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LUNATIC ASYLUM Extracts From Commissioners Report

MR. HALFYARD—To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House any reports of the Lunacy Commission, made to the Executive Council during the last sixteen months, and a copy of all minutes of the Executive Council in reference to the Lunatic Asylum since January 1st, 1914, to date.

Children From 7 to 14 Years of Age in the Asylum of Death

There are still a large number of female children ranging from seven to fourteen years of age who have been committed to the Institution. It is regrettable that some steps cannot be taken to have these placed under the care of suitable guardians instead of admitting them to the Asylum, where they come in contact with chronic cases of insanity. Whatever hope there may be for these patients if cared for outside the Institution, there can be very little if permitted to spend their days of youth surrounded by such conditions.

Vermin Holding Full Sway—No Hot Water

During the month of October it was brought under the notice of the Commissioners that vermin had been discovered by the attendants on several of the patients on the male wards. The Commissioners immediately proceeded to the institution and made a personal inspection of a number of the patients, but did not find sufficient of them in such a condition as to cause alarm. A thorough enquiry, however, was made, which satisfied the Commissioners that this condition was mainly due to the inability to secure sufficient hot water for bathing purposes, and to the inadequacy of the drying apparatus in the laundry, which prevented the supplying of clean underclothing so as to permit the usual weekly bathing and change. The Commissioners, in order to keep in closer touch with, and to have a better knowledge of the condition of the patients and to fix the responsibility for any want of cleanliness in this connection, have inaugurated a system of weekly bathing reports.

Consumption Principal Cause of High Death

The death continues to be high and is about 14% of the total number of inmates for the year. Consumption continues to be the principal cause of death, emphasis-

ing the necessity for isolated accommodations as pointed out from time to time by the Commissioners.

Political Heelers Not Wanted On the Staff

The Commissioners wish to call the attention of the Government to the necessity of keeping the staff fully manned with capable and reliable men. The latter condition cannot well be complied with under the present system of appointment and Commissioners are of opinion that no person should be attached to the staff who has not been approved of, either in the first instance or after probation, by the Superintendent. The Commissioners gather that some of the recent appointees are incapable men, either because of their physical condition, want of intelligence or habits when absent from the Institution.

Inmates Escape With Ease—Locks Picked

The Notorious James Hare of H.R. Grace Escapes—Criminal Lunatics Should be Debarred From the Asylum

You will observe that one of the escapes were due to the patients picking the locks to their cells. This can readily be understood, when it is known that the larger number of these locks are of an antiquated spring character and can be easily opened from the inside with a piece of wire, spoon handle or any other like instrument. The Commissioners are of opinion that these locks should be replaced by some of a modern kind which can only be opened by the use of a key.

The inmate James Hare, who is confined in the Institution as a criminal lunatic, had in the opinion of the Medical Superintendent sufficiently recovered to be permitted to do ordinary work outside the building, where with the usual number of inmates working outdoors he would be under the observation of the officials in charge about the grounds, such as the farm servant, the engineer, or the carpenter. Hare on the occasion in question was cleaning windows and effected his escape while these officials were attending to other duties. The Commissioners are now instructing the Superintendent in no case in future to permit a criminal lunatic, or one showing tendencies of a criminal character, to leave the building except for the purpose of being confined within the Airing Court.

Bombarding The Dardanelles

Constantinople, April 18.—The British battleships Majestic and Swiftsure on Thursday bombarded the Dardanelles fortifications near Gabatepes.

Plans For Big Offensive Now Abandoned

German General Staff Abandon Plans For Big Offensive Movement—Creates Big Impression in Italy

Rome, April 19.—Official communications received by the Italian Cabinet and statements made by the Germans in official circles here have given the impression that the German General Staff has abandoned plans for a general offensive movement on the French front and decided simply to maintain the defensive.

The information has caused a deep impression here, because it is believed to signify that Germany has no hope of penetrating further in French territory.

Germany Prepares For Big Raid On London

London, April 19.—A special to the "Express" from the Belgian frontier says, news comes from reliable sources in Belgium of a sudden great activity throughout the entire German naval, military and air services. Undoubtedly a large number of airships are now held in Belgium which have not yet made extensive flight over the North Sea.

The German purpose, it is stated, is to suddenly launch a great fleet of airships from the North Sea bases and the Belgian coast in a spectacular raid against England.

