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GERMANS FIGHTING BOTH EAST AND WEST

Troops Called to Frankfurt to Quell Disorder; Engaged With Bolsheviks in East Prussia

Anything May Happen in Hunland With Soviet Republic Strong Possibility—Government Not Willing to Give Way on Territorial Concessions.

London, April 3.—German troops are resisting a Bolshevik offensive in East Prussia, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch dated Wednesday in Berlin transmitting reports received there.

Paris, April 3.—(By the Associated Press)—Competent German and foreign observers are chary of making any definite predictions of what will come out of the writer of political and economic disorders and developments in revolutionary Germany.

The former Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press, returning to Paris after six weeks devoted to a study of conditions in Germany, left that country, however, with the distinct impression that the tenure of the present coalition government was by no means secure, although it is for the moment in control of the situation, that there is no alternative except a radical Socialist administration with a strong drift toward a soviet republic possible if the present government falls; that a renewal of Spartacan activities against the present regime by further strikes and uprisings is almost certain; that although the great mass of people are opposed to a Bolshevik government, they can count only upon the comparatively small force of Noske volunteer troops to keep down this insurrectionary movement, the masses at present being politically too amate and apathetic to give more than passive support in an emergency; that while the Noske troops have been able to handle the Spartacan insurgents as long as they can take sectional uprisings in turn, success would be difficult if the Spartacans and their independent Socialist allies should be able to stage a really general strike and insurrection.

If the Spartacan leadership is not able to organize such a widespread movement the government probably will be able to maintain itself until peace is signed.

Troops Sent to Frankfurt. Coblenz, April 3.—(By the Associated Press)—German troops opposite the Coblenz bridgehead began moving early this morning toward Frankfurt, where a Spartacan revolt has been causing disorder.

Before entering Frankfurt, which is in the neutral zone beyond the French-Prussian military authorities had to obtain permission from the French tenth army. According to information reaching American headquarters here the trouble in Frankfurt became serious Tuesday. The workmen formed groups in the streets and eventually a mob of more than 10,000 began parading the streets. The mob stormed a large warehouse and the members helped themselves to the food stored there. Hundreds filled baskets and sacks with food of various kinds. Street fighting followed an attempt by the local authorities to gain control of the situation. The German troops opposite the American bridgehead were then called on for help.

BECOMES PARTNER. H. Carson Flood, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Flood, formerly of St. John, has resigned from the position of manager in Montreal for the Eastern Trust Company, and has joined the bond house of Nesbitt, Thompson & Company, as a member of the firm. The firm specialized in issues of public utility and hydro-electric bonds.

ST. MARY'S LOOKS BACK ON YEAR OF ADVANCEMENT

Annual Report of Rev. R. T. McKim, Rector

ALL BRANCHES FLOURISHING

Financial Report Shows \$4,800 Receipts and Balance of \$302.56—New Features Introduced—Dolan Property Being Purchased for Rectory

The following interesting report of St. Mary's church, Watford, Quebec, for the year 1918-1919, has been drawn up by the rector, Rev. R. T. McKim.

All branches of work in St. Mary's church for the past twelve months have been flourishing and reports from all the organizations show a year of progress and of decided increase. The various branches of the Women's Auxiliary, the Anglican Young People's Association, the Mother's Association, the "Trail Rangers" and "Six Boys" of the Canadian Standard Efficiency programme, the men's and women's Bible classes, have all been working conscientiously and zealously for the advancement and upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

Through the influenza epidemic closed our church for five weeks in the fall, which was a very severe handicap, yet the attendance at all church services has been very good. A feature of the morning service has been the increased attendance of children. The Junior congregation of St. Mary's gets its special sermon every Sunday morning and we look upon them as becoming in the future the senior congregation. The choir have been assisted at the evening services as well as the morning by an orchestra, and as more and more of our old St. Mary's Band gets together from the front, the orchestra is increasing in numbers. Many words of commendation are heard throughout the congregation on this decided improvement in our church music.

