

(Continued from page two) with considerable casualties. The French guns have done damage to German positions north of the Aisne, in Champagne, and in the eastern portion of the forest of the Argonne. In Northwest Russia, around Riga, in the Ikskull district, and on the Jacobstadt sector, there have been violent artillery duels. In Galicia, southeast of Kolki, and along the Middle Stripa river, the Russians have been successful in small engagements with the Germans. In the coastal region of the Caucasus front the Russians are still driving the Turks before them.

Lieut. General Jan Christian Smuts, the former defense minister of the Union of South Africa and now commander of the British expedition against German East Africa, has had a stiff engagement with the Germans in the mountainous region west of Kaveta, along the frontier. The Germans were driven back, although the fighting was of the most obstinate character. The British are endeavoring to cut off the retreat of the Germans, who are withdrawing to the south. Unofficial advice is to the effect that Admiral Von Tirpitz, the German minister of marine, is ill, and that the ministry is in charge of another official.

New York, March 15.—A news agency despatch from Paris today says: That the desire for peace is rapidly increasing throughout Germany was the information brought to Paris today by Dr Sidonia Paes, former Portuguese minister to Germany, who was recalled when Germany declared war on Portugal. "The spirits of the people are drooping rapidly," said Dr Paes. "Economic conditions are very bad. The recent issue of potato cards shows the desperate food situation. Prussia is the hardest hit of all the German states. The situation there is positively painful."

The German Crown Prince's army has apparently paused to take breath, or bring up reinforcements for a continuance of the advance against the Verdun fortress and its outlying defenses. Meanwhile the big guns are exchanging shells at various points along the entire line from Belgium to the Vosges mountains. The latest assault by the German infantry between Bethancourt and Cumieres resulted in the winning of important positions, but by counter-attacks the French succeeded in retaking a portion of the ground, and, according to the official statement of the French war office, hold Bethancourt, the height of Le Mort Homme, the village of Cumieres wood, all positions of great strategic importance. To the east of Verdun there has been considerable activity around Vaux and Demoupe, the fighting at close range is still in progress around the eastern slopes of Fort Vaux, which for days past has been the object of the hardest fighting. The French have taken a German trench south of St Souplet, which indicates that in the Champagne region the contending forces are still endeavoring to take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen their lines. Advances from Petrograd describe remarkable progress in Persia of the Russian troops, who are moving swiftly over difficult roads and in the face of considerable opposition towards the Mesopotamian frontier, where shortly they expect to be in touch with the British forces at Kut-El-Amara and the relieving column under Generals Lake and Aylmer. The Russians are now said to be within fifty miles of the last difficult pass, which will place them in the rear of the Turkish Bagdad army, and their object is to cut the railway to the north, thereby preventing the Turkish army from receiving supplies, and co-operate with the British against Bagdad. In their advance against the Turks along the Black Sea littoral towards Trebizond the Russians have captured additional Turkish officers and men and two machine guns. A British column has attacked an advanced position of the Turks in Mesopotamia, bayoneted a considerable number of the Turks and captured others. In the Austro-Italian zone the Italians are vigorously shelling Austrian positions, and here and there throwing their infantry into the fray. No marked change in the lines has occurred, however.

Paris, March, 16.—Another very strong German attack was delivered this afternoon against the French positions at Le Mort Homme, in the Verdun region, but the assaulting forces were driven back in the direction of the Corbeaux woods, where, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight, the concentrated fire of the French guns inflicted heavy losses on them. No infantry attack took place today on the right bank of the Meuse. The text of the communication follows: "To the north of the Aisne there has been artillery activity on both sides in the region of Bois Des Buttes, south of Ville Aux Bois. "In the Argonne we carried out a concentrated fire on the German organizations to the northwest of the road from Varennes, and on batteries in action on the outskirts of Montfaucou. "To the west of the Meuse, after a very violent bombardment of our Bothencourt-Cumieres front, the Germans launched, during the course of the afternoon, a powerful attack against our positions at Le Mort Homme. The assaulting masses, which came on like waves, were not able to gain a footing at any point, and were forced back in the direction of the Bois Des Corbeaux, where our concentrated fire, let loose immediately, inflicted heavy losses on them. "On the right bank of the Meuse the activity of the artillery redoubled to the east and west of Douaumont, as well as around the village of vanx. No infantry attack was carried out however. Our batteries took under their fire, on several occasions, troops engaged in evolutions in that region."

