MUCH REVELRY AT "BATOCHE" DINNER

Entertainment Presented by Grenadiers Will Long Be Remembered.

IN SONG AND STORY

Event One of Most Congenial in the Annals of Regiment.

One hundred and fifty Royal Grenadiers, sergeants and officers, literally rocked and rolled with laughter, sang catchy and patriotic songs and periodically applauded and cheered during the 31st annual "Batoche" dinner and anniversary celebration in the sergeants mess parlors last night.

The event will undoubtedly go down as one of the most congenial in the annals of the regiment.

One of the funniest incidents of the entertainment, and there were many in connection with the program of cabaret stunts, was the irresponsible sayings of a loquacious sergeant, who occupied a seat in a far off corner and insisted on interrupting the speakers. When the silence in the room was most intense he would invariably suddenly emit in a clarion voice something about a "quarter blow." Major Burson was speaking seriously in complimenting the officers. "And after the regimental officer," he was saying, "we have the ——"

Irrespressible Wit.

"Quarter blow" suddenly declared the disconcerting one. It sent the banqueters into a paroxysm of laughter. Major Burson relieved himself of embarrassment by telling a funny story, which only increased the uproar. Another strikingly funny act was the burlesque imitation of a half man half woman, staged by "Billy" McKendrie. Cries and cat calls accompanied his appearance. He brought down the house with a humorous song.

Speakers were: Sergt.-Major Bennett who presided; Col. A. E. Gooderham of the 10th Regiment, Col. Kingsmill of the 123rd, Lieut.-Col. J. Cooper Mason, Major Hunt, Major Burson, Capt. Band and Capt. Scott. During their praise of the regiment's service during the northwest rebellion and the present war it was stated that about 135 officers and about 4000 men of the regiment have been ore are serving in the present conflict.

The banquet included an extensive menu, and no detail was lacking to arouse the convivial spirit that reigned thruout the entertainment. Songs were sung by Joe Williams, Bert Harvey, Andrew Murdison and Harvey Lloyd.

REGRET CLUBS' DECISION TO BREAK AGREEMENT

Commissioners Cannot Hold Them to Promise Not to Serve Liquor After Eight.

The board of license commissioners will look with regret upon any clubs which decide, in view of the coming prohibition, to break their promise to stop serving intoxicating liquor after eight o'clock at night; but the board will take no action.

The only action that the board could take would be to cut off the licenses of the clubs, and "We should not dream of doing that," said J. W. Flavelle chairman of the board, when interviewed by The World, on his return to Toronto late last night.

"We should have been glad if the clubs could have seen their way clear to have kept their agreement until September," said he. "The agreement was voluntary. If they wish to break it on the ground that conditions have changed, we cannot hold them to it. The only thing that we could do would be to rescind the licenses, and we should not dream of doing that."

Mr. Flavelle stated that two clubs had written to the board stating their intention of serving liquor after eight o'clock. When the regulation went into effect by which the bars were closed at eight o'clock, the clubs offered to fall in line. They took that action as an economy for war time. They hold that prohibition has altered the situation.

LANSING WOULD KNOW PUNISHMENT GIVEN

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Secretary of State Lansing announced today he had asked Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to ascertain the nature of the punishment imposed by the German Government on the commander of the submarine which sunk the steamer Sussex. Mr. Lansing said the request was not in the nature of a formal inquiry to the German Government.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—451391, Albert Anderson, 5 Grove avenue, Toronto; 451393, Charles Barnes, 43 Herbert avenue, Toronto; 432140, Russell Hugh Burgar, Edmonton; 457299, Peter Finn, Montreal; 452436, James Graham, 45 Lapp street, West Toronto; 75880, Frank Hooper, Vancouver; 414588, Robert Johnstone, Stellarton, N.S.; 458023, John Denis Kavanaugh, New York; 451366, Frederick Kearsley, 7 Condor avenue, Toronto; 22154, Austin Keons, Quebec; 448179, Jas. McGillevray, Marble Mount, Wash.; 104697, Pioneer John Senior McManus, Dunblane, Man.; 458513, Henry Mainwaring, St. Lambert, Que.; Lt. Charles Alexander Pope, Quebec; 140172, David Potterton, 35 Lapp street, Toronto; 69847, Telesphere Roy, Bathurst, N.B.; 458469, Walter Russel, Brownsburg, Que.; 26016, Wellesley S. Taylor, West Indies; 414140, Guy Todd, Bridgetown, N.S.; 452049, Harry Edgar White, Orangeville, Ont.; 452361, Conrad Ernest Williams, Edmonton.

