CALDER HAS DODGED OPPOSITION CHARGES

Appeal to Lieutenant-Governor to Prevent Prorogation Was in Vain.

WOULD NOT INTERVENE

Petition Was Presented to His Honor at Eleventh Hour.

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Mr. Calder were that the enquiry before the Wetmore commission should include the matters referred to, as well as all contracts let without tender or sufficient opportunity for tender or at excessive prices, whether such contracts were fraudulent or not. As to the liquor charges, the minimum terms I suggested were an enquiry in all cases of trafficking in liquor licenses, intimidation of licensees and stifling of prosecutions, forgoing the charges made as to campaign funds.

Thoro Enquiry.

"I think a thoro enquiry as to liquor licenses is decidedly in the public interest. We have been placed in possession of much information to show that the liquor license commissioner, J. F. Bole, was guilty of the practices referred to, and as he is the head of the whole liquor business at the present time, it is decidedly in the public interest that these charges should be investigated. The names of the witnesses were submitted. He saw them. They mostly lived in Winnipeg and the evidence of none of them was taken. Perhaps they would not give it voluntarily, but their evidence was absolutely material.

Left Out Witness.

"In reference to the charge against the attorney-general, I was instructed by those who are conducting the matter to ask that Mr. Sharp of Gull Lake be summoned again. He had already given evidence on the bribery charge. I handed his name to Mr. Magee on Friday, a week ago, and he said he would be called. Mr. Magee apologized to me afterwards, when I brought the matter up, saying that he had overlooked it and closed the enquiry without calling him.

Opposition in Accord.

"Many witnesses who were in Regina were not permitted to give the evidence that I am informed they have, and the enquiry itself before the Magee committee was restricted to acts by members of the government, the liquor license board and members of the house. Matters of this kind are carried on by subordinates. As there may be no opportunity to present the enclosed petition to you, I may say that it has been approved by all the members of the opposition, altho all are not available to sign it, and it is laid before you with the knowledge that it will be submitted to your advisors.

Open to Suspicion.

"I say, personally, that every dealing of J. F. Robinson is, in my judgment, a matter of suspicion, and I think it in the highest degree of public interest and importance to widen the enquiry as to the road charges as indicated in the two enquiries unconcluded in the house this session, namely, the telephone site at Swift Current, and the Weed Lake Bridge, the conduct of Mr. Robinson on such, in my judgment, that should warrant his immediate dismissal, or, if not dismissal, demand suspension, and I certainly think that Mr. McNab, deputy minister of telephones, should be suspended, in view of the evidence of Mr. Heard, which I was prepared to substantiate yesterday by stronger evidence.

Enquiry Shut Off.

"The committee was to have met at 2 o'clock; the chairman did not appear, and last night the chairman of the committee made a report closing the enquiry for this session without any consultation with me. I, therefore, beg to ask, on behalf of the opposition, your immediate attention to the enclosed petition before the house prorogues. Let me add, in conclusion, that I cannot, of course, say what action the house will take on Mr. Bradshaw's motion, but if it is turned down and thrown out, it will then be too late to see you."

BIG RECRUITING MEETING HELD AT BALMY BEACH

Sam Carter, M. L. A., and N. F. Davidson, K.C., Point Out Duty to Men.

There was plenty of enthusiasm at the 204th Battalion recruiting meeting held at Balmy Beach Masonic Hall last night, but a direct call for recruits was not made on the spot, each member in the audience receiving a card with a request to sign, promising to personally obtain a recruit for the battalion. Major Watts, second in command of the 204th, appealing to the patriotism of the people, said the time had passed when they could sit calmly and idly by and see their boys going to the front without making an effort to send more men in khaki after them. It was a mistaken idea to believe that those who enlisted now would not see active service as there would be fighting for the next 18 months.

C. B. Watts, father of Major Watts, said if it had not been for the Belgians, the Germans might now be walking the streets of Toronto and Canadians would have had to get off the side walk so that they could pass in their stately majesty.

Determine Men's Souls.

Samuel Carter, M.L.A., South Wellington, pointed out that this was a war which would determine men's souls on the question of right or wrong. They were out to establish a world wide democracy and it required men to accomplish this and they must remember that God never lets cowards in.

