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Maritime—Moderate winds, mostly southeast to southwest; showers and local thunder storms.

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BULGARS CROSS GREEK FRONTIER AND SEIZE FORTS; FRENCH WIN FOOTING IN GERMAN CRATERS

NEXT BIG SCENE IN THE WAR LIKELY TO BE STAGED IN THE BALKAN THEATRE

Bulgarian Invasion Virtually Unopposed by Greeks — Forts Rupel, Gragoten and Spatovo Occupied and Invaders Advancing From Demir-Hissair to Kavala — Serbian Army, at Full Strength, Crosses Aegean Safely and Lands at Saloniki.

Bulletin—Amsterdam, via London, May 28 (10.29 p. m.)—The following official communication, issued at Sofia on Saturday was received here today: "Today detachments of our troops operating in the Struma Valley occupied the southern exit of Rupel Pass, together with the heights east and west of the River Struma."

Advance Towards Kavala.
Bulletin—London, May 27.—At the French headquarters in the Balkans it was announced that the Bulgarians had occupied the Greek forts of Rupel, Gragoten and Spatovo, and were advancing from Demir-Hissair towards Kavala. This information was received here today in a despatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Greek forts Rupel and Gragoten are respectively six and nine miles north of the town of Demir-Hissair, while Spatovo fort lies four miles east of that town. Kavala, on which the Bulgarians are said to be marching, is a seaport on the Aegean Sea, 55 miles in an air line southeast of Demir-Hissair.

Athens Government Protests.
Athens, via Paris, May 28 (3.15 p. m.)—Greece's protest against the military operations undertaken by the Central Powers and Bulgaria in the Balkans was forwarded last night to the ministers of Greece at Berlin, Vienna and Sofia. The Bulgarians entered Greek territory virtually unopposed and thus have caused violent comment in the

press, and considerable agitation among the population. The Greek military authorities here claim they were unable to communicate with their troops in Eastern Macedonia. The belief is general here that it is the intention of the Greek government to confine its actions to a protest.

Important movements of Bulgarian troops, the correspondent adds, are going on between Oktchillar and Xanthia and on the left bank of the River Nestos. The Bulgarians have extended their occupation in the region of Demir-Hissair to the station and to part of the environs of the village.

Gave Greeks Four Hours' Notice.
London, May 28 (8.51 p. m.)—The correspondent at Athens of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Bulgarians gave the Greeks two hours to surrender Rupel Fort, which is six miles from the Demir-Hissair bridge, recently blown up by the French in anticipation of this attack.

Athens newspapers say that the detention of German and Bulgarian officers, in demanding the surrender of Fort Rupel, explained that its occupation was necessary to secure the Bulgarian left wing against an eventual Entente Allied attack. The surrender of the fort was effected at three o'clock Friday morning, and the protocol signed by the German, Bulgarian and Greek officers. The Germans and Bulgarians, the newspapers say, undertook to restore the fort to Greece so soon as the reason for its occupation no longer existed.

REMNANT OF SERBIA'S BRAVE ARMY LANDED AT SALONIKI

Numbering Between 80,000 and 100,000 are Transported Across Aegean Sea from Island of Corfu, a Distance of Seven Hundred Miles.

Bulletin—Paris, May 28 (4.48 p. m.)—After crossing the Aegean Sea without loss the Serbian army, in full strength, has now been landed at Saloniki, according to a despatch received here today by wireless telegraph. Serbia's new army has been variously estimated between 80,000 and 100,000 officers and men. It was re-organized on the Island of Corfu, which is approximately 700 miles distant by water from Saloniki.

The Serbian army totalled about 300,000 men at the outbreak of the war, but this force was greatly depleted as a result of an epidemic of typhus and by the engagements fought in an endeavor to check the Austro-German and Bulgarian invasion of Serbia and Montenegro. The remnant of the original army saved itself by retreating through the Albanian mountains to the eastern shores of the Adriatic. The survivors are reported, in despatches, to have included some of the best soldiers of the Serbian army.

In reaching the seacoast the Serbians were transported to the Island of Corfu, off the southern coast of Albania, where they were supplied with new rifles and clothing, and efficiently equipped for further service on the Balkan battlefield.

