

SIZE OF BRITAIN'S TASK SURPRISE AS IT BECOMES KNOWN

Seven Campaigns on Hand at Once, With Dardanelles Second in Point of Losses to be Incurred

London, April 30.—The Times points out that Great Britain now, with the attack on the Dardanelles in progress, has seven campaigns on her hands and that, after the Flanders battle, the advance against the defenses of the Dardanelles promises to be the most costly in men and material, especially, it declares, as blunders made in the spring have deprived the allies of all the advantages of a surprise and given the Turks ample time to strengthen their defenses.

The operations appear to have begun successfully, says The Times' military correspondent. Nothing as yet has been revealed as to where the troops were landed, but it was probably at the southwest end of the Gallipoli Peninsula, the reported landing at Enos having been a fiasco. Neither is anything known concerning the number of troops landed. But the Peninsula nowhere is very wide and only a certain number of troops could be usefully employed upon the limited front.

Both Services Needed

Advancing from Enos, Gen. Ian Hamilton would be obliged to meet all the Turkish armies and to incur other disadvantages; but with troops posted across the peninsula and his flanks covered and protected by the fleet, he will be in a much stronger position, although the task to be accomplished is far from easy.

It is now, however being carried out as it ought to have been begun, namely, conjointly by the two services and not by one alone. It is now more than ever important to realize that Gen. French's movements have been hampered by a want of sufficient ammunition. The casualty lists tell their own tale. The consumption of ammunition by the troops is immense, and is certain to increase rather than to diminish. At the front they are asking when the new armies are to take the field.

No Large Army in France

The correspondent says there is no justification for assuming that the entire 86 divisions of British troops mentioned by Chancellor Lloyd George in a recent speech in the House of Commons are actually in France. "Mr. Lloyd George," the correspondent continues, "made no such claim. England is literally crisscrossed with troops at the moment when decisive operations in the western theatre are imminent, and if our operations are not successful, the blame will be with the cabinet, who ought to know what preparations the Germans are making in the west."

With regard to the battle in Flanders the correspondent says the German attack was successful beyond anything that can be hoped for, but that there is no sign that there is any general attack. "We may, therefore, reasonably hope," the correspondent says in conclusion, "that the allies by a combined and energetic action will re-establish their line."



APPOINTED MANAGER OF NEW G. T. P. HOTEL

The appointment is announced of James Robb to be manager of the new Grand Trunk Pacific summer hotel, "The Minaki Inn." This hotel, which has accommodation for over four hundred guests, is situated at Minaki, Ont., one hundred and fourteen miles east of Winnipeg, on the G. T. P. main line. Mr. Robb has been associated with the dining car department of the Grand Trunk system for several years and for some time past has been in charge of the restaurant at Bonaventure Station, Montreal. Before Mr. Robb left for the west he received from his friends in the Grand Trunk and the Canada Railway News Company a purse of gold. C. W. Johnston, assistant to the passenger traffic manager of the Grand Trunk system, who made the presentation, said that Mr. Robb had endeared himself to a large circle of friends in Montreal and he carried with him warm wishes for his success in his new enterprise.

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LETTERS FROM THE FREDERICTON BOYS NOW AT THE FRONT

(The Gleamer) Private Robert Phillips, one of the Fredericton boys with the Doves Regiment, writing to a friend in this city states that he believes the Germans will give up the war and he will be home before next winter. "I am writing this letter and cooking my supper at the same time," writes Private Phillips. "I am getting to be some cook. I expect to be home next winter, for I honestly believe the war will be all over. I look to see the Germans surrender. It is no picnic here, as you are on the 26th all the time and don't have half enough sleep. I can tell you that Fredericton is good enough for me when I get back. The finest place in the world is home sweet home. Value \$5.00." Sgt. Bert Boone, writing to his mother on April 18th gives a fine description of the country where his unit No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps is billeted. "I went to church on Good Friday and Easter Sunday," writes Sgt. Boone. "I certainly looked like war to see the boys kneeling against their rifles at communion. George Long of the Royal Bank of Canada staff in this city has received an interesting letter from Private George K. Shelle, formerly employed with the G. E. Harbour Company, St. John, and now on the firing line in France with the 14th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade of the First Canadian Contingent. He speaks of having completed a four days turn in the trenches and a 2 mile march, leaving from 8:45 a. m. until 9 p. m. The letter dated April 8th, says: "We did 22 miles yesterday in heavy marching order, and as you may suppose I am a bit stiff today. We were up at 3 a. m. had breakfast and were on parade at 4:45. We arrived at our destination at 9 p. m. You bet we didn't have to use any sleeping draughts last night. "We had quite a spell in the trenches, four days in and, four days out. It was not half bad and after we had been in a day or two we fell quiet at home. We were shelled by the Germans for four or five days, but soon got used to it. I am feeling fine, although a bit stiff after yesterday, but enjoying life." Two officers who were formerly stationed at No. 8 Infantry Depot in the city and who have many friends in Fredericton and throughout New Brunswick are among the Canadian wounded in today's lists of casualties. The two officers are Capt. J. S. M. H. Lyne-Evans, who was here with the H. Company, Royal Canadian Regiment, at the outbreak of the war and was in command of the first lot of troops sent out of Fredericton when war was declared, and Major H. Keams-Bettle, who was stationed in Fredericton for several years about ten years ago and was best man at the wedding of Capt. du Domain and Miss Daisy Winslow of this city and is well remembered here. Major Keams-Bettle, who is reported seriously wounded, was on the 2nd Brigade Headquarters, while Lt. Lyne-Evans, who is apparently not so severely wounded, was with the 3rd Battalion, which he joined after transferring from the 12th Battalion, with which he held the position of adjutant to which he was appointed when he was transferred from the R. C. I.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. William R. Farmer. The death of Rachael, wife of William R. Farmer, occurred at her residence, 8 Wall street, yesterday, in the 87th year of her age. Besides her husband, seven sons survive: William R., Jr., of Mill (Me.); George F. and Edward D. of Springhill (Mass.); Richard A., of West Newton (Mass.); Somerville; Waltham (Mass.); Arthur, of Halifax, and Harold C. of the Western Union Telegraph Company's staff, St. John. Mrs. Farmer was a daughter of the late Thomas McAfee, who conducted a business in Union street, this city. She was a member of St. Paul's Valley church. The death of James Stewart Tupper, K. C., of Winnipeg, eldest son of Sir Charles Tupper, occurred yesterday in England where he has been for several months under the care of Sir William Osler. Mrs. E. F. Manlison, formerly of this city, died on Wednesday at her home

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