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ASQUITH RESIGNS; LLOYD GEORGE TO BECOME PREMIER

BOMBS AND GRENADES ON EXHIBITION

Capt. Macnee of Kingston Had Large and Interesting Exhibit at Armouries.

The exhibition of bombs, hand grenades, and spring guns held at the armouries yesterday under the auspices of Argyll Chapter I.O.D.E. attracted a large number of citizens, who have now a fairly accurate idea of the destruction which can be wrought by these singular missiles. Capt. Macnee of the gallant 31st Battalion, Kingston, was in charge of the exhibit and is the possessor of most of the curios. He is a bomber and has had a long experience at the front.

He and his staff explained the nature of the grenades in use by the British when the war broke out and contrasted their faulty construction with that of the present hand grenade. The grenades were taken apart and the method of their discharge shown. The hand grenade works with a time fuse. It weighs one and a half pounds and can be hurled between 35 and 37 yards.

Among the unique features of the exhibit was the elastic catapult, which would be used to take one back to the days of Imperial Rome. This catapult is the first ever seen here. It is fitted with heavy elastic bands and the rubber is stretched by a cable which is drawn around a wheel. The heavy weighing two pounds can be hurled 320 yards by this engine, the trigger being a simple mechanism which that almost any boy could make. The principle governing this modern weapon is the same as that of the catapult used for firing arrows.

Another novelty was the spring gun, which is more difficult to operate on account of the heavy springs of which there are twenty. It has a little greater range.

The rifle battery consisted of five rifles all placed in a frame and capable of being discharged at once. Only two men are required to operate it. Capt. Macnee's collection included a periscope used on the rifle sight of a rifle. This had been broken by a Hun sharpshooter.

In Tyres Cloth Hall, Capt. Macnee unearthed among the ruins a banner which he treasures beyond price. This he had on exhibition.

French seventy-fives, shell cases, and curios from the Crimean war also were exhibited. Major R. D. Ponton had a large collection.

Letters to The Editor.

To the Editor of The Ontario:
Dear Sir—I would like the privilege through the columns of The Ontario to give some information regarding the Patriotic Chorus recently organized. It is intended to include not only singers in church choirs, but all singers male and female in the city, and a cordial invitation is given by the executive committee to all who have been members of the Philharmonic Society, and all other singers to unite together in forming a large inspiring chorus for the rendering of patriotic music for patriotic purposes. No fee is required and the cost of the music is not expected to exceed fifty cents. The first full rehearsal will be held next Monday evening, Dec. 11th at the Y.M.C.A. at 8 o'clock sharp. The various church choirs have already been practicing the music, and all are urged to be present at this first rehearsal.

Thanking you,
I am very truly yours,
Vincent P. Hunt,
Conductor of the Chorus.

PETERBORO LAWYER ENLISTS

V. J. McMillan, of the law firm of Peck, Kerr and McMillan, of Peterboro, has enlisted in the 247th battalion as a private. The 247th battalion has organized a recruiting campaign in which they have arranged to call on every eligible man in the city and appeal to him direct to do his duty to his flag and country. In this manner Lt.-Col. Ackerman is getting recruits, and building up his battalion.

Inspector Colling of North Hastings is in the city today.

CANVASS FOR THE RED CROSS

What Belleville's contribution to the British Red Cross will total is not yet known, as many industries have not yet been canvassed. This work will be taken up immediately and in a day or so the total giving will be known. Ten of the fourteen polling divisions of the city were reported upon last evening with a total of nearly six thousand dollars. The other four had not yet been completely covered and reports were not given. Some of the canvassers are continuing their labors today.

The response has been fair, contributions are very numerous but are mainly in small amounts. One of the leaders of the organization speaking of the condition today said: "It shows carelessness and indifference to the situation. The people do not seem to realize that we are at war, that in these strenuous times men are offering their lives and are being killed or wounded and that the work of caring for the maimed and injured is under the control of the British Red Cross."

Many stories are told by canvassers of the attitude of the citizens. Remarkably generous gifts were made in unexpected quarters, while small amounts came from numbers of those whose wealth goes without saying.

One story is related which has its bright and its dark side. A canvasser was ushered into the interior of a beautiful home by a maid and was met by a well dressed lady, the owner of an auto. The lady did not seem impressed with her duty to give but finally volunteered a dollar which was accepted. As the canvasser was leaving the door, she questioned the maid as to whether she had any more money to give to the Red Cross. At once without permission she said "O yes sir, how much shall I put you down for?" asked the gentleman. "Two dollars" was the reply and the young lady said she would give more but her wages did not warrant it.

S.S. NO. 28, TYENDINGAGA.

November Report

IV.—Clarie Dalley, Jim Farrell, Edmund Dalley.

