

FRENCH WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES SUCCESSES IN THE VOSGES AND ARGONNE REGION

Several Infantry Attacks by Enemy Repulsed and Allies Strengthen and Organize Their Positions.—Severe Artillery Fighting in the Aisne Valley.

Paris, Feb. 19.—French successes in the Vosges and the Argonne are announced by the War Office today. The text of the French statement follows:

"There is nothing important to report since the communication of last evening. The night was calm. "There were artillery combats of some violence in the Valley of the Aisne and in the sector of Rheims. In the region of the Perthes all the positions conquered by us remain in our hands. "Between the Argonne and the Meuse, at Pont Des Quatre Enfants, we captured a bomb-thrower. "In the Vosges we repulsed two infantry attacks to the north of Misembach, in the region of Bonhomme. In addition, we strengthened and organized our positions, proceeding methodically to the north and to the south of the Sudel farm."

The Official Report. Paris, Feb. 19.—The French official statement given out here tonight follows: "In Belgium we repulsed an attack against our trenches to the east of Ypres. The front line of the enemy included five companies. "Near Rollcourt, to the north of Arras, an attempt by the Germans to attack our positions was stopped. "In Champagne, in the regions of Souain, Perthes, and Beausejour, the enemy on the night of Feb. 18-19 made five counter-attacks, with a view to re-capturing the trenches lost by him during the previous days. All the attacks were repulsed. The struggle still continues, and we have made further progress. "In the Argonne some combats de main attempted by the Germans in the night of Feb. 18-19 failed. We blew up a blockhouse, occupied the place where it had stood. "On the heights of the Meuse, at Les Eparges, three German counter-attacks against the trenches captured on the 17th inst. were repulsed by the fire of our artillery. "In the Vosges, between Lesse and Wisembach, in the region of the Bonhomme Pas, the Germans, after succeeding in gaining a foothold on Hill 667, which they attacked with a regiment, were thrown out in the morning as the consequence of an attack by one company and a half of our troops. Since then we have maintained ourselves in that position in spite of the violent efforts of the Germans to re-capture it. "We also have repulsed an attack by the Germans against the northern ridge of the Sudel farm."

GERMANS CLAIM RUSSIAN LOSSES 150,000 IN RECENT DEFEAT.

Berlin, Feb. 19. (Via Sayville).—Further reports concerning the German victory of the Masurian Lakes, in East Prussia, make it apparent that the Russian defeat was a severe one. German military officers in Berlin doubt whether much remains of about five Russian army corps which were engaged in the recent battle. While the Russians may have saved some of their artillery through quick retreat, it seems certain, army men say, that Russian troops to the number of at least 150,000 are no longer to be reckoned with by the German armies. The clearing of the Austrian crown land of Bukovina of the invaders was taken by German officials to mean a Russian defeat on the other extreme wing of the operations in the east.

FRANCE OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

Paris, Feb. 19.—The following official statement was issued tonight: "Two Zeppelins have landed in Jutland during the last three days. The first of these, the L-3, was burned by its crew. The second, after a number of soldiers, who were aboard, had disembarked, rose and drifted toward the sea where it is supposed to have been lost."

AUSTRIA

Vienna, Feb. 19, via London, February 20.—The following official communication was issued tonight: "On the Russian-Polish front yesterday there was more activity in several sections actions developed and advanced Russian parties were repulsed. "In West Galicia our troops took some advanced positions of the enemy's line. The Tyrolese-Kaiserjäger stormed a fortified village, and captured 300 men. "In the Carpathians stubborn fighting continues. North of Nadworna and Kolomea we repulsed Russian attacks, inflicting great losses. The enemy's fighting is increasing in violence. "Baron Burián, the Austrian foreign minister, started tonight for the Austrian staff headquarters where he will meet Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, tomorrow."

NEW DIVISION OF THE S. OF T. FOUNDED AT CENTREVILLE, N. B.

