SENATE DISCUSSES DIVORCE QUESTION

Willoughby of Saskatchewan Advocates Change in Present System.

PROVINCES DO NOT ASK

Lougheed Never Has Heard of Requests From Separate Governments.

Ottawa, May 10.—The senate spent most of today's sitting discussing the Dominion's method of handling divorce. The matter was brought up by Senator Willoughby, of Saskatchewan, who, in the course of a speech advocating a change from the system of granting divorces by act of parliament, inquired of Sir James Lougheed whether the government intended asking the imperial parliament to amend the British North America Act so as to confer on the provinces the sole jurisdiction over marriage and divorce; whether, in the event of this course not having been considered, the government contemplated prescribing uniform statutory grounds of divorce, leaving to the provincial courts the procedure to be followed with the right to exercise all powers; or whether, in the case of this second alternative not having been considered, there was any intention of establishing Dominion divorce courts.

Sir James Lougheed replied that, so far as he was aware, the provicial governments had never asked for changes in the B.N.A. Act giving them sole jurisdiction over marriage and divorce, and that, unless and until such a request was made, the government could not be expected to impose such a condition upon the provinces. So far as the establishment of Dominion divorce courts was concerned, Sir James said that the present government had never given the matter serious consideration, as public opinion had never been sufficiently concrete to impose upon it responsibility for such a step.

Senator Willoughby, who traced the growth of divorce in Canada, said that there was a growing sentiment of hostility thruout the country toward the present method of granting divorces. There was a feeling that the granting of divorces by act of parliament was, in a sense, class legislation, as the expense connected with the proceedings entailed in bringing cases to Ottawa made divorce possible only for the rich. Moreover, there was grave doubt as to the wisdom of permitting a parliamentary committee to deal finally with matters involving legal right.

Senator McMeans, supporting Senator Willoughby, held that there was absolute necessity for a divorce court in Canada. Under the present system, divorce was being administered in favor of the rich and against the poor. The expense involved in bringing witnesses to Ottawa made it practically impossible for persons of moderate means to take advantage of an act of parliament. Senator McMeans went on to say that now was the time to bring about desired reforms. When the soldiers returned—he was sorry to have to say it—there would undoubtedly be a great increase in the number of applications for divorce.

Senator Bostock said that, as a member of the senate divorce committee, he could testify that no member of that committee would have any great regret in seeing the functions of granting divorces pass from the senate's hands to divorce courts. He thought that the establishment of a Dominion divorce court would be a service to the public interest.

Sir James Lougheed agreed with Senator Bostock that the divorce committee of the senate had no desire to continue to exercise its present functions. Parliament, he believed, should long ago have decided upon some better method of granting divorces. The matter was undoubtedly one for a judicial body. He believed that a court of divorce would be the proper method.

Senator Power said that the proposition was to make divorce easier, and, as such, he was bound to oppose it. The establishment of divorce courts would quadruple divorce, and that was not a desirable condition. In England at the present time there was one divorce for every twelve marriages. He did not think that the Canadian people desired to see that condition duplicated in Canada.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—E. A. John, Erskine, Alta.; J. McLeod, Scotland; R. Fraser, Sydney, N.S.; J. P. McNamara, Lower River, C.B.; J. Tuddenham, England; O. Oder, Sweden; A. W. Manning, A. Hathaway, England; W. C. Armstrong, Mountain, Ont.; P. Morris, Rabbit Hill, Alta.; G. S. Gray, Prince Albert, Sask.; T. Lacquette, Ste. Rose du Lac, Man.; A. Macintosh, H. N. Livermore, England; A. Rigg, Essex; E. W. Heeler, Philip, S.D., E. Beaver, Vancouver; J. Strong, Winnipeg; F. Davis, Dauphin, Man.; W. Lacasse, Keewatin, Ont.; C. M. Bowen, Stoughton, Sask.; Sgt. David Jones, Scotland; J. W. Huke, Port Dover; H. Dixon, Sackville, N.B.; O. A. Buchanan, Hensall; W. W. Arsenau, Roopertville, N.B.; R. William Brown, Rivers, Man.