Died of wounds—418778, Joseph Alexander Beattie, Gespe Basin, Que.; 435027, John A. Buckham, Calgary; 65445, Horace Hill, Montreal; A20075, Wm. Manning, Winnipeg; 23786, Herman Ryan, St. John, N.B.; 81778, David Nichols Scott, Winnipeg; 451305, Thomas Edward Shier, Owen Sound, Ont.; 429729, Kenneth Weir, Ashcroft, B.C.; 86260, Stanley Horace Bown, Winnipeg.

Drowned—454379, John Edward Gallagher, Brudenell, Ont.

Previously reported missing, believed killed, now unofficially prisoner at Giessen—432507, Benj. Campbell Davison, Trail, B.C.

Prisoner of war at Paderborn—6103, Lance Corp. M. E. Heagle, Charlotte, N.C.

Seriously ill—400502, Sergt. Alfred John Audaer, Merlin, Ont.; 81224, Wilber M. Dodd, Ashern, Man.; 445350, Frank Godin, Bathurst, N.B.; 100241, Daniel Kerr, Edmonton, Alb.; 132644, Frank Palmitter, Mobile, Ala.

Wounded—435807, Wm. Henry Adams, Calgary; 69013, Karl Anderson, Newcastle, N.B.; 24100, David Edgar Ballantine, Glen Ora, Man.; 16625, George Barnes, Kamloops, B.C.; 460912, Walter George Barnes, Winnipeg; 27997, Oliver Bonin, Blind River, Ont.; 412366, Lance-Corp. R. Percival Borland, Peterboro, Ont.; 406677, Wm. Bramer, 613 Upper James street, Hamilton; 436358, Wilson John Campbell, Edmonton; 6510, Joseph Clemont, St. Jacques Le Mineur, Que.; Lieut. John Richard Cornelius, 538 Colborne street, Brantford; 62225, Joseph Courchaine, Berthier, Que.; 420605, Thos. Craig, Winnipeg; 59215, Fred Creighton, Embro, Ont.; 438103, Sergt. Henry Cutbush, Fort William, Ont.; 63266, Omar Desiel, Lowell, Mass.; Lieut. G. H. Eastbrooks, St. John, N.B.; 438805, Alfred George Flett, Genor, Man.; 41224, John Garrett, Peterboro, Ont.; 171086, Alex. Garside, 35 Hanna avenue, Toronto; 61882, Victor Gravel, Montreal; 167062, Sergt. George Lockwood Gray, Pictou, N.S.; 193310, Norman Wm. Hallett, Galt, Ont.; 27743, Milburn M. Hart, St. Lambert, Que.; 402316, Richard Alfred Harmer, Brampton, Ont.; 438142, James Dengie, Alexandria, Ont.; 67503, Corp. John Harvey, Truro, N.S.; 75616, John Hill, Winipeg, 18653, Jack Jordison, 17 Widmer street, Toronto; 477486, Chas. Kane, Newfoundland; 477480, Wm. Kerfoot, Waldron, Sask.; 57440, John Henry Lee, Simcoe street, N. Oshawa, Ont.; 536728, Charles Leoms, Quebec; 67257, J. Keer Loggie, Chatham, N. B.; 63276, Charles Edward Love, Stratford, Ont.; 401913, John McConnell, London; 155114, Lance-Corp. Charles Henry Marden McFee, Winnipeg; 154711, Pioneer Wm. McLaren, Oakburn, Man.; 117401, James Wm. McVicar, Goderich, Ont.; 25968, Charles Malone, 806 Yonge