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WILL REDUCE THE GERMAN BILL?

France Reported Willing to Cut Debt Claim

More Belgian Troops to the Ruhr — Berlin Protesting Against Expulsion of a Prince—German Rumor.

(Canadian Press.)

London, April 23.—A despatch to The Times from Paris says it has been learned, on what the correspondent believes to be excellent authority, that France is willing now to agree to a reduction in Germany's debt to somewhere between forty billion and fifty billion gold marks, provided that, in the settlement of the inter-Allied debt, all of France's indebtedness is extinguished.

Tour Meuse, France, April 23.—Premier Poincare, speaking before thousands of residents of the Meuse department assembled in the town of Verd at the unveiling of a monument to the war dead, yesterday, reiterated emphatically that France's essential conditions to a rapproachment with Germany are now, as always, "reparations and security."

The Premier drew a parallel between the earnest and successful efforts of the French to pay indemnity and liberate their territory after 1871 and Germany's apathy, refusal and resistance in the matter of paying after 1918.

More Belgian Troops.

Paris, April 23.—A Havas despatch from Brussels says it is announced that the Belgian troops occupying the Ruhr will be reinforced soon. The decision to augment the troops is due to the necessity to occupy a greater number of mines, to keep a closer watch on the railroads and to replace the French effectives who will be withdrawn with the release of the French class of 1921.

Berlin, April 23.—The government has sent a note of protest to the French, British and Belgian governments against the expulsion of Prince Von Hatzfeldt, the German commissioner in the occupied region. It is semi-officially announced that the imperial government regards Lord Curzon's recent speech as an important political event which may materially influence the situation.

Paris, April 23.—Daily shipments of fuel from the Ruhr by the French have reached nearly 15,000 tons, according to official figures. One April 22, it is announced, 9,740 tons of coke and 5,200 tons of coal were sent to France and Belgium.

London, April 23.—The Berlin correspondent of the Central News says he learns on good authority that the German Government is preparing a positive offer to the Allies. The Government, he adds, will declare its readiness to negotiate and discuss the questions of reparations and guarantees.

TRIAL OF FORMER PATRIARCH HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Moscow, April 23.—The trial of the Most Rev. Dr. Tikhon, former patriarch of all Russia, on a charge of treason and hindering the carrying out of Soviet orders, has again been postponed, this time indefinitely. It had been set for tomorrow. The Soviet press is filled with a reputed confession of the prelate.

Dr. Tikhon will go before the Soviet court admitting that he is an implacable foe of Bolshevism, the reputed confession saying the former patriarch has admitted the following charges:—

That he maintained connection with Admiral Kolchak and Gen. Baron Wrangel and offered them spiritual support.

That he maintained connection with the counter revolutionists in 1918 and 1919 through a uniformed agent known as Feodor.

(Dr. Tikhon said these connections were of a clerical nature only.)

That he blessed the famous Carlovitz conclave in which Russian priests and laymen from abroad met in Czecho-Slovakia and which passed resolutions for the restoration of the monarchy.

(Dr. Tikhon's alleged confession says he acted upon the advice of the all-Russian council of churches in blessing the conclave, but that he did not know it would support the monarchy.)

He has said these enclyclicals were framed in accordance with the trend of mind of that period.

That he called for blessings upon the heads of the Czar and his family.

ARRESTED IN A CHECK CASE

William Robson was arrested this morning by Detective Biddescombe and charged with passing worthless checks. It is said that he passed a check to the value of $60 in a North End cigar store. It was expected that his case would be taken up this afternoon.

REPLACING FRONT

A large plate glass window in the front of the Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., King street store was removed this morning and will be replaced. The glass was cracked some time ago, it is thought on account of the settling of the building.

BRIDE'S NIECE AS WEDDING ATTENDANT

The youngest bridesmaid at the wedding of Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon to the Duke of York will be Hon. Cecilia Bowes-Lyon, her niece, daughter of Lord Glamis, whose picture is at the right. Another bridesmaid will be Lady Mary Thynne, left, daughter of the Marquis of Bath. Lady Elizabeth will be the first commoner to be married to a son of a reigning monarch in Westminster since 1269.