Missing, believed killed—A. C. Gibb, St. Montrose, Scotland; H. Coughlan, New Zealand.

Died of wounds—R. T. Murray, Chelsea, Mass.; J. F. Dunlop, McDonald's Corners, Ont.; Lt. H. C. Waterfield, Nakusp, B.C.; **A. Armstrong, 753 East Gerrard st., Toronto**; H. G. Coldicott, Winnipeg; R. E. Symons, Windsor, Ont.; J. J. Frederick Hunter, Earl Grey, Sask.; J. Brown, Lancaster, Ont.; G. S. King, England.

Died—J. M. Bird, Firdale, Man.; J. Scanes, England.

Previously reported repatriated, still in Switzerland—Capt. W. H. Vickers Hooper, Carleton Place.

Missing, believed prisoner—H. R. Carter, **753 West King street, Toronto.**

Wounded—F. Japp, Bickford, Ont.; A. Fox, Middle Musquodoboit, N.S.; L. J. Thomas, England; S. M. Robertson, Southampton, Ont.; A. E. Harper, Oil Springs; **A. E. Parker, Sherbourne street, Toronto**; H. Brock Hubbard, Lamoeth, Ont.; **J. T. Pedelty, 231 Sumach street, Toronto**; H. Peachey, W. S. Brooks, England; C. Sorensen, Denmark; O. C. Cross, England; G. A. Roberts, Vancouver; D. L. Donaldson, G. Bain, Scotland; G. A. Barker, not stated; David Thorburn, Scotland; C. J. Emes, Lake Joseph, Ont.; W. C. Treble, New Toronto; W. Ferris, Ireland; T. J. Cook, North Saskatoon; W. E. Wemp, Chatham; G. A. Breckenridge, Durie, B.C.; E. O. Marshall, Perry, Ont.; H. J. Swan, Hamilton; A. Collin, Manitwaki, Q.; F. G. Sutton, London, Ont.; G. Addy, Outer Station, England; P. Forget, Terrebonne, Q.; A. Caskie, Hamilton; R. Stevens, Winlaw, B.C.; E. S. Kappel, Wales; W. Smith, Victoria; N. McLeod, **265 Clinton street, Toronto**; G. W. Nuttall, Andover, Mass.; G. E. Gault, Drummondville, Q.; Paul Patterson, Seattle, Wn.; H. Doherty, Ireland; Lieut. E. G. Grant, Edmonton; Lieut. Charles A. Cameron, Scotland; E. Collard, Montreal; T. J. Robillard, Montreal; S. J. Jolley, Magog, Q.; Lt. H. A. Craig, Ottawa; J. S. Coilie, Scotland; **Lieut. J. Mooney, 23 Bowden avenue, Toronto**; J. O. Cote, Rimouski, Q.; C. F. Smith, England; M. Doherty, Scotland; E. Pughe, England; T. E. Thomas, Wales; T. H. Paine, England; R. Voorkis, Columbia, Tenn.; W. G. Scott, Edmonton; A. Smith, Scotland; Thos. Lowry, Ireland; J. J. Cowan, Scotland; A. E. Carter, England; D. McGarvie, J. Leiper, R. S. McClay, Scotland; J. H. Maxwell, Wm. Gray, England; R. Dunbar, Scotland; R. Kears, England; G. C. Strong, Ireland; D. Liddell, S. Stephen Bowen, England; W. Groves, Dundas; E. K. Cullen, Elbow River, Alta.; **F. A. Egan, Wascana avenue, Toronto**; J. Macdonald, Hartford, Conn.; C. J. Cooper, Deroche, B.C.; P. Drouin, St. Joseph de Beauce, Q.; E. Letourneau, Montreal; A. C. Holland, Holland, Man.; T. Chenard, St. Albans, Q.; B. T. Bartlett, England; R. E. Wilford, Montreal; **J. Gow, 50 Alton avenue, Toronto**; A. A. Grant, Dunvegan, Ont.; J. L. McCarten, St. George, N.B.; **W. Davidson, 81 Campbell avenue, Toronto**; P. Turton, Edmonton, Alta.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

Danforth

TEN TIMES AS MANY POTATOES ARE SOLD

D. R. Crook, president of the Danforth Poultry Association, states that almost ten times as many potatoes are being sold by the seed men in the district for planting in vacant plots as were sold two years ago, and next in demand is onions. Very few vacant lots are now to be had thruout the section within the city limits.

