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ALLIED DESTROYERS WIN BRISK BATTLE

GERMAN GUNS POUND WHOLE BRITISH LINE

Enemy Opens Stupendous Bombardment at Dawn—Is It the Great Blow?

London, March 21.—The artillery action on the western front could be distinctly heard at Dover and other towns on the east coast of England. The doors and windows of the houses at Dover, for instance, were continuously shaken by the heavy concussions.

The firing, which was the heaviest that has been heard in this district from such a distance, began at 3 o'clock this morning, and lasted at brief intervals until 7 a.m.

At Ramsgate, beside the sound of cannonading, bright flames were seen at sea, while the vibration of the explosions shook the windows and dislodged tiles from the roofs.

London, March 21.—The Germans shortly before dawn this morning began a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front, it is announced officially.

The statement follows:

"A heavy bombardment was opened by the enemy shortly before dawn this morning against our whole front from the neighborhood of Vendeuil, south of St. Quentin, to the River Scarpe.

"A successful raid was carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of St. Quentin. Thirteen prisoners and three machine guns were brought back by our troops. Prisoners also were taken by us in patrol encounters southeast of Messines, and in another successful raid, carried out by us south of Houthoist forest.

"Another raid undertaken by the enemy in the neighborhood of Armentieres was repulsed."

From Vendeuil north to the River Scarpe is a distance of nearly 50 miles, and the beginning by the German artillery of a heavy bombardment along this wide front may mean that preparation for the much-advertised German offensive in the west has been begun. The preparatory work was about due to begin today, if the advance announcements were to be taken at their face value, judging from the news of a day or two ago that a party of neutral correspondents had been invited by the German high command to start for the west front on Wednesday "to witness the offensive."

May Be Feint.

It is, of course, impossible to say whether the present burst of artillery fire on this front means that it is along the line indicated, or somewhere within its limits, that the heavy German blow, if one indeed is coming, is to be struck.

There is the consideration that the bombardment in this particular area may be a feint, to cover a stroke in an altogether different sector. The most natural conclusion, however, is that the drive is to be made at some point in the area now under fire.

Takes in Somme Line.

This area embraces most of the territory, outside of Flanders, over which the British have been fighting, sometimes alone and sometimes in conjunction with the French, for the past two years. It takes in, for instance, the entire field of the battle of the Somme, fought in the fall of 1916, and a great part of the area evacuated by the Germans the following spring.

Within these limits also is the battlefield of Cambrai. Virtually all the territory fought over in the great battle of Arras during the spring of 1917, also lies in the area under bombardment.

AMERICANS RAID AGAIN.

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, March 20.—American troops in the sector east of Lunneville participated tonight in a raid on German trenches, penetrating the enemy lines for some distance. Hand-to-hand fighting ensued.

The raiders returned to their own lines after about forty minutes.

The raid was carried out in conjunction with French troops, after a brief but intense barrage. The Germans retaliated with a heavy fire of gas and high explosive shells on the American batteries.

FRENCH GET IT, TOO.

Paris, March 21.—There has been an intense and sustained bombardment of the sectors north and southeast of Rheims, as well as on the Champagne front, the war office announced today.

AUSTRIAN GUNS THERE.

Vienna, March 21—(British admiralty per Wireless Press).—Austro-Hungarian artillery has taken part in the fight against the British and French on the western front, it is announced in today's war office statement.

STIFF FIGHT WEDNESDAY.

Paris, Wednesday, March 20. — A strong attack was made today by the Germans against French positions in the Woevre. The war office announces that after spirited fighting the enemy was driven back.

Between Cuirieres Wood and Bezonvaux, on the Verdun front, the Germans were driven back in violent hand-to-hand fighting. In Lorraine the Germans suffered a complete defeat in the region of Nomena, sustaining heavy losses without attaining any success.

60,000,000 BUSHELS, MANITOBA'S AIM

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Man., March 20.—Manitoba will raise sixty million bushels of wheat this year, according to Hon. Val Winkler, minister of agriculture. Last year forty-two million bushels were raised. Winkler's advices are that Saskatchewan aims at two hundred million bushels, making three hundred millions as Western Canada's total. Farmers generally in Manitoba will get on the land the first week in April.

GOOD-BYE, BOOZE!

"The spirit of Montreal" is coming to London in bottles, barrels and boxes this week.