street, Toronto; 405339, Arthur Wym. Manning, 135 Dynevor road, Fairbank, Ont.; 138804, Thomas Victor Meara, Winnipeg; A40079, Peter Morrison, Humboldt, Sask.; A14383, Fred Abner Murphy, Hilden, N.S.; 426715, Gordon Newport, Glencoe, Ont.; A242204, Corp. Ernest Lambert Parkin, Fort Fraser, B.C.; Lieut. E. A. Pelletier (on duty again), St. Ferdinand, Que.; 457201, Frank Peters, Montreal; 451375, Edward Arthur Pope, 117 Blackthorn avenue, Toronto; 18461, Sergt. John P. Pringle, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; 55696, Acting Corp. Stephen Ridley, 11 Close avenue, Galt, Ont.; 436720, Thomas Ringrose, Port Arthur, Ont.; 418122, Wm. Edward Robertson Montreal; 69831, Corp. Wm. D. Robinson, Scotch Ridge, N.B.; 451095, Samuel Geo. Rolls, 222 Hunter street east, Hamilton; 429792, Basil I. Rowell, Burquitlam, B.C.; 71568, Co. Sgt.-Major Richard Charles Scanes, Winnipeg; 65875, Lance-Corp. Reginald Lambton Sewell, Portage la Prairie, Man.; 451432, Philip Somerville, 239 Woodbine avenue, Toronto; 63813, Thomas Stacey, Montreal; 451940, Alfred Stelling, 12 Wellington street north, Hamilton; 489375, Frederick Storey, Halifax; 167114, Pioneer James Wm. Taplin, New Glasgow, N.S.; 406413, Wm. Thompson, 268 Campbell avenue, Toronto; 432755, George Walter Thornton, Edmonton, Alta.; 432860, Albert Thornton, Edmonton; 22925, Arthur Todd, Gilmour Hill, Que.; 406193, John Richard Trevaskis, 152 Rebecca street, Hamilton; 448229, Sylvia Villeneuve, Montreal; Lt. G. V. Walsh, Montreal; 433002, Lance-Corp. John Fernandez, Warner, Barrie, Ont.; 448107, Frederick Alex. Weir, Trail, B.C.; A10069, Sgt. George Wilkins, 8 Manning avenue, Toronto; 82817, Sgt. Garnet G. Winterbottom, Oshawa; A40156, Thomas R. Youngson, Gilbert Plains, Man.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Wounded—110008, Philip Alexander Frank Ames, Sherbrooke, N.S.; 110165, John Jos. Forset, Coaticook, Que.; 111241, Wm. Hugh Holt, Chatham, N.B.; 117434, Lloyd Earl Merkley, Mirror, Alb.; 113592, Geo. Telfer, 270 Pape avenue, Toronto.

ENGINEERS.

Died of wounds—503319, Sapper Ralph Picken, Vancouver, B.C.

Wounded—424414, Sapper Courtenay Newton, Quyon, Que.

ARTILLERY.

Wounded—43515, Gunner Geo. W. Andrews, St. John, N.B.; 56526, Gunner Norman McMillan, Asinniboia, Sask.; 41591, Gunner Campbell Sewell, Moncton, N.B.; 41592, Bombardier Clark Wallace Smallwood, Newcastle, N.B.

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Seriously ill—33073, Percy Gibbard, Glenshee, Ont.; 33417, Lance-Corp. Jos. Muhich, Calgary.

