditors—Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Garlick and Miss Poutler, Toronto.

At conclusion of the meeting the visiting delegates were banqueted by members of Florence Nightingale Lodge of this city.

ST. ELOI FIERCEST FIGHT.

Veteran of First Contingent So Describes Conflict.

Special to The Toronto World.

COBOURG, May 24.—A soldier from Cobourg, who was himself wounded, in a letter to friends in referring to the big battle around April 25th, when the Germans "got him," says it was the fiercest bombardment that he has been in, and he has been with the first contingent from the first. He says the Germans attacked them fiercely, but that they drove them back with heavy losses.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT IS OFFICIALLY DENIED

ROME, via Paris, May 24.—The Austrian statement that the Italians surrendered trenches east of Selz is denied in an official bulletin issued today. The bulletin says that the Italians voluntarily abandoned fifty yards of the line of trenches in this vicinity but continue to hold three hundred yards of trenches which they took from the enemy.

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