III.—Mary V. Walsh, Mack Wringe, Joseph Corrigan, Bessie Walsh.

II.—Eugene Corrigan.

Pt. H.—Mary Phillips, Anna Hunt, Georgie Golden.

I.—Lena Phillips, Annie Whalen (absent).

Primer:—Stafford Phillips, Mary Hunt, Kathleen Walsh (absent).

K. Enright, teacher.

PERJURY CHARGE AT MADOC

Crown Attorney William Carnew of this city left for Madoc today to represent the crown in a case of perjury which will be heard before Magistrate R. Casement, J.P., this evening. The attorney will remain over in Madoc to appear in some liquor cases which will be investigated tomorrow.

WAS AWARDED \$800.

In the Supreme Court, non-jury sittings, Honorable Justice Sutherland presiding, the action of Miss Lowery vs. the town of Trenton was heard. She brought a claim for \$1,000 damage for injuries she sustained to her ankle when she fell on the street, the accident being due she claimed to a defective grating. The Judge awarded her \$800. Porter and Carnew for plaintiff, A. Abbott for defendant.

CARLISLE VS. WHITE

Mr. Alfred Carlisle of Belleville is the plaintiff in an action at the Supreme Court today of Carlisle vs. White, claiming from the execution of his brother's estate of \$300 by his brother's will and also, the possession of a horse or its value under a separate agreement. Porter and Carnew for plaintiff, A. Abbott for defendant.

Mr. William Detlor, hardware merchant, Bancroft, is in the city today attending the Liberal conference.

BONAR LAW DECLINES KING GEORGE'S INVITATION TO FORM CABINET

Bulgarians Continue Retreat—Serbians Take By Storm Positions North of Grunizta—Advance by French Along Cerna—Russian Reinforcements Pouring Into Roumania for Bucharest Front—Germans Look For Capital's Fall and Contemplate Advance Into Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The government crisis found a solution last night, which up to the hour of its announcement was considered the least probable of practical alternatives. Herbert H. Asquith resigned the premiership, which he has held through eight stormy years of domestic and foreign history. The unionist leader, Andrew Bonar Law, was summoned to the palace immediately after Mr. Asquith had departed and the King offered him the prime minister's commission, which he had just accepted from Mr. Asquith's hands.

No announcement regarding Mr. Bonar Law's decision has yet been made and there are some doubts whether he will accept the heavy responsibility. If he declines it is considered certain that the honor will fall to David Lloyd George. The continuation of the coalition cabinet, with some changes in its membership and the speeding up of the war management, will be the policy in either event.

LATER.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—It is announced that A. Bonar Law has declined the invitation of the King to form a cabinet and that His Majesty has sent for Mr. Lloyd George.

SERBIANS ADVANCE FOUR MILES MORE.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Continuing their successful advance north of Grunizta and Budimirtsa, east of the Cerna river, the Serbians after capturing villages four miles beyond their former lines, have won another important success in the carrying of further strongly-fortified positions, in another line of defence drawn before Prilip. Two German mortars were captured in this second success, won 2 hours after the advance began from Grunizta and Hill 1050, and the enemy, who attempted to make a stand, was repulsed northward.

BULGARS RETREATING: MORE POSITIONS TAKEN.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—Reports from the Macedonian front indicated that the Bulgarian retreat northward continues. More strong positions north of Grunizta have been taken by the Serbians. The French have also advanced along the Cerna.

RUSS. TROOPS POURING INTO ROUMANIA.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A despatch from Jassy, Roumania states that reinforcements from Russia continue to pour in. Russian regiments are constantly leaving for the Bucharest front.

BERLIN LOOKS FOR BUCHAREST'S FALL.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 6.—A despatch from the German front at Pitecai says the fall of Bucharest is a matter of only a few days. It is intimated that following the capture of Bucharest the Germans may march into Russia with Odessa as the final goal.

CANADIANS GAINED VICTORY IN 15-MINUTE FIGHT.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 6.—The first fight of the Canadians on the Somme is going down to history as one of the gems of Canadian war performance.

Only one battalion, the 2nd Ontario Batt. was involved. The thousand men went over the parapet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of a bright, sunny day. A moving picture camera took them as they jumped into No Man's Land to dash for the German salient trench four hundred yards out. The men disappeared into the smoke which the bombardment of their own heavy guns in the rear had hung over the German trench.

In just fifteen minutes the camera caught two hundred Germans with their hands up bursting out of the smoke into which the Canadians had disappeared. At the same time word came back that the job was done, that four hundred yards of jutting trench had been taken and was

being secured. In that fifteen minutes the German casualties totalled six hundred, while in the attack and the twelve hours' resistance of counter-attacks the Canadian losses were but 250.