MONTREAL STREET CAR KILLS BOY; CROWD TRIES TO LYNCH CONDUCTOR

Babe's Leg Almost Severed at Hip—Car Occupants and Shopkeeper Save Driver Till Police Squad Arrive

Montreal, April 23.—Frenzied with horror at the sight of the unrelievable sufferings of Haimie Dinnerman, a boy of two and a half years, who had fallen across the car lines in St. Lawrence Boulevard last night, as a speeding car rushed upon him, and who lay under the car with his leg almost severed at the hip a large crowd which had gathered at the spot of the tragedy, made repeated efforts to lynch the conductor of the car.

Shouting threats and imprecations, men in the crowd hurled themselves time after time on the car and only the courage of the occupants, who formed themselves into a solid mass to resist the capture of the car, in all probability saved the conductor's life.

At the risk of being beaten to death, he succeeded at last in running over the road into a nearby shop, the owner of which locked his doors and notified the police. The crowd, which was by then many hundreds stong, besieged the shop and might have effected an entrance, but the arrival of a strong squad of police who used their batons freely, saved the situation.

The conductor got into the car again, and rushed it from the scene of what had nearly been a double tragedy.

The little victim of the accident died in a hospital.

OTHER CITIES ASK ABOUT THE ST. JOHN CARNIVAL

News of the success which attended the staging of the Winter Carnival here last year has spread far and wide and other places on the continent have indicated their desires to map out future events along the line of those held here last winter. The Rotary-Y. M. C. I. joint executive which handled the St. John features has received inquiries from the Board of Trade of Portland, Maine, and from Edmonton, Alberta, asking for details of the operation of the events. In one of the letters it was suggested that the matter of a carnival circuit next year might be a good idea for consideration.

Daylight Time In Effect in Britain

London, April 23.—Daylight saving became effective in the British Isles last night. The farmers are not enthusiastic, pointing out that the stock will not observe it and saying that the laborers say they cannot get enough rest.

Great Britain's population is largely urban. In France, on the contrary, a majority of the people live in the country and daylight saving is not so popular.

OPPONENT OF PREMIER DRURY

Milton, Ont., April 23.—The Conservatives here on Saturday put a candidate, George Hillmer, of Oakville, in the field against Hon. E. C. Drury, premier of Ontario, who now represents Halton Riding, and launched their campaign under the benediction of their leader, G. Howard Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson doubted that the "effort now being made in Halton county to herd the Liberal vote behind the Premier" would succeed.

PARISIAN DRESSMAKERS TO MAKE IT A LOCKOUT

Paris, April 23.—The Parisian dressmakers, whose employes have been on strike for the last two weeks, have decided to declare a lockout, effective at noon on next Monday.

WANT ST. JOHN REPRESENTED

Copies of the itinerary of the business men's tour to the Paris Fair of next month have been sent to the members of the St. John Board of Trade and the desire expressed that this city will be able to send one or two official representatives. Departure will be made from Montreal on the S. S. Ansonia, of the Cunard Line, on May 5. It is expected that the tourists will reach Cherbourg and Paris on May 13. There will be an official reception by the Paris Fair authorities on May 23. Following this, the tourists will visit Fontainebleau, Rheims, Nancy, Lyons, and Vichy. It is expected that they will return to London on June 2.

The Canadian National Safety League is to meet in annual session at Toronto on May 1, Sir John M. Gibson, K. C. M. G., will preside. St. John is being urged to send delegates to the convention.

FOUND LITTLE FROST.

The fact that there is little or no frost in the ground was discovered this morning when workmen of the city water and sewerage department started excavating in King square to join up the new sixteen-inch water main between King street east and the head of King street. Commissioner Wigmore said that in some places there was no frost at all under the sod and in others it did not extend more than two or three inches into the ground. The pipe that is being put in will replace an old twelve-inch line that has been down for more than three-quarters of a century. The work will be completed in about a week.

A CHASE AND A GETAWAY

Detective Saunders and Plainclothesman Kilpatrick this morning got on the trail of a man in Pond street who was driving a team on which there were three barrels of sugar believed to have been stolen from the steamer Bear River recently. The driver sighted the officers and speeded up. Later they found the team in Erin street and the driver had flown. His arrest is expected at any time.