The total receipts from the church, Sunday school and other sources amounted to \$4,800; the church treasurer closed his books with a credit balance to the general fund of \$302.56. This year we have had a special offering of \$483.26, and the Easter offering \$618.40. The Sunday school closed its books with a balance of \$61.83.

During the past year the Sunday school building has been thoroughly repaired and given two coats of paint outside and part of the interior has also been re-decorated. At the moment of writing the carpenters are busy putting on an entire new shingle roof on the church building. The interior of the church has been re-stained and varnished and the pews have all been painted, presenting a much more attractive appearance.

NEW FEATURES. Every Member Canvass.

At the commencement of the new year the vestry of the church decided that it was time for a forward step in the matter of church financing, and it was decided to hold a men's banquet early in January and invite the bishop to give us an address along these lines. The members of the vestry and of the Men's Bible Class worked strenuously to get all the men of the congregation present at this banquet. The ladies prepared for sixty guests and more than double that number attended. After the bishop's excellent service and to use that phrase which is so often heard, "the evening was a success." Each captain chose five men for his team, and these teams went out in couples, covering the entire parish, and when they brought their returns in the result exceeded our utmost expectations. Old subscribers increased their subscriptions and subscribers who had grown careless were revived and 250 new subscribers were added, making a total of 405 now contributing towards the up-keep of our church, a large number of these giving also to missions.

New Rectory. The Dolan property adjoining the church, was offered for sale and after several meetings of the vestry and congregation it was decided to purchase this freehold lot and house thereon for the sum of \$2,000. The ladies prepared an effort on Easter Sunday to have a large offering to make the first payment on the purchase price. \$200 has already been paid down to bind the sale and we look forward to taking over the property on the first day of May.

Women's Bible Class. After the influenza epidemic it was decided to discontinue the usual Wednesday night service and to use that night for a women's Bible class, trusting that we could gather into the church more women in this way than were coming before. The class was launched on this new venture with faith, yet there was a certain amount of misgiving as to whether or not it would be successful. The women took hold of the idea with great interest, and we have at present a total enrollment of sixty-five, with an average attendance of fifty. We look for even larger numbers before the season closes.

St. Bartholomew's Church. On account of the shortage of student lay-readers owing to war conditions, no outside help was available for the work at St. Bartholomew's, but H. W. Barton, our senior warden and lay-reader, responded to the call for work here in a splendid manner. He has been acting as superintendent of the Sunday school and in this connection tells me that he has a total enrollment of forty teachers and scholars, with an average attendance of thirty-two.

Both J. N. Rogers and H. W. Barton, R. T. McKim, Rector.



U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PURCHASE I. M. M. FLEET

Offer For Nearly 1,000,000 Tons of British Owned Shipping Withdrawn—Company Now in Good Position.

New York, April 3.—The United States government has withdrawn its proposal to purchase the British owned tonnage of the International Mercantile Marine. This was announced today by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine Co., who said that he had been informed by the government authorities that "They would not further consider possible acquisition of the ownership of our (the company's) British tonnage and that we were free so far as they are concerned to deal with the property as we may consider desirable."

The tonnage involved in the proposal now abandoned, includes such ships as the Baltic and the Olympic. They were to be sold to a British syndicate for \$12,000,000 and the deal was in progress when the United States government stepped in last November, disapproving of the sale and offering to take over the vessels upon the terms of the British offer. Mr. Franklin announced that the company was undecided whether to renew the negotiations with the British syndicate or to retain the ownership of the vessels.

"The conditions in shipping have materially altered since our negotiations with the British syndicate," Mr. Franklin said. "The armistice has, in the meantime, been signed, and there have been changes in the United States income and excess profits tax laws and in the exchange situation. All these matters make it essential that the board of directors should carefully review the whole situation before deciding whether it is now desirable to renew the negotiations with the British syndicate, or whether it might not be preferable to continue our ownership of the various properties, with a view of developing them under the American and foreign flags."

