

# CANADIANS CARRY OUT A SUCCESSFUL RAID

## BREIT GERMAN OFFENSIVE

### MAY BEGIN IN SHORT TIME

#### Huns Said to Be Ready With Plan Which Includes Vicious Attack with New Form of Gas and Tanks—Allies Await Attack with Confidence and Feel Sure That Enemy Will Get Worse of Big Battle—Teutonic Troops Not Very Enthusiastic Over Prospects of Victory.

London, Feb. 19.—An extensive raid was carried out by British troops last night on the Flanders front, in the southern section of Houthelst Wood, the war office announced today. There were two other successful raids, one in the region south of Lens, carried out by Canadian troops, and the other on the old Arras front, in the neighborhood of Epehy. Prisoners were taken in all these raids. The Flanders raid was a particularly important affair, resulting in heavy casualties to the Germans.

Ten German airplanes were brought down and six more were disabled by British airplanes Sunday, according to an official statement on aerial activities issued last night. Hundreds of bombs have been dropped on various targets, and Monday British aviators raided Treves and Thionville.

#### The Big Drive.

British Army Headquarters in France, Feb. 19.—By the Associated Press.—The great German offensive on the western front may be expected to begin at any moment now, and as far as the British front is concerned, the main thrust will be made on the sector between Arras and St. Quentin. Tanks and a "new mysterious gas" will be employed by the enemy in the attempt to break through the allied lines. Other attacks will be delivered farther south. These facts have become known through German prisoners and from information gleaned in other ways.

The plans of the German higher command are complete and after many weeks of intensive training of assaulting troops they are ready to make the supreme and final effort which has been advertised so widely in the past week. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and Gen. Von Ludendorff appear to have realized that the old methods of attack, in which bombardment alone is employed, are too well known to produce the results desired. Accordingly, the German troops are being told that surprise attacks, such as were used in Galicia last summer, at Riga, and again on the Isonzo, are to be tried against the Allies on the western front.

#### Tanks With Gas.

Much stress has been laid on the fact that tanks with a new gas are to be used, leaving the infantry little to do but to walk through the gaps and consolidate the positions captured. German troops have been trained to make long approach marches and then to storm positions after a short gas shell bombardment. Those obstacles

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## WOMAN SHOTS HER DAUGHTER

### Mother Then Inflicts Two Bullet Wounds on Herself and is in Serious Condition.

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—After it is alleged, shooting her thirteen year old daughter with a heavy calibre revolver, Mrs. Charles G. Mills, aged about 46 years, turned the gun on herself and sent a bullet through her body below the heart. Another bullet inflicted a wound on her forehead. She has a fighting chance of recovery. Her husband was formerly a partner in a drug store here, but for the last two or three years has lived in Portland, Oregon, though he supported his family here.

## BUD FISHER ENLISTS

Montreal, Feb. 19.—Bud Fisher, the famous American cartoonist, is the latest addition to the staff artists working in connection with the Canadian war records office in London under Lord Beaverbrook. Mr. Fisher has been an officer in the American national army for seven months, but in his anxiety to get to the front quickly has resigned his American commission in order to join the Canadian forces. Mr. Fisher is in Montreal today completing arrangements and expects to sail for England within a few days.

## CONSTERNATION IN SEMINARIES

### Decision of Chief Justice Duff in Students' Cases Likely to Be Appealed—Colleges May Curtail Courses.

Quebec, Feb. 19.—Deep consternation is felt by the authorities of Laval University and the Quebec Seminary at the decision of Chief Justice Duff in the case of Joseph Fleury, the student whose exemption has been refused. It is stated here that eighteen students are in the case of Fleury and word was received from the directors of other similar institutions who state that some of their classes will have to close should the case be left without further move on the part of the institutions. It is understood that Fleury's case will be taken to the supreme authority in an attempt of bringing about a reconsideration of Justice Duff's decision.

May Close Courses. Montreal, Feb. 19.—"Most unfortunate and disastrous," said a Jesuit father at the Gen College this morning in reference to the ruling of Justice Duff in Ottawa yesterday when he decided that students of the Quebec Seminary are not exempt from military service. "Unless the honorable judge of the central appeal court modifies his decision we might be forced to close some of our courses and thus interrupt the studies of our older classes. Such disorganization would be detrimental to the nation."