N. S. LEGISLATURE PROROGATION LIKELY TODAY

Deferred from Noon Because of Pharmacy Bill and Liquor Legislation.

Halifax, N. S., April 23—Prorogation of the Legislature, set for noon today, postponed until three p. m. because several contentious bills were still held up in the legislative council and in committee. These included the pharmacy bill, respecting the sale of drugs for first aid by general stores, and amendments to the Nova Scotia Temperance Act, which it is understood have been radically changed in the legislative council.

DANCED NEARLY HUNDRED HOURS

Washington, April 23—All the survivors of Washington's two endurance dancing contests, which began on Wednesday night, had taken the count today. Some time after last midnight, Elsie Webber and Wm. T. Farrell, both of Baltimore, who claimed to have danced ninety-six hours, continuously, supposed then to be a new record, disappeared from the hotel dance floor at Marlboro, Md., where they had been transported from here on Saturday at midnight to continue the contest.

The last survivors of the other contest, Aubrey Gilbert and Joe Baltrotsky, quit early yesterday under the persuasion of the dance hall management, which staged the contest, after word was received that the police were about to raid the premises.

LARGE EGGS.

Moses J. Moore, of Pollyhurst, Queens County, sends the Times a sample of large sized eggs laid by one of his Minorca hens. It measures 8¾ inches lengthwise and about seven inches around the middle. Mr. Moore said that this had been picked from three eggs laid by the same hen last week, and that they were all about the same size. This one weighed five and one-half ounces. The hen was hatched from an egg bought from A. E. S. Hatfield of St. Martins, winner of many prizes at poultry shows and exhibitions.

WEYGAND MISSION WARNING TO TURKS

Signs of Serious Differences Between France and Turkey

Evidence That the Latter is Ready to Meet Situation Developed by Chester Concessions— Mobilization on the Syrian Front.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, April 23. — The sending of General Weygand to Syria, coupled with the French Government's protest against the Turkish concession to the Chester syndicate, is widely commented on today by the Government and opposition newspaper as the sign of serious differences between France and Turkey. The fact that Turkey has voted 25,000,000 Turkish pounds to support her army, together with the mobilization of Turkish troops on the Syrian front, is cited to show that Turkey is willing to meet the issues raised by France, such as the Chester concession.

The review of the Turkish army by Ismet Pasha prior to Ismet's departure for the Lausanne conference is another fact which has not escaped the notice of the Paris newspapers.

Up to date Turkey has not replied to France's protest against the Chester concessions. It is admitted in French official circles that the sending of General Weygand to Syriaa to replace General Gourand is one means of intimating to the Turks that they cannot menace the Syrian frontiers without good cause.

McKenzie Sworn In As Judge; Starts Hearing Case at Once

Halifax, N. S., April 23.—Hon. D. D. McKenzie, former Solicitor-General of Canada, was sworn in as judge of the Supreme Court today. Chief Justice Robert Harris presided, and five minutes after the oath had been administered the new judge was on the bench trying a civil case.

Having Hard Fight With Typhoid Fever

Mansonville, Q., April 23.—There is very little change in the typhoid situation at Mansonville today, but if anything there is a slight improvement. W. R. Olive, provincial member, who was taken ill a few days ago, is reported to have suffered a slight setback. The Red Cross branches throughout the eastern townships have been busy collecting materials required, while a financial campaign has also been organized.

Yesterday appeals were made in all the churches throughout the townships for house servants and orderlies and drivers to assist the doctors who have been at work night and day tending the 165 patients.

Sherbrooke, Rock Island, Bolton Centre, Knowlton, Cowansville, East Bolton, Sutton, and Bebe and many other villages and towns are extending a helping hand.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is lowest off the Nova Scotia coast and in the southwest states and highest over Manitoba. Since Saturday rain has fallen over Ontario and in the western portions of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In the western provinces the weather has been fair and cool.

Forecasts:—

Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Fresh northeasterly to northerly winds, cool with some light local sleet or rain. Tuesday generally fair and cool.

Gulf and North Shore—Northeasterly to northerly winds, fair and comparatively cool today and on Tuesday.

New England—Cloudy tonight, cooler in Connecticut. Tuesday fair, strong to northwest winds.