John Barleycorn, banished by edict and order-in-council, is making his last assault on the citadel of sobriety, and while John knows he has to go, realizes his surrender is about complete, he is hurling his highballs over from the gun emplacements at Montreal. Before he is disarmed, he will have made his presence felt. Then he goes into a "fade-away" in the great film that has run all the way from "Ten Nights in a Barroom," down from the time when whiskey was 85 cents a gallon until it is almost that much a drink.

It was said today by students of the liquor traffic that whiskey, gin and other forms of strong drink were coming into London at the rate of 1,000 cases a day. Before the curtain falls, a new blockade is threatened on the railways. Of course, no one has HIS cellar full, but it does come and is distributed in nice "camouflaged" boxes that might contain a suit of clothes or an Easter hat.

And (whisper), it is said that some of the names on the boxes would surprise the good folks, and many of the good folks would have to justify old John as a good doctor, but a poor companion.

This morning some respite for the thirsty brotherhood and sisterhood was promised in slight modifications of the act. For instance a farmer can continue to make cider. (Shouts of "Greater Production of Apples!" from the tanks and near-tanks). And a druggist doesn't have to make a man carry a sign on his back when he has slipped him eight ounces on the order of the governor-general.

London has come in a few years from being practically a wide-open town, with "second" bars in secluded corners for operation after hours, to a state of surface aridness that makes the Sahara look like a tossing ocean. Degrees of drought were threatened in the "Abolish the Bar" campaign of N. W. Rowell. But Mr. Rowell was to leave the shops open and a man could get a drink in his room at a hotel. Mr. Rowell's proposals were dismissed. So far as having a mandate to abolish liquor was concerned, Mr. Rowell must have thought this province wanted to drink all it wanted for years and years to come. Then came Mr. Hearst, placid, the friend of the liquor men. But soon the embattled hosts of booze, who had shelled out the price of many drinks to place Mr. Hearst in power, found occasion to regard him as Mr. N. W. Rowell, intensified to the 'nth degree. Bang went the bars! Bang went the shops! Bang went the booze!

The drought came on. London the Lushy was transformed. Rowell temperance rejected brought Hearst prohibition with no election. A lot of people rejoiced. Booze is doomed. But so to speak, a lot of people are sending flowers and condolences in the form of rush letters to Montreal. And the old hog-jowled, slobber-lipped, hell-born brute (as Billy Sunday would say), will have his memory kept green.

ANOTHER BATCH OF ORIGINAL FIRSTS IN HARBOR OF HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., March 21.—The big liner which arrived in port yesterday with a large number of officers and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, returned wounded, on furlough or for special duty, is still anchored in the stream. It is expected, however, that she will dock tomorrow morning, and the men will immediately go forward to their various destinations.

Included in the party are one hundred and nine "original Firsts." The men have furlough until June 4.

The Western Ontario names follow:

Hamilton—Gunner I. Brady, Sergt. A. Cochran, Sergt. W. H. Dymott, Sergt. S. England, Pte. I. Haynes, Sapper L. Herger, Driver A. L. Minnott, Pte. S. McCarthy, Gunner H. McWhinney, Pte. J. Smith and Driver I. Taylor.

Guelph—Driver W. S. Nordish, Driver A. Pfleiffer.

Brantford—Gunner W. W. Bell, Sergt. T. Campbell, Bombardier S. Scott.

St. Marys—Pte. W. R. Martin, Pte. H. Whiteworth.

Driver S. H. Beecher, Paris, Ont.; Gunner I. Harten, London, Ont.; Pte. W. Scott, Windsor, Ont.; Pte. H. Alexander, Kamby, Ont.; Sergt. I. Reid, Port Dover, Ont.; Gunner I. L. Roberts, St. Catharines, Ont.

TEMPLARS WANT WET CANTEENS ABOLISHED

Hamilton, March 21.—The Dominion Council Royal Templars of Temperance this morning passed resolutions of gratitude to Sir Robert Borden, Sir Lomer Gouin of Quebec, and Premier Hearst of Ontario, for their efforts in creating total prohibition. Legislation will be sought to prohibit the sale of near-beer to boys under sixteen years of age, and abolishment of the wet canteen in Canada is also urged. An educational campaign to combat the social evil is also demanded.

