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BRITISH LINE BEING EXTENDED IN THE DIRECTION OF PERONNE

Weather Conditions Again Favor Military Operations in France—Berlin Reports Much Artillery Activity on the Western Front, also 15 Aeroplanes were Brought Down—No Break Likely Between Austria and U. S.—"Carmania" Arrives at New York.

BRITISH LINE ADVANCING TOWARDS PERONNE

LONDON, March 7th.—Adespatch from British headquarters reports that the British line east of Bouchavesnes is being slowly forced forward in the direction of Peronne. The weather conditions are much improved.

FIFTEEN ALLIED PLANES BROUGHT DOWN SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, March 7th.—A war office statement says that on both sides of the Ancre on the Somme in the Champagne and on the east bank of the Meuse severe artillery fighting is in progress. Repeated engagements occurred yesterday between reconnoitering detachments and trench garrisons. The clear weather favored the German aviators who brought down fifteen allied machines.

WASHINGTON ANTICIPATES NO BREAK WITH AUSTRIA

WASHINGTON, March 7th.—It is not thought now that there will be any break with Austria. Government officials consider there is small chance of American rights being violated as Austrian submarines are active only in the Mediterranean.

CARMANIA CARRIES SMOKE CLOUD RAISER AND GUN

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Cunard liner Carmania which arrived last night carries a smoke cloud maker and also a six inch gun with a range of eight miles.

TO PREPARE FOR 1918 CAMPAIGN

LONDON, March 7.—Winston Churchill in a speech in the House of Commons yesterday urged that preparations be made immediately for the 1918 campaign. This is construed as indication that the Allied authorities are not expecting to end the war this year.

ITALY REORGANIZES DEFENCE AGAINST SUB. ATTACK.

ROME, March 7th.—A decree has been promulgated reorganizing the system for the defence of ships against submarine attack and placing it in charge of an admiral.

PHILADELPHIA FACTORY COLLAPSES

PHILADELPHIA, March 7th.—A Marconi factory in the foreign quarters of the city, employing thirty to forty persons, collapsed today, burying the workers. It is feared a number were killed.

BOAT HOUSES BURNED AT TORONTO

TORONTO, March 7th.—The large boat houses on the lake front near the Humber belonging to T. N. Devins and Orr Bros. and McGrath and containing nearly four hundred boats of all descriptions, were destroyed by fire early today, together with a refreshment parlor, dance hall and pool room and three stores which were located in the buildings. Loss \$35,000, insured.

SHIP PROBLEM WILL REQUIRE EXTRA SESSION

WASHINGTON, March 7th.—An extra session of congress, not later than June, now is generally conceded among officials here to be assured.

Although President Wilson has not given any definite indication that he has finally abandoned his hope that an extra session might be avoided, there is an almost unanimous sentiment among senators, representatives and officials of the executive departments that one must be called. They declare that even if the international situation does not demand it, congress must come back to complete its legislative program, and fill up gaps in the government's financial scheme caused by failure of some of the more important appropriation measures.

So certain are many members of congress on this point that they are speculating only on the probable date of the session. The general expectation among them, said to be based on word passed out by officials close to the president, is that the end of May or some time in June will be elected as the time for the convening of the new congress.

CONSPIRACY PLAN MEETS APPROVAL

BERLIN, March 5, via Tuckerton, March 6.—The expected criticism of the government's ill-starred German-Mexican project failed to materialize in today's session of the reichstag budget committee. After an executive sitting of six hours the committee unequivocally endorsed the action of the foreign office by unanimous vote. The government's efforts to negotiate an alliance in the eventuality of war with the United States was approved as being within the legitimate scope of military precautions.

The committee expressed regrets at the misfortune which resulted in the interception of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's note. Responsibility for its loss cannot be fixed until former Ambassador Von Bernstorff arrives from the United States.

ON THE EVE OF POETIC REVIVAL

Rev. Arthur L. Phelps Discusses "Poetry of Today" before the Women's Canadian Club

Rev. Arthur L. Phelps, M.A., of Bath was the special speaker before the Women's Canadian Club Monday evening and he delivered an address that for depth of thought, originality, good sense and clearness of expression has not been surpassed in Belleville in many a day. The Ontario hopes to see this address published in pamphlet form.

Mr. Phelps believes that the civilized world, which has been indifferent to poetry for many years is on the eve of a great poetic revival and he proceeded to give reasons for his faith. The war, with the enormous burdens of debt and the great unrest and dissatisfaction with caste, he believes result in a great levelling of class distinctions. The poet will appear to give expression to the spirit of the new democracy.

There was a pleasure, Mr. Phelps said, to be obtained from saying conditions now were the worst in the history of the world. One of the most mischievous forms of that critical spirit is that which disparages the poetry of the present day.