N. F. Davidson, K.C., expressed the opinion that the spirit of neutrality had not gained many admirers during this war and there were he was sorry to think many neutrals inside this province and in Canada even yet. It was their purpose to end neutrality in this most terrible conflict of the ages. This war was Canada's and the whole destiny of the world was probably in the balance at Verdun. The next worst thing to a neutral, said Mr. Davidson, was a procrastinating civilian, and in concluding he reminded young men that life was only worth while for what it could accomplish.

PASTOR RUSSELL IS BARRED IN HAMILTON

Mayor Forbids Address Advertised for This Week.

HAMILTON, Wednesday, March 15.—"Pastor Russell will not speak here, and furthermore we don't want him," said Mayor Walters when questioned last night as to what reception wuld be tendered the reverend gentleman, who is billed to speak here this week at one of the local theatres.

HAMILTON NEWS

The Hamilton Office of The Toronto World is now located at 40 South McNab Street.

RECRUITING IN HAMILTON SATISFIES AUTHORITIES

Units Will Soon Have Strengths if Rate of Enlistments is Maintained.

CHOSEN FRIENDS MEET

Council Last Night Passed Resolution to Give Notice to Gas Company.

HAMILTON, Wednesday, March 15.—There is every indication that by the time the Hamilton Recruiting League has its conscription bill passed the different regiments recruiting here will have obtained their strengths and there will be a large balance of men left over for new units if the present rate of enlistments per day is maintained for any length of time. In all a total of 65 men passed thru the depots yesterday. The recruiting authorities are elated at the response and are confident that the necessity of donning khaki has been so thoroly drilled into the minds of the young men that a steady average will be maintained. The Tigers have decided to systematize their recruits and will have the city divided into districts, with a booth in each.

The agreement between the Bell Telephone Company and the city, as drawn up by the city solicitor, was presented at the board of control meeting yesterday. The only change made was the insertion of a clause for the protection of the city from damages that might fall during excavating operations. A letter was read from the Toronto-Hamilton Sewer Company, stating that unless the board awarded the entire tender for the sewer pipe it would have to withdraw its previous figures.

Want Bars Closed.

Gen. Logie has asked the board of license commissioners to close the bars on Saturday when the big military parade will be held. It is stated that 8000 men will take part in the route march, which starts at 2 p.m., and will be seven miles long. Gen. Logie and staff will review the parade.

Wentworth County Council opened the March session yesterday with Warden Dickson in the chair. The principal item for consideration was the auditor's report for the year ending December, 1915, which showed an overdraft in the bank of $61,733.78 and a balance in the bank to the credit of the good roads committee amounting to $130.

Capt. Mayor Walters yesterday received a letter from Rev. H. A. Kunkle of Stroudsburg, Pa., in which he emphatically denies ever having made slanderous remarks about the treatment accorded him in this city previous to his leaving the Victoria Avenue Trinity English Lutheran Church. The statements attributed to the Rev. Mr. Kunkle were supposed to have been made in one of the Scranton newspapers.

Chosen Friends Meet.

The grand executive committee of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends convened in this city yesterday for a convention which will probably last until the end of the week. Dr. J. W. Edwards, M.P., for Frontenac, grand counsellor, Cataraqui, Ont.; John L. Davidson, grand vice-councillor, Toronto; Rev. A. J. Paul, B.A., past grand councillor, Brampton, Ont.; A. R. Hassard, B.C.L., grand representative, Toronto; William Benson, grand representative, Toronto; Dr. W. H. Woods, grand representative, Mount Brydges; Sheriff Alex. Morris, grand representative, Pembroke, Ont., Wm. F. Montagu.

Charles W. Cannon, a private in one of the local battalions, was sentenced to three months in jail by Magistrate Jelfs, on a charge of absenting himself from duty without permission of his superior officers.

Hand Over Surplus.

Following the announcement of T. J. Stewart, M.P., that he is quite willing that the surplus of $21,000 on the city's street lighting account should be refunded by the hydro department, Capt. Mayor Walters was highly elated yesterday. He declared that Hamilton should put up a strong fight for a cheaper power rate than that of Toronto.