Toronto, April 23.—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a.m.	Highest during Yesterday	Lowest night
Prince Rupert	44	54	42
Victoria	44	58	42
Kamloops	34	62	32
Calgary	20	54	18
Edmonton	30	54	30
Prince Albert	26	52	22
Winnipeg	34	48	32
Sault Ste. Marie	40	46	38
Toronto	45	60	40
Kingston	42	56	38
Ottawa	42	56	36
Montreal	40	40	36
Quebec	36	42	32
St. John, N.B.	36	46	32
Halifax	34	56	34
St. Johns, Nfld.	34	36	32
Detroit	48	54	48
New York	56	50	54

A MOVEMENT THAT WILL BEAR WATCHING

—Orr, in the Chicago Tribune.

MEMORIAL OF FAMOUS BRITISH RAID AT ZEEBRUGGE

Zeebrugge, April 23—(Canadian Press)—The foundation stone of what will be a noble memorial to the famous British raid staged here in war time, was laid yesterday by the government of West Flanders, in the presence of a distinguished Anglo-Belgian company, including Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, Lord Burnham, Lord Emmett, the British ambassador, Sir George Graham and the Belgian Minister of Public Works.

HONOR MEMORY OF SHAKESPEARE

Tercentenary Celebration is Held on Two Continents

Numerous Dinners and Addresses in England, But None of His Plays on London Boards — Actors and Actresses at Service in New York.

(Canadian Press)

London, April 23.—London and Stratford-Upon-Avon, as well as the entire country, are now engaged in celebrating in various ways the anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare, believed to be April 23, and the tercentenary of the publication of the first folio of his plays. Memorials were held yesterday in cathedrals and churches in memory of John Heming and Henry Condell, the editors of the first folio. Numerous dinners were addressed by leaders in art and literature, and memorial performances and plays will be given this week.

Shakespeare lovers however, are bewailing the fact there is not a single Shakespearian production on at the present time in London, and that if the Londoner desires to see the poet's memory appropriately honored by the staging of his plays he is driven to suburban theatres.

New York, April 23.—Hundreds of actors and actresses joined in services attending the tercentenary of the birth of Shakespeare yesterday at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The memorial was held under the auspices of the Actors' Church Alliance.

DANGEROUS BUSINESS

There is a chap in the city who, on Saturday, braved the danger of having his car license cancelled and being charged with operating it while under the influence of liquor. He was observed by Commissioner Wigmore traveling a very indefinite trail through the West St. John streets, but managed to get out of the way before the commissioner could take action to have him apprehended. Mr. Wigmore said today that the driver was in a bad state of intoxication and he was at a loss to explain how he was able even to keep control of the machine.

SPEAKER OF ONTARIO HOUSE

Nelson Parliament, M. P. P., speaker of the Ontario Legislature, who failed to secure nomination in his constituency, Prince Edward country, when candidates were selected for the forthcoming election. In the last election he polled 4,557 votes against 945 polled by his opponent.

TEN THOUSAND IN C. B. TO BE IDLE ON MAY 1

All Coal Mines and Steel Works to be Down for a Celebration.

Sydney, N. S., April 23—All coal mines and steel works in Cape Breton will be idle on May 1, while 10,000 allied workers of the island celebrate May Day. This decision was reached at a joint meeting of miners and steel workers held at Glace Bay yesterday afternoon.

In the afternoon there will be a monster parade at Glace Bay and in the evening a bazaar and dance. Among the speakers will be Alex. Howatt, deposed leader of the Kansas miners and Malcolm Bruce of Toronto.

MT. A. PROFESSOR FIRST TO WIN IT

Dr. John Line Captures $500 Australian Award for a Biblical Essay.

Amherst, N. S., April 23.—Dr. John Line, M. A., S. T. B, professor of systematic theology at Mount Allison University, has received word that he has been awarded a Biblical essay prize (value about $500) by Trinity College, Melbourne, Australia, for an essay on "Reconsideration of New Testament inspiration in the light of modern criticism," in connection with the annual Biblical essay contest, which is open to graduates of all universities in the British Empire

This annual contest was instituted by Trinity College about three years ago; but this is the first prize to be awarded, as hitherto the essays submitted have not reached the required standard.