"Many residents are turning their attention to raising poultry who have never tried previously," said Mr. Crook, "and all feel it is a duty in the interest of increased food production. We have increased our membership 50 per cent. since the last two meetings, and we have now a total membership of over 200," he said.

MUCH WAR WORK DONE BY COLEMAN SCHOOL

"The East Toronto people are thoroly patriotic, and have taken up the campaign for increased food production with spirit," said Miss O. Marks, principal of Coleman Avenue School, speaking of the organization of resources campaign in connection with the pupils and their parents, with a reporter for The World recently. Miss Marks pointed out that the school was built about 20 years ago, and had not sufficient open space for playgrounds, and, consequently, no gardening could be attempted by the pupils at a school, but seeds had been distributed, and the children were planting their home gardens.

In this connection, last year, prizes were given for best work done in the home gardens by the teachers.

"Lectures on gardening were given at the school by Dr. Sinclair, and a lecture will be given by Miss Moffatt on May 14. "We are guided in our gardening work by the instructions handed out by the organization of resources committee," said Miss Marks, who pointed out that several mothers in the district with one or two children had gone out to work on farms.

Regarding the school discipline, the principal stated that a self-government club had been in operation among the 200 pupils, boys and girls, for some time, in connection with all games, and other activities in the school, with very successful results. Officers are elected three times during the year, and the scheme has been of great benefit to both teachers and children.

In connection with the Queen Mary silver wedding shower, a committee consisting of the following has been appointed: Mrs. McKennay, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Taylor and Miss O. Marks.

Comforts for the soldiers are being prepared and will be forwarded when prepared.

DONLANDS METHODIST ANNUAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting in connection with Donlands Methodist Church, Donlands avenue, was held in the church last evening. Rev. G. H. Copeland occupied the chair. The reports of the Sunday school department, Epworth League, junior and senior, Ladies' Aid Society, building fund committee and pastor's report were submitted, and all indicated considerable progress during the year. After allowing for deaths and removals the pastor reported an increase of 50, making a total membership of 225, with a Sunday school membership of 316, and Epworth League, senior and junior, combined, of 140 members.

The amount of money raised during the year was $3506. The church is over three years old.

Rev. G. H. Copeland, pastor in supply, has been requested to return for another year, and the congregation has asked to be made a separate charge. Hitherto it has been an off-shoot of Danforth Avenue Methodist Church.

DANFORTH METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The annual meeting in connection with Danforth Avenue Methodist Church Women's Missionary Society was held in the church hall, Danforth avenue, last evening, and the following were the officers elected: Mrs. Howell, president, re-elected for the second year; Mrs. Lydiatt, first vice-president; Mrs. Edwards, second vice-president; Mrs. (Rev.) G. H. Copeland, third vice-president; Mrs. (Rev.) R. J. D. Simpson, recording secretary; Mrs. Bartholomew, corresponding secretary; Mrs. McAlpine, treasurer.

The secretary reported an increase in membership of 16 new annual members, and four new life members, bringing the total membership up to 101. A sum of $348 was raised during the year.

It was decided to arrange for the annual cradle roll day at the next meeting to be held in June.

STAG EUCHRE PARTY.

Catholic Order of Foresters Holds Success Affair.

A very successful stag euchre party was held under the auspices of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Holy Name Court, No. 1018, in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last evening. J. Shea, chief ranger, presided. A musical program was contributed and prizes were won by the following as a result of the euchre contest: First, P. Murphy; second, Edward Devine.

