

War News.

Messages Received
Previous to 9 A. M.

LAURIER AND REFERENDUM.

OTTAWA, June 18.
Before crowded galleries this afternoon, Premier Borden moved the second reading of the Military Service Bill. Mayor Martin, of Montreal, member for St. Mary's Division, made a dramatic plea, presenting a huge petition from Montreal residents against conscription. A dozen huge rolls of documents, carried by pages, made up the petition. Borden reiterated there was no new principle in the bill, but merely an improved method of selection. He only spoke for thirteen minutes, and asked for prompt decision. Sir Wilfrid Laurier assured the Prime Minister that the discussion would be on lines of moderation from the Opposition, and that they would endeavor to facilitate the measure even though they didn't agree with it. He argued that the Militia Act does not and never did apply to sending troops to fight abroad. If the people were allowed to vote on the proposal he had no objection. He quoted Sir Robert Borden's speeches to prove that he had promised there would be no compulsion. Referring to Borden's offer of coalition he said it should have been made before the principle of the bill was decided upon. He spoke of the reasonableness of the laborers' demand for conscription of wealth, and declared it would be only just and fair to refer the measure to the people for decision. He moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Oliver, that the measure be referred to the people. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment to Premier Borden's Compulsory Military Service Bill follows: "That further consideration of this Bill be deferred until the principle thereof has been approved by a referendum submitted and approved by the electors of Canada." It has been said that the referendum could not be taken because the soldiers could not vote. This was nonsense, the soldiers were citizens, they must vote and it must be taken. I repeat, concluded Sir Wilfrid, that when the true verdict of the people of Canada is taken, everybody must submit to the law, and every man, whether from our province or any other part of Canada, whether opposed to the law or not, will obey it. Hon. Geo. Foster, speaking on behalf of the Government, declared it would under no consideration stand for the delay that would be occasioned by a referendum.

THE GERMAN SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

NEW YORK, June 18.
An Associated Press dispatch from Washington to-day says: "The German submarine toll of British merchant ships since February 17th, shown from official British figures compiled here to-day is 322 ships of more than 1,600 tons and 125 of less than 1,600 tons. British steam fishing vessels sunk in that period numbered 78. Records for sailing vessels were incomplete, but a three weeks' total was 78. The subs. in the period given attacked 399 ships unsuccessfully. The weekly percentage of unsuccessful attacks ranged from 51 to 75. During the last week even, for the seven days ending with June 9, it was 58. The arrivals and sailings to British ports since the intensive submarine campaign began have averaged about 2,500, but these include Channel sailings. British figures do not give the tonnage of ships sunk but officials here say that 5,000 tons would be a fair average for vessels of more than 1,600 tons destroyed. Comparing the total average for vessels of smaller ships at 5,000 tons, the total loss during slightly less than four months of submarine warfare would reach 1,745,000 tons or about 250,000 tons less than the entire world's shipping output during 1916.

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ITALIAN TROOPS LANDING AT PORT SAID.

NEW YORK, June 18.
The Evening Sun publishes the following: Washington—The landing of Italian troops at Port Said is announced in official despatches from Rome. These troops, consisting of Bersaglieri and Carabinieri are the first which Italy has sent to help the Allied armies operating in Palestine. The expedition is one of the results of the recent meetings of the Premiers of England, France and Italy, at which it was arranged that Italy, in return for aid on the Austrian front would reinforce the Allies in Palestine.

HUN SUB. PROBABLY SUNK.

LONDON, June 18.
An official statement issued to-day by the British Admiralty says a Teuton submarine has probably been sunk by a Japanese warship in the Mediterranean. The statement follows: The Japanese naval attaché communicates that one of the Japanese fleet in the Mediterranean on June 12th encountered an enemy submarine and immediately attacked it, with, it is believed, good success and probably sunk it.

REPRISALS.

LONDON, June 18.
Replying to questions in the House of Commons this afternoon whether the British Government had decided upon reprisals for German air raids on England, Bonar Law said the Government intended to take steps, not only for damaging the enemy but for preventing raids on England. It was a mistake, Bonar Law said, to assume that the raiding was confined to the enemy. The British air force in France raided German communications and all important military objects behind the lines which were of sufficient importance to justify such enterprises. With an increase of British air forces and an improvement of airbases, raids against objectives at longer range are becoming more practicable. The Government is in consultation with the French military authorities at the front as to the most effective means of meeting the situation.

NORWEGIAN SUB.

YMUDDEN, Holland, June 18.
The crew of the Norwegian sailing vessel Perfect, 1,088 tons gross, have arrived here, the ship having been torpedoed and sunk. The Perfect had a cargo of wheat from Bahia for Copenhagen.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

EASTPORT, Maine, June 18.
The four-masted schooner Edgar

W. Murdock, bound from a southern port for St. John, N.B., with a cargo of molasses, was wrecked four miles south of Grand Manan, N.B., in a storm, to-day. Capt. McCormiskey and crew of ten men left the vessel in a small boat and landed. Three hours after striking the ledge the schooner went to bottom. The Murdock which registered 1,451 tons gross, was built in 1902 at Rockport, which was her home port. She was valued at \$175,000.

