

Government Imposes Property War Tax One Mill on the Dollar Piracy Continues in English Channel; 3 More Ships Torpedoed

RUSSIANS FORCE THE GERMANS TO RETIRE ALONG THE GRODNO ROADS

PETROGRAD, Feb. 24.—A marked change for the better is now apparent in the operations against the German advance from East Prussia. The tide turned on Sunday when the easternmost German column was forced back by a Russian force made up of the divisions from Grodno.

attaches to the slow but determined French advance in Champagne since Feb. 16. The successful storming of trench after trench in the neighborhood of Perthes gravely imperils the railroad linking the northern Argonne district with Rheims; and the army of the German Crown Prince with that of Gen. von Heeringer.



ADOLPHE PEGOUD

The French upside-down aviator has now several daring lone-hand raids to his credit.

THREE SHIPS TORPEDOED IN ENGLISH CHANNEL; AMERICAN BOAT HITS MINE

NOT A WAR TAX SAYS HON. MR. MACLEAN.

Tariff Increase a Purely Protective Measure, Says A. K. Maclean. OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The budget debate was resumed yesterday, speeches being delivered by Hon. A. K. Maclean and Hon. Frank Oliver on behalf of the Opposition and by Mr. Claude Macdonell on behalf of the Government.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Three more vessels were added last night to the list of ships torpedoed by German submarines. Two are British and the third a Norwegian steamer, the Regin.

harmlessly about 100 feet in front of her. The French second light squadron was informed to keep a sharp lookout in the Channel for the submarine. The Minister of Marine announced that a torpedo boat belonging to the squadron sighted the submarine at 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning eight miles southwest of Cape Alphench, near Boulogne, and immediately opened fire, and succeeded in scoring several hits before the submarine was able to dive.

BRITAIN REFUSES TO SEND MONEY TO BELGIUM

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The British Foreign Office has directed a letter to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American-Belgian relief committee, declining to give a direct subsidy to the commission for relief in Belgium.

TRENTON BOY BREAKS THIG BONE

Special to The Ontario. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24.—A young boy, son of Mr. H. A. Thomson, Mgr. of the Moten's Bank, while playing on a baseball diamond some of Mr. Dixon, St. Louis, fell to the ground only a few feet, breaking his thigh bone.

MARMORA SOLD ER WOUNDED AT FRONT

James McFarlane, of Marmora has received official word that his son had been wounded at the front. No particulars were given.

JAMES MUNN DEAD

James Munns, a resident of Donald street, College Hill, passed away yesterday at the age of 77 years and 8 months.

BRIEF ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH

Within eleven months of the century mark, Mrs. Alfred Southworth died in Brockville yesterday. She came to Canada in the 'twenties. Ald. Paul Kinaxan was shot during a quarrel in the corridor of the city hall at Lawrence, Mass., yesterday. Dennis H. Finn, a former state senator, was arrested.

PASSAGES ARE NOW CLOSED

Irish and North Channel's Barred by British Admiralty. LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Official Press Bureau last night made the following announcement: "The British Admiralty has issued an order closing the Irish Channel and the North Channel to the shipping of all nationalities. The order took effect yesterday."

SPECIAL TAX ON PROPERTY IN ONTARIO BY GOVERNMENT

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—A special war tax of one mill on the dollar of all assessable property in Ontario will be levied by the Government. It is the first time in history that the residents of the province have been required to meet such a tax.

NEW RECRUITS

Since our last report the following have joined the 39th Battalion Overseas Forces at Picton: James G. Marshall, John S. Marshall, Hugh Heenan, E. Ryckman, William Woodcock, Joseph Curley, John Frederick, Fred Cole, Gilbert Bongard, Jas. A. Norton, Hubert Franklin, Percy Pet-let, A. C. Abbott, Alfred Strickland, Joseph Beson, John Nairn, Edward E. Mitchell, Sidney J. Martin, Henry Lambert, John Loney, Percy Bongard, Jacob Knight, William John Sheridan, Frederick Norton, William Baker.—Picton Gazette.

KHAKI UNIFORMS FOR 39TH BATT.

Arrived Today—155 Recruits in 49th Regiment. A carload of khaki service uniforms for the 39th Battalion has arrived in the city and is today being unloaded at the headquarters of the quartermaster's stores, namely Pimlico St. school.

THE ORANGEMEN'S BOAST

Eight Thousand of the Order Went With First Contingent. At a banquet held recently at Kingston by the Legislation Committee of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario considering matters coming before this session of Parliament, Grand Master Dr. J. J. Williams, Woodstock, referred to the fact that of 22,000 men in the first contingent, 8,000 were Orangemen and the proportion of Orangemen in the second contingent was as large.