RAINBOW PATROLLING IN MEXICAN WATERS

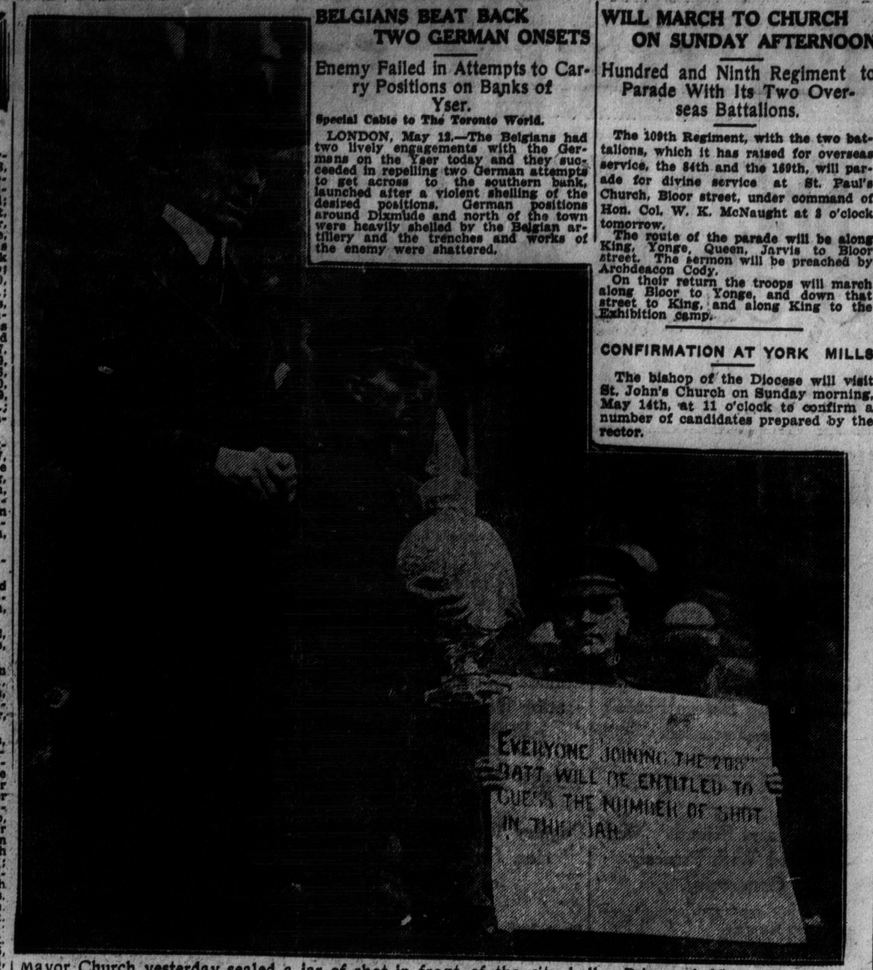
SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 12.—The British auxiliary cruiser Rainbow is patrolling the waters off the lower coast of Mexico, according to officers of the Chilean steamer Golden Gate, which arrived here today from Mazatlan, Mexico.

Two German sailors and the Mexican purser of the American schooner Oregon, seized off Mazatlan by the Rainbow, are held on board the British cruiser, the Golden Gate's officer reported. The Oregon was seized, the officers said, because she was owned and operated by a German shipping firm of Mazatlan. The Oregon has a valuable cargo of sugar, coffee and corn, consigned to a firm at Guaymas.

The exploit of the Canadian cruiser Rainbow in seizing the Oregon was recently referred to in the house of commons.

MOUNT GAY

Mount Gay, Barbados, is famous for its celebrated rum and is known throughout the West Indies by rum experts as "M. G." rum. This rum has never been imported into Canada, but the Hotel Teck has received a sealed cask this week direct from the distillery, and consequently it is free from the tampering of middlemen.



Mayor Church yesterday sealed a jar of shot in front of the city hall. Prizes of $500 will be given to men joining the 208th Irish Battalion who guess nearest to the number of shot in the jar.

BELGIANS BEAT BACK TWO GERMAN ONSETS

Enemy Failed in Attempts to Carry Positions on Banks of Yser.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, May 12.—The Belgians had two lively engagements with the Germans on the Yser today and they succeeded in repelling two German attempts to get across to the southern bank, launched after a violent shelling of the desired positions. German positions around Dixmude and north of the town were heavily shelled by the Belgian artillery and the trenches and works of the enemy were shattered.

WILL MARCH TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Hundred and Ninth Regiment to Parade With Its Two Overseas Battalions.

The 109th Regiment, with the two battalions, which it has raised for overseas service, the 84th and the 169th, will parade for divine service at St. Paul's Church, Bloor street, under command of Hon. Col. W. K. McNaught at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

The route of the parade will be along King, Yonge, Queen, Jarvis to Bloor street. The sermon will be preached by Archdeacon Cody.

On their return the troops will march along Bloor to Yonge, and down that street to King, and along King to the Exhibition camp.