St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day, Friday last, was duly celebrated in this city, by the Benevolent Irish Society and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The storm of the previous day had militated against good parading conditions; nevertheless there was a good turnout of the members of both societies. To the music of the Fourth Regiment Band the societies marched to St Dunstan's Cathedral at 10 o'clock, where solemn High Mass was celebrated and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached. Rev. Maurice McDonald was celebrant of the Mass, with Rev. Dr. Hughes, deacon, Rev. F. McQuaid sub-deacon and Rev. P. Duffy Master of ceremonies. His Lordship, the Bishop occupied his seat in the Sanctuary. The sermon of the day was preached by Rev. Father Herron, of St. Dunstan's College. His text was Hebrews XIII, vs. 7-9. "Remember your prelates who have spoken the Word of God to you; whose faith follow, and be not led astray with visions and strange doctrines." It was an excellent and appropriate discourse. After mass the Societies reformed and paraded the principal streets of the city before returning to their respective halls. Officers of the Societies and several members of the clergy drove in sleighs. The days celebration was concluded by a splendid concert in the People's Theatre. A feature of the evenings entertainment was an excellent address by Mr Justice Fitzgerald.

The day was suitably celebrated at Emerald, Iona, Hope River Souris, Tipton and many other places throughout the Province. THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION opened in St Dunstons Cathedral yesterday (Tuesday) morning at 9 o'clock with the Solemn High Mass of Exposition. Rev. J. A. Gandet was celebrant of the Mass, Rev. Maurice McDonald deacon and Rev. Frank McQuaid sub-deacon. His Lordship the Bishop occupied his seat in the Sanctuary. After Mass there was the usual procession of the Blessed Sacrament with the prescribed ceremonies. The Solemn Mass pro-pose was sung this morning at 8 o'clock by Rev. Ignatius McDonald, with Rev. Fathers Duffy and Croken as deacon and sub-deacon respectively and Rev. A. J. McIntyre as Master of ceremonies.

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Local and Other Items.

Latest war news is favorable.

A London Times despatch says the German losses at Verdun now must be more than a quarter million.

A cable to the press says that Sir Sam Hughes arrived at Falmouth, England, on the 19th and received the freedom of the city.

Lloyds report says the Dutch steamship Patembang sunk Saturday in the Thames estuary, was torpedoed. There were three explosions.

Mr Joseph F. Doyle, Mount Stewart, has been appointed School Inspector for West Queens in succession to the late Inspector Devereaux.

A number of bombs were recently discovered under the Bulgarian Royal palace at Sofia, according to wireless advices from Rome to London. Several arrests are reported to have been made.

It is definitely announced in London that Von Tirpitz withdraws from the German naval ministry. Admiral Von Copelle succeeds him. There will be no change in the submarine policy.

Newfoundland fish trading concerns are sending to Canada and the United States in the hope to buy from forty to fifty sailing vessels needed in the coastal and trans-Atlantic fish trade.

According to London advices Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, has been decorated by King Albert of Belgium. The official Gazette announces the conferring of the Grand Gordon of the Order of Leopold upon the Canadian statesman.

The Pacific-American Lumber Co's tender Alpha, which left Bellingham, Wash., swamped off Rachel Island near Prince Rupert, B. C. a few days ago. All on board, with the exception of a deck hand named Christiansen are believed to have perished.

Mrs Wallace Rogers, of Detroit, arrived at El Paso on the 19th with her baby after hiding two days from Mexican bandits in an abandoned Mexican mine. She said the bandits had no respect for the American flag. "I am bitterly ashamed to admit it," she said, "but whenever trouble started we began to hunt for a Union Jack. It was the only flag I ever saw that the Mexicans paid any deference to."

An agreement has been reached between Roumania and Russia, which is believed to indicate the definite decision of Roumania to adhere to the cause of the Entente Allies, according to the Bucharest despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company London. The agreement permits Roumania to purchase war materials in Russia and to transport through Russia war materials purchased elsewhere. It is reported that Russia has agreed further to give to Roumania part of Bessarabia.