There are over 40 members connected with the court, which has only been recently established.

RIVERDALE VETERANS' DANCE.

Under the auspices of the Riverdale branch of the G.W.V.A. a well-attended euchre party and dance was held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last evening.

RUN OVER BY WAGON.

Fred Henderson, 61 East Dundas street, employed by the William Davies Company, was knocked down and run over by his team and wagon, which ran away on Main street, Danforth, yesterday afternoon. With the exception of a severe shaking up he escaped injury and was able to return home.

Beaches

TWENTY-THREE CONFIRMED.

Bishop Sweeney recently conferred the sacrament of confirmation on 23 members of the congregation at St. Savior's Parish Church, East Gerrard street. The bishop was assisted by Rev. G. I. B. Johnson, pastor. The largest congregation in the history of the church was present. The honor roll of the church contains the names of 75 men who have gone overseas, four of whom have been killed and a large number have been wounded and some returned to Canada.

Earlscourt

EARLSCOURT TEMPLARS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The annual election of officers in connection with the Hope of Earlscourt Lodge, I.O.G.T., was held in Little's Hall, Earlscourt, recently. Bro. Anderson, deputy grand chief Templar, installing officer, was in the chair. The following were elected: Bro. James Black, chief Templar; Sister Robinson, vice-Templar; Bro. J. McKee, assistant secretary; R. Morrison, financial secretary; T. Mitchell, senior treasurer; Sister Miss Shrubb, chaplain; Bro. James Brunton, marshal; Bro. T. Smith, guard; T. Mitchell, junior sentinel; D. McDougall, organist; Miss Anderson, superintendent of juvenile work; Bro. Tom McEwan, deputy of grand chief Templar.

Representatives to Grand Lodge: Bros. Tom Brown, Peter Anderson, Jas. Black and James Brunton.

A musical program was rendered by Bro. A. Christie, J. Mackay, Miss Shrubb and Miss Waldon.

Two new members were initiated and a total membership of 125 on the rolls was reported by the secretary, being an increase of 20 over the preceding year. A balance of $30 was reported.

EARLSCOURT WOMEN HOLD BIG CONCERT

One of the biggest and most enthusiastic concerts given by the Earlscourt Woman Workers was held Friday evening in the rooms of the Great War Veterans' Association, St. Clair avenue.

Mrs. Segar, Mrs. Margaret Lee, and other officers of the association have been hard at work preparing for this entertainment so that Earlscourt overseas soldiers should be provided with more comforts.

Besides a large number of tickets sold the following Earlscourt merchants assisted materially to swell the proceeds: R. Bennett, Platt Bros., John Salmon, B. Fairthorne, W. Fifield, Mrs. A. Fraser, The Oakwood Theatre, Royal George Theatre and the Belmont Theatre.

The concert was in charge of the F. C. Rocke Concert Co., organized to give entertainments to returned soldiers and to help raise funds for any institution desiring assistance.

YOUNG MAN DIES.

The death is announced of Wilmer L. Fairthorne of Bedford Park, who died Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after an illness of seven days. The late Mr. Fairthorne, who was in his 30th year, was assistant to his brother, B. Fairthorne, butcher, of West St Clair avenue, where he had worked for the past two years. He was born in Caversham, Oxfordshire, England, and had lived in Toronto for eight years. He is survived by his widow and two young children. The funeral will take place on Monday next at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery from the home of his brother, Ranleigh Gardens.

FOUR MEMBERS ADVANCED.

Albion encampment, No. 106, I.O.O.F., held its regular meeting at Hillcrest Hall, Alcina avenue, West St. Clair avenue, on Friday evening, when four members were advanced to the triple degree. After the business meeting the evening was given over to a social. Refreshments were served. There was a good attendance. R. H. Hudson, St. Clair avenue, is chief patron, and Wm. Sharpe, Vaughan road, left supporter.