PLANT FOR MAKING SHELLS UNDER WAY.

The Dickson Bridge Works Co. are busily engaged in preparing their plant for the manufacture of shrapnel shells. The work is under the efficient management of Mr. A. H. McKel, who is putting everything in order as speedily as possible.

PASSENGER BOAT ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—A German submarine which for the past few days has been lying in the English Channel in wait for steam packets plying between France and England, Monday night fired a torpedo at the steamer Victoria while she was on a voyage from Boulogne to Folkestone with a number of passengers, including some Americans.

MUTINY NOW SUPPRESSED

Singapore, Feb. 24.—An official announcement given out by the Bureau of Information says that a riot at Singapore in the Fifth Light Infantry over promotions has been quelled.

MET DEATH AT FRONT.

Tuesday Daily papers chronicled among other sad events the death on Feb. 3, of Sergt. Frank S. Brown, one of the Princess Pat's men who were at the front as reported in this paper recently.

58 IN TRAINING The new recruits for the Third Contingent are: Wm. J. Sheridan, F. G. Norton and Wm. Baker. The force here numbered 58. F. G. Norton walked over from Belleville to join the Picton detachment to be with his brother James, who enlisted on his return from the Northwest.—Picton Times.

Boards of Trade Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton, J. Elliott, and H. F. Kothchenon have gone to Toronto to attend the annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario. Other members of the Belleville Board may attend.

Mr. McGarry argued that if the Government took into account the buildings there were not net surplus of more than \$14,000,000. There was a deficit of \$827,000.

The Hydro-Electric Commission had expended four millions last year and 80 municipalities, 15 cities, 19 towns, four villages and two townships have benefitted. Agriculture had so increased that farmers were enthusiastic over increased patriotic production. Crop outputs had increased 38 millions in value since 1903.

The disturbance was accompanied by a regrettable loss of life. Eight officers were among the total of 25 persons killed, while others were wounded.

The French second light squadron was informed to keep a sharp lookout in the channel for the submarine. The Minister of Marine announced that a torpedo boat belonging to the squadron sighted the submarine at 7.30 o'clock this morning eight miles south, southwest of Cape Alphench, near Boulogne, and immediately opened fire and succeeded in scoring several hits before the submarine was able to dive.

22ND BATTERY RECEIVE COLORS

On Tuesday afternoon the 22nd Battery, C.F.A. Kingston was presented with the King's Colors by the Veterans' Association...

THE CONSECRATION

The ceremony of consecration was conducted by the Very Rev. Bishop Bidwell, Bishop of Kingston and coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Ontario...

TO KEEP COLORS UNSULLIED

Major Rierdon replied to the addresses and to the presentation of the flag by the Veterans' Association...

MAJ. RIERDON'S FINE RECORD

His Battery Started Under Sealed Orders, Perhaps For Front. Major Rierdon, formerly of the 34th Battery, now of the 22nd Battery...

LOCAL GIRLS DEFEAT WHITBY CHAMPIONS

Surprise at Arena Last Night—O. B. C. Team's Remarkable Work—Results by Periods.

The hockey match at the arena between the Whitby Lady champions and the O.B.C. Ladies did not prove the close contest expected...

REPLIES TO GREETINGS BY MAYOR PANTER

Chief Magistrates of Belleville Across the Line Reciprocity Good Will.

The greetings sent by Mayor Panter to four United States cities and towns of the name of Belleville...

FIRST PERIOD

The dash of the forward line of the Belleville girls bewildered the opposing forwards and dazzled the defence...

SECOND PERIOD

The second period was hockey at a premium. First one Whitby girl fainted and had to be excused for ten minutes...

THIRD PERIOD

Whitby girls managed the only goal in the third period. But the playing was even and heavy. Body checking developed and two young ladies were sent to the penitential seat...

Busy Trenton

Our daily news this afternoon furnished by The Ontario's special representative.

REPLIES TO GREETINGS BY MAYOR PANTER

Chief Magistrates of Belleville Across the Line Reciprocity Good Will.

CEREMONY AT HOTEL DIEU

Three Young Sisters Were Invested With Habit of the Order.

On Tuesday morning an impressive ceremony was held in Hotel Dieu Church, Kingston. His Grace Archbishop Spratt presided...

NEW TONSORIAL PARLORS

The new tonsorial parlors in the Pappas block, Front street have been leased by Mr. Felix Dymoune...

Busy Trenton

TRENTON, Feb. 18.—In our report of the High School concert, we omitted to mention the presence of a large contingent of Belleville friends...

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN TROOPS

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Four more of the Princess Patricia Regiment have been wounded and are now in No. 4 General Hospital at Versailles, France...