When the re-organization had been completed the Entente Allies sought permission of the Athens government to transport the soldiers from Corfu to the base at Saloniki across Greek country by rail. This would have cut down the length of the journey by some 500 miles, besides the danger of attack on the transports by Tontine submarines operating in the Adriatic, Candian and Aegean seas. Greece, however, steadfastly refused to allow the troops to cross her territory, taking the stand that it would be a violation of her neutrality, and she is reported to have persisted in her refusal in the face of threats made by the Entente Allies to employ force.

Two weeks ago an agreement was reached in the dispute, the Entente Powers deciding to transport the Serbian troops to Saloniki by sea.

John Telegraph Friday morning states that he knew nothing about the note. He denied that he had paid \$75 on the note as alleged in Blair's affidavit. Mr. Chappell will probably be heard from more fully later in connection with the reckless charges made by the dismissed secretary of the Public Works Department.

ST. STEPHEN PASTOR TO STAY ANOTHER TERM.
St. Stephen, May 28.—Rev. H. S. B. Strothard has accepted an unanimous and hearty call to remain for a second year as pastor of St. Stephen's Methodist church.

CHAPPELL REPUDIATES STATEMENTS OF BLAIR
Man Whose Name was Mentioned in \$5,000 Note Transaction Declares He Knew Nothing About it.

Fredericton, May 28.—J. M. Chappell, whose name was mentioned by Blair in connection with a \$5,000 note, as published in the St.

YORK LIBERALS DECLINE TO ACCEPT BLAIR

Prominent Party Men will Bolt if Affidavit Artist is Retained by Carter-Veniot Combination.

Fredericton, May 28.—Harry M. Blair, the dismissed secretary of the Public Works Department, expects to be secretary of that department again some day. He says he has been assured that he will have his job back again if the Carter-Veniot combination can out the present government and get control of administration of affairs of the province of New Brunswick. That is the answer Blair gives those who enquire as to what he expects to get by adopting the course which he has been pursuing.

Liberals Mad.
The news has got noised around among local Liberals and it has caused an open revolt. At least a score of prominent Liberals can be named who have already voluntarily declared they will bolt the party if the leaders take up Blair. Similar reports come here from Westmorland county, but Blair has already been taken on by the party managers and the rank and file of the Liberals will have to swallow the bitter dose. Blair's headquarters are at Queen Hotel and J. J. McCaffrey, who has been Dr. Pusey's right-hand man here for years, is apparently his chief advisor.

Holed With Own Petard.
Blair's letters and affidavits are causing but little comment and cutting, but little figure in Fredericton and in York county. About all he has accomplished has been to ruin his own usefulness both from a political and business point of view and to stab those who made him what he was, in the back.

The exposure of Blair's methods as contained in the statement of the Secretary for Agriculture, the Rev. Mr. Daggert, published in The Standard on Saturday created a marked impression here and was a startling revelation to many, while the intimation that much of the money supposed to have gone into the bye-election campaign in York county never reached its alleged intended destination is generally accepted as true.

GRAND MANAN MAN REPORTED DEAD WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Mrs. Henry W. Ivers Learns Husband Did Not Die of Wounds and Expects to be Back Soon on Firing Line.

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, May 28.—In the casualty list of Monday last the name Henry W. Ivers appeared, stating that he died of wounds. Mr. Ivers was a member of the Princess Pats Regiment, and was wounded in action on May 22nd. Conferring of degrees will occupy next Wednesday. Altogether there will be granted fifty-one diplomas and certificates.

MORE BLAIR "BLUFF"

Mr. H. M. Blair, the secretary of the Public Works Department, who was dismissed for the good of the public service, challenges Attorney-General Baxter to prosecute him for perjury in respect of certain statements in a solemn declaration made by Blair, which Mr. Baxter has designated as "a tissue of lies." This is cheap bluff. There is no doubt the Attorney-General would be very glad to institute a prosecution if Mr. Blair's statement had been made in some judicial proceeding, but the law takes no notice of such declarations as that made by Mr. Blair and does not permit the makers to be prosecuted for the serious crime of perjury.