Centreville, Kings Co., Feb. 13.—District Worthy Patriarch S. McAuley, assisted by other district officers, met in the hall here on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, to organize the young people of this place and Berwick in a division of the Sons of Temperance. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. and division opened in the usual form. Twenty-three members-elect were initiated and the officers for the new division duly elected and installed. The following are the officers for the ensuing term: D. G. W. P., Rev. J. F. Rowley, W. P., Miss Etta V. Law; W. A., Miss Gertrude I. Robinson; treasurer, Miss Hattie A. Folkins; F. S., Walter M. Gaunce; chaplain, Rev. J. F. Rowley; R. S., Miss Myrtle G. Crothers; A. R., Robert E. Smith; Con., Morton W. Crothers; A. Con., Miss Jean I. Folks; I. S., Frank C. Folkins; O. S., Mrs. Thersa M. McKnight; P. W. F., Benjamin Dagnino. D. W. P. T. S., McCauley of Britannia Div., P. D. W. P. Gaunce of Carolina Div., D. T. I. H. Killam of Mt. Middleton Div. addressed the new division, giving the members all encouragement and congratulating them on their large number of charter members. The large number of charter members, the last edition of Britannia Journal was read by its editor, Miss C. J. Myles. It was then moved by Rev. J. F. Rowley and seconded by M. Crothers that a vote of thanks be extended to the members of the visiting division for the interest they have shown in the new division. The division then closed in the usual manner.

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Sore, blistering feet from corn-placed toes can be cured by Putnam's Extractor in 24 hours. "Putnam's" soothes away that drawing pain, ceases instantly, makes the feet feel good at once. Get a 25c bottle of "Putnam's" today.

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CASE.—In this city on the 18th inst., George F. Case, in the 79th year of his age. Funeral Saturday, 2:30 from his late residence, 100-1-2 Elliott Row. No flowers by request.

BRITISH ARMY PENSION RATES ALMOST DOUBLED

Special Committee of House of Commons Completes Report Recommending Nearly 100 P. C. Increase Over Rates Existing When War Broke Out—Effortive March 1, if Approved.

London, Feb. 9.—A special committee of the House of Commons, which has been considering the matter of pensions for fighting men and their widows, has at last made its report, recommending largely increased rates for all classes of pensioners. The new rates, if approved by parliament are to take effect March 1. Under the new scheme, the rate for total disablement will be \$6.25 a week with an additional allowance of sixty-three cents a week for each child. All the committee's recommendations show about a hundred per cent increase over the rates in effect prior to the war. A widow without children is to receive from \$2.50 to \$3.75 a week. If there are children, this amount is substantially increased. The allowance for wives, whose husbands are at the front is increased to a rate from \$3.15 a week for those who are childless, to \$6.25 a week for the mother of four children. The question of pensions to officers will probably be dealt with later by the committee. At present the widow of a first captain, officer, or commander is given \$600 a year, with an allowance of about \$100 a year additional for each child.

JAPANESE DEMANDS MUST BE MODIFIED

China Cannot Accept Even the Twelve Debatable Articles Unless they Are Materially Changed.

Peking, Feb. 19.—Lu Cheng-Hsiang, the Chinese foreign minister, yesterday paid a visit to Eki Hioki, the Japanese minister to China, and inquired whether the minister was willing to discuss with him twelve of the demands Japan has made upon China which China has agreed to consider. It is stated in Chinese circles that Lu Cheng-Hsiang took the initiative in the matter in order to refute accusations of the Japanese newspapers that the Chinese government was delaying the negotiations. According to Chinese sources, the Japanese minister told Lu Cheng-Hsiang that he was awaiting further instructions from Tokyo. It is stated that the Chinese government cannot accept even the twelve debatable demands, unless they are materially modified. The following is said to be a special article in the Japanese demands, the wording of which has disturbed the Chinese officials: "The Japanese government and the Chinese government, with the object of effectively protecting the territorial integrity of China, agree to the following special article: "The Chinese government agrees that no island, port or harbor along the coast shall be ceded or leased to any third power. "The word 'third,' it is declared, was omitted from the Japanese communication to the powers. That the number of 'forced Japanese advisers in political, financial and military affairs' which Japan desires to place in China, is not mentioned, and is said to be causing concern to the Chinese. This is the foremost question the Chinese are said to have declined to discuss.

AMENDMENT TO SHIPPING ACT ASKED FOR

(Continued from page 1) nished to Canadian soldiers had been discussed in the London press, while the Minister of Linton said he would like to shoot dishonest contractors. Mr. Sinclair continued that he had received a letter asking him to inform the inspector of military stores that the government was being manufactured for the government in Toronto. Mr. Sinclair thought a German spy was a gentleman, compared with a Canadian contractor who schemed to defraud the government by selling shoddy blankets or boots, or a spavined horse. Hon. C. J. Doherty, while not hesitating to agree that any person guilty of such crimes should be condignly punished, somewhat doubted the accuracy of the statement that they were not punishable under the Criminal Code. In the meantime, without committing the government to the principle of the bill, he moved that it be given a second reading and referred to a special committee. This was done, and the House adjourned.