OLD MEN ARE CALLED OUT

HANOVER, Germany, Feb. 19.—All German men attached to the landsturm or last reserve of the army, whether they had the previous training or not...

"INHUMANE," SAYS GERMANY

Starvation Compels Her to Blockade Britain's Supplies.

GATHERING THE LOCAL ICE HARVEST

The ice harvest is in full swing on the Bay of Quinte. The surface of the bay once quiet is now the scene of great activity...

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous membrane...

WHEN WILL YOU SAVE IF YOU DON'T SAVE NOW?

Though your salary or income will no doubt increase, so will your expenses—and many find that the latter more than keep pace with the former...

A. W. DICKENS. Our Home-made Taffies are Noted for their Goodness and Purity. Cream Chewing per lb. 20c, Peanut Crisp per lb. 15c, etc.

Make Real Estate your Business. Why leave your money in the bank where it is earning a mere pittance? Put it in real estate where you have a chance to make something.

Whelan and Yeomans REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE. GET UNDER YOUR OWN ROOF. BELLEVILLE, ONT.

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA. HEAD OFFICE TORONTO. John Elliott, Manager, Belleville Branch.

Merchants' Bank of Canada. CAPITAL \$7,000,000, RESERVE \$7,000,000, ASSETS \$85,000,000. Your Savings Account Invited.

UNION BANK OF CANADA. When will You Save if you don't Save Now? Though your salary or income will no doubt increase...

UNION BANK OF CANADA. When will You Save if you don't Save Now? Though your salary or income will no doubt increase...

UNION BANK OF CANADA. When will You Save if you don't Save Now? Though your salary or income will no doubt increase...

Wheeler & Yeomans List of Real Estate Offerings

FARMS FOR SALE. SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE ONTARIO. ONE of the best farms in township of Thurlow, 190 acres, first class buildings throughout, price right, on very easy terms. \$4000 for 100 acre farm, lot 30, 3rd Con. Thurlow, 5 room house with wood shed 30x20, barn 18x20, and 32x32, drive house 12x27, 1/2 mile all good water, 1/2 mile to school, 10 acres good wood land, balance pasture land, one mile from school house, two miles from post office and R.M.D. applied for. 40 acres in hay, 6 acres in fall wheat. Easy terms.

MR. JOHNSON'S TRIBUTE TO LATE SIR JAMES WHITNEY

Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P. for West Hastings, yesterday afternoon delivered the following eloquent tribute to the memory of Sir James Whitney in the debate in reply to the speech from the Throne. I had the honor to be associated with Sir James Whitney, at his own request, in the campaign which finally resulted in his attaining power, and in that association I came to understand and highly esteem the man. His was a Spartan life, the purity of which was never questioned, the integrity of which, amid all the storm and stress of politics, no man doubted; a model for his own generation and a pattern for those that are to follow. He scorned deception and pretence and held in contempt smooth tongued insincerity and chicanery.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Held Under the Auspices of the Trenton High School. Special to The Ontario. Trenton, Feb. 17.—Last night the Weller Opera House was packed to the roof with an appreciative and critical audience, the occasion being the annual entertainment of the High School pupils. Trustee S. J. Young, an old pupil, acted as chairman in a most acceptable manner. The proceedings opened with a chorus which was excellently rendered by the pupils. Following the musical number was a debate "Resolved that Asiatics should not be admitted into Canada on the same conditions as other nationalities." The young men, Messrs Ted Cuff, Roy Kerr, Edward Hoggan and Edward Houlhan, taking part in this debate have every reason to be proud of their efforts. The speakers appeared to have courage of their convictions and argued ably and logically for their respective sides.

Military Notes

On Thursday afternoon sections of the 49th company of recruits were drilled on the market square in rifle exercises by Lieut. Hopkins of Lindsey and NCO's of the detachment. A large crowd of citizens were spectators. A few of the men had to be hunted yesterday afternoon for their various haunts to attend drill. Captain Surgeon A. E. MacColl, M.D., is engaged busily at the Armouries vaccinating recruits. These recruits are seen standing around the drill hall with bare arms waiting for the inoculating fluid to be absorbed.

NEXT WEEK'S CONFERENCE

Unity is strength. On Friday next, Feb. 26th, the farmers of this district will be given an opportunity to confer together on matters directly affecting themselves as under the auspices of the Empire. A meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, and in connection with the Patriotism and Production campaign that Department is conducting. Care is taken to point out that no desire to displease by this movement to dictate to the farmer, nor to convey the impression that he is not the best judge of his own business. The aim is simply to emphasize the situation and to show in a friendly way how Canada can best prove her claim to be the granary and prime producer of the Empire.