West Toronto

MISSIONARY TO CHINA TELLS ABOUT HER WORK

Mrs. (Dr.) Arthurs, a returned missionary from China, addressed the Women's Auxiliary of Victoria Presbyterian Church yesterday on "The Chinese Woman in the City, the Chinese Woman in the Country, and the Chinese Woman in Our Missions." The speaker's composure and clear thought were refreshing. Mrs. Arthurs had found the Chinese an hospitable people and the homes of all classes were now open to missionaries. The missionaries in China were a centre of interest. For instance, one Chinese woman had been much impressed with a missionary's extension dining table. Even the wealthy Chinese seemed ignorant of making themselves comfortable, and spent their money on costly raiment and jewelery rather than on conveniences and comforts. Mrs. Arthurs brought her little daughter, dressed in Chinese costume, with her. Her husband, Dr. Arthurs, took a labor battalion of 5000 Chinese coolies to France and is there now in charge of them.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerrall said that the conflict in Flanders was only one battlefront; that wherever right and wrong were in conflict, there the followers of Christ should be found with the two oars of prayer and work.

DUNDALK MAN DEAD.

William McLellan, son of Dougal McLellan, of Dundalk, died yesterday at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. Sheppard, 71 Pritchard avenue. A short service was held last evening and the remains taken to Dundalk for burial. Mr. McLellan had been ill for several months. He was unmarried.

Riverdale

BOYS' NAVAL BRIGADE.

In connection with St. Monica's Anglican Church, corner of Ashdale and Gerrard streets, the Boys' Naval Brigade, under command of Petty Officer Allen, has now attained a membership of 75. P. C. Jackson is the supervisor, and steady progress is being made by this body of future naval men in their drill and physical department.

PASTOR RESUMES DUTIES.

Rev. W. Hardy Andrews, minister of East Queen Street Presbyterian Church, who has been confined to his home, 83 Hogarth avenue, thru illness, expects to resume his duties at the church on Sunday evening.

REALIZE GOOD SUM.

As a result of the recent sale of work in connection with the Rhodes Avenue Baptist Church, Rhodes avenue, of which Rev. A. A. Kelley is pastor, $150 was realized by the committee in charge.

QUEBEC LAUNCHES SHIPS.

Quebec, May 10.—Three vessels, two of steel and one of wood, have been launched here within three days. The ships were constructed at the Davis Yards at Lauzon. A large wooden vessel, built at the Quinlan and Robertson yards on the St. Charles River, will be launched tomorrow. More vessels are on the way at the various shipyards about Quebec.

YMCA

Red Triangle Fund

IT has come to our attention that many of our citizens were not waited upon for their contribution to the Red Triangle Fund.

It was our purpose to thoroughly canvass the city, but notwithstanding the large body of workers, it was found impossible to completely cover the field within the three days of the campaign.

We are sorry that anyone was missed, for every dollar available is urgently needed.

It is earnestly hoped that those who have not been canvassed, and have contributions not yet called for, will send the same to Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson, Honorary Treasurer, 120 Bay St.

With sincere appreciation of the most generous response already made by the citizens of Toronto—

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Red Triangle Fund—

G. H. WOOD,
Chairman.

BRITISH FLYERS WIN OVER TENFOLD ODDS

Two Airmen Fight Twenty German Scouts to Standstill, Destroying Eight.

With the British Army in France, May 10.—One of the most daring and magnificent bits of work ever done by British battle planes was carried out this week, when two English machines fought 20 German scouts to a standstill, destroying eight of the enemy and forcing several others to abandon the conflict because they had been so badly shot up. The British machines returned safely from this extraordinary engagement, having abandoned their attack only when their ammunition became exhausted at the end of a half hour of whirlwind fighting with machine guns.

The battle was staged last Tuesday evening, and these are the details of it which now come to hand: It was about sundown that two British battleplanes each with a pilot and observer, went wheeling across this part of the front in search of prey. They were well back of the enemy's line when they sighted seven German planes flying in formation. The hardy Britishers did not even pause to consider the odds against them, but turned the noses of the machines toward the enemy and raced in for the attack.