"The position of the company is very satisfactory as the liquid assets, including cash, of the company and its subsidiaries, amount to about \$78,000,000, of this sum, approximately \$41,000,000 represent the proceeds of steamers sold or lost in replacement of which other vessels must ultimately be secured in order to adequately maintain our service at the pre-war standard. It should be further understood that the larger part of the above cash is in the possession of the British companies, and that the earnings of these companies can only be obtained from them through current dividends.

"While definite figures are not yet available, the most recent estimates indicate that the earnings for 1918 will be approximately the same as those for 1917.

"The tonnage of the I. M. M. company fleet, including its interest in steamers of the British companies, included approximately 984,000 tons gross, divided subsequently as to the flag it follows: "American 118,000 tons; British, 883,000 tons; Belgian, 18,000 tons."

Mr. Franklin said he did not know the reason for the United States government's withdrawal from the deal.

IN HONOR OF RETURNED ST. JOHN SOLDIERS

A pleasant reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arbo in Milford in honor of Private John Clarke, Mrs. Arbo's brother, who recently returned from France, after having served eighteen months in the trenches. The evening was pleasantly spent with songs and games. The house was very prettily decorated with flags and bunting. There were about fifty present, among them several returned soldiers, including Privates George and Harold King, who only just arrived that morning on the Royal George, after having gone overseas with Private Clarke. At about eleven o'clock a delectable luncheon was served. The national anthem closed the evening.

our two lay-readers, have done magnificent work at St. Mary's and at St. Bartholomew's, Coldbrook. My utmost thanks must be given to all officers of our church and officers of the different organizations, as well as to the members of St. Mary's, for their loyal and whole-hearted support in every movement we have undertaken for the welfare of the church. God's good and gracious hand has been upon us. To him be all the honor, praise and glory. R. T. McKim, Rector.

LOCAL NEWS

The Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Imperial League met last evening at the G. W. V. A. headquarters. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, elected honorary president; Mrs. John H. Lang was appointed secretary, Mrs. J. M. Powers, treasurer; Mrs. F. E. Flewelling, the president, was in the chair.

At St. David's last evening the weekly sing-song, R. E. Armstrong presiding, was greatly enjoyed. Miss Cruikshank was in charge and solos were given by Mrs. Montgomery, Miss Tweedie, Miss Williams, Mrs. Osborne, Sergeant McNeill and Mr. Baker. Refreshments were served to the large number of sailors and soldiers present followed by the usual chorus singing in hearty fashion.

A very enjoyable concert was given last evening in the Main street Baptist church under the auspices of the Ways and Means Committee of the Sunday school. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson acted as chairman. The programme included numbers by Miss Phyllis Barber, C. K. Cowan, Miss Audrey Mullin, Norman Magnuson, Miss Marjorie Pierce and Miss Beatrice Flett.

Captain Harry O'Leary, M. C., son of Richard O'Leary, Richibucto, was in the city yesterday on route home. He arrived at Halifax on the S. S. Cedric. Captain O'Leary made an excellent record overseas. He won his commission, was awarded the military cross and was mentioned several times in despatches. He was met in the city yesterday by his father.

The many friends of Miss Musetta A. Compton, 19 Kennedy Place, who has been a nursing sister for the last two years, will be interested to know she has been transferred to the invalid soldiers' commission. She expects to be stationed at either St. John or Fredericton, but before entering upon her new work she must go to Toronto for a two months' special course. Miss Compton will probably leave Monday night. For some time past Nursing Sister Compton has been stationed at the St. James Military Hospital.

LOCAL NEWS

A WORD TO YOU ALL. In regards to clothing for Easter call to Lesser's, 210 Union street, where you will find the newest styles in all shades and workmanship and a large assortment to choose from, either cash or credit. See adv. on page 16.

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. Office and warehouse of the Harris Abbotter Co., Ltd., will be operated on daylight time. 97088-4-7. 4-5.

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