FLOOD SITUATION IN MANITOBA NOT SO BAD

Winnipeg, April 23.—Flood conditions generally throughout Manitoba were improved today, according to early reports. During the last forty-eight hours the weather has been cool. In many parts of Manitoba the thermometer went as low as the freezing point, while Brandon reports 29. In Winnipeg the temperature at eight a. m. was 36, with a light snow falling.

Railway traffic was gradually getting back to normal again today, but owing to damage to roadbeds trains are being run on slow schedules in some districts.

NOVA SCOTIA WOMAN DEAD IN OTTAWA AS RESULT OF A FALL

Ottawa, April 23.—Suffering from concussion of the brain as the result of a fall received on last Monday when she slipped from the veranda of her home, Mrs. S. C. Burgess died in a hospital here. She was born at Upper Stewiacke, 66 years ago.

COLLISION AT SEA.

Seattle, April 23.—The steamer La Purisima collided with the barkentine Mary Winkleman, about 3.30 a.m. off Slip Point. The Mary Winkleman is reported to be leaking and the U. S. S. Snohomish has gone to her assistance.

As Hiram Sees It

"Mister," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times reporter, "why don't you put up a holler fer a couple o' policewomen in this town? I take notice you want good streets an' good sidewalks—but you don't seem to care much whether the young folks that walks on 'em is good or not. Which is wuth the most—the stone an' cement or the bodies and souls? Which is the hardest to patch up after they git out o' repair? The things I see around the streets at night when I'm here is enough to make me think you orto hev some women missionaries on the lookout. If I was that there Women's Council I'd appint a wide-awake committee to jist drift around every night fer a week—an' not quit the job at nine o'clock, nuther—an' see fer themselves what anybody with their eyes open kin see. Yes, sir—it orto be done. Jedge Ritchie knows. He could give 'em some hints. So could any p'liceman. I want to say right here that this town aint takin' care o' the young folks the way it orto—an' the women hes got to wake things up. They kin do it—an' they orto do it—fer the sake o' the gals that's playin' with fire an' don't know it—yes, sir."

BOBBED HAIR GIRL JUDGE SENTENCES SEVEN TO DEATH

Presided at Court in Moscow at Which Highway Robbers Were Tried.

Moscow, April 23.—A bobbed hair young woman in her early twenties sat as presiding judge at a trial in the Moscow district court on Saturday and in a calm voice sentenced seven men to death for robbery with violence. She was Anna Glusman, formerly of Kharkov, who several months ago so attracted the attention of the Commissioner of Justice by her decisions in the Ukrainian courts that she was invited to Moscow and became a member of the Moscow district court.

The defendants were a band of highway robbers, all young, who carried out armed robberies in clothing factories last March. They admitted their guilt.

FOUR HOUSES AND STORE IN ATHOL ARE DESTROYED

An Early Morning Blaze in Restigouche Village Results in Loss of $20,000.

(Special To The Times)

Campbellton, N. B., April 23.—Fire which broke out about one o'clock on Saturday morning in a residence at Athol, a village about two miles west of here, completely destroyed four houses and the general store of Abbe Comeau. It is estimated that the loss will aggregate about $20,000. Little insurance was carried by any of the owners. Mr. Comeau's loss will approximate $10,000 as he carried a heavy stock of general merchandise.

The blaze started in a house to the west of the store and as everybody was in bed, some time elapsed before any fire fighting could be done. When the fire alarm sounded for an out of town fire the local fire brigade hurried to the scene, but were considerably hindered by the bad condition of the road and by the time they had reached the place five buildings were ablaze. Owing to shortage of water in this vicinity the firemen were greatly hindered in their work. A stiff breeze was blowing at the time, but other dwellings close by were protected from the blaze.

BONAR LAW IN BETTER HEALTH

Has No Thought of Resigning, Lord Curzon Quotes the Premier.

London, April 23.—Premier Bonar Law's health apparently has greatly improved in the last few days. Speaking at a dinner of the Junior Imperial League last night, Lord Curzon, the foreign secretary said:

"The Prime Minister told me yesterday that the loss of his voice was rapidly disappearing and that his health was stronger than when he took office. He has not the slightest intention of resigning."

