

Of Fremont Chateau only the western wing remains. The road from Ribecourt to Bailly and Carpepoint is encumbered with an inextricable mass of barbed wire. The woods in this vicinity, which are privately owned, have not been so badly damaged as those belonging to the government. Few fruit trees remain standing.

At Huleu all the houses still have their walls, gables, chimneys and roofs. Their interiors, however, have disappeared, doors, windows, casings, stair beams, joists and floorings having been used for fires to warm the German soldiers.

The centre of the village preserves its former appearance. The oven of the co-operative bakery is still intact and the mechanical dough mixer was left untouched. The presbytery and the postoffice are still standing. The cemetery, however, gives evidence of pillage, two coffins in a vault having been tampered with. All the fruit trees in Huleu, as well as the telephone and electric light posts, were destroyed. A fragment of a post bears the following inscription: "A great Russian revolt. Good-bye to Paris."

PREPARING TO BALANCE ACCOUNTS WITH ENEMY

Finance Minister Appointed Public Custodian of Enemy Property in Canada.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, March 26.—Information is wanted concerning the property in Canada of enemy subjects. Information is also wanted concerning property of British subjects when that property is in an enemy country. The Canadian minister of finance has been appointed "public custodian" of enemy property in Canada. He has sent out a circular letter to banks, financial and other companies asking for statements under four heads:

1. Property, real or personal, in Canadian territory, belonging to enemy subjects.

2. Debts, including bank deposits and bank balances, due to, or held on behalf of enemy subjects, resident or carrying on business in enemy territory, or due to or held on behalf of enemy subjects resident in Canada.

3. Property, real or personal, in enemy territory, belonging to British subjects resident or carrying on business in Canada against enemy governments.

The information is sought for several purposes. The British Government wants to have a statement of British subjects property in Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria; and a statement of the property held in the British Empire by Germans, Austrians, Turks and Bulgarians, in order that there may be balancing of accounts at the close of the war. The information gathered in Canada will be transmitted to the States Government agency. It is feared to "the public trustee" in England.

Will Move to Extend Life
Of the British Parliament

London, March 26.—Bonaer Law announced today that the government tomorrow would introduce a bill extending the life of the present parliament, which otherwise would expire in April.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

In northwestern France a violent battle is proceeding in the semi-open field, with the French and the British on the advance at vital points in the line. Compelled, thru allied superiority in men and metal, to leave the strongest defensive positions in France, the Germans now appear to have failed to make their stand, and are proceeding with their destruction. The British are struggling to seize the sources of the tributaries to the Scheldt. They made good progress yesterday by capturing Lagnicourt Village. This point is north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road and is about one mile south of the Hirondele Brook. The British also at this point and about Croisilles and Escout are pushing forward to gain the control of the Arras-Cambrai road. They have already crossed the Arras-Cambrai railway. The French proceeded with the work of sharpening the line. They salient yesterday by driving forward southwest of the city and capturing Polembay and La Feuillie. This fighting is proceeding in the forest of Coucy. North of Soissons the French also advanced on the German flank about Vregny.

At various places in the regions of Beaumont-lez-Cambrai and of Lagnicourt, on the British front, the Germans made counter-attacks to impede the progress of the allies and to relieve the relentless pressure applied to them, but they make no headway with these thrusts. They are driven to perpetual attack in order to prevent swift disaster. The chief movement of the enemy against the British comes from the direction of Cambrai. The British now control the high and overlooking Cambrai and its surrounding plains. Meanwhile, owing to the open fighting and the necessity of the enemy to make swift attacks, the attrition of the German army is proceeding at a rapid pace.

It is interesting to learn what an authoritative French military writer and student of the war like Lieut.-Col. Rousset has to say about the German retreat. He dismisses the theory that the Germans are withdrawing to place the French in a trap or to put an impassable glacis before the new positions. He finds evidence that the Germans in retreating are acting under compulsion. Moral and material exhaustion, he finds, is forcing everywhere the abandonment of the foe's gigantic plans. He also wonders why the Germans should accept battle in the Arras-St. Quentin-La Fere line rather than in the formidable and much better protected line at Bapaume, Peronne, Ham, Noyon.