ADMIRAL BURNES BECOMES SECOND SEA LORD.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, who was Admiral Jellicoe's second-in-command of the Grand Fleet, has been appointed second sea lord of the Admiralty.

QUEBEC BARS WILL GO ON FIRST OF MAY.

QUEBEC, Dec. 6.—The Province of Quebec will abolish the bar after May 1 next. On that date the Gothenburg or cafe system will be in vogue. Snuch was the decision arrived at today by the Liberal caucus after a somewhat stormy and contentious session.

FOE CONTINUES BIG ATTEMPTS ON BUCHAREST.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Anxiety concerning the turn of events in Roumania chiefly concerning the situation north of Bucharest, where the Germans are continuing to advance on Bucharest and Ploechti from Titu Junction and Tergovistea, continues to stop the progress of the foe continue to be unsuccessful.

South of Bucharest the Russians who had come up and attacked the enemy at a point eleven miles out of the city have extended their forces to the lowlands of the Danube and have begun to attack the Bulgarians. Berlin says that these attacks were repulsed, but the battle is continuing with the Russians endeavoring to break through and cut off the enemy from his Danube base.

As described by the various official communications, the Bulgarians and Germans were being kept at arm's length from Bucharest in their attempted advance from the south and a furious struggle is proceeding in this region for the possession of vantage points for the opening of a bombardment on the capital's defences. The 9th army under Field Marshal von Mackensen, north of Bucharest, drove back some Roumanian rearguards and crossed the Bucharest-Tergovistea-Petrovita railway to the eastward. Fierce fighting is proceeding on the left wing of the Danube army south of Bucharest, and on its eastern wing the Russians have come up and begun attacks. Berlin says that these assaults which were launched in the Danube lowlands were repulsed.

It is also claimed that the number of prisoners reported as taken has been increased to 12,500. The 9th army took 2,000 and the Danube army took 2,500 prisoners, according to the Berlin version.

Concerning the situation north of the Roumanian capital, the Teuton forces which compelled a Roumanian division to retreat, have divided into two, and one body is laying its advance from Tergovistea to Ploechti and the other is advancing from Titu to Bucharest. Roumanian attempts to check the enemy on the roads have been unsuccessful.

In the wooded Carpathians fierce fighting is proceeding, with the Teutons attacking a height taken by the Russians four versts south of Voroneshka. A great many attacks were beaten back, but at last the German artillery destroyed Russian trenches and the Russian detachment had to retreat on their base.

GOVERNMENT LIMIT HOTEL COURSES.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Board of Trade, under the Defence of the Realm Act, has issued an order to the effect that after December 18 no meal exceeding three courses between 6 p.m. and 9.30 p.m., or two courses at any time, may be served in a hotel, restaurant or public place. The announcement adds that it is proposed to issue another order at a nearby date forbidding both in public places and private houses the consumption on certain days of meat, poultry and game.

AUTOMOBILE AND BAD ROADWAYS

County Council Talks of Destruction By Fast Motor Traffic.

USE OF DIMMERS

Suggestion to Have Lights on Horse Drawn Vehicles Across District.

There has been for some time an agitation for a union school section on the Cashel boundary. The proposal is that Tudor and Cashel take over the Gunter Settlement in Eppingham township for school purposes as the settlement is so far out of the way from the Kalaradar center of administration, Flinton, that the collection of taxes is very expensive. Inspector Reid of Lennox and Addington wrote bringing this to the attention of Hastings County Council. Inspector Colling of North Hastings sent a communication relative to the proposal and council discussed the matter this morning.

Mr. Vermilyea of Thurlow said this lay within the purview of the municipalities concerned for school purposes. The county council had no authority.

Mr. Gunter declared that Tudor and Cashel were willing, if Lennox and Addington could be brought into line, Arbitrators are being appointed. Pressure is being brought to bear on Lennox and Addington at Toronto to make action necessary by the united counties.

The communication was filed. A communication was sent to Wray and Means relative to the fund for the relief of wounded sailors.

That automobiles at night on the highway should carry dimmers for their brilliant headlights when approaching other vehicles and that all horse drawn vehicles should carry lanterns or sidelights, was the subject of a memorial from Glangarry, Stormont and Dundas, considered at the council, whose co-operation was asked.

Lieut. R. P. Coulter urged that Hastings County Council likewise memorialize the Legislature to make dimmers on auto headlights and lights on horse drawn vehicles compulsory.

Mr. J. G. Shill favored the dimmers for autos but not the sidelights on horse drawn vehicles, for this latter would be a great hardship, should a farmer have a light for every rig he has?