Joseph King, a Russian, residing at 58 Manchester street, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with intent to kill Duncan Shaw. The arrest was made by Constables Picket, McClure and Hill.

Definite steps toward righting the gas situation in this city were taken last night at the council meeting. After considerable wrangling, the motion to give the National Natural Gas Company the thirty days' notice before disfranchistng it, was passed.

CANADIAN AVIATORS WANTED IN ENGLAND

Col. Merritt's Proposal to Train Pilots Meets With Approval in War Office.

WILL BE SECOND CLASS

Until They Obtain Royal Aero Club Certificates in Great Britain.

Following is a partial copy of an official letter from the war office received by Col. W. Hamilton Merritt in connection with a proposal to raise a Canadian aviation fund:

War Office, London, S.W.,
18th Feb. 1916.

Sir: I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20th Jan., 1916, addressed to Lieut.-Col. C. J. Burk, D.S.O., on the subject of raising a Canadian aviation fund . . . . to train five or ten pilots a month in Canada during the continuance of the war.

As regards the . . . . proposal, I am to say that your offer to train five to ten pilots a month up to the standard of the Royal Aero Club certificate and to continue their training for thirty hours in the air would be of material assistance in providing the necessary pilots for the Royal Flying Corps; at the same time it should be understood that it is essential that, after taking their certificates, these pilots should be trained on fast machines.

On completion of their training in Canada, these men would be enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps as second class air mechanics, draw pay as such at the rates provided in the royal warrant for pay, etc., and be granted free passage by transport when available, otherwise by packet . . . . to the United Kingdom, where they would receive the usual clothing.

The £75 (seventy-five pounds) granted to those who obtain the Royal Aero Club certificate at their own expense will be granted when the pilots graduate as first-class pilots, provided that they have obtained the Royal Aero Club certificates at their own expense prior to enlistment.

The promotion of these pilots to non-commissioned rank must depend on their capacity for command, and no assurance can be given on this point.

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) C. C. Marindin,
Lieut.-Col. General Staff,
For Deputy Director of Military Aeronautics.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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stomach for fighting than they had. German losses have now been so great that the higher command is having difficulty in finding men to replace, in the ranks, those who have fallen.

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On the British front yesterday the German trenches were successfully bombarded in the sector northward of Ypres, and British grenadiers and machine gun squads drove off German parties attempting to work in a mine crater under cover of night. Considerable artillery activity prevailed westward of Lens yesterday. The Germans exploded a mine southward of La Bassee Canal and another mine near Neuve Chapelle yesterday morning, and in one case they did considerable damage to a small salient of the British trenches.

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By the taking of prompt measures against the invading Senussi from Tripolo, the British have pacified the Egyptian border, and Sollum, on the Tripoli frontier, has probably been occupied by this time. After their recent reverse, in which the brother of Enver Pasha, the Turkish war minister, was killed, the hostile tribesmen melted away and left in the lurch some Bedouin chiefs and their followers, who had been attracted to the conflict by prospects of despoiling Egypt. These Bedouins are now repenting of their haste and their chiefs are asking for pardon. The British success here is one more proof that so far as plans of defence of the British Empire go, they have been well prepared.

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The imperial parliament was asked to vote a blank cheque as army estimates by Harold J. Tennant, under-secretary of state for war, yesterday. Asked to give the round figures of the army, he refused, saying that was the one thing the Germans desired to know more than anything else, and it was, therefore, more important that they should have no such information. The provision for aeroplanes was satisfactory and it was ahead of the supply of engines and pilots. The purchase of all horses in the United States and Canada would now cease. Britain was able herself to provide the horse wastage, which was under ten per cent. The enormous quantity of stores purchased for the army was shown by the fact that they would have lasted 140 normal peace years.

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The circumstances that brought Portugal into the war, as explained by Sir Edward Grey in the house of commons yesterday, show that Portugal in requisitioning German ships had done nothing that could legally be challenged by any foreign power. Germany saw fit to precipitate events and declare war, thus altering the whole position as regarded the payment of compensation. Germany, who had accused Portugal of a breach of neutrality, had herself in October and December, 1914, raided in the Portuguese colony of Angola and tried to stir up a rebellion in Portuguese East Africa.

