

NAVAL WARFARE IN ALLIES' FAVOR

Course of Sea Campaign Gets
Steadily Better for
British Fleet.

ENEMY RAIDS FORCED

Preparations Made to Clear
Mediterranean of Sub-
marines.

London, March 6.—The introduction of the naval estimates in the house of commons today was made the occasion by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, for a lengthy speech in which he summed up the naval situation during the past year.

"On the whole, naval warfare during the past year has proceeded increasingly in our favor," said Sir Eric. "Occasional raids on our convoys and the British coast towns are a natural outcome of the blockading enemy trying to harass the blockading fleet. The exit of the Goeben and the Breslau from the Dardanelles was a raid of a similar character. The Goeben was refloated, and while the reports justify the belief that she was damaged we must for the present treat her as a still efficient engine of war. The loss of the Breslau is a serious one for the enemy in that area, and much outweighs, from the military viewpoint, the loss of our Raglan and M-23 (British monitors sunk during the engagement with the Goeben and the Breslau outside the Dardanelles).

Raid Forced on Enemy.

"The Dover raid is in a way a satisfactory incident. It has been commonly believed that the passage of submarines thru the Straits of Dover has been prevented by nets and obstructions since the early days of the war. That is not true, and undoubtedly a considerable number of submarines passed thru even towards the end of last year. A more vigorous policy was adopted recently, and the surface barrier is now maintained day and night across the channel. At night patrolling craft, numbering over 100 turn faces, so that any submarine attempting the passage has a reasonable chance of being engaged.

"To raid this barrage, the enemy came out on the night of Feb. 14. I can pay tribute to the heroism and devotion of the men, who, after being hammered by the warships, maintained their patrol, and went out again the next morning and ever since. Everything possible is being done to protect them.

To Clear Mediterranean.

Speaking of the Mediterranean situation he said: "The meeting of the committee in Rome was representative of all the allies with naval forces in European waters. It accepted fully the anti-submarine proposals put forward by Vice-Admiral Calhorne, British commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean. It agreed we should forthwith adopt and adapt to the Mediterranean the anti-submarine measures which have given success in the waters of the British Isles, and the main anti-submarine operations decided on will be undertaken under Vice-Admiral Calhorne's orders.

"The efforts of the British navy and the navies of the allies are being steadily developed, and a large program of anti-submarine craft and devices is being pushed forward, with the lag in the mercantile shipbuilding is reflected here also. The convoy system has been greatly developed and is a real success. Since it was adopted 35,000 ships have been conveyed, with very low losses. Additional protection is afforded by the fact that the ships in convoys closely follow the admiralty instructions. The greatest safety of all shipping rests in the observance of the admiralty orders.

Enemy Nearer Shore.

"One result of the convoy system has been to drive the enemy closer to the shore, thus rendering the open sea safer for navigation. This transfer of attacks nearer the coast gives increasing opportunities for attacking the enemy by patrolling surface craft and airplanes, and enables us to save many vessels which would otherwise have been lost. The saving is so efficient that of all British armed ships damaged last year only eight were abandoned.

WILL BAR OUTSIDERS

Non-Resident Children Cannot Attend the Chatham Schools After Summer.

Special to The Toronto World.

Chatham, Ont., March 6.—Children who are non-residents of this city are to be barred from attending the local schools after the summer vacation, and the proper authorities will be required to make suitable accommodation for their education elsewhere, as a result of the action taken by the board of education last night.

In the meantime the fees of such pupils will be increased from \$1.51 to \$1.51, payable in advance. This action was made necessary as a result of the crowded condition of the schools.

THREE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.

Kingston, March 6.—James Smith, aged 30, a member of a local battalion, pleaded guilty to stealing blank cheques from a pay office and forging cheques to the amount of \$300. He was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by Magistrate Farrell. He also pleaded guilty to carrying a loaded revolver, but was given suspended sentence on this charge.

FELL FROM LOFT.

Kingston, March 6.—Frederick Bleeker, aged 15, of Flint, fell out of a hay loft and received injuries which caused his death.

