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Dead Germans Alone Remained in Trenches Captured by Assault.

HOT FIGHT NEAR YPRES

Enemy's Attack Preceded by Heavy Bombardment of Canadian Positions.

By a Staff Reporter

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—Replying to an enquiry by Hon. Charles Macdougall in the house today, Major-General Hughes said the Canadian casualties resulting from the recent furious German assaults in the neighborhood of Ypres had not been serious.

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OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—A special despatch from Delhi states:

"Gifts for war purposes continue to pour in from all parts of India. The Punjab aeroplane fund has reached the sum of \$385,000, and the United Provinces held a great meeting, the lieutenant-governor presiding, to inaugurate a special war fund. Five more Indian princes have presented motor ambulances, one rajah giving four subscriptions, while thousands of pounds have been presented by prominent citizens and commercial leaders.

By a Staff Reporter

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—An inquest was opened tonight into the death of Madame Mabel Morn of Quebec, one of the victims of the recent German air raid on the city. After medical evidence had been taken and the jury had retired, the coroner called the attention of the jury to the fact that a number of M.P.'s will be called.

WALKERVILLE EX-MAYOR DEAD.

WALKERVILLE, Ont., Feb. 17.—Thomas Reid, ex-mayor of Walkerville and a member of the first town council, died today, aged 72. He held an important position with Hiram Walker and sons for many years.

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GOVERNMENT READY TO MODIFY NEW PLANS FOR TAXATION CANADIANS REPEL GERMANS AND REGAIN LOST TRENCHES

LIBERAL CRITIC CALLS FOR TAX UPON INCOMES

A. K. Maclean Holds That "Idle Rich" Will Largely Escape Levy.

MUCH EXTRAVAGANCE Foster Admits Patronage System's Ills—Will Consider Changes in Taxation.

By a Staff Reporter

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—In the house of commons today, A. K. Maclean of Halifax presented the views of the opposition on the new budget. He criticized the tax on war profits as discriminating against companies with honest capitalization in favor of the big corporations with vast issues of a watered stock. He also complained that the proposed legislation was retroactive, and that it made no effort to tax large accumulations of inherited and invested wealth. He believed that there should be some tax upon the unearned increment of real estate, and favored the imposition of a general income tax. He arraigned with considerable vehemence the alleged extravagance of the government, and suggested that work upon the Hudson Bay Railway be discontinued. The war, he said, should have been done away with the evils of the party patronage system, but he was sorry to say that the patronage system had never been so rampant as it had been in Canada since the outbreak of the war.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Hon. R. B. Rogers, minister of public works, laid upon the table of the house today the report of Messrs. Pearson and Marchand, architects appointed to examine the burned parliament buildings. They report the building substantially intact except the chambers of the house and senate. Some of the tower will have to be taken down and rebuilt, but the building as it stands is estimated as being worth \$2,000,000. It is recommended that new chambers be built for the house and senate at the east and west ends of the building, and that the space formerly utilized as chambers by the two houses be converted into offices.

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SHOULD QUARANTINE INMATES OF HOUSE

Spread of Spinal Meningitis Feared by Jury Which Investigated Bateman's Death.

"We find that Samuel Bateman died in St. Michael's Hospital on the morning of Feb. 11 of cerebro spinal meningitis, and we would recommend, owing to the serious nature and virulent type of the disease in this case that the houses in which Bateman lived be thoroughly disinfected, and that the inmates of such houses should be kept in quarantine until such time as they may again resume their usual occupations without danger to the public."

Such was the finding of the jury in the inquest held at the morgue last night on the body of Samuel Bateman, 6 Marjorie street.

SWEDEN WANTS U. S. TO COERCE GREAT BRITAIN

Appeals for Interference in Regard to Censoring of Mails.

SEeks NEUTRAL LEAGUE

Claims Violation of Existing Rules of International Law in Note.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Another note from Sweden has been addressed to the state department thru Minister Ekengren, appealing to the United States for co-operation with the Swedish government and other neutral nations to maintain the preservation of rules of international law concerning the protection of neutral commerce and navigation. Action is proposed particularly against Great Britain because of the detention of mail by that country and other aggressions against trade regarded by Sweden as unwarranted.