QUEBEC MAY ASSIST IN FINDING SOLDIERS

Ottawa, May 10.—The report that Sir Lomer Gouin and Monsigneur Mathieu of Regina, who have arrived in the capital, will confer with the government in regard to the enforcement of the Military Service Act in Quebec, is believed here to be well founded. It is stated that the better feeling which has prevailed in Quebec in recent weeks has been brought about in a large measure by the influence and advice of Archbishop Mathieu.

It is believed that the conferences to be held here will have the effect of still furthr improving the situation in Quebec Province.

WHEAT ABOVE GROUND.

Alberta Reports Excellent Progress of This Year's Crop.

Calgary, May 10.—Wheat is well above the ground and making excellent progress in most parts of the province, according to reports received today. The seed bed was in good condition to receive the crop, and since there have been no delays of any kind, the grain is fully three weeks' ahead of last year. Up to date there has been no cause for alarm concerning lack of moisture, but rain will be needed shortly, especially for the late sown grain.

HINDENBURG LAUDED.

Kaiser Inscribes Name Upon Castle Gate.

Amsterdam, May 10.—Emperor William in congratulating Field Marshal von Hindenburg upon the Roumanian peace treaty, according to Berlin newspapers, notified the military leader that the big entrance gate to the old castle of the Knights of the Teutonic Order at Marienburg, Prussia, would have his name and arms inscribed on it. The emperor also expressed the desire to name other parts of the castle after German generals.

FARMERS

Tuesday, May 14th, is Ottawa Day for YOU. Travel on early trains Monday; prevent crowding.

UNITED FARMERS OF ONTARIO.

GREAT WAR VETERANS' DOMINION CONVENTION

The Dominion convention of the Great War Veterans' Association, which will be held at the Technical School on Monday, July 29, and the two following days, will thrash out the question of a new constitution, which many members and officials consider to be essential to the existence of the association. Another matter which will be given considerable attention will be the administration of pensions, which have come in for lots of criticism. The question of politics may be considered, but the general feeling of the membership is that the association is by no means strong enough to become a really independent factor in the political life of the community, tho there will be no question of its independence in the years to come. The report that, during the recent elections, several individual members of the association who sought election, posed as members and representatives of the association, without its consent, is characterized by many members to be quite without foundation, but it is realized that the effort along these lines was not well timed.

CANADIANS GAZETTED.

London, May 10.—Captain A. P. Senero, Western Ontarios, is gazetted flying officer. Rev. A. C. Trench, formerly of the Edmonton mission, and Quartermaster-Sergeant W. L. Lawrence are appointed chaplains. Captain Reginald Somers, Cocks, of Somersetshires, killed, had only been two days in Canada when the war was declared. He immediately returned. Lieut. Edward Silver, Londons, killed, was formerly in the Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Montreal.

BIG MOGUL ENGINE RAMS INTO TRAIN

Engineer and Fireman Jump, and Wreckage is Piled High.

Hamilton, May 10.—Twenty cars were totally wrecked and one engine smashed completely, while thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise was strewn over the ground, when a heavy mogul engine, drawing a number of loaded cars, crashed into a standing west-bound freight on the Grand Trunk tracks, about a mile and a half west of the cemetery.

Engineer William Oldfield and Fireman Bruce Rae, both of Sarnia, who were on the mogul, saved themselves by jumping after they had put on the brakes and seen that a collision could not be averted. The train, which was rammed, was standing before a semaphore for orders when the mogul rounded a curve and crashed into it, telescoping some of the cars, smashing others and piling wreckage in some places twenty feet high. Fire immediately broke out among a number of gasoline tanks, and Fire Chief Ten Eyck responded with a crew and the steamer. Later the wrecking crew was sent out, and at a late hour tonight were endeavoring to clean up the debris.

SCHOONER ALICE SOLD.

Detroit, May 10.—The old time schooner Alice, a three-masted sailing craft and about the only one of her class now left on the lakes, passed down the river this evening in tow of the converted Pere Marquette Carferry "No. 16," now the "Harriet B." The schooner has been sold to Port Arthur-Texas parties, and is now bound for that port.