ARMENIAN COLONIES MOBILIZING FOR WAR

Petrograd, Wednesday, March 20.—Kremonthug, Minamenka and Romodan, in Southern Russia, are being evacuated by government forces. A Russian commission has left here for Pskov to investigate reports of attacks on German troops.

Armenian colonies in Turkestan and the Transcaspian districts have declared a general mobilization. The soviet council of the Republic of the Don has levied a contribution of 5,000,000 roubles on local capitalists.

550 BILLION MARKS IS GERMANY'S WAR FIGURES

Amsterdam, March 20.—A war credit of 15,000,000 marks was brought before the Reichstag today for first reading. Count von Roedern, secretary of the imperial treasury, said Germany's monthly war costs had increased from 2,000,000,000 marks in the winter of 1915-16 to 3,750,000,000 in the last five months owing to the increased supply of necessaries of war. The secretary gave the total cost of the war as 550,000,000,000 marks, of which he said the Entente had expended 370,000,000,000.

The credit passed both first and second readings without debate.

BACK ON FURLOUGH!

Advertiser Illustrations.

Two typical "snaps" taken by an Advertiser camera man of scenes at the C. P. R. station on Wednesday, when more than 200 wounded, invalided and furloughed soldiers of the London district returned here. The officer is Capt. Walsh of the A. M. C., who returned at noon.

WAR BOARD PLANS TO STOP IMPORTATION OF LUXURIES AND RESTORE TRADE BALANCE

Government Will Legislate To Conserve For Canada Much Money Now Being Spent in United States.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 21.—That important restrictions in Canadian imports, whose effect will be sumptuary in nature, are under consideration by the war trade board is undoubted, but so far no recommendations have been made to the Government, in whose power lies the imposition of embargoes.

After the bill is passed business interests will be given an opportunity to express their views.

Two-Fold Object.

The purpose of the proposed regulations, so far as they will apply to imports, is two-fold. In the first place, it is desired to conserve, as far as possible, money now being spent outside of the country for luxuries, for use in Canada. In the second place, it is necessary, by every possible means, to adjust the unfavorable balance of trade now existing between Canada and the United States, which is reacting so badly on the exchange situation. Canada owes the United States about four hundred million. She is purchasing more from that country than that country is purchasing from her, and, therefore, has no way of paying off the debt. On the other hand, Canada is compelled to provide credits for every cent's worth of goods purchased by Great Britain in Canada. Great Britain is liquidating her debt with the United States by selling munitions to the latter, but Canada has no way of liquidating her debt to the United States.

Credit Refused.

It was, therefore, requested that the United States would advance a credit to Great Britain to be utilized by Canada. This request, it is stated, was not granted. The Dominion is, therefore, faced with the necessity of cutting down her imports from the United States as much as possible, and it is reasonable to expect that the embargoes will fall upon such articles as are not absolutely necessary for the carrying on of essential business, and for the retention of life. It is in the power of the war trade board to declare what is essential and what is not. That automobiles of the pleasure variety, jewelry, hat trimmings, fancy goods of various kinds, fancy footwear, etc., will be embargoed is rumored persistently. However, no recommendations have yet been made by the war trade board to the Government.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 71; lowest, 30.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 29.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Toronto, March 21.

Forecasts.

Today—Fair and very mild.

Friday.—Some scattered showers, but mostly fair and mild.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low	Weather.
Victoria	48	42	Cloudy
Calgary	44	8	Clear
Winnipeg	50	24	Cloudy
Port Arthur	48	34	Fair
Parry Sound	50	30	Clear
Port Stanley	56	32	Cloudy
Buffalo	68	48	Cloudy
Toronto	67	36	Fair
Kingston	48	34	Fair
Ottawa	48	26	Fair
Montreal	48	36	Fair
Quebec	42	28	Clear
Father Point	30	20	Clear

Weather Notes.

Fair weather still prevails over Canada, but cooler conditions now exist in the western provinces.

DEMAND RUMANIA'S WAR MUNITIONS

Moscow, Tuesday, March 19.—Germany has increased her demands upon Rumania, and now asks that Rumania surrender to the central powers all of her own war munitions as well as those left in Rumania by allied troops.

All the Entente ministers remain in Jassy, but will leave there if Rumania surrenders the war munitions to Germany.