Secretary of State Lansing informed the minister, it was learned today, that he could not answer the note until the controversy with Germany over the Lusitania case was settled.

Proposal Discussed Before. This latest communication addressed to Secretary Lansing and signed by Mr. Ekengren, was presented recently after such a proposal had been advanced and discussed from time to time, but until today the fact did not become known. Following is the text of the note:

"I have been instructed by his excellency, the minister for foreign affairs at Stockholm, to address the following to your excellency:

"The royal government has, during the present war, from time to time proposed to your excellency that thru

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CANADIAN LINES STRONGLY HELD AGAINST FOES

Position Continues Unchanged Despite Attacks of Germans Near Ypres.

ENEMY SPRINGS MINES

British Drive Off Parties Seeking to Occupy Craters.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Sir Douglas Haig reports tonight that the situation on the front between the Ypres-Comines Canal and the Ypres-Comines railway, where the Canadians have been engaged with the Germans, is unchanged.

The Germans sprang two mines early this morning, one near Fosse 8, and the other at a point south of Loos. They attempted to occupy the crater created by the explosion south of Loos, but were driven back by the British fire, and the British occupied the lip of the excavation. British artillery bombarded the trenches of the Germans near the Hohenzollern redoubt, and at a point east of Armentieres.

The French today heavily shelled the German organization near Steenstraete and in front of Bosinghe, and they occupied the crater of a mine which the Germans exploded on the road to Lille in Artois. German troops, while moving about, were shelled by the Canadian artillery. The German words were shot of Solissons were also shelled.

Artillery actions were held up and the infantry pinned to the trenches in the western theatre of the war by violent storms which prevailed during the night, according to the French war office. The wind and rainstorm reached its greatest violence in Artois, where trenches were flooded, shelters blown down and roads were converted into seas of mud that made them impassable for automobile trucks. Villages back of the front also suffered severely in the storm.

The Germans claim that they found eight mine throwers in clearing out trenches which they took from the French at Sept le Haut.

FIVE YEAR SENTENCE IS GIVEN MRS. CULL

Found Guilty of Causing the Death of Mrs. Elizabeth McKerron.

PROTESTED INNOCENCE

Appeal for Leniency by Her Counsel Impressed Mr. Justice Latchford.

Protesting her innocence until the end Mrs. Louisa Cull was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to five years imprisonment in connection with the death of Mrs. Elizabeth McKerron, by Mr. Justice Latchford in the criminal assizes last night.

Mrs. McKerron died on December 19 last as the result of an illegal operation performed on her by Mrs. Cull.

Before the sentence was imposed T. J. O'Connor, who defended, made a strong appeal for leniency on the grounds that the woman was 57 years of age and a long sentence might shorten her life. His lordship replied: "By depriving the unborn of life you have been committing a grievous crime—a crime which is all too common in this 20th century. It is not often that persons practicing abortions are brought to justice as you have been. The victims are usually beyond reach. You are nearing a time when you must expect to pass from the same world that you have assisted many to pass from."

Here he intimated that had she been younger he would have imposed a much heavier penalty than five years.

On the verge of breaking down Mrs. Cull stood in the dock and protested her innocence. "I am not guilty of the charge that is put before me," she said. "I don't think I ever hurt any woman and I go to meet my God with a clear conscience and if some of the witnesses here had spoken the truth they would have told you exactly what Mrs. McKerron had done."

All thru the trial, which lasted until 10 o'clock, a crowd of how the accused woman had attempted to bribe members of the jury with the majority of cases miscarriages had

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LACK OF SHIPS IS HOLDING UP BRITISH TRADE

Situation Not Due to Government's Laxity, Reply to Many Critics.

NO CONTROL OF RATES

Attempt to Fix Minimum Charge Would Drive Away Neutral Ships.

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DEFENCES AGAINST AIR RAIDS DEVELOPING, SAYS KITCHENER

Three-fold System of Alarms, Anti-Aircraft Guns and Air Attacks on Raiders Outlined—Last Zeppelin Invasion Costly to Germans.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Britain will take all measures possible to ensure protection against Zeppelin invasion, Lord Kitchener announced in the house of lords today. He also stated that during the last Zeppelin raid it was certain that the British accounted for one airship, which was lost at sea, and that there was good reason to believe a second airship had been put out of action.