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WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

In a brilliant naval operation before dawn yesterday, the British Dover squadron, under Vice-Admiral Keyes, ran into Ostend harbor under the nose of the enemy, sank the concreted old cruiser Vindictive there, and thereby seriously blockaded this submarine base. The rapidly silting sand may be soon expected to complete the work of this obstruction. Zeebrugge, which, with Ostend, was raided a short while ago, still remains apparently closed to the submarines, with the Bruges canal still stopped up with concreted cruisers. As the objective of Field Marshal Haig, in his campaign last year, was the German naval bases on the Belgian coast, the navy now, by stepping in, is doing the work in two mornings that the British higher command missed doing in two months.

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The success which attended the present and second operation of its kind, shows that Vice-Admiral Keyes has the enemy nonplussed. After the German experience at Zeebrugge and Ostend before, one would suppose that the enemy would take reasonable precautions against a repetition. Instead, he was caught napping again. Vice-Admiral Keyes is a new man at Dover and altho the British people had heard frequent grumblings about the old Dover command, it was not until the formation of a naval general staff that a suitable officer was found or even a change was ordered. Keyes has shown himself a man of ideas and has effected many improvements in his command.

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Besides fulfilling the eminently practical purpose of stopping up the submarine exits and entrances, these naval operations fulfil an even higher purpose in undermining the morale and consequently the stability of the German people. The haste in which the enemy attempts the denial of damages sustained and the lavish decoration of officers whom he would otherwise cashier, proves the bad effect of these operations on the German nerves. The German rulers, however, cannot suppress the news of what the British navy has achieved, and soon the truth about the operations will filter thru Germany. It is work like this which shows the enemy civilians that the British navy is very much alive and has the utmost contempt for the submarines.

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Local fighting in Alvuy Wood, north of Albert, and German artillery activity, mainly in the Vimy and Robecq sectors, and south of Dickebusch, comprised yesterday's events on the British fronts. The British had previously, in a sharp fight, ousted the Germans from the 150 yards of trench captured before Albert. This position had the tactical value of being on a ridge and therefore useful for observation, and inconsequence the Germans made a strong resistance to stay in possession. The capture of Grivesnes Park by the French and rather violent artillery fighting there and in the Lassigny-Noyon sector comprised yesterday's chief events on the distinctly French front. Grivesnes Park, taken by the French, is valuable as an observatory.

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On the Italian front proceedings are still as calm as on the Anglo-French front. Bad weather still obtains, but the British contingent keeps up its policy of raiding. The allied aircraft still fly out in force and engage the Austrians wherever they can meet them. The enemy is conserving his aerial power for his contemplated offensive. It is to be expected that he will attempt a surprise in this army. It is hardly probable after the Germans' attempt against the British that the Austrian army will be able to achieve a surprise against the Italians. Whereas the Italian staff had to get on alone it now has the best brains in the allied service at its call.

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General Radcliffe is authority for the news that the enemy has massed further large forces on the Somme lines. He has, moreover, begun an aerial blockade of the Somme back areas. Tho the momentum of his offensive has run out, the pressure from behind, it is said, creates too much of a difficulty for Von Ludendorff and Von Hindenburg to surmount. The British people are told to prepare their minds for news that the British army may have to give further ground. Under the Foch system of defence, however, the mere giving of ground is comparatively unimportant. Foch and the French staff generally believe in a defensive with only a few men and plenty of trench mortars, machine guns, and artillery. In other words their policy is a mechanical defense.

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The Moscow soviets have concluded an armistice and expect to conclude a peace with the Ukraine. The Germans have flung their lines far into Russia, they probably intended to fling them further, but the new danger of their conquests arising from the British advance on Mosul has compelled them to settle with the Russians in order to attempt the defending of their gains. In this expedition from Mesopotamia to Trans-Caucasia, the British Government is recognizing that conquest is conquest the world over and that it is taking a big risk to expect that a favorable allied decision on the western front would compel Germany to give up her territorial spoils on other fronts.