SCHOONER REFLOATED.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., April 23.—The schooner Augusta C. Hilton, which grounded on West Chop on March 6, while bound from Boston for Hampton Roads, was floated by tugs today, apparently having sustained little damage.

CLEVELAND AND GIANTS ON TOP

McGraw's Men Again Shut Out the Dodgers.

Fifth Straight for the Cubs —Yankees Lose to Senators, Babe Ruth Failing to Get a Hit and Making Costly Error.

(Canadian Press)

New York, April 23.—Major League baseball completed its first week yesterday, finding the New York Giants leading the National League with six games won and one lost, while Cleveland was on top in the American with five straight wins.

The Giants scored their second successive shutout over the Dodgers, in which five errors by the latter contributed to their downfall. Scott hurled a good game for the Giants, Frankie Frisch aiding with four singles out of five times up. Stengel connected with circuit smash.

In the American League, Cleveland shut out the Tigers one to nothing in ten innings, and maintained a spotless record in five games. Fancy fielding and good pitching made the game sensational.

The Cubs won their fifth straight game in a heavy hitting contest from the St. Louis Cardinals. The Cubs won in the ninth after St. Louis had tied the score with four runs in that session. Blandes, St. Louis, made a homer.

The Pirates ran amuck and scuttled the Reds in a free hitting affair. The Pirates scored two runs or more in each of the last four innings.

The Yankees lost their first game of the season to the Senators, and had 60,000 cash customers in their new stadium. Ruth went hitless and walked twice, and an error by the Bambino contributed to the defeat. The winning run for the Senators came over when with the bases filled, Shawkey walked Judge. Scott hit a homer.

RING BATTLES FOR TONIGHT

Chicago, April 23.—Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion of the world, except in some nineteen states, which ignore his claim and recognize a varied assortment of champions will make his Chicago debut tonight, when he will meet Panama Joe Gans in a ten round, no decision bout. Frankie Genaro, U. S. flyweight champion, will try to catch Pal Moore, in another ten round, no decision contest.

Wilson tonight will enter the ring after a long layoff marked by constant bickering, accusations, claims of illness and then silence on his part. It will be his first start for a purse of any size under his new manager, who paid the record sum of $50,000 for his contract. Since he won the championship and then failed to defend it, numerous state governing bodies have withdrawn recognition of Wilson and have permitted other middleweights, who campaign actively, to assume the honor.

New York, April 23.—Floyd Johnson, and Fred Fulton, Minnesota plasterer, who has been plastered nearly into prize ring oblivion in recent years, will meet in Jersey City tonight in a 12 round bout to determine which will meet Jess Willard, in the Yankee Stadium on May 12. The fight to the winner is to be a stepping stone toward a match with champion Jack Dempsey, for the victor of the New York engagement will be in a position to demand the champion give him an opportunity to lift his crown.

Willard Down To 214

Yonkers, N. Y., April 23—Stepping on the scales after a stiff workout Saturday, Jess Willard tipped the beam at 214 pounds, 19 pounds less than when he signed about two months ago to box Floyd Johnson, on May 12.

SUNDAY FIRES NEAR NEW YORK SERIOUS

Staten Island, Long Island and New Jersey Suffer.

New York, April 23.—(Canadian Press).—A series of fires fanned by a high wind did great damage in the district about New York yesterday.

One at Tottenville, Staten Island, caused damage estimated at one million dollars, when it destroyed the Tottenville copper works and twenty freight cars loaded with smelting materials. Another at Howland Hook, Staten Island, destroyed several scows and for a time threatened to spread ashore and to ships. Two laborers were suffocated in a carriage house fire in Queens, Long Island, and two others were burned to death when fire destroyed a caretaker's lodge, at Riverdale, L. I.

Forest fires destroyed sixteen dwellings and laid waste great stretches of brush and woodland in Long Island and New Jersey.

YPRES BANQUET HELD IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, April 23.—Re-united in commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the second battle of Ypres, the action in which the Canadians first established for themselves a reputation equal to the best traditions of the British army, more than 150 wearers of the red chevron gathered at a banquet here on Saturday night. Besides the survivors of the first 30,000 living in the district, who took part in the engagement were some ex-imperials and ex-navy men who saw action in 1914.