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PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[July 12 to July 18]

PERHAPS at no time during the course of the war has the news from the front been more meagre than in the weekly period under review, though in that period some of the fiercest fighting of the whole war took place. So scant was the news that several times it was reported that positions were retaken which had been lost the previous day, yet the loss of the positions had not been previously reported. The censor is working overtime, evidently.

On the Western front intense activity prevailed pretty well all the way from the mouth of the Yser to the banks of the Meuse, but reports do not indicate any great gain for either side, though the French had considerably the advantage in the Champagne and on the left bank of the Meuse.

In the Russian campaign the progress of the Russian army in Galicia continued in the early part of the week, but towards the week's close the army withdrew from some of the most advanced positions southeast of Stryl. Fighting of greater or less intensity on the whole front from the Carpathians to Riga prevailed the greater part of the week. As connected with the Russian campaign, it may be mentioned that in the week the Rumanian army resumed activity, though no conspicuous success was recorded.

The Balkan campaign furnished very little news of hostilities in the course of the week, such activity as was reported being in the vicinity of Monastir, and on the Macedonian front near Lake Doiran. No change in positions was effected.

From Armenia, Persia, and Mesopotamia practically no news whatever was received beyond reports of minor skirmishes; and even less news was received of the campaigns in Egypt and in East Africa.

Fighting was continuous in the Austro-Italian campaign, with some minor successes recorded in favor of the Italians; but no substantial gain of ground was effected.

The ruthless German submarine campaign was proceeding through the week, but with results less disastrous than in many preceding weeks. Under "News of the Sea" will be found the reports that appeared in the daily press during the week, of all submarine cases, as well as of all the naval and merchant marine disasters likewise reported.

The week will be memorable for the political changes and events, arising chiefly, if not wholly, out of the war situation. Of China we have made reference in another article. In Russia the Provisional Government was in great difficulties over questions affecting the integrity of the country; several members of the cabinet were replaced by others, and a small revolution took place in Petrograd. But the Provisional Government deemed itself to weather the storm and withstood the attacks of the extremists. Temporarily the unrest in Petrograd was affecting adversely the operations of the army. In Germany no less an event than a change in Chancellors took place; Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg having been replaced by Dr. George Michaelis who had previously been food-dictator. Some cabinet ministers resigned and their successors had not all been appointed. What the political changes in Germany portend it is futile to conjecture, but they do not indicate that things are going all right with the Huns. The cabinet changes in Great Britain announced during the week indicate a necessity for the same, though the new appointments have not all been received with favor by the British press. The retirement of Sir Edward Carson from the Admiralty must have caused surprise and much regret, but he is now of the inner cabinet, and his successor at the Admiralty, Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, is a man who has gained a great reputation for accomplishing things in the course of the war. Winston Churchill's appointment to the Ministry of Munitions has been received with almost universal disapproval, which would have been the case no matter what official position had been assigned to him, as he does not now possess the confidence or admiration of the British public generally. In Greece, in Spain, in Portugal, in Austria-Hungary, in nearly all the European states, cabinet crises are in progress, have recently been passed, or are pending. The war has shaken the whole world to its very foundations, and it will never be quite the same world again after the war is over.

PARLIAMENT AT OTTAWA

DURING the past week the Military Service Act, 1917, was considered in Committee of the Whole in the House of Commons at Ottawa, and was subjected to keen criticism, and considerably amended. The third reading was expected to take place last night.

On Tuesday night the question of the further extension of the term of the present Parliament was debated, and a vote was taken thereon at midnight, the result being 82 for extension and 62 against it. In submitting the resolution Premier Borden stated that unless it would be carried by a practically unanimous vote he would not proceed with the matter. In view of the result of the voting, and the Premier's declaration, the life of the present Parliament will not be extended, and an election will be held within a few weeks, the probable remotest date being September 21, a day of good omen for the Conservatives.

While it is manifestly desirable that political animosities should be kept dormant during the present world crisis, and that the united energies of the whole people should be devoted to the successful prosecution of the war, the spirit of partisanship which prevented the formation of a union government and forced an election, is as bitter and intense as at any time in the history of the Dominion. That the present Government has justly been the subject of considerable adverse criticism cannot be denied, for the Ministers are human and as such are liable to error; but it has merited much more support than it has received from the extremist and irreconcilable members of the opposition party.

Whatever the result of the election may be, it is pretty certain that the next government will be composed of leading representatives of the two principal parties, as well as of the other political groups, in the Dominion. The example set by the "Mother of Parliaments" can be followed with advantage by the chief of her daughters, and it is much to be regretted that this did not come to pass at an earlier period in the war.