TO PREVENT MEMBERS GONE TO FRONT FROM BEING DISQUALIFIED

Notice of Bill to Amend Independence of Parliament Act Given by Minister of Justice.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Hon. C. J. Doherty has given notice of a bill to amend the Independence of Parliament Act in order to prevent the disqualification of members or senators by reason of absence with the overseas expeditionary forces and their receiving pay for these services. There is no reference in the amendment to such a contingency as a general election while members of parliament are serving their country during a war. It is unnecessary, candidates can be nominated and elected in their absence, and special legislation can be passed to meet the case of a member being elected in absence and not taking his seat for some time after the election. It is quite usual for the House to pass special legislation to enable members who have been absent through illness or other cause to draw their indemnities.

IF HEAD ACHE AND YOUR EARS BUZZ YOU SURELY HAVE CATARRH

It doesn't matter how long you have suffered, or how often you have failed to get relief—even through Catarrhose, you can be permanently cured by in-taking the soothing vapor of Catarrhose. A few breaths through Catarrhose liberates the phlegm out of the throat and stops your cough. The nostrils are cleansed of offensive mucous discharge, and sneezing and sniffing stop at once. Partial loss of hearing and headache (very common symptoms of catarrh) are quickly cured. Nothing can be simpler or more pleasant than Catarrhose. It's healing vapor sends a warm cleansing sensation through all the air passages in the head and throat—makes you feel better in half a minute. "My ears buzzed by the hour and I had frightful head noises," writes J. P. Purdy, from Port Huron. "Catarrh fairly filled my whole head and throat, I got relief mighty fast when I tried Catarrhose; it hit the spot instantly. You bet Catarrhose has cured me and I simply swear by it." Get the complete \$1.00 outfit. It does the trick in a hurry—never fails; small size 50c; trial or sample size 25c, sold by dealers everywhere.

SHOULDERING THE BURDENS BEQUEATHED THE COUNTRY BY THE LAURIER REGIME

Finance Minister Has Had to Find \$178,000,000 for Works Undertaken by Grits and Left as Legacies.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—In view of criticism that is being made of the expenditures of the government since it came into power in 1911, it is felt that it is only justice to the government to make clear that a very large part of these expenditures has been made on works that were undertaken by the late government. For the last four years these expenditures include the following amounts: National Transcontinental Railway, \$66,000,000; Hudson Bay Railway, \$9,000,000; Quebec Bridge, \$10,000,000, making a total of \$75,000,000.

GERMANY DID NOT COUNT ON ENGLAND TAKING A HAND

Correspondence Between French President and King George Prior to Outbreak of War is Published—"War Inevitable if Germany Were Convinced England Would Not Intervene," President Poincare Said.

London, Feb. 19.—Correspondence between President Poincare of France and King George of England, just published here today. In a letter, dated July 31, President Poincare expressed the opinion that "war would be inevitable, if Germany were not to intervene." On the other hand, he said, there would be the greatest chance that peace would remain unbroken, if Germany were convinced that the British government would intervene. "It is true," added M. Poincare, "that our military and naval arrangements leave complete liberty to Your Majesty's government." The President recalled the close friendship between the two countries, and the confidence with which they had worked together for the maintenance of peace as justifying him in using the utmost frankness. He concluded his letter thus: "It is, I consider, on the language and action of the British government henceforth that the last chances of a peaceful settlement depend. I am profoundly convinced at the present moment that the more Great Britain, France and Russia can give a deep impression that they are united in their diplomatic action, the more possible will it be to count upon the preservation of peace." "King George, in replying, thanked President Poincare for the frankness with which the latter had expressed himself, and added: "I am personally using my best endeavors with the Emperors of Russia and Germany toward finding some solution by which actual military operations may, at any rate, be postponed, and time thus be given for calm discussion between the powers. I intend to carry on these efforts without intermission, so long as any hope remains for an amicable settlement."

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MATTY BALDWIN GETS BROKEN RIB

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 19.—A ten round match between Matty Baldwin of Boston, and Johnnie Harvey of New York, both lightweights, was stopped in the third round here tonight because of a broken rib suffered by the Boston fighter. A police surgeon gave Baldwin medical attention at the ringside. Harvey had the better of the fight throughout.

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