# BRITAIN'S PERIL FROM SUBS. IS VIRTUALLY OVER

## Statements of Admiralty and Earl of Selborne Significant.

## METHODS KEPT SECRET

## But Belief That Many Submersibles Have Been Caught is Strong.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Belief that the British admiralty has been able to devise measures to minimize the danger from German submarines was strengthened today by statements from the admiralty and the Earl of Selborne, president of the board of agriculture.

In the admiralty report of the exploit of the British airman, Flight Squadron Commander Bigsworth, in sinking a German submarine off Ostend, it is significantly stated that it has not been the practice of the admiralty to publish accounts regarding the losses of German submarines, "important tho they have been" in cases where the Germans had no other source of information as to the time and place at which these losses occurred. It has been reported for months that a large number of German submarines, variously stated at from 20 to 40, have been caught by the British navy, but today's statement is the only official admission that there were others than those previously announced by the admiralty as having been destroyed.

**Menace No Longer.**

The Earl of Selborne, in concluding an address to a deputation of agricultural landowners, declared that the British navy has the submarine menace well in hand.

In the light of the country's experiences with submarines, however, the agricultural and economic policy of Great Britain, including the broad questions of food production, would have to be revised, he continued. The committee which he had appointed to deal with increasing the food supply had recommended that farmers should be guaranteed 45s ($11.25) per quarter for wheat, beginning with the harvest of 1916 and continuing until 1920.

In view of circumstances in connection with the war, however, Lord Selborne added, the government had decided that it would not incur the additional financial liabilities involved in the guarantee of arrangements however made, to supply farmers with labor.

**Many Subs. Destroyed.**

Since the beginning of the war the British official reports have accounted for but one submarine, besides the one the destruction of which was announced today, altho there have been vague references to submarines being rammed or sunk by unarmed ships in the English Channel, and in one instance a reward offered by the admiralty for the sinking of a submarine has been paid to a British merchantman.

There have been no official intimations as to what method, offensive or defensive, has been taken by the British navy against submarines altho the admiralty previously announced its satisfaction with these measures.

**Many Rumors.**

Returning Americans have described the new British sport of submarine hunting and have said that great numbers of small, high powered and very speedy motor boats, mounting guns of small calibre, have constantly scoured the coastal waters of Great Britain for months. There also have been repeated stories of an extensive system of submarine nets in channel waters and of one submarine net that extends entirely across the English Channel, with guard boats at the opening.

# RED CROSS TO GET BUSINESS WOMEN'S AID

## Office Girls and Stenographers Are Contributing Toward Fund for Soldiers.

A fund having the sanction of the local Red Cross Society has been opened to enable the office girls of Toronto to contribute from their earnings as large a sum as possible for use in the present war. Some large offices have a fund of their own, but there are many who have no organization thru which to give.

Other business women following the example of the stenographers and office girls are organizing for Red Cross work, but it is intended to keep all funds contributed by the office girls distinct. It is requested that all wishing to contribute to the stenographers and office girls' fund will send in their contributions to 201 Church street. Any office telephoning to Main 2280 will have their contributions called for if desired.

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# YORK COUNTY ...AND... SUBURBS

# DRIVE DOUBT AWAY FROM MEN'S MINDS

## Forceful Addresses Given at Large Recruiting Meeting in Oakwood.

## MADE SPECIAL APPEAL

## Citizens Called Upon to Respond When Empire Needs Fighters.

If there were any young men present at the recruiting meeting held last night at Dundurn Heights, St. Clair avenue, who are eligible for overseas service, and who wavered in their duty towards the empire, their doubts must have been overcome after hearing the forceful addresses delivered by John Beverley Robinson and A. Wright and the appeal of Miss Jessie McNab.

Fully 1,000 people were gathered on the lawns which were brilliantly illuminated with electric lights.