CONFIRMATION AT YORK MILLS

The bishop of the Diocese will visit St. John's Church on Sunday morning, May 14th, at 11 o'clock to confirm a number of candidates prepared by the rector.

ENEMY STARTS DRIVE AGAINST CZAR'S LINE

Germans Assume Offensive in Force at Two Points Near Riga.

ONE ATTEMPT STOPPED

Fighting Goes on Near Jacobstadt With Foe Being Held.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, May 12.—The Germans have assumed the offensive in force against two sectors of the Russian northwestern front before Jacobstadt and southwest of Lake Medmis, but all their attacks have been repulsed, the Russian war office announces in its communique today.

The offensive before Jacobstadt was assumed after violent artillery preparation on Wednesday last. The infantry of the enemy attacked the sector north of the Selburg Station, and it failed in its object. Instead of abandoning the offensive, the Germans returned to the bombarding of the Russian positions, laying the Village of Jepukor in ruins. Their infantry again came out to the attack and the fighting is being continued at the approaches to the village.

The offensive which the Germans launched southeast of Lake Medmis, southwest of Dvinsk, also was broken by the Russian resistance.

Much activity is prevailing on many sectors in the Jacogstadt and Dvinsk regions.

CONDITIONS ARE FAIR IN ONE GERMAN CAMP

Lack of Good Mail Delivery Only Complaint—Some Work in Mines.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, May 12.—Americans who have visited prisoners at Alton Grabow report that Arthur Munroe, C.E.F., who was suffering from pulmonary disease, was listed for removal to Switzerland. The men say they are well treated, the only complaint being in connection with letters not received for over three months, altho packages come regularly. Those who are investigating the complaint report that the delay in receipt of mail is generaly due to a difficulty in obtaining translators.

Eleven British prisoners at Moers who refused to work in the mines were punished by being made to stand for a considerable time without moving. Since then they have gone to work, but their attitude is unwilling and refractory. They work with German miners, and it is stated that the military are prompt in repressing insults by German miners.

FRENCH GAIN GROUND TO EAST OF HAUCOURT

Completely Repulse Also German Attacks Southeast of Fort Douaumont.

ENEMY'S EFFORTS FAIL

Two Night Attacks Break Down in Vicinity of Mort Homme.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, May 12.—In the fighting before Verdun the French succeeded in appreciably enlarging their positions southeast of Haucourt today and across the Meuse River from the point on the eastern bank they broke and completely repulsed a German attack against their trenches southeast of Fort Douaumont. They also in the night beat off two violent attempts by the foe to dislodge them from the positions which they captured on the western slope of Le Mort Homme on May 10.

In the artillery actions a rather spirited bombardment is reported from the region of Le Mort Homme and Cumieres on the western side of the Meuse, and the French first and second line trenches between Haudremont wood and Vaux were violently shelled by the Germans. Especially spirited artillery actions were also fought in the Champagne and the Vosges.

DELBRUECK TO QUIT OVER FOOD SHORTAGE

German Vice-Chancellor Must Resign, Says Berlin Despatch.

AMSTERDAM, via London, May 12, 10.12 p.m.—Emperor William and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg have decided that Clemens Delbrueck, German minister of the interior and vice-chancellor, must resign, says a Berlin despatch to The Frankfurter Zeitung. Minister Delbrueck has been reported ill during the past few days, but the real trouble, the despatch says, is dissatisfaction with Germany's food supplies. Count George von Hertling, the Bavarian prime minister, is regarded as the probable successor to Minister Delbrueck.

A Berlin official statement on May 9 said that Minister Delbrueck had not yet completely recovered from an attack of sickness, and had been obliged to discontinue work for the present.

COMMITTEE TO PROBE VERDUN ARMY ORDERS

French Parliamentary Board Would Institute Full Investigation.

NO DECISION REACHED

Minister of War May Not Be Able to Attend the Sessions.

PARIS, May 12, 4.50 p.m.—General Pedoya, president of the army committee in the chamber of deputies, at Pierre Renaudel, called a special meeting of the committee today to discuss the recent official communications and press comments relating to orders given during the battle of Verdun. Deputy Renaudel suggested that to establish responsibility the premier and the minister of war should be heard by the committee. Gen. Pedoya asked both the premier and the minister of war if they could be present at the meeting.