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Russia reports that a Lettish detachment, forcing its way thru artificial barriers, penetrated German trenches, bayoneted the occupants and returned without loss, in a sector of a Riga front, where there also has been heavy firing to the southward of Lake Babit. Russian patrols continue their operations with success against hostile posts on the middle Stripa River, and they are making further progress. But behind all this is the terrific sort of warfare that is being conducted by Russian guerilla bands in a zone which extends for a distance of fifty and sometimes one hundred miles behind the German lines. Plans for this sort of operation were made during the retreat of last summer and Russian officers were offered prizes for suggestions of value for this campaign. The operations were not to receive publicity. Bands of Russians keep up the cutting off of German outposts, the raiding of German depots, and even the attacking of German headquarters. In one of these raids two German generals were captured. The result of this guerilla warfare has been the keeping of the German organization in constant terror and the infliction of large losses in men and material on the enemy.

York County and Suburbs

OAKWOOD RATEPAYERS DISCUSS MANY MATTERS

Deputation to Postal Authorities to Point Out Need of Two Deliveries Daily.

A meeting of the Oakwood Ratepayers' Association was held last evening in Oakwood Hall. President William Caswell occupied the chair.

Among other matters discussed were the organization of a garden and poultry association, two mail deliveries daily in the district, and arrangements for a war auxiliary meeting in connection with the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund at an early date.

Secretary W. Norman read a letter from Postmaster Ross, in which he states that the matter of two deliveries of mail in the Oakwood district is receiving the consideration of the postal authorities.

It was decided to send a deputation to the postal authorities to point out the necessity of two deliveries daily.

The organization of garden and poultry show for the district was much discussed. The chairman stated that the residents would give their full support to such a movement, the majority of the people in the section, being enthusiastic gardeners, and the poultry, in his opinion, being second to none in the northwest district. It was decided to appoint a show committee, the following being elected: J. Dickenson (convenor), W. Herbert, W. Ryder, T. Bennett, W. Furnival and G. Deering.

Regarding the Oakwood Hall Association, it was decided to ask the committee at their next business meeting to give the residents of Oakwood an opportunity to secure shares in the syndicate.

Several complaints from ratepayers were recorded regarding rates and taxes. A large number who had paid their amounts to date had received final notices demanding the amount of their tax bills.

It was decided to send a strong letter to the treasurer of the York Township Council, demanding an explanation.

TWO EARLSCOURT BANKS HAVE WOMEN CLERKS

W. A. Rowlison, Garden avenue, for a considerable period teller at the Earlscourt branch of the Dominion Bank, corner of St. Clair avenue and Dufferin street, has enlisted for overseas in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, and severs his connection with the bank today. Mr. Rowlison was well known and popular with the clients of the establishment in Earlscourt.

Male clerical help is very scarce in the city, and the two banking institutions in Earlscourt, the Dominion Bank and Canadian Bank of Commerce, are now employing women clerks.

CONCERT AIDS RED CROSS.

The congregation of the Windermere Avenue Methodist Church, Swansea, gave a successful concert last evening in aid of the funds of the Red Cross. Much credit is due to the energy and help of the women of the church for the splendid success.

"BELLES OF BOO LOO" WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Made Hit With Big Audience in Loew's Winter Garden Last Night.

HOME GUARDS AGAIN

Recruiting Will Benefit by Show Given Under Auspices of the "Buffs."

Too much cannot be said for the performance of the "Belles of Boo Loo," the musical comedy which was presented last night in Loew's Winter Garden under the auspices of the Canadian Buffs, the 198th Battalion, in aid of regimental recruiting. The entertainment will be repeated tonight, when another capacity audience is expected.

The libretto was written by E. R. Durand, who also takes very creditably the part of the Gackwar of Chow. N. Fraser Allen contributed the lyrics and music.

Probably the outstanding feature of the show is the magnificent work of a beautiful and daintily-gowned chorus, who sing and dance without any sign of "amateurishness" or stage fright. They all have good voices and in fact are superior to many of the musical comedy choruses that visit Toronto's leading theatres. Altho the plot is somewhat vague this is overshadowed by the acting and singing of the principals, and the real amusement afforded by the comedians.