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KIDNAPPED HIS CHILD

Chatham Father Arraigned But Allowed Out on Suspended Sentence.

Chatham, Ont., March 6.—The six year old son of Mrs. Richard Davis of this city, who was abducted on February 28th, while attending the funeral of a relative in company with the child's stepfather, was located today following the arrest of Richard Davis, the father, who was arraigned in the city police court on the charge of abducting the boy.

The defendant had not been living with his wife, who had the custody of the infant, and on the day in question he stole the child in Maple Leaf Cemetery. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence, the child being returned to his mother.

BOLSHEVIKI READY TO DEFEND RUSSIA

Supreme Muscovite Military
Council Organized to
Protect Country.

MOSCOW AS CAPITAL

Germans and Austrians Still
Fight, Notwithstanding
Peace Agreement.

Petrograd, March 6.—The official news agency announces that a supreme military council has been formed for defence of the country. The commissioner of military affairs has issued a decree ordering that the entire people be armed.

The evacuation of Petrograd has begun. Three state ministries, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd dated Tuesday, have started to leave the capital, from which the population also is fleeing hastily.

The Bolshevik government proposes to declare Moscow the Russian capital and Petrograd a free port.

An official Russian statement received here today says Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, has sent a message to the German and Austrian chief commanders stating that the Germans and Austrians are still fighting, notwithstanding the conclusion of peace. Ensign Krylenko asks whether the German high command has taken all steps necessary for cessation of hostilities.

To Withdraw to Ural.

The Bolshevik leaders are prepared to withdraw even as far as the Ural Mountains rather than all discontinue the transport of troops of the central powers thru Moldavia and Bessarabia to Odessa.

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LORD READING'S TRIBUTE.

New York, March 6.—A tribute to John Redmond, the dead Irish Nationalist leader, was paid here today by Earl Reading, British ambassador to the United States. "I am upset at hearing of his death," Earl Reading said. "I had known him many years. He played a great part in Irish political life during my whole association with him."

M. Trozky was asked whether the beginning of the war he has always taken the stand in the house of commons that this was a war for liberty. He replied: "I should like to express my deepest sympathy to all his relatives and friends. His loss will be a severe one to all who wish for self-government in Ireland."

SHIP OUTPUT TOO SMALL.

London, March 6.—Sir John E. Ellerman, controlling owner of several steamship lines, speaking today at a meeting of the chamber of shipping, declared he believed he was right in saying that the whole output of shipping in this country since the outbreak of the war was not enough to replace the losses by marine causes alone, leaving the losses by enemy action yet to be made up.

JAPS AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS.

London, March 6.—At a meeting of a special diplomatic commission in Tokyo on Monday the leader of the Seiyukai presented the decision of the party against the moving of troops by Japan except the event of more serious developments, which may prove to be a menace to the situation in the far east. The Seiyukai, or Constitutional party, is the largest in the house of representatives, with 163 deputies out of a total of 381.

SUBMARINES SINK MORE.

London, March 6.—Commander Carolyn Bellairs, Unionist member for Maidstone, in the house of commons today gave submarine sinkings of merchantmen as averaging 70,000 tons weekly in January and 80,000 tons weekly in February.

STOLE PIGEONS.

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Guelph, Ont., March 6.—Two boys who were charged on Saturday last with stealing pigeons from the winter fair last December, and who were remanded, came before the magistrate again today. They were fined \$20 and costs each. The pigeons are the property of B. B. Vantuyt of London.

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RUMANIA ACCEPTS DRAFT PEACE PACT

Ferdinand Agrees to Cession
of Dobruja to Central
Powers.

TO DEMOBILIZE ARMY

Transport of German Troops
to Odessa Will Be
Furthered.

Amsterdam, March 6.—A preliminary peace treaty between Rumania and the central powers was signed yesterday evening, says a despatch from Bucharest.

Under the terms of the preliminary peace agreement Rumania cedes the Province of Dobruja as far as the Danube to the central powers. Rumania also undertakes to further the transport of Teutonic troops thru Moldavia and Bessarabia to Odessa.