CHINA IN UNREST

THE revolution in China started by Chang Hsun has practically ended, and his attempt to restore the Manchu dynasty has been frustrated. It is true that Chang Hsun, according to latest advices to hand, had neither surrendered nor been captured by the Republican troops, but had taken refuge in the German barracks in the Legation quarter of Peking after having left the Dutch Legation to which he had at first fled. Details of the extent of the fighting inside and outside Peking are lacking, but it was probably pretty severe. The conspicuous feature was the assistance given to Chang Hsun by the interested German officers, and there would seem to be an absolute certainty that the entire affair was inspired and engineered, and probably financed, by the Germans.

It cannot be said that the Republic is quite fully restored, or even that the revolt is completely over. Some of Chang Hsun's troops at Suchowfu, in Kiangsu Province, who had agreed to surrender, revolted again and, according to latest advices to hand, had not been overcome. President Li Yuan-hung announced his decision not to resume office; and the acting Presidency has been assumed by Fen Kwo-chang. Tuan Chi-jui, who commanded the Republican forces in the defeat of the attempt to restore the Monarchy, has assumed the Premiership and taken over the War portfolio; and some other Ministers have been chosen. Already it seems that Tuan Chi-jui's intentions are doubtful; and because he has not issued an edict announcing the Imperial abdication he is accused of the intention to retain the Emperor. Order will eventually be restored, but complete harmony among the various opposing factions need not be expected for a long time to come. China needs a strong man who is also a patriot, and who that man is has not yet been revealed; but such a man will ultimately be forthcoming, we feel assured.

FOOD MONOPOLY

ON Friday, July 13, there was tabled in the House of Commons, Ottawa, a report on investigations of cold storage companies conducted by Mr. W. P. O'Connor, the Labor Department's Cost of Living Commissioner. The report has not yet been printed for general circulation, and only extracts from it have appeared in the daily press. The report appears to be quite damning of the cold storage companies, who are said to have created a monopoly in certain kinds of foods and to have inflated enormously their price to the ultimate consumer. Action must be taken on the report, action that need not be delayed or influenced in any way because the present Parliament is soon to be dissolved. It is a matter for the Executive, or for Departmental procedure, and no time should be lost in probing it to the very bottom, and providing by criminal prosecution if necessary—the relief that is demanded.

THE FUEL QUESTION

M. R. C. A. Magrath, the Dominion Fuel Controller, held a conference in Halifax on Friday and Saturday of last week with the coal operators of Nova

Scotia and representatives of the Mines Department, and of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Governments. It seems that an understanding was come to that the maximum price of Nova Scotia coal at the mines must not exceed \$4.50 to \$5.00 a ton. A conference of people interested in the fuel question was held in St. John by Mr. Magrath on Monday. Just what effect the outcome of these conferences in St. John will have on the price of hard coal in St. Andrews is difficult to say. The St. John Globe of 17th instant stated that St. Stephen dealers were receiving coal direct from the mines in Pennsylvania in cars, and were charging their customers the same price as charged by the Calais merchants, namely, \$12 a ton. We have been informed that St. Stephen merchants have offered people in St. Andrews coal at \$12 a ton loaded on the cars at St. Stephen. We understand that the price now charged for hard coal by St. Andrews merchants is greatly in excess of that charged by merchants in St. Stephen, though there is absolutely no reason why such should be the case. The matter should be taken up by our Board of Trade and the Town Council, for it is one which affects every person in Town. It should be done at once.

DYNAMITING HAIR SEALS

The European war has furnished an idea to the provincial authorities, says a Vancouver dispatch, who have for years been seeking to exterminate the hair seals which kill enormous quantities of salmon at the mouth of the Fraser. Note was taken of the favorite basking places of the seals on the Fraser sandheads.

One of these was mined with high explosives and charges of metal were placed in cases below the surface of the sand, which the next high tide smoothed over. At low tide the seals returned to their places in the sun and were not disturbed. The next day nearly 200 seals gathered on the sands and the explosive was touched off by a battery from which wires led to the seal ground. The explosion killed every seal.

Other blasts will be set off, for this is the big sockeye salmon year and protection of the run is vital.

MARRIED

At the Manse, St. Andrews, on July 18, by Rev. W. M. Fraser, B.S., B.A., John Albert Speedy, of St. Stephen, to Mabel Christie Welsh, of Exeter, New Hampshire.

OBITUARY

THOMAS HOWE
Mr. Thomas Howe died at his residence here on Wednesday evening, July 18, at the age of 72. He was a native of St. Andrews, and in his early years followed the sea. In his later years he was engaged in his fishing. He was a quiet citizen who took very little active part in public affairs, but was held in high esteem by the townspeople. He is survived by seven children, four sons: John, Frank, George, and Ralph at home; and three daughters, Miss Ray and Miss Miss at home, and Mrs. Herb. Polley, of St. Stephen, to all of whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

The funeral takes place this morning, Saturday, from the Church of St. Andrew, of which the deceased was a lifelong member.