The most of us believe there is no fine poetic passion or ecstasy today. But it is not necessary to prove we have neither Shakespeares nor Milton nor even Tennysons today.

The poets of the present time are working in shops, on our lines of transportation on farms and in offices.

The worth of poetry cannot be demonstrated in dollars and cents. Poetry does not lend itself to commercialization. The world is now more ready to listen to the true poet's voice than it has been for several generations. The world is again ready for poetry. Its spirit is imaginative and creative, and has become brightly awake. And there are many living poets to act as our wake-men.

The materialist is everywhere in modern life, and it is a good thing he is. Railways must be built, industries organized, and land made productive.

But we are wrong when we call life itself materialistic. Materialism is dangerous only when we permit it to be so—when we permit the world to limit us.

There is a fine, ecstasy, intense with passion, in our railway shops, in our marts of commerce, and upon our busy streets. There is poetry wherever there is life. This poetry must be interpreted to us that our age may know itself. We need the writer of poetry to do his part, and our industrialism is waiting for a poetic voice.

In reality poetry is everywhere, latent but manifest. All life is poetry; the divine ardor is everywhere. The writers of poetry are those who see farther and deeper than we do.

The poet extricates meaning for us that is latent in life and makes it manifest to us. He interprets our moods.

The age is awake. It has its poets though the form may not be the traditional or the orthodox.

The age is becoming more brightly awake. We are waiting for the poets to speak to us. The poets will lead us into life, will show us the divine significance of facts.

The burden of the war will shatter materialistic prosperity. In the days of social collapse and of reconstruction after the war, the poet will become the honored one of the community. Perhaps we may even have a revival of the wandering minstrels. We will then have the age of simplicity and the glorification of the commonplace. We shall be attuned by adversity.

Much more poetry will be written. We have disparaged our poets, but will now turn to these poets.

The poetry of today is more varied than we suppose.

Modern poetry may be divided roughly into four classes:

(1) The traditional school, represented by Robert Bridges, the poet laureate.

(2) The mystics—as Gates and Russell.

(3) The realists—as Gibson and Mansfield.

(4) The free verse people, those who break away from the conventional forms and themes.

Canada has no great poet as yet, but the several excellent collections published shows that we at least

have the singing heart. At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered and the meeting closed by the singing of the national anthem.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE DR. HARRISON

The funeral of the late Dr. Edgar D. Harrison, ex-rector of Madoc and prominent physician was held at Madoc yesterday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends. The services took place under Masonic auspices of which order deceased was a member. Religious services were held at the Methodist Church. For the occasion Rev. W. H. Tucker, pastor of the church preached a most scholarly and appropriate sermon, basing his remarks on the text from Job, 14-14, "If a man die, shall he live again?" This idea of the possibility of life after death, said Mr. Tucker is one that has agitated human minds in all ages and in all nations. Not only did the Christian philosophers hold to the view of immortality but the view was arrived at by Socrates who lived nearly five-hundred years before Christ. The mind was not satisfied with the opinion that life after death was a necessary complement for this instinctive longing. The instinct for migration in the bird indicated a warmer south, a wing indicated that there must be air a tin water, and in just the same way the human soul, in its longings, indicated life after death. We should not think of Dr. Harrison as being consigned to the tomb.

We merely placed in the grave the earthly habitation. This hope and thought inspired and comforted us in our time of separation and sorrow.

The hymns sung were "Blest be the Tie that Binds," "Rock of Ages," and "Lead, Kindly Light," the latter being the favorite hymn of the departed.

The Masonic service was conducted by Bro. Frank Smith, worshipful master of Madoc Lodge No. 48. He was assisted by Dr. J. Grand Superintendent, Bro. J. H. Wilson, of Prince Edward District, and by Miss Bro. Wilfred Smith, O. M. 30th Batt.

The floral tributes were remarkable for their richness and profusion.

Many friends from a distance were present to pay their last tribute of respect.

LEGLESS POSTMASTER

Returned Soldier May Get Corbyville Postion.

Corp. Ernest Carr, who returned home a few days ago minus two legs, which he lost in battle, has been recommended by W. B. Northrup, M. P., for East Hastings, to fill the vacant postmastership at Corbyville, made vacant by the resignation of the postmistress, owing to ill-health.

DEATH OF T. B. CARLAW.

The death occurred near Warkworth on Friday last of T. B. Carlaw, ex-warden of Northumberland County. He was in his 30th year. He was twice married. He was president of the Warkworth cheese factory. He was a Presbyterian in religion. He leaves one son and two daughters and two brothers, Davidson Carlaw, of Belleville, and John Anderson Carlaw, of Toronto. The funeral was held on Sunday last and was very largely attended, so well-known was the deceased.

FUNERAL OF LATE CAPT. BONAR.