Premier Briand notified Gen. Pedoya that in the absence of the minister of war from Paris he could not reply to the committee's enquiry until tomorrow.

An official statement given out in Paris on May 11, which replied to reports that a general of the French staff at a certain stage of the battle of Verdun contemplated the retreat of the forces from the right bank of the Meuse, said that at no time during the battle had the chief command given orders for a retreat of the French troops from the right bank of the Meuse.

FESTIVAL OF TULIPS HELD AT ST. THOMAS

Hundreds of Flower Lovers Present From All Parts of Ontario.

ST. THOMAS, May 12.—(Special.)—With favorable weather the festival of tulips, which was held in this city today under the auspices of the Ontario Horticultural Society, was a huge success. Hundreds of flower-lovers were present from all parts of Ontario, and the streets were gally decorated in honor of the visitors.

The magnificient tulip cup donated by the St. Thomas Horticultural Society for the best display of 25 varieties to any society in Ontario was won by Tillsonburg.

FOR PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Under the auspices of the Independent Women Worker's Association of Earlscourt, Fred E. Robson delivered an interesting lecture on gardening, in Little's Hall, corner of Ascot and Earlscourt avenue, last evening. A program of vocal and instrumental music was also rendered. The proceeds will be devoted to patriotic purposes. President Mrs. Frank Powell occupied the chair.

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WILL GLADLY PAY PROVINCIAL TAX

Hamilton's Mayor Surprised at Attitude Taken by To-Toronto's Council.

WOULD DO MORE

Claims Authorities Are Using Proper Methods to Raise the Money.

HAMILTON, Saturday, May 13.—The attitude taken by the City of Toronto in protesting against the paying of the provincial war tax is in direct opposition to the course that this city will adopt. When interviewed by The World in regard to the matter Mayor (Capt.) Walters yesterday gave out the following statement:

"The City of Hamilton will pay the war tax, and while it heartily approves of the support that the provincial government is giving to the empire, its only regret is that they are not doing more to take the burden off cities like Hamilton, who are responding to every demand. I am surprised at Toronto opposing the war tax, especially as that city has profited to such an extent as the result of having so many thousands of troops encamped there. In levying upon the land as they have I believe that the provincial authorities have found the proper method to raise the necessary money. Hamilton will loyally and cheerfully pay the war tax or any other tax that has to do with the cause for which the empire is fighting."

FOUR INQUESTS OPENED AT MORGUE YESTERDAY

Jury Returned Verdict in One Case and Others Were Adjourned for Week.

"Death from neglect and suffocation by party or parties unknown," was the verdict of a coroner's jury last night under Coroner Breslin on the body of an unknown male infant that was found by a couple of boys in Lawrence Park.

Three other inquests were opened and adjourned for a week at the morgue yesterday, one upon the body of 16-year-old Alfred Parks, 37 McMurray street, whose death was caused by falling down an elevator shaft at 94 Wellington street. Dr. W. H. Burgess was coroner.

Coroner Rowe opened an inquest upon the body of Dominico Capusa of North Bay, who died in the Western Hospital from injuries received last November.

Chas. Edwards received injuries from being struck by a motor that resulted in his death. Coroner Clendennan opened the inquest.

CHURCH'S STAND

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posed to it. This is nonsense, for we have been imposing direct taxes for the last twenty-five years. Last year we had a round with the insurance companies, who said that we were imposing an indirect tax. On the one side we have the mayor, who says we have no right to impose a direct tax, and on the other hand the insurance companies who claim we cannot impose an indirect tax. Soon we shall not be able to govern the people at all."

The speaker stated that the following distribution had been made of the $2,000,000 collected last year: $750,000 for flour for Belgians; $500,000 for machine guns; $5,000 each to the people of Poland and Serbia and $43,000 for recruiting. Every cent had been used for war purposes.

"We are doing actual, effective work and are not talking about it all the time. This is a deliberate, prepared, well-considered attempt to stir up trouble in Ontario. The greatest blow to our patriotic endeavors has been struck. We are prepared to defend our legislation. No municipality will give countenance to the action of Mayor Church. I assure the people of Ontario that we are not raising money to fill up the exchequer."