The setting is laid on the Isle of Boo Loo, somewhere near the coast of Asia Minor, on which a band of female Home Guards are shipwrecked.

A burlesque on the battles among the guards in the northwest of the city is given, which causes roars of laughter. The reproduction is immense. There is Keziah Hanratty, the commanding officer, who will not allow the words "damn" or "hell" to be used by the "soldiers." There is Milly Mack, the secretary, who emphatically refuses to obey these orders, and last, but by no means least, Col. Mull of Kintyre makes his appearance as the expert war analyst and adviser of the Guard. His counsel passes unheeded by the worthy commanding officer, however, who claims that by the constitution no man can hold office in the notorious regiment.

All the members of the cast play their parts admirably and it would be difficult to mention any in particular. The principals are: Miss Rita Haynes, Mrs. Geo. Gooch, Miss Georgia Watts, Miss Madeline Chisholm, Mrs. Stanley K. Bennett, Miss Elsie Somers, Mrs. William Donald Barron, Frank Hill, Clyde Reaves, Capt. Alan O. Thorne, Douglas Gray, D. R. Egbert, Leonard Sievert, R. H. Frankel, Frank Denton, Stanley K. Bennett, Lyman Henderson and W. R. Jackson.

UNCONSCIOUS IN CUTTER DIED IN POLICE STATION

Well-known Scarboro Farmer Succumbed to Attack of Heart Disease.

Found unconscious in his cutter at the corner of Danforth and Main streets about 8 o'clock last night, David Mason, of Sullivan's Corners, died in Main street police station, a few minutes later where he was brought by policeman 410. Dr. Walters, who was called, pronounced death due to heart failure. The chief coroner was notified, but it is not likely there will be an inquest. The horse and cutter were taken to a nearby livery stable, and later Mason's family at Sullivan's Corners was communicated with. Mr. Mason was one of the best known farmers in Scarboro Township and is survived by a widow and four sons.

VIOLENT ONSET OF FOE BEATEN NEAR VERDUN

Germans Again Bring Up Men for Renewal of Fighting.

HAD NO BIG SUCCESS

Only Foothold Gained in French Trenches at Two Places, Paris Says.

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both on the front east of the Meuse and in the Woevre.

Important German camps in the Haudicourt Wood, in the St. Mihiel salient, were shelled by the French and a great fire was caused in the station and storehouses at La Marchen-Woevre by French shells.

Air Attack on Station.

The French repeated their aerial attack on Brieulles station, north of Verdun, today, six aeroplanes of the first bombarding group and five double-motor aeroplanes being engaged. Forty-two shells of heavy calibre were dropped on this objective.

Many aerial engagements were also fought between French and German machines in the district north of Verdun, with the result that three hostile machines were brought down in their own lines and a French machine, which was attacked by four German craft, also brought down one of them, which fell in the region of Cernay. The French aeroplane returned unscathed to its base.

Three Attempts Fail.

Three attempts of the Germans to penetrate the French positions on the northwestern outskirts of the Bois des Buttes resulted in the complete repulse of the Germans. A German munition depot in the region of Four de Paris, in the Argonne, was exploded by French shell fire and the German railways, highways and defence works were heavily bombarded at Montfaucon and Avocourt.

A German column was taken in the open under the fire of the French guns at a point northwest of Delme. Great activity prevailed on the part of the French and German guns today in the Chapelotte sector and Thur valley, in the Vosges. Sixty Germans were taken prisoner in surprise attacks on the German trenches at Stossweir and Carspach as well as important war materials captured, the French suffering no loss.

Both French and German artillery were actively at work in the Wocvre, especially around Eix, the French afternoon statement said. A detachment of Germans, attempting to surprise French trenches at Croix des Carmes, in the Bois Le Pretre, was dispersed by French fire, leaving several dead behind.

The German official statement today reported that no change had occurred in the situation in the western theatre of the war. It is claimed that one British and two French aeroplanes were brought down. A British biplane, the Germans also claim, was compelled to land to the west of Courtral and its occupants were taken prisoner.

"DRY" MAJORITY PILES HIGHER IN MANITOBA

Later Returns Show Lead of Nearly Twety-Five Thousand Votes.