News has been received at Ottawa that the Hon. Dr. Beland, Liberal M. P., who has been a German prisoner ever since Brussels was captured may possibly soon be released. His name is stated to be on the list of prisoners who will be exchanged. Dr. Beland is curiously in prison because he is English, but he happens to be a French Canadian. He was acting as a medical officer during the early part of the war and not as a belligerent, although he has been treated as the latter.

The special committee appointed by the city council of Berlin Ont on the 4th inst. to draft conditions for the contest to secure a new name for the city, decided next morning that no name will receive consideration that is on the post office register of Canada, that every name suggest accompanied by a letter suggesting a reason why the name should be adopted and that the contest be open to all residents of Canada and the United States. The prizes will be awarded, first \$200, second \$75, third, \$25. All suggestions are to be sent to A. H. Miller, city clerk of that city, no later than March 31, 1916.

Estimates For P. E. Island.

The estimates of the Federal Government now under consideration in the House of Commons show considerable reduction, compatible with economy and efficiency, as compared with those of 1914-15 and even 1915-16. Among the estimates for Prince Edward Island are the following new votes:—

PUBLIC WORKS

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Belfast, repairs to wharf approach \$2,500; Chapel Pier, repairs to approach 1,400; Cavehead, repairs to Shaw's Dam 2,000; Grand River, North, repairs to pier 3,500; Harbours and rivers generally, repairs, and improvements 14,000; New London, repairs to beach protection 1,200.

RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes To bring line up to Intercolonial Railway branch line standard 129,000; MAIL AND STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Steamer service between Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton and Newfoundland 18,500; Steamer service from the opening to the closing of navigation 1916 between P. E. I. and the mainland, Construction of terminals, etc. 500,000.

COMPENSATION.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Compensation allowance to Lewis King, who lost the sight of one eye through an accident on board the Stanley. 100

SUBSIDIES.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Prince Edward Island 381,931.88; INDIANS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Salaries 600; Relief and seed grain 1,125; Medical attendance and medicine 850; Miscellaneous 650.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Between P. E. I. and mainland 7,000; Among the provinces in the estimates for 1916-17 are:—

PUBLIC WORKS

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes For half cost of reconstruction of telegraph lines jointly owned by the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. and the Dominion Government 17,000; Brudenell, reconstruction of wharf 2,000; North Lake, boat harbour 24,000; Pownal, repairs to wharf 2,000; Summerside, repairs to breakwater 13,000; RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes P. E. I. Railway, bridge to be strengthened 3,600; Original construction 800; Surveys and inspections 1,000; To increase accommodation along the line 7,700; Gar ferry, construction of terminals and necessary connections 100,000; (Additional vote) 500,000; The estimated working expenses of the P. E. I. Railway for 1916-17 are \$635,000, as compared with \$650,000, for 1915-16, a reduction of \$25,000.

The Market Prices.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Butter .034 to .035; Eggs per doz. .024 to .025; Fowls each. .65 to 0.80; Chickens per pair. .85 to 1.00; Flour (per cwt.) .00 to 0.00; Beef (small) .010 to 0.14; Beef (quarter) .008 to 0.09; Mutton per lb. .008 to 0.09; Pork .011 to 0.12; Potatoes (bush) .050 to 0.52; Hay, per 100 lbs. .075 to 0.80; Black Oats .000 to 0.15; Hides (per lb.) .000 to 0.15; Calf Skins .014 to 0.00; Sheep Pelts .075 to 0.80; Oatmeal (per cwt.) .000 to 0.00; Turnips .012 to 0.15; Turkeys (per lb.) .020 to 0.00; Pressed Hay .1400 to 0.1700; Straw .030 to 0.35; Ducks per pair .155 to 1.60; Lamb Pelts .075 to 0.80.