Resolutions were drawn up approving the work of the government of the province and dominion.

TWO PUT TO DEATH FOR IRISH REVOLT

James Connolly and J. McDermott Executed at Dublin.

ONE LEADER YET LIVES

Eamos Ceaunt, Signer of Rebel Proclamation, Still Undealt With.

DUBLIN, May 12.—James Connolly, leader of the Irish rebel army, and John McDermott, one of the signers of the proclamation establishing an Irish republic, were executed this morning, it was officially announced.

Connolly had been wounded in the fighting some days ago.

The execution of McDermott leaves only Eamos Ceaunt, of the seven signers of the republican proclamation, still alive, the others having been shot.

The official headquarters announcement regarding the executions is as follows:

"The trial of two prominent leaders of the rebellion whose names were appended to the proclamation issued by the so-called provisional government, namely, James Connolly and John McDermott, took place on May 9. The sentence of death was returned in each case and the sentences were carried out this morning after confirmation by the general commanding in chief."

James Connolly was styled by his associates commandant general of the Irish republican army. He was one of the seven signers of the proclamation issued by the insurgents at Dublin at the outbreak of the revolt.

Connolly lived for several years in New York, where he was active as a socialist and writer on labor topics. He returned to Ireland about five years ago to assist in organizing the Irish labor party. He was about 50.

John McDermott was known to Irishmen in the United States as one of the most brilliant orators in Ireland and as one of the so-called inner circle of revolutionists active in the recent uprising. Authorities in the United States on Irish affairs say that he was one of the original organizers of the Irish volunteers in November, 1913, in Dublin.

At the outbreak of the war McDermott was editor of Irish Freedom, a Dublin journal, ardently opposed to recruiting among the Irish for the British army. This paper was suppressed.

During a visit of Queen Mary to Dublin several years ago, McDermott, his friends declare, was arrested during a disturbance and so roughly handled by the police that he was removed to a hospital, remaining there for some weeks and becoming permanently a cripple.

NO MORE EXECUTIONS EXPECTED BY DUBLIN

Belief Prevails Government Has Done Enough to Suppress Treason.

DUBLIN, May 12.—(Via London, May 13, 12.35 a.m.)—The opinion that sufficient executions have been carried out in connection with the recent revolt to show the government's determination to stamp out treason is gathering strength in all circles in Dublin. All leaders of the uprising have been shot, and many of their followers have been punished with imprisonment.

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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ending last year, it is extremely doubtful whether the enemy will make headway against the strengthened Russian fleet and the improved batteries which have been erected at the entrance to the gulf.

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As to the prospects of a German occupation of Riga and Dvinsk, the outlook seems doubtful. A year ago their infantry was inferior to the Russian infantry and it was only the superior mechanical equipment of the enemy that impelled the Russian high command to decide on a retreat. This season the Russians can bring to bear a greatly improved artillery and an abundant supply of shells. With long range guns to knock out the German heavy pieces, the chances for any further advance by the enemy look infinitesimal.

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In the Verdun region, the Germans continued yesterday their practice of making local, but violent, attacks against French positions southeast of Fort Douaumont, east of the Meuse, and on the western slopes of Le Mort Homme, west of the Meuse, and they were completely repulsed in these efforts to get on. On their side the French appreciably enlarged their recent gains near Haucourt. The artillery action continued violent. The Germans shelled the French first and second line positions between the Haudremont wood and Vaux, and a spirited bombardment prevailed in the Mort Homme and Cumieres sections of the line.

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The Belgians have also drawn German attacks against their positions on the southern bank of the Yser and they succeeded in repulsing two of these yesterday. Their artillery directed a concentrated fire on German positions around and north of Dixmude. Observers reported that the bombardment did considerable damage to the works of the enemy.

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Concerning their operations in the Caucasus, the Russians report that their troops have made further progress westward near Aschkala. In Persia they have repulsed an attempted Turkish offensive from the direction of Bagdad and they captured a gun of Austrian type and munitions and prisoners near Kasr-y-Shirun.