WINNIPEG, March 14.—Later returns of the prohibition vote have brought the dry majority to 24,678; for 49,183, against 24,505.

In its comment The Tribune says: "The sword cleft to the marrow in this province. It struck a blow for emancipation from an evil that has wrecked its tens of thousands of lives in our own city and province."

The Telegram this afternoon says: "Politics had nothing to do with the result. The decision, therefore, is untrammeled by external considerations. It expresses the dispassionate judgment of the province that the liquor traffic, as it has been conducted, is an evil to be curtailed as much as possible until the time arrives for its extinction."

The Telegram emphasizes the necessity of the appointment of "thoroly trustworthy men to see to enforcement of the law."

HUGE ARMY CONTRACT DENIED BY GUNN'S, LTD.

In a report received in Toronto last night from New York it was stated that the British Government had placed a contract order with the Imperial Canneries, Limited, for 600,000,000 one-pound cans of beef stew for army rations. This was said to be the largest order for army rations ever placed in the United States or Canada, and would amount to $91,000,000. Such a contract would require 300,000,000 pounds of beef and large quantities of rice and vegetables.

The report stated that the Canadian firm of Gunns, Limited, and three American packing concerns were organized under the name of the Imperial Canneries to take over orders for rations and arrange for the filling of them by qualified packers and others in Canada and the United States. It was even said that this huge order was being already apportioned among packers, canners and wholesale grocers.

D. W. Gunn, of Gunns, Limited when interviewed last night, said that while his company had been talking of ration orders for some time no order had been received as yet, the negotiations were under way. He thought that the report emanated from someone using imagination and also a magnifying glass.

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Official War Statements

British

The British official communication, issued last night, says:

"The enemy exploded two mines this morning, one southward of La Bassee Canal, and the other near Neuve Chapelle. In one case some damage was done to a small salient of our trenches.

"Northward of Ypres we carried out a successful bombardment of enemy trenches. During last night, near the Ypres-Roulers railroad, our grenadiers and machines drove off enemy working parties, who were attempting to work in a mine crater.

"There has been considerable artillery activity today westward of Lens."

Russian

The following Russian official communication was issued yesterday:

"Western Russian front: There has been heavy firing southward of Lake Babit, on the Riga front. On a sector of this front a Lettish detachment, having forced artificial barriers, penetrated the enemy's trenches, bayoneted the occupants of them and returned without loss.

"Southeastward of the Village of Podkamien and on the middle Stripa sector of Galicia our patrols continue their operations with success against enemy posts and have made further progress.

"Caucasian front: Our troops continue to force back the enemy."

Italian

The communication issued by the Italian War Office yesterday says:

"In the Lagarina Valley, enemy artillery showed activity in the Rovereto zone, doing some damage to inhabited places. Our artillery dispersed enemy working parties between Selva and Levico, in the Sugana Valley; destroyed enemy defence works on the Cordevole height and in the Cotina Valley, shelled transport columns in the vicinity of Landro-Rienz, and bombarded the Toblach station.

"Along the Isonzo front, torrential rains and fog have again impeded our artillery and increased the impracticability of the ground. However, our infantry resumed their attacks with success against enemy positions, notably on the Sabotino slopes, between San Michele and San Martino del Carso, and eastward of Monfalcone.

"The best results were obtained in the San Martino zone, where, after severe artillery preparation, a Queen's infantry brigade stormed with the bayonet and captured a strong redoubt, making the occupants prisoners. On their left, other detachments entered and destroyed enemy lines in the neighborhood of the San Martino Church.

"Southeast of San Martino we took Dante del Croviglio, which is the pivot of the enemy's defences.

"Altogether we made 54 prisoners, including five officers, and also captured two machine guns."

German

The German war office reported yesterday:

"Generally speaking, there was no change. A small engagement near Wieltje, northeast of Ypres, ended in the British being driven back.

"A British aeroplane was shot down by Lieut. Immelmann east of Arras, and one west of Bapaume. The occupants were dead. Lieut. Boelke brought down two enemy aeroplanes, which fell behind the French lines over Fort Marne, and near Malancourt, northwest of Verdun. The latter was destroyed by our artillery. By these achievements these officers have put hors de combat their tenth and eleventh enemy aeroplanes respectively. A British biplane was compelled to land west of Cambrai, after an aerial flight. Its occupants were captured.