An official German statement last night said Rumania had accepted the conditions of the Germans for an armistice. Apparently the signing of a preliminary treaty followed almost immediately.

Following are the terms of the preliminary peace treaty:

1. Rumania cedes to the central powers Dobruja as far as the Danube.

2. The power of the quadruple alliance will provide and maintain a trade route for Rumania by way of Constanta to the Black Sea.

3. The frontier rectifications demanded by Austria-Hungary on the frontier between Austria-Hungary and Rumania are accepted in principle by Rumania.

4. Likewise economic measures corresponding to the situation are conceded in principle.

To Disband Divisions.

5. The Rumanian Government undertakes to demobilize immediately at least eight divisions of the Rumanian army. Control of the demobilization will be undertaken jointly by the upper command of Field Marshal von Mackensen's army group and of the Rumanian chief army command.

As regards the territory of the Rumanian army also will be demobilized insofar as they are not required for security service on the Russo-Rumanian frontier.

6. The Rumanian troops are to evacuate immediately the territory of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy occupied by them.

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Guelph, March 6.—A big haul of whiskey was made by Inspector O'Brien when he paid a visit to the C.P.R. station at Puslinch, known as Schaw station, and there seized three barrels, weighing 300 pounds each.

The three barrels were ordered shipped to Guelph at once and are now here. There was nothing in the barrels to indicate where they came from, nor to whom they were shipped; but the inspector hopes to secure the way bills. He is of the opinion that they were intended for some persons who live at Hamilton, and who have on previous occasions had shipments of liquor sent to the same place and then came after them in autos.

BANK EMPLOYES MUST JOIN COLORS

Two Thousand Will Be Called
Up by Judgment of the
Appeal Judge.

IN FOUR DRAFTS

First Will Consist of 834 to
Be Furnished on March
Fifteenth.

Ottawa, March 6.—Two thousand bank employees will be called up for military service under a judgment rendered this morning by Hon. Justice Duff, central appeal judge. Of this number 834 will be called upon March 15. The remainder are to report for duty in three drafts, approximately equal, on May 15, July 15 and Sept. 15.

The first draft of 834 to be furnished on March 15 will be distributed as follows: Bank of British North America, 25; Canadian Bank of Commerce, 112; Dominion Bank of Canada, 28; Bank of Montreal, 24; Banque d'Hochelega, 60; Home Bank of Canada, 1; Imperial Bank of Canada, 34; Merchants' Bank of Canada, 60; Molsons Bank, 24; Bank of Montreal, 24; Northern Crown Bank, 8; Bank of Nova Scotia, 45; La Banque Nationale, 59; Bank of Ottawa, 13; Provincial Bank of Canada, 40; Royal Bank, 120; Standard Bank, 35; Sterling Bank, 7; Bank of Toronto, 37; Union Bank, 57; Western Security Bank, 2.

After a careful examination of the facts the conclusion reached is that with the exception of those who may secure exemption on grounds personal to themselves and subject to the result of any special applications which may be entertained by the central appeal judge in regard to the small number of individuals holding positions of exceptional responsibility and requiring exceptional qualifications, all members of class one in Canada who are now in medical category or not yet examined (approximately 2,390) are to be called.

On Jan. 25, 1918, the total number of male employees of all the banks was 11,372, while female employees numbered 6775. Of the former 4721 were in class one and 2390 were in medical category or not yet examined. Of these 270 have claimed exemption on personal grounds.

From the beginning of the war down to Jan. 15, 1918, bank employees to the number of 7742 have enlisted.

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When the "break-up" comes this spring we predict the beginning of unprecedented activity in gold mining. The reason for this is obvious. There is not sufficient gold now in existence to pay the interest on national debts, which must be paid in the precious metal. Instance the manner in which all nations are hoarding gold. Then, again, gold will be badly needed when the reconstruction period begins after the war. Wasted assets must be replaced. Natural resources are of little value without the wherewith to develop them. Gold is the greatest essential for this purpose. **THESE ARE REASONS** why we consider an investment in a good gold mine will prove highly profitable.

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