Mr. Robinson, who come of United Empire Loyalist stock, said that he was sorry that such a thing as a recruiting meeting was necessary to obtain men to fight for the cause of Britain in her hour of need. I have been told that it has not been brought home to the young men of this country that their duty is to fight. I should have thought that when the sinking of the Lusitania took place and men read of the shrieks of the women and babies as they drowned at the hands of those inhuman wretches, that they would have rushed in swarms to the recruiting offices. This act, however, did not stir Canada as it should have done." He dealt with the statements which have been made in connection with the Monroe doctrine. "I have heard it said that if the Germans reached this far the Monroe Doctrine would protect us. To the devil with the Monroe Doctrine," he declared.

**Secret Preparations.**

Referring to the fact that Germany has spent millions of dollars in munitions in the United States, which it is thought have been secreted in the country by Germans, he said: "There are thousands of the kaiser's men in the States. Germany is doing all she can to force America into the war, and these men are only waiting for this to take place. You know what this would mean, those men are prepared, they know where to lay their hands on that ammunition, and in a very short time they would be over the border and at Toronto."

Mr. Robinson spoke strongly regarding the excuses of having a sweetheart who would not agree to her boy enlisting and of not liking to leave good positions, and said that he particularly wanted to get at the man who was holding a soft job. He referred to the fact that a large proportion of the men who had enlisted were men who worked with their hands, and made a special appeal to clergs and men who did not earn their living by manual labor.

"The men at the parliament buildings want to send a machine gun as their part. The machine gun is all right if they will send a crew to man it." He said that after a call for recruits had been made at the buildings only ten men enlisted out the 300 employes. Out of these ten two were married and five were physically unfit.

**Victory is Certain.**

A. W. Wright, vice-chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, stated emphatically that Toronto had not done her part in sending men to fight, and wondered if there were still some who had their doubts as to whether the part England was playing was justifiable. "It took ten years to crush Napoleon," he said, "but that war is insignificant compared to this great struggle. It will take a long time to crush the kaiser, but victory is certain."

Dr. Fraser urged the women to enlist in the Women's Home Guard, which has just been organized by Miss McNab.

Speaking in connection with the Women's Home Guards, claid in the new Home Guards uniform, said: "Don't think this ne wthing is only for fun. If you have that idea get rid of it. We have large grounds here, and for tvery ne wregiment that is formed a new acre will be secured for its use." She did not like the statement which had been made to the effect that they were an awkward regiment, and referred to Col. Galloway's remarks as to their fitness. She stated that a Kiltie regiment was to be formed and rifles were to be supplied. "Not wooden rifles either," she declared, "but real steel rifles."

During the evening 150 women enlisted in the new organization, Doctors Ferguson, Margaret McAline and Gibson pronouncing each one physically fit.

# SERVED YORK COUNTY IN MANY CAPACITIES

## John Richardson, Who Died Yesterday, Had Extensive Public Career—Funeral Saturday.

John Richardson, clerk of the county court of York died yesterday at the residence of his niece, 9 Water street, East Toronto, after an illness lasting several months.

Mr. Richardson, who was the clerk of the county court since 1904, was one of the best known men in York County of which he was warden in 1885. In April, 1843, he was elected to the Scarboro Township Council and from 1878 to 1894 represented that township on the county council from which he retired to accept the nomination for the legislature. He then represented the riding of East York for ten years in the provincial house.

Mr. Richardson was educated at Scarboro High School, Markham High School and Victoria College, and was a member of Washington Methodist Church, Scarboro. He never married and is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Albert Barber, Cobourg, Mrs. E. Draper and Mrs. Henry Aylard of Toronto.

The funeral will be held on Saturday from Washington Methodist Church, Scarboro, at 2.30 p.m., after a short service at the house at 1 o'clock.

**PREPARE FOR PICNIC.**

Big preparations are being made for the picnic and games to be held by the East York Federal Conservative Association at Scarboro Heights Park on Saturday afternoon. A large program of sporting events has been arranged and the gathering will be addressed by Provincial Secretary Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. James Duff, minister of agriculture and Joseph Russell, M. L. A.

# RUSSIANS RETIRE FROM FORTRESS

(Continued From Page 1.)