Section 170 of the Criminal Code defines perjury as "An assertion 'as to a matter of fact, opinion, belief, or knowledge, made by a WITNESS IN A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING AS PART OF HIS EVIDENCE, 'upon oath or affirmation, whether such evidence is given in open court 'or by affidavit, or otherwise, and whether such evidence is material or 'not, such assertion being known to such witness to be false, and being 'intended by him to mislead the COURT, JURY OR PERSON HOLDING THE PROCEEDING.'"

Mr. Blair was probably advised of this to him useful provision, before he made his statutory declaration. He probably had assurance that under the cloak of a statutory declaration, not made in a judicial proceeding, not a part of his evidence in any cause, he could insert any false and malicious statement he saw fit and escape the punishment which is due to perjury. Whether he has taken advantage of that loophole in the law or not, will be sufficiently determined by fair-minded citizens who will compare his statement with that of Hon. Mr. Baxter. Even citizens who are somewhat partisan in the support of the opposition party may look askance on their new comrade and have in mind the scathing remarks with which Commissioner Teed treated evidence of Mr. Blair given before him and actually under oath.

FRENCH COUNTER-ATTACK WINS FOOTING IN CRATERS

Berlin Report Admits French Have Also Forced Way Into Southern End of Cumieres—Fierce Artillery Duel goes on in the Struggle for Verdun.

Paris, May 28.—Occupation by the French of portions of three craters, formed by the explosion of German mines in the Argonne, is announced in the official statement, issued by the French war office this afternoon. Regarding the battle for Verdun it reports a lively artillery duel to the west of the Meuse, in the vicinity of Dead Man's Hill, and intermittent cannonading on the right bank of the river. In Upper Alsace the French checked two attempts of the Germans to advance near Altkirch.

ENGOENIA AT WOLFFVILLE, N.S. IN "AULD KIRK" AT FREDERICTON

Nearly all Graduates in University Course are Enlisted —Dr. Cutten, in Khaki, Preaches Baccalaureate.

Special to The Standard.
Wolffville, N. S., May 28.—Prominent alumni and educationists from the Maritime Provinces and elsewhere are visiting Wolffville and witnessing the exercises in celebration of the seventy-eighth anniversary of Acadia University and the affiliated institutions. No special features outstandingly mark the anniversary celebrations at Acadia University this year, though it might be regarded as a real feature that, with one or two exceptions, all the men who will receive degrees in course are either at the front or are in khaki. One of those who will be granted a degree "in absentia" is R. Millett, class of 1916, who is a lieutenant with the Princess Pats Regiment, and who was wounded in action on May 22nd. Conferring of degrees will occupy next Wednesday. Altogether there will be granted fifty-one diplomas and certificates.

The exercises for Sunday began with morning religious services and the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon in College Hall. Dr. G. B. Cutten, president of the university who as captain of D Company, 219th Overseas Battalion, was in khaki, preached the baccalaureate sermon, and his plain, straightforward message made a deep impression on the audience. His theme was "fighting for the truth" based on the text, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

GRITS PAST MASTERS IN WHITEWASHING GRAFTERS

Hon. Dr. Landry, in Joint Debate with Peter J. Veniot, Shows Up Gloucester Slanderbundist and Carries Great Meeting in His Native Town with Him — Dugal Also a Speaker.

Memramcook, May 28.—How the old plunderbund Liberal regime at Fredericton whitewashed the grafters was graphically related by Hon. Dr. D. V. Landry, provincial secretary, here tonight when in joint debate with one of the chief slanderbundists, Peter J. Veniot, of Bathurst, he again demonstrated how the structure of the discredited and desperate opposition remnants was built on sinking sand. Hon. Dr. Landry is a native of Memramcook and one of the leading platform speakers of the province. The audience of more than one thousand people enthusiastically applauded the sledge hammer blows delivered by the provincial secretary and his exposure of the dark record of Grit graft and corruption in the days of Tweedle, Pugsley, et al. at Fredericton.

Winds Up Campaign.
The meeting, which was held in the open air in front of the Maritime Hotel, was practically the last of the strenuous campaign which has been in progress for two weeks in the County of Westmorland. On the platform were Hon. Dr. Landry, Mr. Veniot, E. Frank Smith, M. L. A., the victor of the Smith-Carroll debate in Moncton Saturday; H. Woods, M. L. A., and Mr. Dugal, M. L. A.