PUBLIC WORKS VOTE WILL BE LOWER, IS REPORT AT OTTAWA

Expected To Be Considerably Less Than in Past.

WHITE AWAY FOR WEEKS

Duncan C. Ross Likely To Be Selected as Chief Opposition Whip.

Ottawa, March 21.—Parliament will lose no time in providing the necessary funds to carry on the business of the country. These are practically depleted because the fiscal year closes on March 31. As the Senate proposes to adjourn tomorrow until April 8, it will be necessary to pass an interim supply bill covering a portion of the main estimates. These estimates will be tabled in Parliament today. It is not known what the total amount will be, but it is anticipated that the vote for public works, etc., will be considerably lower than in previous years, as the Government has announced its intention of dispensing with all but necessary public works. The interim supply bill will probably be for one-fourth of the amount of the main estimates, or sufficient money to run the Government till the end of June. This is private members' day in the House, but it is likely that Government business will be reached early in the day.

Statement Re White.

Interest centres in the statement to be made by Sir Robert Borden as to Sir Thomas White. It is expected he will announce that Sir Thomas will not be able to return to the capital for some weeks.

The Opposition have not yet chosen a chief whip, but Mr. Duncan Ross of Middlesex will probably be the choice. The sudden termination of the debate on the address on Tuesday was largely due to the fact that the Opposition is without a party manager.

YUKON EXPENDITURES.

Ottawa, March 31.—It is understood that a special sub-committee of the cabinet, consisting of Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. E. B. Carvell, has had under review the question of Dominion Government expenditures in the Yukon. Last session Opposition members criticized the Government in regard to the cost of governing Canada's most northern territory on the score that while the population has decreased in recent years, the cost of administering its affairs had remained about the same.

DECISIVE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED, SAYS KAISER

London, March 21.—"We are at the decisive moment of the war, and one of the greatest moments in German history," said Emperor William in a telegram to the Rhenish Provincial Council, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam.

NO MOVES MADE YET IN LOCAL POWER QUESTION

Provincial and Dominion Authorities Have Failed To Act in Case.

PLANT CLOSES ON MAR. 31

No Further Orders, Remanding Instructions To Shut Down Plant Received Here.

While there is absolutely no change in the local power situation, so far as the London Electric Company is concerned, according to the officials of the public utilities commission, many of the old consumers of the private company are being added to the customers' list of the hydro department.

"We are being rushed with orders for alternating current motors," says Assistant General Manager A. O. Hunt. "We are able to prove to the consumers that the alternating current is at least 20 per cent cheaper than the direct current and the arguments of dollars and cents brings them in as alternating current users."

No replies to the city requests in reference to the London Electric have been received. The Ontario Power Commission, asked to supply power to meet requirements of the 1,500 consumers of the London Electric, has made no reply yet. Neither has Sir Henry Drayton, the Dominion power controller, who was asked to order the local plant of the Toronto Electric Light Company operated until such time as the hydro department was in a position to take over the customers.

"We cannot add any domestic lighting customers until we are given additional power by the Ontario commission and this has not come yet," is the statement made at the city hall in connection with this phase of the question.

While neither Dominion nor provincial power authorities has taken any action yet, the same can be said of the London Electric. No new orders have come from the Toronto head office, according to Local Manager C. T. Barnes. The only orders received from Toronto were those ordering the closing of the plant on March 31. This is little more than a week away and all arrangements for the suspension of service on April 1 have been completed.

"I have only the original orders to go on," said Mr. Barnes to The Advertiser today. "These call for the closing down of the plant on March 31. There have been no changes made, so far as I am aware."

U. S. PUBLISHERS ARE ASKED TO CUT THE SIZE OF ALL PUBLICATIONS

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Reduction of the size of newspapers and periodicals and elimination of paper wastes as a patriotic duty was urged on all publishers today by the federal trade commission. Consumption of newsprint and book paper has exceeded production for some weeks, and this, coupled with the necessity of relieving the railroads of all unnecessary traffic and of conserving coal wherever possible, is given by the commission as its reason for curtailing use.

COURT DECIDES FOR LONDON INSURANCE CO.

Toronto, March 20.—Judge Denton has decided in favor of the London Insurance Company in the action brought by Mrs. F. M. Skimin, for $5,000 life insurance on her soldier son, Private Garnet Redvers Skimin, killed in action July 15, 1916. There is a possibility that an appeal will be taken.

