

# FURTHER GIGANTIC BATTLES ARE IN PROSPECT

## INDICATIONS OF AUSTRIAN ATTACK IN ITALY SHORTLY

### Major General Maurice, Chief Director of British Military Operations, Looks for Big Drive and also for Further Heavy Battles in North France

London, April 3.—"There are indications that an Austrian attack on Italy is in preparation, and we shall not be surprised if it develops before long," said Major Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk today.

General Maurice indicated his belief that further gigantic battles were in prospect on the western front.

"For the moment," he said, "after a series of great battles, the front both north and south of the Somme has reached a condition of stability. But we are only at the beginning of April, which is earlier than the beginning of the offensive last year, and a whole year's campaigning season is still before us.

Expects Heavy Attacks.

"It would be futile to believe the German operations at an end," the Germans, Gen. Maurice stated, were making a great effort in the air at a time when the Allies were somewhat crippled by the loss of many aeroplanes and much equipment.

"There is no question but that the German losses in the past fortnight have been very considerably heavier than ours."

## OPPOSITION SQUELCHES WILY WESTMORLAND COUNTY GAME

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Copied Solomon's Method.

It will be recalled by students of Biblical history that Solomon once offered to do this for rival claimants to an infant and that the wisest of wisdom one of the claimants acknowledged her own baby. So the modern Solomons who rule at Westmorland decided to adopt similar tactics and this afternoon Hon. Mr. Byrnes, Attorney General, in discussing a bill in amendment to the registry act said he desired to add to the measure certain amendments which had just been put into his hand by Hon. Mr. Robinson, who, as stated, is the brother of one of the claimants for the job. The tenor of the amendment was to establish a registry office at Moncton with a registrar there who would, of course, draw salary. That was where it was expected Mr. Frank Robinson would fit. But at the same time it was the desire of the government to continue the present office at Dorchester as a refuge for Mr. Leger. Thus they proposed to make two offices and to draw and flourish where but one grew before, and all at the public expense.

Byrnes Side-steps.

Mr. Byrnes did not have much to say about the suggestion, but left the work of explanation to Mr. Robinson. The gentleman spoke at some length on the importance of the business to be handled through the registry office in Westmorland and the necessity existing to create a new office. It was the desire of the people of Moncton that this be done and he thought Moncton had a right to have the change made. Of course not a word was said as to the manner in which the creation of the new office would help the government out of a difficulty and provide a good job for a government supporter. The camouflage behind which the real purpose of the amendment was hidden was the convenience of the people of Moncton. But the other members of the house were not as easy as the gentleman from Moncton hoped they would be. Hon. John Burchill of the government side, an ex-speaker of the house and a gentleman of the same rank as most men when it comes to a matter of political measures, took the ground that the splitting of the office would create a bad precedent.

An Endless Chain.

If Westmorland county could have two registrars to suit Moncton and Dorchester there was no good reason why Northumberland could not have two to suit Chatham and Newcastle, or why Charlotte county could not have three to suit St. Stephen, St. Andrews and St. George. There was as much need for the extra offices in Northumberland and Charlotte as in Westmorland. The committee should consider very carefully before adopting any such measure.

Hon. Mr. Baxter agreed with Mr. Burchill. Instead of the change helping to facilitate the business of the registry office in Westmorland, it would complicate it and add a burden to the persons who had to make searches there. St. John could manage to get along with but one office and he could see no reason why Westmorland should require more. Certainly the contention that it would facilitate business was not sound so there must be some other reason behind the desired change. What was it?

The Cat in the Hat.

Mr. Peck of Albert replied in a few brief sentences that threw the house into laughter and at the same time exposed the government design. It was the policy of this government, he said, to create two office holders where there previously had been but one and the present measure was designed to allow them to follow that policy on Westmorland. He did mention the names of the rival claimants for the office, but there was no necessity to do so as most of the members were familiar with the situation.

Mr. Magee of the government said he could not agree with Hon. Mr. Robinson as to the necessity for the change. With two offices the fees would be split to such an extent that there would be a deficit which would have to be made up. At present the office is practically self-sustaining, but under the proposed change this condition would cease.

They also protested against the change. If this were done in Westmorland it would be possible for the government to create jobs in similar fashion all over the province and in any county where a supporter of the government desired to be placed. It would only be necessary to appoint him a registrar and open a new office for him.

The Attorney General seeing the drift of the discussion and desiring to stand firm under solemnly declared that the amendment did not represent a government policy and the government was in no way committed to it by the bill itself. Now after doing that he attempted to contend that it was a private rather than a government measure. Perhaps some system of coloring could be devised by which it would be possible to distinguish between government measures and private bills. If the proposal was to move the registry office from Dorchester to Moncton he would support it, but the creation of a new office he considered inadvisable.

Mr. Byrnes again launched into a lengthy alleged explanation of the measure and once more advanced the argument that it was not a matter of government policy or a change that the government was in any way committed to.

Byrnes' Camouflage.

This drew from Mr. Baxter the rejoinder that in St. John harbor during war conditions ships were to be seen camouflaged designed for purposes of protection. The same might be said of the explanation of Mr. Byrnes. His introduction of the bill, acceptance of the amendment and subsequent attempt to explain that it was not after all a government measure was more camouflage.