Chicago, April 10.—In the biggest vote ever cast in a municipal election, in Chicago, William Hale Thompson was elected Mayor to-day in a Republican landslide that nearly complete returns indicate carried the entire Republican ticket to victory. His indicated plurality over Robert M. Switzer, Democratic entrant, is nearly 140,000.

British and French Official Report

German Attack Following Violent Bombardment—Repulsed With Heavy Loss

Persian Gulf operations, the India Office reports 15,000 strong, were driven from their position near Zohetr, after severe bayonet fighting on the 14th. The Turks have now retired 19 miles north-west. Our total casualties were about seven hundred of all ranks.

The French Government reports German counter-attacks frustrated at Notre-dame DeLorette and Les Eparges. French aviators dropped bombs on powder magazine at Rothwell, causing an explosion. Bombs were also dropped on the power and electric station north of Metz.

Paris, via St. Pierre, April 17.—Yesterday a French cruiser, supporting aeroplanes reconnoitering, efficiently bombarded the fortifications of El Arish, an Egyptian fortified town near the Palestine frontier, as well as some detachments of Turkish troops concentrated near El Arish.

Official (midnight)—At Notre Dame De Lorette three German counter-attacks were checked Friday night. In the Valley of the Aisne our heavy artillery bombarded the cellars of Passy, which are used as shelter by German troops. Successive explosions seem to indicate that several cellars gave way.

In Champagne, to the north-west of Perthes, the enemy exploded two mines near our trenches. Elsewhere no change in the situation.

FIGHTING IN THE VOSGES

Paris, April 18.—In the Vosges, a German attack, prepared for by a violent bombardment, and carried out by a battalion against our positions, north-west of Osbey, Alsace, 14 miles north-west of Colmar, was repulsed. The Germans left many dead in front of our trenches. We made forty prisoners.

A Belgian aeroplane brought down a German aeroplane near Roulers. In the same region one of our small squadrons bombarded the aviation ground successfully.

Greek Steamer Sunk by Submarine in North Sea

The Hague, April 18.—The Naval Department announces that it has been informed that the Greek steamer Ellisponos, which left Holland on Saturday for Monte Video and Uruguay, has been torpedoed in the North Sea. The crew of 21, with a Dutch pilot, were rescued there, and will be brought to Holland.

She was a steamer of 1,923 tons, built in 1906, and owned in Greece. The steamer arrived at Amsterdam on March 10, from Rosario, Argentina.

British Penetrate German Positions

Berlin, April 18.—A statement issued by the Army headquarters to-day, is as follows:—

"In the western theatre, the British, after having caused several explosions by mines, penetrated last night into our positions in hills close to the northern bank of the canal, south-east of Ypres, but were repulsed again by a counter-attack, except from three of the craters which they occupied. Fighting continues."

Ottawa Regulates Steam Trawling

Ottawa, April 19th.—Regulations for control steam trawling on Atlantic coast promised last session been made by Order in Council. Masters of steam trawlers before leaving Atlantic ports requested to agree to restrict all fishing operations to waters at least twelve miles distant from the nearest shore on the Atlantic coast.

PRINCE GEORGE RETURNS TO PARIS

Athens, April 17.—Prince George of Greece returns to Paris to-morrow. It is believed that his departure refers to the political situation.

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE

Amsterdam, April 18th.—Bombs dropped by German airships on Strassburg on Saturday, did slight material damage.

A TRANSPORT ATTACKED BY TURKS

London, April 18.—The British Admiralty issued a statement last night announcing that a Turkish torpedo-boat had been sunk in the Aegean Sea.

The text follows:—"The transport Maitland, carrying British troops, was attacked by a Turkish torpedo-boat in the Aegean Sea this morning. The Turkish boat fired three torpedoes at the transport. All of them missed their mark.

The torpedo boat then made off, and was chased by the British cruiser Minerva and torpedo-boat destroyers. Finally she was run ashore on the coast of Chios, in Kalamutti Bay. Members of the crew were made prisoners.

It is reported that 100 men on board the transport lost their lives through drowning, but full particulars have not yet been received.

London, April 18.—A Chios despatch to Lloyds News says there were five Germans, including the captain, among the crew of thirty on the Turkish torpedo-boat which ran ashore after being pursued by the Allied warships.