The question placed before Judge Denton was whether young Skimin was engaged in a military enterprise for the defence of Canada from invasion at the time of his death. The company claimed that within the terms of the policy, Skimin was not so engaged, and therefore they were not bound to pay the amount of the policy.

FOUR WARCRAFT OF GERMANS SUNK BY ALLIED DESTROYERS IN HOT CHANNEL ENGAGEMENT

British and French Destroyers Send Down Four Enemy Vessels That Had Been Shelling Dunkirk — Allied Casualties Light.

London, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers. One British destroyer was damaged.

The engagement occurred off Dunkirk this morning. The British casualties were slight. There were no French casualties.

The Official Story.

The announcement follows:

"Vice-Admiral Douer reports that an action occurred off Dunkirk between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. Two British and three French destroyers were engaged with a force of German destroyers which had previously bombarded Dunkirk for ten minutes. Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo-boats are believed to have been sunk. Survivors have been picked up from two enemy torpedo-boats.

"No allied vessels were sunk. One British destroyer was damaged but reached harbor. The British casualties were slight. There were no French casualties."

ONTARIO GOVT. REFUSES SEATS FOR WOMEN IN LEGISLATURE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 21.—The Ontario Government is not prepared to extend the rights of the women electors in this House and allow them to sit in the Legislature.

Hon. I. B. Lucas told the House this morning that there was no general demand for women being given this right, and public opinion was not behind it.

Women, he said, are not allowed to sit in municipal councils, and there never has been any demand that they should be allowed to do.

Mr. J. C. Elliott, the West Middlesex Liberal, in introducing the bill to allow woman to sit in the Legislature, said he didn't think there could any longer be any opposition to the measure.

Women now have the right to vote, and they should, therefore, have right to sit in the House. Women are now elected to boards of education and they have given good service.

Sam Carter, South Wellington, wanted a vote, owing to the "cynicism and hypocrisy" of the attorney-general saying there was no demand from the women. He would have been willing to have the bill withdrawn, but for the hypocrisy of the attorney-general which he has shown on all big questions.

"I accuse the member of being a public slanderer or else he will apologize," said Mr. Lucas, who was anxious to read a statement.

Mr. Proudfoot objected to this at this time.

Sam Carter.—"Let him go ahead."

Mr. Proudfoot, however, succeeded in calming the troubled waters.

'CARRIED ON' WITH HIS DUTY THOUGH IT COST HIM LAST FAREWELL WITH DYING WIFE

Officer Who Brought Returning Veterans to London Last Night Did Not Shirk His Duty, With the Result That He Reached Brantford Home After Wife He Had Crossed To See Had Passed Away.

Stern devotion to duty, which has made the name Canadian synonymous for faithfulness under stress, was well typified here Wednesday night on the arrival of the last party of returned soldiers.

As the soldiers stepped from the train, about half-past eight o'clock, a young officer, Capt. Fred I. Grobb, in charge of the men, saluted the officer who was receiving the party, and handed over his nominal roll and official documents. None realized that at that moment his wife lay dead in his home in Brantford.

Capt. Grobb, who went over with the 125th Battalion, is a son of Franklin Grobb of the Massey-Harris Company at Brantford. He had been given leave of absence from Witley Camp, England, to return to the bedside of his dying wife. On his arrival in Canada, he was detailed to take charge of a party of returned men coming to London.

"Carried on" Despite Fears.

As he passed through on his way to London, he was informed by friends that his wife was still alive, though slowly sinking. Unable to leave his command, and though every turn of the wheels were taking him further, added to the fears gnawing at his heart that he would return home too late, he steeled himself to his task and cheerfully chose the path of duty. Remaining with his men, he "carried on" until he reached London. The smile on his face as he greeted fellow-officers here little betrayed the awful emotion under which he was laboring at that moment.

Hurrying to the Grand Trunk station, he rushed back to Brantford on the first train to leave. His fears were all too well grounded, for on his arrival home he was met with the sad news that Mrs. Grobb had passed away at about half-past seven, one hour before he had reached London and turned over his men to the depot here.

Unflinching devotion to duty had cost Capt. Grobb much, for rather than shirk his work he had sacrificed the last farewell after crossing the Atlantic to see his wife.