The funeral of the late Capt. John Bonar took place yesterday afternoon on the arrival of the C. N. O. R. train from Cobourg. The remains were accompanied by relatives and the Presbyterian Clergyman, of Cobourg. The body was taken to Belleville vault. The bearers were old associates, Messrs. F. Dolan, E. H. Laroche, W. Bawden, Thos. Givens, W. C. Jones and Wm. Black.

LAI D TO REST.

The funeral of the late John B. Shaw, of Foxboro, took place on Sunday to Foxboro, Methodist church, where Rev. Messrs. Sharpe, Jones and Currie conducted a solemn service. The remains were later deposited in Victoria Cemetery vault. The bearers were, Messrs. Chas. Gardiner, N. Davis, F. Ashley, R. Thrasher, E. Stills and J. McKeown.

APPRECIATED THE GENEROSITY OF COMPANY.

The officers of the 235th Overseas Battalion have written Messrs. Northrup & Panton, Solicitors for the Company, thanking them heartily for the free use of their fine Orderly Room and Officers Quarters in the splendidly equipped offices on Front street, during the stay of the regiment here.

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PRESENTATION TO THE CADETS

And a Fine Address by Mr. Henry Sneyd of Queen Alexandra School

A very pleasing function took place Friday afternoon at Queen Alexandra School, Ann street. The occasion of the school assembling was to see the crack shots among our cadets receive the prizes they so well merited by their excellent shooting. The boys not only covered themselves with laurels, but their school as well by taking ten out of fifteen prizes given to the cadets of the public schools in the city. To win a prize it was necessary to make at least nineteen out of a possible twenty-five. All riflemen will admit that the boys' shooting augurs well for the future marksmen of Belleville.

Mr. Sneyd, chairman of the school, and Inspector H. J. Clarke, B.A., officiated in the presentation. They were pleased with the boys' work and encouraged them to do even better. The books given, as prizes are excellent works, well bound, instructive and amusing, by the best boys' authors.

Mr. Sneyd gave a very interesting talk to the pupils. He complimented them on the amounts of their savings in the Penny Bank and exhorted them to bank more as every penny saved means so much towards the winning of the war.

He told them about the special war bonds now issued by the government, which, by buying, each child can materially aid in financing the war.

The speaker then encouraged the boys and girls to have vegetable plots of their very own this summer and spoke of the probability of prizes being awarded to the pupil growing the best vegetables. This all aids in winning the war.

Mr. Sneyd then delighted the children and riveted their interest by a vivid description of the submarine menace to England. They listened breathlessly as he described in detail the British methods of netting an enemy submarine.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously given Mr. Sneyd, voted by the Principal, Mr. Mott, and our Inspector. All greatly appreciated his talk and only hope to see him call again.

The following cadets received prizes: Allan Boyle, first with 23 points out of 25.

Gordon Collins, Alex. Kerr, Fred Deason, Roy Naylor, Grover Roberts, Hudson Leavens, Morley Luftman.

DIED WHILE SITTING IN HER CHAIR

Mrs. Joseph Paradise, an elderly resident of the township of Thurlow passed away very suddenly yesterday afternoon, at her home in the Zion neighborhood, while sitting in her chair. She had been in her usual health up to the time of her demise.

Deceased was a native of Germany. She was twice married. With her first husband she emigrated to Canada and settled in the vicinity of Actinolite. After the demise of her first husband she married Mr. Paradise, who survives her.

From this second marriage there survive two sons and two daughters, Wilfred of Rochester, Albert at home Mrs. Armstrong of Rochester and Mrs. Wm. Credicott of Actinolite. One daughter from the first marriage is living in Germany.

Mrs. Paradise was a lady of most generous and kind-hearted disposition who had many friends. She was a member of the Methodist Church and held in the highest esteem. She was about 72 years of age.

KILLED BY THE TRAIN

David Calvert of Crookston, whose dead body was found alongside the C.P.R. track at Buller's Siding, about four miles east of his home yesterday morning, was apparently killed by a train in Monday's blinding snowstorm.

An examination at the undertaking establishment at Tweed revealed the fact that his arm had been broken and his body otherwise cut and bruised.

C.P.R. COACHES TURNED TURTLE OVER TWENTY FOOT EMBANKMENT

Over Score of Passengers Injured in Accident near Trenton—Two Suffered Fractures—Six Taken to Belleville Hospital—Marvellous Escapes—Injuries Mostly Minor.

The passengers on the C.P.R. express due here at 12.50 yesterday afternoon had a marvellous escape from death when four coaches left Trenton and rolled down the embankment, which was fifteen or more in height. About thirty suffered injuries, only two of them being serious cases, the others being cuts about the head and face and hands and bruises on the shoulders. Six of the men went to Belleville hospital.