Dr. Alfred Gaudet presided. Hon. Dr. Landry spoke one hour, Mr. Veniot an hour and a quarter, Hon. Dr. Landry fifteen minutes in reply, and Mr. Dugal half an hour. Dr. Landry referred to the Dugal charges against Hon. Mr. Flemming and reading from the report of the Royal Commission, proved that Flemming was not guilty as charged, except in the case of the \$2,000 charge. The old Liberal government never granted an investigation but each time it was charged with wrong doing it went into committee and whitewashed the grafters. The present government named a Liberal, Judge McKeown, chairman of the commission. Compared with the actions of the old province, the price of school books was reduced to half. As to the stamper under the Liberals they did not collect half what was due. Their accounts were entitled "No account," and there is in fact no account of the moneys they collected. At the conclusion of Dr. Landry's speech there was great applause.

Veniot Suppressed.
Veniot tried to interrupt but was told to wait his turn. A. J. H. Stewart did as the lumbermen under the old government, but contrary to what the Grits did the Conservatives put him out. The traveling expenses of the government members were almost half as small as those of the old regime and the difference did not go into their pockets but on the roads and bridges of the province. The price of school books was reduced to half. As to the stamper under the Liberals they did not collect half what was due. Their accounts were entitled "No account," and there is in fact no account of the moneys they collected. At the conclusion of Dr. Landry's speech there was great applause.

Veniot's Hot Air.
Mr. Veniot followed in a speech of one hour and a quarter. He began by accusing Landry of having reduced the price of English school books only and not that of French. In answer to the "no account" charges of Landry he said that he looked vainly for details of account in Hansard, answers to questions put in the House. He spoke as if he wished to cast doubt upon the extracts from public documents read by Landry. The motion of the House to confirm the report of the Royal Commission was referred to by Veniot as the whitewashing of Flemming. He was not, he said, defending the old administration. He accused Dr. Landry of cowardice in not wanting to permit Dugal to speak French in the House. Landry interrupted to deny the charge. The speaker went on to say that Landry should resign as the president of the French Acadian Society L'Association on account of this.

Landry Replies.
Dr. Landry had fifteen minutes to reply as he said to a speech of one hour and a quarter. As to the permission accorded to Dugal to speak French he said that Veniot well knew that there had been no vote taken and that moreover he was asking the premier to permit Dugal to speak French when Captain Pitly put the motion. He challenged any man to deny the truth of what he (Landry) was saying. The Liberals did not think it a great crime when they needed election money to ask publicly and under their signatures through the Liberal press for contributions to their "bag." Veniot was again caught in reference to the reduction in the price of French school books and when the speaker appealed to the audience for an answer as to whether they had not been reduced the same as the English books long and hearty was the cheering. In closing he said that tonight as during the twenty-nine years of his public life he had discussed politics only and not persons nor did he ever try to gain his ends by appealing to religious or racial prejudice. He was cheered and cheered again.

NEW RECORD FOR 120 YDS. HIGH HURDLES
Simpson, University of Missouri Man, Clips 1-5 of second off His Own World Record.
Columbia, Mo., May 28.—Robert Simpson, of the University of Missouri yesterday broke the world's record in 120 yard high hurdles, making the distance in 14.35 seconds. Simpson's mark was made at the Missouri Valley Conference meet. The previous record was 14.45 seconds, also held by Simpson.

CORP. JOS. O'BRIEN OF THE 104TH BATT. DIES AT WOODSTOCK

Recently Underwent an Operation for Lung Trouble — Belonged to St. Stephen.

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, May 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Brien received the sad intelligence today of the death of their son, Corporal Joseph O'Brien of "D" Company of the 104th Battalion at Woodstock. The young lad had been ill with pneumonia for some time, with an affliction of the lung and an operation was recently performed for the removal of the pus around the lung. He was reported as recovering and it was expected that he would soon be able to return home.

The announcement of his death has caused a sincere sorrow. He was about eighteen years of age and enlisted as a private, winning the rank of corporal by the faithful performance of his duty. Before enlisting he worked with his father at the plumber's trade, and although quiet, he was well liked in the community. He responded to the call of duty last fall and was held in high esteem by his comrades. The body will be brought home for burial.