CAPT. JOHN C. HANSON

Relative of Capt. John C. Hanson have been advised of his death which occurred Saturday, July 14, somewhere in France. Captain Hanson, only child and son of Rupert Douglas Hanson, B. A., School Inspector, Fredericton, N. B., was born at Sussex, N. B., August, 1883. As a boy he attended public school at Petticoat and afterwards attended the University of New Brunswick, graduating with the highest honors from that institution in 1913, receiving his B. A. degree. He qualified for a Grammar School teacher's license and taught school at Grand Falls and later became Principal of the Riverside Consolidated School, Albert Co.

Upon the completion of his term there he took a military course at Halifax, qualifying for a captaincy and later accepted a lieutenantancy, D. Co., Colonel Fowler's 104th Battalion, and took a machine gun course.

Finding chances for getting over to France somewhat delayed, he took a flying course and was drafted to France with the 55th Royal Flying Corps and operated successfully there until his death, which is reported as having been accidental.

Captain John Hanson has written several interesting letters to his uncle, Dr. O. B. Price, of Moncton, one of which Dr. Price had just completed reading yesterday when notified of his death.

Mr. Benjamin M. Hanson, of The Times, and Mr. Richard Hanson, K. C., are also uncles of the deceased.

Captain Hanson was a brilliant young man whose life was given to study, and his college record gave promise of a bright future.

His many friends will regret to hear of his death.—The Times, Moncton, July 17.

LIBERT, HUBERT P. OSBORNE

Fredericton, July 13.—There came here this morning official word to the effect that Lieut. Hubert P. Osborne, of this city, who recently went to France with the Royal Flying Corps, had been killed in action. He was the eldest son of Major and Mrs. W. J. Osborne, of this city. He

was appointed to the 104th Battalion by Lt. Col. Fowler in the autumn of 1915 and went to England with that unit as a captain. Afterward he was transferred to the R. F. C. and after a course of instruction in England, crossed to France. According to information given the family a short time ago he had been in France only a few weeks.

The father of the young officer left for Ottawa on Wednesday evening, having been ordered there in connection with his appointment as commandant of the convalescent and a vocational home for returned and disabled soldiers to be established in Old Government House here. Major Osborne was invalided home as the result of shell shock received while serving with one of the mounted rifles regiments. He formerly was with the 55th Battalion and is well known throughout the province as the principal of the Fredericton Business College.

Lieutenant Osborne was about twenty-three years of age. He had served for some years in the 71st York regiment as staff sergeant and was commissioned as a lieutenant in it in 1915. He had been a student at Sackville Academy, the University of New Brunswick and Osgoode Hall, Toronto. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister. A younger brother, Gordon, is a gunner with a heavy battery.

The latest cable from Lieut. Osborne informed the family that he had been ordered to join the aviation section of the Mesopotamia Field Force but on account of a sudden demand for aviators in France he had been ordered across the Channel.

HON. L. J. TWEEDIE

Hon. L. J. Tweedie, K. C., formerly Premier of New Brunswick, and afterwards Lieutenant Governor, died quite suddenly at his home in Chatham, on Saturday evening, aged 67. Mr. Tweedie had been in ill health for some years.

Of Irish and Scotch parentage, the son of a Methodist minister, Mr. Tweedie was born Nov. 30, 1849, at Chatham, was educated at the Chatham Grammar School and Presbyterian Academy, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1871. He entered politics when young, being only 24 years of age when he was first sent to the legislature by the county of Northumberland, and he was returned again in 1886.

Meantime there was a change of government, and Hon. A. G. Blair had come into power. Mr. Tweedie sat on the opposition side until 1890. Then he ran and was elected as an opposition candidate, but in consequence of the famous "Northumberland deal" he joined the Blair party, and was taken into the government as Surveyor-General. Northumberland re-elected him. In the succeeding Mitchell and Emmerson administrations Mr. Tweedie was Provincial Secretary, and when Hon. H. R. Emmerson went to the House of Commons, Mr. Tweedie became premier.

That was in 1900, and he retained that position until he was appointed Lieutenant Governor in 1907. Since his retirement in 1912 he has not been engaged in politics, but it was generally known he intended to run for the House of Commons at the first opportunity.

In his legislative career Mr. Tweedie

was a forceful speaker and an astute leader. As a lawyer he held an excellent position on the North Shore.

Mr. Tweedie had served as a senator of the University of New Brunswick and of Mount Allison, as a director of the Halifax school for the blind, and had been president of the Miramichi Agricultural and Exhibition Association, and of the North American Fish and Game Protective Association. He was a generous supporter of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, of Chatham. He had always taken a keen interest in the volunteer militia, was a member for many years and was awarded the long service medal by the late King Edward VII in 1903.