Fred Donaldson, 20 9 Fairview Avenue, Toronto, master mechanic of the C.P.R., West Toronto Station, who was on his way to Smiths Falls. He suffered a fractured shoulder and arm.

Mr. Kirk of Milwaukee, whose leg was broken. These are the only serious cases, the others suffering head bruises, and cuts—Messrs. Jordan, A. E. Stone, and P. Merrill. Another man left shortly after having his cuts dressed.

The point where the run off occurred is at a double curve west of Trenton. It is stated by passengers that the train was speeding along at the rate of nearly 40 miles per hour when the latter part of the train left the rails and rolled down the bank. The cause was given as a broken rail or overturning on the curve. The engine and first part of the train did not leave the track but four coaches swung around and rolled down into a twenty foot gravel pit. The last car on the train remained on the rails, the fourth car being partially off. The rolling stock was badly wrecked.

At first it seemed as if nearly everybody aboard was injured. Estimates ran as high as sixty but this was exaggerated. Nearly all the injuries were slight and were on the heads and hands of the passengers. Medical aid was summoned from Trenton and bandages sufficed for most of the wounds. The severely injured were given more attention.

It was four o'clock when the train reached Belleville station after the track had been repaired. Previous to that time the wildest messages had reached Belleville to prepare 20 cots in the hospital and get blankets and have all the available ambulances and vehicles present at the depot to take twenty men to the hospital. The 25th battalion company was present with four stretchers to move the injured. When the train arrived it was found that only one was a stretcher case—Mr. Donaldson. Mr. Kirk was carried off the train by two men and taken in an automobile to Belleville hospital suffering with a broken leg. Four others walked off the train with bloody bandages on their heads and went to the hospital for treatment.

In the train were seated women and men with hands and heads bound up, but they went on east to their destinations. All received a very severe shaking up.

Very little delay was caused by the wreck, for a crew was soon on the scene to repair the damage.

Three of the men have already left the hospital, Messrs. Jordan, Stone and Merrill.

Messrs. Donaldson and Kirk will remain in the hospital for some time on account of bad fractures. There is no danger in either case.

The escape which the passengers had was almost miraculous.

Major W. H. Ketcheson, traveller of this city, was a passenger on the wrecked train.

FINE ARTISTS AT STAR COURSE

Mr. Hollinshead and Mr. Smily were Heard in Concert Program

Mr. Redferne Hollinshead and Mr. Owen A. Smily were the artists which last evening held enthralled a large audience in the Y.M.C.A. Star Course. The drawing power of these well known Toronto entertainers seems to have increased since their first appearance in the city.

Mr. Hollinshead was heard in one of the finest programs ever heard in Belleville. It was miscellaneous in nature. Mr. Hollinshead's lyric dramatic tenor voice had full scope. He was encored again and again and generously responded. His numbers were "Love's Mine," "I Hear You Calling Me," Aria from Donizetti's "La Favorita," "Vale," "Invictus," "Maidens Remember," (a French folk song), Mendelssohn's "Sorrows of Death" from the "Hymn of Praise," a negro song "Poor Little Feller," and "He fell in love with three."

Mr. Smily's program contained humorous and patriotic numbers. His clever sketches were applauded again and again and the encores were freely given. His numbers were "The Poet" (by Service); "Ballad of Clamperdown" (Kipling); "Out to Old Aunt Mary's" (Riley); "Canada, a Daughter of the Empire" (Smily); "The Bell of Saint Michel (Drummond); Origin of the Hymn of Hate; a court scene between a Connecticut Lawyer and a witness Pat Maloney; "The Ten Little Sausages" (by an English Sergeant at the front; Major Mott's delivery of Antony's oration over the body of Julius Caesar.

Mr. Walter Kennedy, Ontario Representative for the All-Features Firm Co., Toronto, is renewing acquaintances in the city.

A basketball team is being chosen from the Kingston Y.M.C.A. players to come to Belleville on Saturday to play a team of the Belleville "Y."

Social and Personal

Mr. Clem Jones of Picton was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Ashley Brooks, of Stirling, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. F. B. Naylor and Mrs. H. H. Phillips were in Trenton yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson and young son are visiting Mrs. Wilson's parents, Chief and Mrs. Newton.

The many friends of Mr. Richard G. Rowland will regret to learn that he is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. J. L. R. Gorman, who has been indisposed for the past couple of days, is again on duty fitting the feet.

Mr. Melville Hagerman, of the local postoffice staff is in a precarious condition at his home on W. Bridge street.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Poulter, of St. Ola are visiting Mrs. Poulter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wootton, on Catherine Street.

A black muff, blue motor veil, purse with a small sum of money and 50c for apples, await owners at the police station.

Rev. A. S. Kerr of St. Andrew's and Rev. E. C. Currie of John Street, have returned from attending the Kingston Presbytery in Kingston.

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