Riga district. To the southwest of Friedrichstadt, in the region of Schoenberg and Radzivichki, on the 24th and 25th, the enemy, reinforced, resumed the offensive and severe and stubborn fighting ensued. In the direction of Dvinsk and in the region of Oknista, on the River Sventa, we drove the Germans back.

"In the direction of Vilna our troops which held up the enemy during the 24th and 25th, on positions before Ivje, are gradually falling back along both banks of the River Vilija.

"On the middle Niemen and the front between the Bobr and the Pripet our armies, in conformity with instructions, are retiring towards the east. The enemy is pressing our troops only in certain directions, having on the 25th concentrated his principal efforts against Bialystok and on the roads running eastward from Bielsk to Kleshtshe.

"On other sectors of our front, in general, there has been no important change."

**Hold Railway Line.**

The Germans now are in possession of the whole line of railway from Cholm to Bialystok. The Russians having already evacuated the latter city, the lesser fortresses of Grodno and Olita are now the only strongly defended positions remaining in the hands of the Russians. Both these are being approached by the Germans and probably will be given up when they have fulfilled their purpose of facilitating the retreat of the Russian armies.

The Russians have not yet entered the vast Bieloviezh forest, which runs 30 miles north and south and has a width of from 17 to 30 miles. The forest is a famous hunting centre and a bison preserve. South of it are the Pripet marshes, which protect the Russian left, and with plenty of roads and three or four railroad lines, it is expected here that Grand Duke Nicholas will make good his retirement if Grodno and Vilna can hold out long enough. Even tho they should fall, military observers say the grand duke would be well on his way to his new positions before the Germans could reach his flank. There is again talk of Russian preparations for a stand, but no indication as yet where this attempt is to be made.

**GERMANS TOOK CITADEL.**

VIENNA, Aug. 26, via London, Aug. 27, 12.40 a.m.—The following official statement was issued tonight at the Austrian war office:

"The fortress of Brest-Litovsk has fallen. Hungarian landwehr under Field Marshal Von Arz captured yesterday the Village of Kobylany, southwest of the fortress, and thereby broke the exterior of the fort line. West Galician, Silesian and North Moravian infantry stormed at the same time the forts south of the Village of Koroscayn. German troops captured the citadel.

"Meantime the allies repelled the enemy across the Lesna and in the forest and marshy district southeast of Brest-Litovsk, while our cavalry, pursuing the Russians from Kovel northwest, threw their rear-guards back near Buchin and Wyzwa.

"In east Galicia the situation is unchanged."

# WOMEN'S SECTION ALWAYS INTERESTS

## This Year's Display at Exhibition Should Eclipse All Others.

## SERVE AS INSPIRATION

## Localities That Have Not Taken Up Soldiers' Comforts Will Do So.

The women's section at the exhibition is always a quarter that draws the crowds. The feminine world naturally gravitates to the spot where evidences of the skill and deftness of their sex are displayed, and for some reason not always explainable, the men are also attracted to the same spot.

Always attractive, this year's display ought to eclipse all its predecessors. The war has influenced every industry and department of life. Unfortunately, effects generally have been depressing and disastrous, but in the case of women's arts, crafts and industries there has been a wonderful development for the better. The almost lost art of hand sewing has been revived and has become general thru the making of kits and Red Cross equipment, and the work with which our grandmothers loved to beguile the long winter evenings, has been resurrected in the click, click of the knitting needles and the serpentine roll of the yarn.

**Patient Industry.**

At the Exhibition there will be exhibits that will speak eloquently of the patience and industry of Canada's women in the cause of their men at the front. In addition, this portion of the work will serve as an incentive to rousing patriotic sentiment among many whose minds are yet unopened to its necessity.

In certain localities and in the great centres especially, work among the women is general, but it cannot be denied that there are still great sections where both men and women are as yet dead to the call of the times.

The women's patriotic exhibits and those of the Red Cross generally will be seen by thousands and will serve as an inspiration. Activities in the cause of empire are sure to follow.