ONTARIO GOVT. TOO SLOW FOR THUNDER BAY DISTRICT FOLK

Join More Progressive Manitoba, Port Arthur's Desire.

Port Arthur, March 21.—J. Dix Fraser, manager of the Atikokan Iron Company, yesterday afternoon addressed a largely-attended meeting of the board of trade on joining up with Manitoba, and was enthusiastically applauded for expressing the opinion that Thunder Bay district would be better off as the eastern part of Manitoba. Mr. Fraser called attention to the slow growth of the district under the administration of the Ontario Government, especially considering the richness of its resources in wood, mineral and water power.

LIB. CAUCUS WANTS PROUDFOOT TO STAY

Centre Huron Member Requested To Continue Opposition Chief.

Toronto, March 21.—William Proudfoot, K.C., Centre Huron, who was appointed temporary leader of the Liberal Opposition at the beginning of the present session, was today, at a caucus of the Liberal members here, requested to continue in that capacity, and agreed to do so.

4,000 ARE AFFECTED BY COLLAPSE OF COMPANY

Toronto, March 21.—The arrest of General Manager F. M. Holland on the eve of the meeting of creditors of the Dominion Permanent Loan Corporation threw special excitement into the gathering of upwards of a couple of hundred interested persons who sought admittance to the court room of the master-in-chambers at Osgoode Hall this afternoon. There are over 4,000 persons who are faced with serious loss as the result of the collapse of the company.

If the western assets are disposed of to the best advantage of debenture holders and depositers, they may realize between 60 and 80 cents on the dollar. If there is difficulty in realizing on the western assets, they may get not more than between 10 and 20 cents on the dollar.

GOVT. EXPLAINS THE TRANSPORT TROUBLE

Traffic Westward Has Grown Suddenly and Heavily.

Ottawa, March 21.—A high official of the militia department, commenting on the charges that soldiers had been ill-treated while crossing to Canada, stated today that within the last few weeks the volume of governmental traffic westwards across the Atlantic had grown suddenly and heavily.

The work of transportation will remain difficult, hazardous and subject to discomforts and annoyances unknown in times of peace and indeed unknown in earlier wars. A very recent case illustrates the situation.

Five vessels recently arrived in Canadian ports carrying both military and civilian passengers. Reports have reached militia headquarters that the conditions under which embarkation was effected in many respects were unsatisfactory. Inquiry will be made. It also is known, however, that the problem set the authorities in England by the embarkation was peculiarly difficult.

PURSE AND VACATION FOR PREMIER HEARST

Toronto, March 21.—After the conclusion of the morning session of the Legislature the Conservative members of the House gathered around the premier, Sir William Hearst, and presented him with a purse of $1,000 and a trip to Porto Rico, for which complete arrangements have been made. The premier, who has been in rather poor health recently, will leave for his holiday next week.

ELLIOTT'S GAS BILL DEFEATED IN HOUSE

Government Says Expert Will Investigate Conditions This Summer.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 21.—The Government intends having an expert make a thorough investigation during this summer into conditions in the natural gas fields in Western Ontario. This statement was made to the Legislature this morning by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, and when the bill of J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex) providing for compensating those who have been rejudicially affected by the recent legislation came up for second reading. In the opinion of the Ontario Railway Board, the minister said former conditions will prevail in the gas fields after April 1, weather conditions permitting. At present, under a special order, domestic consumers must be supplied with gas first. While the old conditions may not be permanent, as the situation is one which requires much study, the Government will make any amendments found necessary when the expert makes his report. However, Mr. Elliott refused to withdraw his bill, and it was thereupon defeated.

68 MORE INVALIDS EN ROUTE TO CITY FROM EASTERN PORT

Coming From Halifax to London, Say Military Reports.

Another party of 68 invalided and wounded soldiers of this military district is on its way to London. It is somewhere between London and Halifax, but the time of its arrival here is uncertain, according to information which reached here today.

CAPTAIN ZIMMERMAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED WITH HIS OWN PISTOL

Hamilton, Ont., March 21.—Capt. A. L. Zimmerman, who accidentally shot and killed himself in a New York hotel, is a son of Adam Zimmerman, collector of customs, and ex-M. P. of this city. Capt. Zimmerman served two years in France with the artillery. For several months he had been in the United States attached to the British Recruiting Mission.

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