Mr. Montgomery was utterly opposed to saddling lights on horse drawn vehicles. "I don't see how we can afford to buy red lights for our agons."

"The reason I proposed both," said Lt. Coulter "was for protection, not on account of convenience. The horse drawn vehicle is protected now, but the autoist is not protected if he strikes a horse drawn vehicle. Why does an auto have a light on the back, but for protection of the public? If it is necessary to have a light on the rear of a car, it is just as necessary for a wagon to carry a light."

Mr. Ketcheson of Sidney—"I have often wondered why carriages are allowed on the road at night without lights. In old countries all vehicles must have lights. I think that is coming here. You can get a cheap contrivance to put on wagons."

"It seems to me it would be quite a hardship to have lights on wagons"—Mr. Jud Gunter opined.

Mr. Vermilyea, Thurlow, "What is going to become of our county roads if auto drivers set the laws of the land at naught. The government will have to see the speed laws enforced or raise the license and have the money applied to road building." Mr. Vermilyea thought auto lights should be dimmed but he declared he would vote against the second part of the memorial.

"The roads are too bad for autos and heavy loaded wagons."—now. The roads are destroyed by the rain and heavy loaded wagons"—Lt. Coulter.

Mr. Thompson of Madoc—"Who has to drive 50 miles per hour? Why cannot cars be geared so that they cannot run over 20 miles per hour?" The warden supported Mr. Vermilyea's stand on both parts of the resolution.

"The autoist should have some consideration and protection" said Mr. Walsh, Tyendinaga. "At present he has none. If the autoist throws some

of the road into the ditch, he is paying for it. He pays a heavy license. As for speeding at 50 miles per hour, Mr. Walsh said he did not find so many careering at that rate.

Mr. Vermilyea combated this attitude denying that the county receives anything like its compensation for havoc wrought to roads.

Mr. Naylor, Deseronto asked if rural municipalities had not power to lower the speed limit.

Lt. Coulter said they had no such authority.

Mr. Vermilyea stated that perhaps had a sign up prohibiting speeding over 12 miles per hour, but there was no authority for this.

Mr. McLaren, Tyendinaga, did not blame the autos for the road conditions. The argument that rigs came before autos did not have any weight with him. He favored dimmers but not lights on vehicles.

Mr. Vermilyea referred to the judgment of Judge Deroche in an auto case stating that pedestrians and horsedrawn vehicles had prior rights on the highway.

Superintendent of Roads, Mr. H. G. Bleeker, referred to destruction of roads by speeding.

Lieut. Coulter offered to eliminate that bone of contention, the part referring to lights on horse drawn vehicles, although he believed the time was coming when they would be obligatory.

IVANHOE.

The weather of the last few days has been much milder.

The patrons of the Beulah Cheese Factory are held their annual meeting on Monday afternoon.

Mr. James McKee is on the sick list.

A large number from here attended the evangelistic meeting held by Rev. Mr. Sharpe of Toronto in the Bethesda church last Saturday evening. Rev. Mr. Sharpe conducted a series of revival meetings on this circuit last winter and everyone was glad to have him with us again.

Miss Florence Wood has returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. F. Blackburn, of Frankford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shaw were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Ketcheson of Moira on Sunday.

The girls of the Philharmonic organized a school class held a tea on Friday in the Orange hall here last Friday evening. After an interesting program was given, lunch was served. Proceeds of the evening amounted to nearly ten dollars to be given to the Red Cross fund.

A few from here attended the missionary banquet at Bethesda last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Murney Sine of Belleville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rollins were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Tumbon on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rollins attended a wedding near Frankford on Wednesday last.

Rev. J. R. Bick, Mr. H. Welsh and Mr. T. E. Fleming attended service at Mount Pleasant on Sunday which was conducted by Rev. Mr. Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore and family spent Sunday out of town.

Miss Hazel Reid took tea with Miss Carrie Martin on Sunday evening.

CHARLTON-McMECHAN

The marriage took place at noon today at the Tabernacle Methodist parsonage, Church street, of Miss Nellie Elizabeth McMechan to Mr. Whibert Charlton both of Belleville, Rev. S. C. Moore, officiating.

COUNCIL'S SHORT SESSION

Courtesy Extended to Those Members Attending Liberal Conference

In order to allow the Liberal members of the County of Hastings Council to attend the big conference this afternoon in the city hall, county council at noon today decided to meet for a few minutes this afternoon and pass a money by-law and then adjourn. This courtesy was appreciated by the members. Warden Nugent expressed his regret that the afternoon session could not be entirely eliminated out of courtesy to the Liberals but said that the by-law had to be considered today.

The council met and in a few minutes had completed the work and then adjourned until tomorrow.

Mr. William Meckintosh of Madoc is spending the day in Belleville.