In 1876 Mr. Tweedie married Miss Agnes Loudon, daughter of the late Alexander Loudon, of Chatham, who survives her husband. There are also four sons and two daughters. The sons are Fred M., manager of the Miramichi Foundry and Machine works, and former mayor; Murray and Joseph L., at home, and Lieutenant Arthur H. now in England with the 104th Battalion. The daughters are Mrs. J. Stuart Benson, of Chatham, and Mrs. E. McEwen, of Rochester, N. Y.

PROF. JOHN FLETCHER

Prof. John Fletcher, M. A., LL. D., one of Toronto's leading educationists, died at his home, 532 Huron street, Toronto, July 15, in his 68th year, after

having suffered for some months from a complicated internal trouble.

Born in London, England, Prof. Fletcher at an early age came to Canada; he was educated at Upper Canada College, and was "head boy." He graduated from Toronto University with the degree of B. A., taking the gold medal in classics in 1872. For three years he filled with success the post of principal of Yarmouth Seminary, in Nova Scotia, which he resigned in 1875 in order to prosecute classical studies under more favorable conditions in Balliol College, Oxford. In 1879 he was appointed professor of classical literature in the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, holding this post until 1881, when he left to accept the classical chair at Queen's University, Kingston. Fourteen years later, in 1895, he became professor of Latin, Toronto University. He was elected a member of the Ontario Advisory Council of Education in 1909, and was a Senator of the University.

Prof. Fletcher was the joint author of several Greek and Latin text books. He is survived by his wife, daughter of the late Andrew Inches, Deputy Surveyor-General of New Brunswick; one daughter, Miss Margaret Fletcher; and four sons: Grant and Hugh, Toronto; Alan, Montreal, and Capt. Ormund Fletcher, medical officer, home on furlough from Salonika.

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Mrs. M. N. Cockburn

en Cockburn entertain

tea hour on Wednes

day at her guest,

Minneapolis.

Mrs. Furness, of St. F.

her two daughters are the

Mackin at "Oriole" C.

remain with her for a fe

Mrs. Thomas Miller

daughter, Mrs. Alec Gr

junction.

Mrs. E. Cecil DeWolfe

from St. Stephen where

of her sister, Mrs. Frank

Miss Freda Wren and

her last Saturday

make a two-weeks' visit

her sister, Mrs. Harry

man.

Mrs. Skiffington Grim

Long Island on Saturday

G. D. Grimmer.

The Misses Helen and

are the guests of Mrs. C.

Dean Sills arrived last

and spend the remainder of

his family at "Isleid."

Mr. Fred Short and a

came from St. Stephen

Sunday and spent the d

the day was fine a large

mobiles also made the tri

der towns.

Sir Lomer and Lady Go

of Quebec and his wife,

Algonquin Hotel, having

day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon

arrived on Saturday fr

are occupying Algonquin

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis B

lett's Mills, visited Mr.

Bartlett during last we

Judge and Mrs. Hazen

and Mrs. Skelton, Mr.

Smith motored from St.

day and spent the afterno

in town.

Mr. J. M. Scovill, of St.

town on Monday afternoon

the trip by automobile.

Mr. Walter M. McGee

home in Boston on Tues

day and remained at the

M. N. Cockburn.

Mr. T. A. Hart, M. P.,

ended at his home in town

Ottawa on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert

from Montreal on Saturd

panied by their little da

spend the remainder of th

guests of Mrs. Jennie Cla

The Misses Millen, of

are visiting Miss Minnie K

Mrs. F. P. Barnard enter

her friends at a very plea

bridge on Friday afternoon

Miss Elizabeth Alexander

the late Robert Alexander,

arrived from her home in

and is spending a few days

ly as the guest of Mrs. A.

more than thirty years sin

ander was in St. Andrews,

many changes in the town.

The Misses Rigby, dau

and Mrs. S. Rigby, are

brother and his wife, Mr.

Rigby, in Gagetown.

Mr. R. W. McLeod, of M

is visiting his sister, Mrs. J.

Mr. Lyman Chambers,

representing the Swift Co

cook, has gone to Jonespo

charge of the Company's

place.

Rev. W. M. Fraser, B. S.

week from a visit to Hal

ing this morning for Freder

over Sunday.

Mr. C. A. Sampson and

of Fredericton, have been

week at Kennedy's Hotel.

Mrs. George J. Clarke

Friday of last week.

Mr. Bert Lamb, of Bang

visiting his grandfather,

Lamb.

Mrs. Alice Osburn en

small Auction Bridge party