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## CHATHAM TAX RATE HIGH

### If Town Cannot Issue Bonds for Completion of New Dam Tax Rate Will Be \$60 a \$1,000.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, Feb. 19.—The proposition of Mayor Snowball to raise \$40,000 for the completion of the new dam at the Morrison Brook, the source of the town's water supply, and to cover amounts borrowed from the Bank of Nova Scotia for various other town works was turned down for the present at least by the ratepayers at a public meeting held in the town hall last night. Three resolutions were submitted, one by Alderman Cassidy for an issue of \$35,000, one by Alderman Mersereau for \$50,000, and one by R. A. Loggie that no action be taken until a complete audit of the town's accounts were made and the public made acquainted with the actual state of the town's finances. The latter carried.

## THE WAR VETERANS WANT ALIEN RESIDENTS USED

### Plan for Ten Thousand Returned Soldiers to March to Ottawa on Good Friday to Lay Case Before the Government.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 19.—Dissatisfied with the stand the government has taken on the alien question, the Hamilton War Veterans have started a movement to have 10,000 returned soldiers march to the parliament buildings at Ottawa on Good Friday and demand that the union administration take some action. The veterans want the aliens, both enemy and friendly, either conscripted for war work at home, service in the ranks or deported to their native countries. The war veterans of Hamilton are also going to insist on Hamilton keeping its pledge that returned men shall be given the preference in civic appointments. They are protesting particularly against the naming of ex-Controller Morris assistant city treasurer.

## DOCTOR KILLED

Montreal, Feb. 19.—After running for a street today Dr. J. S. Booth slipped on the icy road and fell under its front truck and was killed.

## PECULIAR CASE BEFORE AN OTTAWA MAGISTRATE

### Man Renounces British Citizenship, Wants Canada to Withdraw from War and Struggle Settled by Arbitration—Is Guilty of Evading Militia Service Act.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Mutual sorrow was expressed in the county police court yesterday afternoon by Magistrate MacNab and Daniel Emerson Young, husband a farmer from South March, when his Worship found the latter guilty on a charge of evading the military service act. Young, who was formerly a school teacher, stated that he is 25 years of age. His defence consisted chiefly in readings from encyclopedias. He was remanded for sentence until Monday. The accused stated that he was no longer a British subject. He resigned his British citizenship some time ago, he said, having got the impression that he could do so from correspondence which he had with the secretary of state. He declared that he could settle the war by arbitration and his object in wanting to resign his British citizenship was, not that he wanted to be an enemy of Great Britain, but that he wanted to be a mutual friend of all countries. He argued that the right way to settle the war is by arbitration. He would like to see Canada draw out of the war as soon as possible and had hoped to see a peace treaty signed by Ash Wednesday, 1915.

## FATAL EXPLOSION

Hammond, Ind., Feb. 19.—Two men were killed, one is missing, and twenty were injured by an explosion last night at the Republic Iron and Steel Company's plant at East Chicago, four miles from here. Some of the injured may die.

## TWO RUN-OFFS ON P. E. I. RAILROAD

### Traffic More or Less Congested by Accidents, Snow and Ice.

Charlottetown, Feb. 19.—The Prince Edward Island railway is having troubles with snow, ice and runoffs. A Three-freight train, consisting of two engines

and eighteen cars, which was sent to Jordan to clear up the freight congestion was derailed at Elliotts, ten cars and the engine leaving the tracks. No one was injured. A plough and locomotive ran off on the Summerside-Tignish branch at Piasville.

### \$500,000 FIRE

Kansas City, Feb. 19.—Fire early today destroyed half a block of buildings in the heart of the business district. Three firemen were injured. The lost is estimated at \$500,000.

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## GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN RICHMOND RUINS

### Remains Those of Child Twelve Years of Age and Unidentified.

Halifax, Feb. 19.—Workmen of a construction company, operating in Richmond have found the body of a girl of twelve years in the ruins of a house one door north of Upham's shop on Barrington street. She was wearing a blue overcoat, blue sweater and blue stocking pulled over one foot, had a piece of black velvet across the collar of the coat. The remains were removed to the city morgue, where they await identification.

## TROUBLED With CONSTIPATION

### From 16 to 20

Constipation is one of the commonest ills of mankind, and one too often allowed to go unlooked after until some serious complication sets in. If the bowels are properly looked after there will be no constipation, jaundice, sick or bilious headaches, heartburn, coated tongue, sour stomach, floating specks before the eyes, etc.

Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills will keep your bowels so regulated that in no time the constipation will disappear entirely. Miss Emma E. Melanson, Halifax, N. S., writes: "I am now 20 years of age, and since I was 16 I have been greatly troubled with constipation, so much so that at times I would be in bed 3 or 4 days a month. I tried all the old-fashioned remedies, castor oil, cascara, etc., with only temporary relief until my sister-in-law gave me some of Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills. From the first they seemed beneficial and I gave them a fair trial. This was two years ago and with an occasional dose I have kept entirely free from constipation for the period mentioned."