# THE GRAND OPENS WITH "THE ROSARY"

## Famous Drama to Be the Offering During the Fair Week.

## THE LAST TIME HERE

## Important Changes Made in the House for the Convenience of Theatregoers.

Thursday evening, Sept. 2, is the date set for the opening of the Grand Opera House, when Toronto theatregoers will be offered their last opportunity of witnessing one of the most popular dramas that the stage has seen in years. The play, "The Rosary," is Edward E. Rose's greatest success, a religious, heart-touching story that has received the voluntary commendation of representative clergy of all denominations. While the central figure is that of a Catholic priest, the character is so drawn that the question of sectarianism is not in any way involved. Rev. Brian Kelly is presented as a man of God, whose greatest thought is the good he can do for his fellowman of whatever creed or of no creed, and the actor who portrays the character has caught the author's inspiration in his conception of the role. "The Rosary" tells a modest and unassuming story of how the watchful and protective influence of the good priest ultimately restores the happiness of a home that has been wrecked by the evil plotting of one who coveted his neighbor's wife, and sought revenge because his rival had won the love of the woman to whom he paid suit in the days when she was free to choose between them. Several important changes have been made in the Grand since the close of last season and all have been made for the convenience of the many patrons of the famouse playhouse. "The Rosary" will also be presented during the second week of the fair with matinees on Monday (Labor Day) Wednesday and Saturday.

Time Flies

Whether it be measured by the great city clock or by the sun-dial without which no garden of 68 years ago was complete, it flies fast. We only realize its speed when it has gone by——Twenty years ahead is a long way off, while twenty years ago is but a little while back.

Looking backward will not be without its keen regret if the matter of insurance has been neglected. The yearly premiums on a 20 year endowment may now seem scarcely worth while, but when the policy matures and you hold a cheque for its face value plus several hundred dollars in profits you will feel differently about it.

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# BURSAR OF ASYLUM HAD ACTIVE LIFE

## Late Jas. Corcoran Was Citizen Who Had Many Interests.

## PIONEER BUSINESS MAN

## Was Prominent Political Worker and Was True to Conviction.

The passing of James Corcoran at the family home, 149 Cowan avenue, Toronto, deserves a tribute from many sincere friends who desire to express their appreciation of his integrity and consistent Christian life. During his active business career, few Canadian merchants have been so well known or more highly respected. He came to Canada from Ireland during his youth, and entered into business at Stratford, Ont., as a wholesale grocer, enjoying marked success and accumulating a considerable fortune.

In addition to his mercantile business, he cleared up a large area of swampy timber limits in Perth County, and by a drainage system made the land cultivatable. The liberality and thoughtfulness he displayed for his clients and business associates is still favorably remembered by many residents of that county.

Retiring from business in Stratford, he entered the firm of McBride, Corcoran & O'Connor, distillers, Windsor, Ont. In 1892 he was appointed bursar at the Mimico Asylum, and afterwards occupied the same position at the Toronto Asylum. It is one of the bright spots in Canadian politics to note that altho Mr. Corcoran had long passed the civil service age limit, when a change of government took place his services were retained and he was honored with cordial appreciation of "duties well performed" up to the time of his death.

One unusual circumstance during his long life deserves special mention, the fact that he sacrificed a large part of his well-deserved fortune to sustain a business which had no claim upon him beyond the desire to benefit and keep good faith with others who were interested.

Mr. Corcoran was a Liberal of the old school, and was a warm friend of the late Alex. Mackenzie. In 1874 he unsuccessfully contested North Perth, and after the death of his wife and eldest son about 1881, he retired from active politics.

He is survived by three sons and six daughters—James L. of Stratford, F. P. of Chicago, Rev. Jos. A. of Montreal, Mother Frances, Loretto Academy, and the Misses Elizabeth, Katherine, Jennie and Josephine at home, and Helen of Chicago.

# WOULD REORGANIZE TRAVELERS' BENEFIT

## Matter Discussed at Meeting, But No Action Decided for the Present.

Reorganization of the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society was discussed at a meeting in St. George's Hall last evening. The insurance department at Ottawa has pointed out that the society's rates are insufficient for the security of members, and requires that the necessary changes be made at once. No action was taken and an adjournment was made for two weeks, so that the members may acquaint themselves with the situation.

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