Mr. Potts said he thought it was high time the government had learned how to introduce a bill upon which the government members would agree. Before the House this session had found members of the government holding differing views. The Attorney General had the backbone he should have and it was desired to remove the office from Dorchester he would prepare a bill to make the change if that way and would then come to the House and put it through. But he backed that quality and as a result sought to create two offices. The government could not hold the confidence of its own supporters, if it continued to do business in that way.

Magee Opposes Scheme.

Mr. Magee said he considered the measure a private one rather than a government bill, but whether private or not he was opposed to it and would vote against it. Some of the members of the government deserved the criticism of government supporters, but that was no indication that the supporters who criticised lacked confidence in the government. The amendment was finally withdrawn and the

## MAN OF MYSTERY ARRESTED BY THE MONCTON POLICE

Stranger Carried Itemized Claim Against U. S. For \$56,365 Damages for False Arrest and Injured Character.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, April 3.—John Mulrooney, a special police officer of Halifax, who fell from a train at the Moncton depot and was taken to a hospital here is still unconscious and his condition is reported serious tonight.

The local police this afternoon took into custody on a vagrancy charge a man giving his name as H. B. Breen. His career, according to papers found on him, has been most checked. He was laden down with continental newspaper clippings, and had numerous letters, including one from Sir Robert Borden, who had referred the bearer to the chief of Dominion Police Inspector Sherwood.

Clippings and papers found on Breen referred principally to numerous times he had been arrested, one after another, in the past fortnight for liquor law violation. One curious document he carried was an itemized claim against the United States government for \$56,365 for false arrests and injured character.

Chief Rideout has been unable to get the stranger to answer questions beyond saying it is his own business as to his occupation and travels. The chief is puzzled, but will hold the prisoner for investigation.

## HILLSBORO

Hillsboro, April 3.—Mrs. Eva Stevens has returned from Salisbury.

Mrs. Elizabeth McQuaid and daughter, Hazel, are at Alma.

Mr. George Wallace was at Halifax last week.

Mrs. Harris Steeves is at Nahan, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sheldon Jess.

The Epworth League held a meeting on Friday evening. Dr. N. P. Kerby gave a second lecture on bones, joints, etc.

Mr. Harry Barnett, of Moncton, spent Sunday here.

Miss Susie Crossman, of Rosevale, is guest of Mrs. Joseph Lavis.

Miss Daisy Stiles of Albert, is spending a few days with Miss Glady Taylor.

Mrs. Edmund Steeves has received a telegram stating that her son Pto. Gordon Steeves of the Flying Corps is missing.

Mrs. Bruce Hay of Chipman, spent Sunday here.

Mr. J. L. Peck has returned from Fredericton.

Mrs. Walter Steeves has returned from Moncton.

Mr. W. H. King has returned from a trip to New York and Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King were at Moncton on Saturday.

Mr. F. M. Thompson was at Fredericton last week.

Mr. Burton Irving has gone to St. John.

Miss Kathryn Thompson is spending a few days at her home here.

Mr. Cecil Steeves of Moncton spent Sunday here.

Miss Mildred Duffy has returned to Sussex after spending Sunday at her home here.

Miss Matilda Collins of Salisbury spent Sunday here.

Miss Mary Steeves of St. John spent Sunday here.

Miss Kathleen Steeves has returned from Moncton.

Mrs. Thibideau of Moncton is here.

Mrs. Frank Carroll of Picou is here.

The Mission Band of the Albert Mines church gave a concert on Sunday evening, which was followed by the young people's meeting, and a collection was taken at the close for mission work.

Miss Myrtle McLaughlin of Rosevale is here.

## RECEIPT FOR WARDING OFF AGE

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committee reported progress on the bill.

An interesting feature of the debate was the fact that Mr. Leger, the member for whom the Dorchester office is being occupied the chief while the chief advocate of the change was Hon. C. W. Robinson, brother of the gentleman for whom the Moncton office was to be created.

## STICK OF FIREWOOD KILLS YOUNG CHILD

Two and a Half Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. William McGrath, Chatham, Loses Life Before Mother's Eyes.—Court Closes.

Special to The Standard.

Chatham, April 3.—The two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William McGrath was killed today before his mother's eyes. Mrs. McGrath was hanging clothes on the line in the backyard at the time. The little fellow was playing about and offering his mother clothes pins. He went near a pile of eight foot wood which had become undermined by the melting snow and a stick of a foot in diameter rolled down the pile, knocked the baby down and lodging on his stomach, death ensued in a few minutes.

Herman Rigley was fined \$70 for having liquor in his possession by Judge Connors yesterday. He and Martin Cripps are out on \$500 bail and securities of \$250 each to appear Tuesday for trial for assault on a soldier. Clifford May pleaded guilty of assaulting Officer Dickson and will be sentenced Saturday.

## OBITUARY

Beverly A. Trites.

After an illness of several months Beverly A. Trites of Sackville died at the home of his son at Sackville on the 2nd instant. Mr. Trites had a great many friends throughout the Maritime Provinces, especially among the commercial travellers, having been continuously on the road for over thirty years prior to his last illness.