LENTE SERMON.—The second sermon of the special Lenten series, in the Cathedral, was delivered on Sunday evening last by Rev. Dr. McLellan. His text was from the Gospel of St John Chapter VI. 54th and following verses: "Except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you etc." The sermon, as the previous one, was on the Blessed Eucharist, and was a very eloquent and able discourse. In opening, the Rev. preacher quoted the words of St. Paul as he marvelled at the depths of the riches of the wisdom, the knowledge and the goodness of Almighty God. If we, too, contemplate the marvellous works of God we must arrive at the same conclusion, said the Rev. preacher. When we consider that Almighty God, perfect and omnipotent, needing nothing, existing from all eternity, yet created intellectual beings, angels, pure spirits. He created also other intellectual beings, men, a little less than the angels: but still intellectual beings. The Rev. preacher pointed out that Almighty God implanted in the heart of man the disposition to be moved towards his Creator by love. Through sanctifying grace bestowed upon him, Adam was rendered most pleasing to God, and was given knowledge to understand what course he should pursue in order to be saved. But in an unguarded moment Adam was lured by the wiles of the devil, disobeyed the one command of God and fell. Notwithstanding this ingratitude God did not abandon our first parents. He cursed the serpent and said, He would put enmities between him and the woman; that her heel should crush his head, and his head should wait for her heel. The Rev. preacher here explained the promise of a Redeemer, made by Almighty God. How was redemption to be accomplished, Almighty God could effect the redemption in innumerable ways: but He chose his own special plan, the Incarnation, wherein there was one nature and two persons. In the fullness of time the promise made to our first parents was realized. The Rev. preacher here narrated the coming of our Lord into the world in poverty and humility, and his life of obscurity with Mary and Joseph. He came unto His own and His own received Him not. But having loved His own He loved them to the end. This love He manifested and perpetuated by the institution of the Blessed Eucharist at the Last Supper. At the very moment of our dear Lord's institution of this Bread of eternal life. He knew one of the twelve, who sat with Him, was a traitor. After describing in glowing language the devotion of the early Christians to the Holy Eucharist, the Rev. preacher pointed out what had come about in our own day, when Pope Pius X, of blessed memory, took for his motto the restoration of all things in Christ. This restoration was to be effected by frequent and daily Communion. The effort has been most marvellous, thousands and hundreds of thousands of young and old; of all walks and conditions of life, now flock daily to Holy Communion. The Rev. preacher concluded his eloquent discourse by beseeching Almighty God, in the words of the Disciples at Emmaus, to stay with us through all the trials and tribulations of life, and in the final struggle; that by giving our love and service here we may see and enjoy Him for all eternity in Heaven.

General Gallieni, French Minister of War, has resigned because of ill health. General Roque will succeed him.

DIED.

McLELLAN.—At Halifax on the 14th inst., Celestine McLellan, a native of Grand River Lot 14, and brother of Mr. Sixtus McLellan, Merchant tailor, of this city. He had been ill for several months. For some years, deceased lived here and was associated with his brother in the tailoring business. Lately he conducted a successful ladies tailoring business at Halifax. Besides a widow and family, and his brother Sixtus, he leaves sisters and brothers in his native parish. All these have the sympathy of the community. R. I. P.

SCHAEFFER.—At Carleton Point, on March 17th, Frank Schaeffer.

McEWEN.—Estelle Louise McEwen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McEwen, Morell, age, 11 months 3 days.

CULLETON.—At West Devon, on Feb. 24th, Mr. Samuel Culleton, age, 84 years.

SABINE.—At Pacific Grove, California, after a few days illness William G. Sabine aged 85 years, formerly of Charlottetown.

McEWEN.—At New London, on March 19th, Frank McEwen.

DOGHERTY.—At Charlottetown, Monday, March 20th, Lt. Col. Francis Longworth Dogherty in the 85th year of his age.

ANDREWS.—At Hope River, on Monday, March 20th, Benjamin Andrews, aged 79.

DUFFY.—Suddenly at Emerald on Sunday morning March 19th inst. Peter Duffy aged 82 years. R. I. P.

WEBSTER.—At Frogmore, New South Wales, on Jan. 8, 1916, Joseph Webster, in his 85th year. Deceased was a brother of Mr. David Webster, Hillsboro St., City.

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SEALED TENDERS will be received at this office until noon on

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L. B. McMILLAN, Secretary of Public Works, Department of Public Works, Charlottetown, P. E. Island. March 20, 1916. mar. 22, 1916—21

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JOHN F. WHEAR, Post Office Inspector, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, March 8th 1916.—3.

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