RUSSIAN MISSION DUE AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, June 18.
The Russian war mission, whose arrival is awaited with more than ordinary interest, because of the internal situation facing the new Russian democracy, will reach Washington at noon to-morrow to discuss co-operation in the war, with American officials.

ITALY'S CABINET CHANGES.

ROME, June 18.
King Victor Emmanuel has accepted the resignations of General Alfieri, Under Secretary of State for War and Signor Canepa, Under Secretary of Agriculture. He has appointed General Alfieri Under Secretary for Arms and Munitions, General Montanari, Under Secretary for War, and Deputy Marco Ceremantini, Under Secretary for Agriculture.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK.

LONDON, June 18.
The British transport Cameronian with a small number of troops aboard was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the Eastern Mediterranean June 2nd, it was officially reported to-night. Sixty-three persons, including the captain of the transport, are presumed to have been drowned. The Cameronian which is on record as belonging to the Leyland Co., of Liverpool, was a vessel of 5,861 tons, built in 1913 at Elmwood. She was originally the Kamerun, a Hamburg-American liner and was one of the interned steamers taken over by the British and renamed.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, June 18.
An official report from British headquarters in France to-night reads: We captured 21 prisoners this morning in the course of the enemy's unsuccessful attempt to regain his lost positions on Infantry Hill. Our troops gained ground slightly last night on the Messines battle front in the direction of Warneton. Artillery activity continued to-day on both sides in the neighborhood of Lens and north of Armentieres. Yesterday air-fighting went in our favor. Ten

German machines were brought down by our airplanes, five others were driven down out of control. Two of ours failed to return.

ORDERED REQUISITION OF CEREALS.

PETROGRAD, June 18.
With the approval of the Finnish Diet and the Provisional Government, the Finnish Senate has ordered the requisition of all cereals.

BRITISH RETIREMENT.

LONDON, June 18.
The official statement says: Early this morning the enemy delivered a strong local attack under cover of a heavy bombardment upon the position captured by us on the morning of June 14th, east of Monchy-le-Preux. After severe fighting our troops were compelled to fall back from certain advanced positions which had been established by us in front of our main new position which we still hold on Infantry Hill. There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night, north of the Scarpe. Hostile artillery activity continues in the neighborhood of Ypres.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, June 18.
Intermittent cannonading occurred at various points on the front last night, says to-day's official statement. Our reconnoitering parties penetrated the enemy lines near Leintrey and southwest of Senones, bringing back prisoners.

Copy Of Cablegram.

London, June 17, 1917.
Colonial Secretary, St. John's:
Association Visiting Committee report condition of following men in hospital:
Progressing Favorably—189 Heater, 2478 Heath, 2575 Goobie, 1548 Kennell, 1764 Taylor.
Improving—859 Spencer, 2782 Snow.
Additional List Prisoners of War in Care Association—1676 Brown, 2313 Bannister, 1718 Hynes, 1429 Muise, 3016 Pearcey, 755 Dempster, 1441 Frank, 1380 O'Brien, 2673 Bauld, 2332 Diamond, 2242 Goudie.
Died in Hospital, Germany, 2674 Payne.

REEVE.

FIRE INVESTIGATION.—The inquiry into the Callahan, Glass & Co.'s fire was continued yesterday afternoon, when Supt. Dunn of the Fire Department and F. Sullivan, who gave the alarm, gave evidence.
Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 15c. bottle.—may 17th

Cathedral Girls' Club Entertainment.

The Cathedral Girls' Club held an enjoyable entertainment at the Synod Hall last night. An interesting programme was run off and those taking part were Mrs. Grieve, Taylor, Eva Bugden, Minnie Hemmens, Mabel Brushett, Gertrude Adams, Elsie Goodland, Violet England, Victoria Gardner, Jennie Andrews and the Club girls. The arrangement of the affair was in the hands of Mrs. Cooper and the proceeds will be given in aid of the new Parish Hall.

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A clever way to shorten the long dress is to turn up a hem of three inches, baste, and feather-stitch in a serpentine line on the right side and cut the material from beneath. The raw edges will be sufficiently held by the feather-stitching to prevent fraying.

Sleeves may be taken up temporarily by running tiny tucks across them and both sleeves and neck-openings should be finished with casings run with narrow bobbinet which launders better than ribbon and is not likely to tangle into untidy knots. For occasions when the baby is taken downstairs to be shown to interested relatives there may be two special dresses made of sheer French nainsook with trimming of real Val lace, which may be had in quarter width, for about sixty cents a yard. These gala frocks will be made in yoke style and will be finished at the edge with a lace edged ruffle.