Some days ago the British made an advance northwest of Baghdad, and they drove large bodies of Turks in the direction of Khanikin. Since then nothing further has come thru from General Maude. The Russians, however, are advancing rapidly to meet the British, and they have crossed the Turkish frontier in their march on Khanikin also. These two facts, taken together, have caused general speculation that the Russians and the British have set a trap and are about to spring it to capture large bodies of Turks.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen has arrived at Constantinople to reorganize the Turkish army. This news has considerable importance. It shows that the enemy is sending his best general to Turkey. Von Mackensen has always led the principal attacks on the eastern front. He will not be content with a passive reorganization of the Turkish army, but he will almost certainly organize a counter-offensive in Mesopotamia. If Von Mackensen attacks the British and Russians in the east he will surely have a strong force of Germans at his back. As the allies have the superiority in men and armament they can prevent this design if they desire. A renewal of the offensive in Serbia will prevent the enemy from risking any really large force of Germans in Turkey.

The official declaration that the Germans were planning an offensive against Russia in the spring, has diverted the attention of Petrograd from politics and military affairs. It has served to consolidate Russian opinion on the war at a time when socialist agitation was threatening to permeate the army and to injure its morale. It has been said that before planning an attack on Russia, Von Hindenburg felt his position in the west secure, but this does not follow, for if the Germans have a large concentration already established on the Dvina they began to make that concentration at least two or three months ago. It takes the enemy at least that long to make a large concentration on any front. As at Verdun the enemy planned his offensive the preceding October, so on the Dvina, his offensive would have had long months of planning and preparation, according to the slow and methodical German way. It was probably the knowledge of this preparation and the lack of adequate counter-preparation that assisted in forcing the Russian revolution. In the west the enemy had not planned to retreat as he did, for immediately in the rear of his winter lines he had constructed strong positions. He abandoned these positions without a blow. Every evidence exists to show that he did not expect to have to retreat.

Twenty-Two Hundred Canadians Are Prisoners

London, March 26.—According to statistics presented in the House of Commons, 22,000 Canadians are prisoners in France number 81 officers and 2187 of other ranks. British taken in France number 1020 officers and 28,870 others. Austrians 21 officers and 327 others. New Zealand has not lost any officers in that way and only 19 men. Sudan natives have lost nine officers and 610 others. The total for France is 1131 officers and 32,519 others. No Canadians are mentioned as prisoners from other war fields. Australians taken in the Dardanelles and Egypt number 13 officers and 130 others, making in all theatres 33 officers and 976 Australians taken prisoner.

SCORE'S GREAT SALE.

Apart from the splendid discounts being quoted on the high-class woollens "listed" in the R. Score & Son \$50,000 estate sale, there is the time-liness of 10-15 less than two weeks from Easter—just the time when a man counts on his new spring suit or spring overcoat, and other clothing needs. And there is surely of superiority of the tailoring, the distinctiveness, the character, and the individuality for which the name Score's has stood since the year 1838—a business in its eightieth year in the City of Toronto, should be guaranteed enough for the most particular people in the selection of made-to-measure clothes.

Germans From the Border Approach Tampico Oil Zone

El Paso, March 26.—Germans are making their way toward the Tampico oil fields from the border, according to information received here today by United States Government agents. It is feared an effort will be made to destroy the oil wells in that district, the report stated.

MARRIED IN ENGLAND

London, March 26.—The announcement is made of the marriage of Ernest Norman White, son of E. P. Montague White of Ottawa, to Isabel May Waddell, widow of Captain J. D. Waddell.



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NATURAL RESOURCES MUST BE SHIELDED

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empires, such as cotton, petroleum, nitrates and potash, the most careful enquiry is needed regarding the possibility of new sources of supply, or the finding of substitutes within the empire. Survey and investigation in this respect should be entrusted to the new imperial development board, which should work thru existing departments in the United Kingdom and self-governing dominions, and local scientific departments and the Imperial Institute for India, the crown colonies and protectorates.