Mr. Trites was born at Petticoad in 1853, the son of the late Abel Gore Trites and Sarah Pugsley Trites. He leaves his widow, a daughter of the late Hon. John Ryan of Kings County, one son, Raleigh Trites, barrister of Sackville, and two brothers, Daniel L. Trites and Herbert R. Trites, both of Petticoad. The late Edward T. Trites of Moncton was a brother of the deceased.

The funeral will take place at Sackville on Thursday, the 4th instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Knowles.

Guelph, Ont., April 3.—Death removed an old and highly respected citizen of this city today when Mrs. Elizabeth J. Knowles, widow of the late W. G. Knowles, passed away after a very brief illness. Deceased leaves a grown-up family, one of the sons being Mr. C. O. Knowles, general manager of the Canadian Press, Limited.

Meessrs. J. and G. FitzRandolph, accompanied by Miss Nora FitzRandolph, are in the city. They are guests at the Prince William Apartments.

## DORCHESTER

Dorchester, Mar. 28.—Major George Keefe and Mr. Jack Keefe of St. John were week-end guests in town of Mrs. A. D. Richard.

Miss Dot Browne spent Saturday last in Moncton, guest of her sister, Miss Jean Browne.

Mrs. A. Brown Pipes spent Monday last in Amherst, guest of friends.

Lieut. Mitchell of Westport, Man., spent Wednesday last in town, guest of friends.

Mrs. Minnie Buck of Sackville spent the week-end in town, guest of Mrs. E. Cole.

Mrs. S. W. Tingley and daughter, Miss Carrie, have returned from Amherst, where they spent several months.

Rev. F. G. Mackintosh of Sackville spent the week-end in town, guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. Lawson.

Major and Mrs. Warren Grant spent a few days in Amherst this week, guest of friends.

## GNR. STABLEFORD HOME ON FURLOUGH

He is in Best of Health and Confident British Will be Able to Withstand German Offensive.

Special to The Standard.

Sussex, April 3.—There was not a happier woman in Sussex than Mrs. Roy N. Stableford when her husband, Gunner Roy N. Stableford stepped off the C. P. R. train at Sussex station. He came home on a three months' furlough, being one of the "original firsts."

He left France the 19th of February and went to England, later sailing to Canada, arriving at Halifax on steamer Olympic. Roy had three years' service in France and was the three blue stripes, denoting that many years of service.

Roy is in the best of health and feels confident that the British will be able to withstand the German offensive. He has to be back in England by the 4th of June, and hopes to be able to give the German a few more lead pills.

## AUSTRIA WANTS PEACE.

London, April 3.—Austro-Hungary was recently almost on the point of beginning peace negotiations with the Entente," Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister declared yesterday in an address to the Vienna municipal council. The wind "suddenly veered," he added, the Entente deciding to await developments in his country which caused it to hope that the dual monarchy "would soon be defenceless."

## HUNS LAND IN FINLAND.

Amsterdam, April 3.—A Berlin official communication received here reports the landing of troops in Finland.

The statement reads: "Part of our naval forces this morning, after a difficult passage through the ice and mine fields, landed troops, destined to give help in Finland at Hangö."

## MONCTON-BUCTOUCHE R. R. SERVICE RESUMED

Moncton Woman Receives sad News that Her Brother was Killed in France.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, April 3.—Regular train service on the Moncton and Buctouche railway was resumed today after the road has been closed practically all winter on account of severity of the season. All winter communication with Buctouche has been made by team, via Shediac.

Mrs. D. A. McNeill of Moncton today received a telegram from Ottawa informing her that her brother, Corporal Willard Daniels, had been killed in France. Corp. Daniels' home is in Ottawa. He has been overseas more than a year.

The Red Cross Society in a campaign for increased funds in response to an appeal from the Central Council has collected nearly \$2,000. The campaign will be continued.

## CHILD GETS SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach or bowels.

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation, poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is often all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate northwesterly winds; fair and cool.

Toronto, Ont., April 3.—The western high pressure has moved southward and a great rise in temperature has occurred in the western provinces. The weather today has been fair and cooler in Ontario and Quebec.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Albert	20	76
Moosajaw	16	48
Winnipeg	14	74
Port Arthur	13	54
Perry Sound	16	36
London	35	50
Toronto	30	40
Kingston	26	38
Ottawa	20	40
Montreal	32	34
Quebec	20	36
St. John	30	44
Halifax	30	58

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

April—Phases of the Moon.

Last Quarter	4th 9h. 33m. a.m.
New Moon	11th 0h. 34m. a.m.
First Quarter	17th midnight
Full Moon	26th 4h. 5m. a.m.

Date	Temp. of Air	Temp. of Sun	Humidity	Wind	Water	Water
Th	6.04	6.50	4.45	17.27	4.4	23.51
Fri	5.02	6.51	5.48	18.80	5.48	12.04
Sat	6.00	6.53	6.58	19.35	6.53	13.07
Sun	5.58	6.54	7.57	20.35	7.57	14.14



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