Our Baseball Column.

PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



PLAYING FROM THE GRANDSTAND

When he boots one around in a circle you yell:
"Oh, you bonehead, put sand on your tracks!"
And whenever he falls to come through in a pinch,
You holler: "Your dome's full of cracks."
It is all very nice when they're getting the breaks,
When they handle the ball mighty sweet:
But remember, you fans, that this old game of ball isn't played in a grandstand seat.

It looks like a cinch when he camps 'neath a fly,
And you'll yell in disgust if he drops it;
If he hobbles a grounder you're up in the air,
But you'll cheer like a fiend if he stops it.
Go out on the diamond some day if you want:
To see how they buzz 'round your feet;
And then you'll agree that this old game of ball isn't played in a grandstand seat.

"If I were out there I could hit it a mile,"
You say when some batter takes three;
And if even the ump misses one by a hair,
You will yell: "You poor boob, can't you see?"
Take a tip from a pal, they're all in there to win,
And it's the best to be always discreet—
Whether winning or losing, this old game of ball isn't played in a grandstand seat.

MORE RED CROSS WORKERS.

Mgr. Hartnett, of the Wanderers, sends us a further list of rookies who have signed up with his club to help out the Red Cross. They are:—Berbeau, Jerrett, Balfour, Stone, Miller, Kelly, Smith and Larkin.

RED LION CHANGES.

McQuade has developed into such a surprising phenomenon at first that Hiltz has decided to play Cooney on the mound, while Art himself will guard the keystone. This is the nucleus of some outfield!

OPENING GAME.

The opening game will likely be played on Wednesday next, June 27th. The entire proceeds of this game will be devoted to the Jensen Camp extension; and the proceeds of the balance of the schedule to the Red Cross.

THE LATEST RECRUIT.

Young Williams—the star of the Mt. Cashel team—has signed up with the McGrath men. He can hit with the precision of a Cobb, and will be a valuable addition to the D. I. S. WELCOME BACK.
Two old favourites will be seen on the diamond this year—Bobbie Smith, the erstwhile outfielder, and Jack O'Flaherty, second baseman, of the Wanderers. Both are expert wielders of the mace and will strengthen the blue-and-white batting list considerably.

WILLIAM COONEY.

Backward, turn backward, Oh Time in your flight,
Put the old Lions again in the fight;
Load down the bases with base running freight,
And send the old Cooney again to the plate.
Gee! how I pine to see Bill as of yore
Moustache and all as I used to before,
Gosh! how I'm longing to see the old thrill
That Bill used to bring when he busted the pill.

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THE ROOKIES.

The open season for the rookies is now on, and these earnest young athletes are being put to the acid test at the various practice grounds. Each of them has been told repeatedly that many are called and few are chosen, but each of them secretly nourishes the hope that he is to be one of the chosen few. More than young men in other games, they realize at all times that the boss's eye is on them; and if there is any time in their lives when they are actually giving of their very best it is at the practice grounds these nights—when a favourable impression may mean a reputation for them in local baseball annals. The world and life in general loom large before the youngster getting his first chance with a ball club. Every little details counts with him—whether he fumbles or boots a fast grounder or misjudges a high one. But if they knew it, they have one grand asset that a lot of the veterans would give much to possess—YOUTH. As J. W. Morris once said when he was watching a young pitcher cut loose with a world of speed at Stancombe's, "If I had that whip for two seasons with my experience, the Red Lions wouldn't need many pitchers.

And so the veterans envy the youngsters for their physical power, and the youngsters envy the veterans for their strategy and skill, and neither is satisfied, which is as it should be, because managers don't want athletes to be satisfied while they are in Spring training. Ah! many fond hopes will be handed their hoves, And many blue skies will turn gray. When the manager puts On his gardener's gloves And starts weeding those who will play.

THE KEystone.

SECOND BASE is called the "pivot position of the infield." This is because most of the plays occur around second base. Records show teams strong on double plays are usually teams will up in the race, and double plays are usually made either from or to second. Generally speaking, ability to make double plays speaks well for the team's defence. A good defence means few runs for the opposition, provided the pitching is of the proper kind. Since second base is the pivot position, much of the team's success depends upon the way that base is played. If the shortstop and second baseman work smoothly it usually has the effect of balancing the rest of the team. A club that is constantly musing up plays around the second sack never causes much trouble for the opposition.

THE ARENAS.

The outfield is great, the infield is fine
And they are getting better all the time.
Look them over, and you will see
I speak the truth, and we'll agree
That some have speed and some have class,
And the pitcher hasn't an arm of glass;
And when I choose—I've got a hunch—
By gosh! I'll choose your favorite bunch.

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