"Eastern and Balkan fronts: There is nothing to report."

Dinners Are Good

There is an exceptionally fine luncheon for business men served daily at the Hotel Teck for fifty cents from 11.30 to 2.30 p.m. Romanelli's Orchestra plays every evening. Excellent a la carte menu at moderate prices.

REAL ESTATE AGENT CHARGED WITH THEFT

Harry O'Brien, real estate agent, 78 Broadview avenue, was arrested by Detectives Cronin and McConnell last night at his home, on a charge of stealing a cheque for $3.50 from Miss Regan, Palmerston avenue. The cheque is said to have been paid over to O'Brien for a lot on Roselawn avenue, last July, the deed of which Miss Regan never received.

French.

The text of the statement follows:

"North of the Aisne the Germans thrice essayed to penetrate our trenches on the northwest outskirts of the Bois des Buttes. None of these attempts was successful.

"In the Argonne our artillery directed effective fires against the sectors of Four de Paris, where a munition depot was exploded, as well as on the railroads, the highways and enemy organizations in the region of Montfaucon and Avocourt.

"West of the Meuse the bombardment with shells of heavy calibre against our positions between Bethincourt and Cumieres redoubled in violence. In the afternoon the Germans launched a very powerful attack against this sector, but were repulsed along the whole of the front with serious losses. They took foot only in two points of our trenches—between Bethincourt and Le Mort Homme.

"East of the Meuse and in the Woevre the artillery on both sides was very active during the course of the day.

"North of St. Mihiel our batteries bombarded important enemy camps in the Heudicourt wood and caused a great fire in the station and storehouses at La Marchen-Woevre.

"In Lorraine we shelled an enemy column northeast of Delme.

"In the Vosges there was great activity of the two artilleries in the sector of Chapelotte and the Valley of the Thur. Surprise attacks on the enemy trenches at Stossweier and Carspach enabled us to take about sixty prisoners and quite important material without any loss.

"Six aeroplanes of the first bombarding group and five double-motor aeroplanes dropped forty-two shells of heavy calibre on the station at Brieulles (north of Verdun). A large number of aerial engagements were fought today in the region of Verdun. Three German aeroplanes were seen to have been brought down by our machines inside the German lines.

"One of our aeroplanes, attacked by four enemy machines east of Lure, engaged in combat and succeeded in bringing down one of his adversaries, who fell in the region of Cernay. The French aeroplane returned safely to our lines."

The Belgian official communication reads:

"Reciprocal artillery actions, quite intense in character, occurred at divers points along our lines, particularly at Dixmude and at Steenstraete."

The French official communique of yesterday afternoon says:

"To the west of the River Meuse there was a fairly spirited cannonading last night. On the right bank of this stream a strong reconnaissance of the enemy in the wood of Haudremont was checked by our curtain of fire. The bombardment continues violently in the region of Vaux and near Damloup.

"In the Woevre, both the French and the German artillery have been active, particularly in the sector of Eix, but otherwise there is nothing of importance to report in this section.

"In the forest of Le Pretre, a detachment of Germans who endeavored to surprise our trenches at Croix des Carmes was received by a fusillade and compelled to disperse, leaving several dead on the field.

"The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front."

Austrian

The Austrian official statement yesterday says:

"Great combats are developing on the Isonzo front. The Italians have attacked with strong forces, being repulsed everywhere.

"At the Tolmino bridgehead the enemy's activity was limited to lively fire. In the Plava section, the enemy's attempts to destroy our obstacles failed.

"At the Gorizia bridgehead, two attacks against the Doberdo position and one attack against the entrenched bridge of Lucimico, failed, as did likewise several attacks against the Doberdo plateau.

"Near San Martiano, the Italians stormed several times. They were repulsed with heavy losses by Infantry Regiment No. 46."

HUN MINISTER LEAVES BUCHAREST FOR BERLIN

LONDON, March 14, 10.35 p.m.—Baron Von Dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, special German minister to Roumania, will leave Bucharest tomorrow for Berlin, says Reuter's Bucharest correspondent.

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