The weather in the Gulf of Smyrna was extremely rough and during the storm the Turkish torpedo-boat put to sea and managed to elude the vigilance

Switzerland Will Remain Neutral

Rome, April 19.—The Tribune publishes an interview with Dr. Giuseppe Motta, President of Switzerland, who is declared to have said that Switzerland is determined on absolute neutrality in the war, without looking to right or left, but full of sympathy for all.

Baron De Reuter Commits Suicide
London, April 19.—Baron Herbert De Reuter, managing director of Reuter's Telegram Company, was found dead yesterday at his home, near Reigate, Surrey. A discharged revolver was found near his body. There is little doubt but that he committed suicide.

Liability to Military Service

Vienna, April 18.—The following statement was given out by the Austrian War Office:—

"Owing to the possibility that the war may last a long time, in order to secure necessary reserves, untrained Landsturm men, between the ages of 18 and 50, will, thereafter, be liable to military service."

SUBMARINE E-15 GOES ASHORE ON KEPHEZ POINT, DARDANELLES

SEVEN OF CREW MISSING

British Airmen Drop Bombs on Turks—Austrians Inflict Heavy Losses on Russians—French Again Active in the Vosges—Italy Holds Out Against German Advances—Five Germans Among the Crew of Torpedo Boat Which Fired Upon the Transport Manitou

London, April 18.—The British as an offset to their success in destroying the Turkish torpedo boat which attacked the transport Manitou, off Chios yesterday, lost the submarine E-15 while carrying out a difficult reconnaissance in the Dardanelles minefield, ran ashore on Kephez Point, the crew being crew being made prisoners. According to a Turkish report seven of the crew are missing.

In Egypt, British airmen have been dropping bombs on the Turkish encampment near the border, while a French cruiser, the fire of which was directed by aeroplane, has been throwing shells on the Turks near Elarish, where an army for the invasion of Egypt has its headquarters.

These operations were undertaken presumably to harass the Turks, as the Turks have not shown any intention of attacking the British since their last repulse along the Canal.

In the Carpathians there has been some fighting, but no battle could be compared with those which the arrival of spring brought to a close.

The Austrians officially report that they have repulsed Russian attacks to the south-east of Lufkow Pass, inflicting heavy losses on their adversaries, but elsewhere comparative calm prevails.

The French have again been active in the Vosges, capturing an important

SAYS BRITISH USE POIRON BOMBS On German Soldiers at Ypres

A GERMAN REPORT

Grenades and Bombs Develop Asphyxiating Gas
Berlin, April 19.—The statement today from army headquarters is as follows:—"East of Ypres, the British yesterday used grenades and bombs which developed asphyxiating gas. On the south slope of Lorette Heights, north-west of Arras, a small German point-aux-port, six yards long and fifty yards deep was last."

"In Champagne, north-west of Perthes, a group of French fortifications was stormed. A French counter-attack failed. The Germans have conquered the French position north-west of Urbers.

In the Vosges they captured French chasseurs and then evacuated the position because of its disadvantageous position.

"A French airship destroyed window glass in Strassburg and wounded some civilians.

"A German aviator shelled Greenwich, near London.

On the eastern front the situation is unchanged."

LONDON IN GREAT TERROR

Zeppelins Make Bold Daylight Attack

Kitchener Orders Great Precautions—Germans Draw Near the City
London, April 18.—While no fatalities resulted from the latest burst of German aerial activities over eastern England, a daring raid by Zeppelins north-east of London yesterday morning, followed by a bold daylight attack by German aeroplanes, south-east of London, in the afternoon, is causing unparalleled terror.

The expected attack upon London did not develop last night, but extraordinary precautions have been ordered by Kitchener, for German air craft are edging nearer and nearer to the city.

Strong warnings have been issued to the people of London to take every possible safety measure.

German Army's Latest Shunt

Geneva, April 19.—A Vienna despatch to Tribune says that a Council of War, presided over by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, it was decided that the Austrian heavy artillery now before Verdun (Department Meuse, France) should be transferred to Poland and that Hungarian cavalry now on the Western frontier, be sent back to Cracow.

One of the latest fashions is the regimental blouse, made of silk in the colours of various regiments in the British Army.

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