Control Immigration Authority. The report recommends far greater control by imperial and overseas agencies for the selection of immigrants; the creation of a central emigration authority for the purpose of supervision, and a further consultative board to effect a proper correlation between the central authority and the activities of the dominions. It urges the need of providing adequate capital, training and assistance for intending soldier-settlers, and far greater attention to the emigration of women from Great Britain and increasing such immigration.

Proposal is made for the interchange of school teachers between the United Kingdom and the dominions.

Control of Rates. The report emphasizes the necessity of cheap, speedy and efficient transport, and recommends larger vessels and larger harbors. For this improvement the schemes should be supervised by the imperial developments board.

The commission suggests improved main facilities, quicker routes and some measure of government control of steamship companies regarding freights. Cheaper shipping is described as an urgent necessity. The report states the Dominions Royal Commission favors state control of imperial wires, and the commissioners recommend state acquisition. A considerable reduction in rates is proposed, to enable wide dissemination of imperial news.

Dealing with trade questions the commissioners advocate the speeding up of the intelligence system, the holding of periodic inter-imperial exhibitions, and the unification of legislation, particularly the patents, trademarks and companies laws.

Imperial Development. Regarding the creation of an imperial development board the commissioners express the view that existing organizations are inadequate to deal with matters of joint interest to the empire as a whole such as the scientific development of empire resources, the deepening of harbors on a co-ordinated plan and the preparation of statistics. In its initial stage the board should be advisory. The following representation upon it is suggested: The United Kingdom, India, the crown colonies and protectorates, seven: South Africa, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Newfoundland one each.

GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL AT THE ARMORIES TODAY

Open to Press and Public—First Trial of Kind in Toronto.

The military trial of Lieut. J. O. Gibbon, formerly of 164th Battalion, on charge of absence without leave, which takes place at 10 o'clock this morning in the latest case of the Royal Grenadiers mess at the Toronto armories, is probably the first general court-martial ever held in the history of Toronto Military District. Seats have been reserved for the press and also for the public, it being obligatory in the British Empire that trials of the kind should be open. It is also pointed out, that if the accused discovers any inaccuracy in the drawing up of the charge, his counsel can bring about a removal of the trial to a civil court. The right to appeal may then be exercised until a case is carried to the supreme court or privy council.

Lieut. Pepler of Toronto Is Now Reported Killed

Lieut. Stanley J. Pepler, son of S. G. Pepler, 557 Huron street, who was previously reported missing, is mentioned in the latest casualty list as reported from a reliable source to have been killed. Lieut. Pepler, who was in the Royal Flying Corps, had been missing since March 6 last, when he failed to return from a night. Before enlisting in the corps he was in Toronto, he was employed by the harbor commission as a civil engineer. Subsequently he was qualified as an airman.

Propose Several Changes In Freight Classification

A meeting of the freight shipping organizations of eastern Canada will be held today in the offices of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in Toronto to discuss the contemplated changes in the present freight classification, that will probably result in a protest to the railway board against the action of shipping agencies of the west, and a further protest will be made on the grounds that the railways have failed to comply with the act in regard to increased tariffs.

FELL FROM MOTOR TRUCK.

When he fell off a motor truck on College street yesterday afternoon, 12-year-old John Egan, 567 Marchmont street, was rendered unconscious. He was taken to Grace Hospital with a slight concussion. He is progressing.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR.

Mrs. Percy Kellor, 128 Pauline avenue, sustained slight concussion of the brain when knocked down by a motor car owned by John Jeffrey, 75 Gray street, on College street, near Grace Hospital, yesterday afternoon. The injured woman was carried to the hospital. She is reported to be progressing favorably.

TO ADDRESS AD CLUB.

Mr. Ralph Connolly, vice-president and general manager of the F. W. Woolworth Company, will address the Toronto Advertising Club tomorrow at the Charles Hotel, at 12:30 p.m., on the subject of "The History of the 5c, 10c and 15c Store Movement."

Four More Join Flying Corps. Ftes. J. M. Williams, P. Forbes and J. D. Forrest, C.A.S.C. Training Depot, and Capt. H. C. MacVie, Canadian Machine Gun Depot, were granted discharge yesterday in order to allow them to join the Royal Flying Corps.

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