Outlining the system of air defence of Great Britain, Lord Kitchener said: "The defence is threefold; first, good advance information regarding the movements of hostile aircraft; second, defence by anti-aircraft artillery; third, attacks on raiders by aeroplanes.

"As regards the first, we now have a system which gives us sufficient warning of impending arrival and probable movements of the enemy.

"As to the second, the construction of aeroplanes now has precedence over other defence, and now the guns as fast as produced, will be distributed to the best advantage thruout the country.

"Attack by aeroplanes at night is attended with great difficulties, but I believe that with the proper practice we shall overcome the difficulties."

Leave No Stone Unturned. "The government will leave no stone unturned in efforts to improve to the utmost our defences against Zeppelins, declared Lord Kitchener. "The responsibility for defence will be in the hands of the military."

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NEWFOUNDLAND WILL DOUBLE CONTINGENT

Plans of Campaign for Augmenting Force of Soldiers and Sailors.

SEAMEN IN BIG DEMAND

Difficulty Experienced in Getting Naval Recruits Owing to Low Rate of Pay.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 17.—Plans for a campaign to double Newfoundland's complement of soldiers and sailors in active war service were completed tonight. So far 1200 naval reservists and 2000 soldiers have been enlisted and sent to England.

Owing to the differences in pay between the naval and the military branches of the service, more difficulty is anticipated in doubling the number of naval reserves than of soldiers, notwithstanding that this is essentially a maritime community. The blue jackets are controlled directly by the British naval authorities and receive the regular pay of 60 cents a day. The soldiers, on the other hand, are maintained by the colony itself and are paid \$1.10 a day, like the Canadian troops.

This discrepancy tends to diminish naval enlistments, although Newfoundlanders are greatly in demand by the naval authorities, because their experience of vision at sea makes them especially valuable for the auxiliary work of the trawling fleet, such as mine sweepers and submarine chasers.

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WAR SUMMARY

Today's Events Reviewed

ERZERUM fortress is occupied by the Russian troops, says an official statement issued at Petrograd last night, and the Russians are engaged in the registration of the prisoners and the taking stock of the booty. Twenty-five more guns, in addition to the 467 guns already seized, have been found in the first line forts of this stronghold. The town is on fire in many places. It is further announced that 39 officers and 1413 Askaris were taken prisoner in Fort Taft, about 13 miles from Erzerum. Owing to the necessity for secrecy as to their further intentions, and as to the number of Turks who have been unable to escape, the Russian censor is evidently holding back the details of the success.

General Smuts, commander of the British expeditionary force against East Africa, announces that by a reconnaissance in force, he has discovered that Salaita Hill is held in strong force by the Germans, and that their main reserves are posted nearby, thereby indicating that a battle is about to begin for the possession of Germany's last unsubdued colony. For the purpose of supplying the British force engaged in this campaign, a railway has been constructed as far as Ngoro, two and one-half miles from Salaita Hill. Unless General Smuts is the victim of unusual bad luck, which cannot be foreseen, or provided for, he will be able to bag the whole of the German forces confronting him.

The Canadians, who, it is now known, have been bearing the brunt of the German attacks near Ypres, continue to present an impenetrable front against the enemy, so that Sir Douglas Haig was able to report that the situation last night was unchanged. Two mines were exploded by the Germans near Fosse 8, and at a point south of Loos, in the ground which the British captured from the Germans in September, and when the enemy attempted to occupy one of the craters he was driven off by the warm reception that he received from the British troops, who then advanced and captured the near lip of the cavity. Beyond some artillery work, the French report nothing unusual from their part of the line.

Later despatches confirm previous estimates of the importance of the Russian success in capturing Erzerum. Its fall menaces Asia Minor and Constantinople, and the influence of the capture further depressed the German mark at Amsterdam. Paris believes that this victory will have an effect on Athens and Bucharest, as well as on Teheran and Kabul. Russian newspapers predict that this triumph is only the prelude to greater victories.

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