A TIME OF TRIAL

Yes, although there are no shells or bombs falling in our midst, no shots rattling on our doors, this is a time of trial. It is a time when the world will make note of our power, of our ability to prove a strength to the Empire. We have enjoyed the goodwill, the advantages, the protection of the might of Britain. We must now exert ourselves to the utmost to prove to the world our high appreciation of these things. It will not all be plain sailing. Individually, in particular, we shall have many things to put up with. We shall have to pay more for our living, for the things we need. We shall have to be content with inadequate help. But the land will be spared from devastation. Our houses will not be battered over our heads. Canada will never be laid waste from the same cause as Belgium, as Northern France, as is poor battered Poland. It is impossible to believe that we shall ever lie bleeding as are those unhappy countries. This, then, is our hour of trial. Our hour when we can prove our gratitude for our appreciation of the blessings that are ours. We shall have to fill her stables and her barns. While she is thus occupied, the great mother that gave her birth, that has been her shield and protector, is calling to her in her own travails to sacrifice before and to profit herself by energetically making the best use of her boundless opportunities.

CITIZENSHIP MEETINGS

Under the united auspices of the Belleville Royal Templars of Temperance, the "Y's" and the W.C.T.U., a series of public meetings is planned to be held in the Y.M.C.A. assembly rooms. Prominent local men of the respective callings will speak every few weeks on the subject of Temperance from the following view-points:— 1—Scriptural 2—Ethical 3—Medical 4—Legal 5—Economic

FAREWELL!

"Clean, simple, valiant, well beloved. Fearless in faith and fame, Whom neither ease nor honor moved A hair's breadth from his aim."

STOCKDALE

Too Late For Last Week. Farmers are busy at present putting in their ice. A number from here attended the township S.S. convention at Wooler on Wednesday last and pronounced it one of the best ever held. The W.M.S. intend holding an "At Home" at the residence of Mr. S. Fox on Friday evening, Feb. 26th. Every body welcome. Miss Keene of Madoc is spending a few weeks visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Williamson. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown visited at Glen Ross on Sunday last. The party social at the home of Mr. R. McMurter on Thursday evening was a decided success, the house being packed, and as a result a good sum was added to the treasury. We are sorry to report that Miss Lizzie Wood is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of grippe. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lenoir and Miss Mabel Wait visited at Mr. Charles Chase's on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bates entertained a number of young people on Friday evening. At the election of officers of the Ladies' Union the old officers were re-elected with the exception of the treasurer, Mrs. Lyle Bryant being elected to that office. Miss Alice Johnson has been engaged as clerk in Mr. T. Collier's store for a few days as Mr. Arthur Chase's Mr. and Mrs. Manly Maybee of Brighton are visiting at Mr. R. McMurter's. Mr. and Mrs. D. Frost spent Sunday visiting friends in Prince Edward. Miss Alice Jandrew entertained a number of young people on Saturday evening.

Livery Man Held Grip

From Saturday's Daily. In police court this morning a Belleville liveryman was charged with unlawfully converting to his own use on Wednesday one eye trial case and a sachet of the value of over twenty dollars, and belonging to Annie Davidson. The accused made no objection. The complainant said that on Tuesday afternoon she left the outfit with the liveryman's wife. Her husband owed a "horse-hire" account of \$17 and next morning when she went to get the grip and case, they were refused by the liveryman until the husband paid the \$17. The informant claimed to have an interest in the case. B. J. Davidson, eye specialist, testified that his wife claimed an interest in the outfit which cost about seventy-five dollars. Mr. Carney appearing for the accused argued that what had been done was under color of right. As the crown attorney had to leave for Trenton, the argument was not completed and will be resumed tomorrow morning before Magistrate Masson.

Military Police Busy

The military police yesterday afternoon placed under arrest six soldiers who were drunk. The delinquents were locked up at the police station and this morning were handed over to the military escort.

Deseronto Moving to Belleville

(From Friday's Daily) On Tuesday of this week a comfortable frame dwelling was deposited on a lot on Franklin street, near the Marsh and Henthon foundry. This building had been brought all the way from Deseronto by Mr. Bowerman. It was brought up the bay on runners and drawn by horses. Another house is expected to arrive today and several others are to follow. This will help some to relieve the house-famine in this city.

Harry Nash Dead

(From Friday's Daily) The remains of the late Harry Nash, aged 37, who died at Blind River, where he was engaged with the Kelly Company, will be brought to this city and taken to the home of Mr. James Alexander, 34 Station street. Deceased was a former Belleville resident. He was a son of the late Wm. Nash and was born in Camiffon.

Curlers in Cobourg

(From Friday's Daily) The Belleville rinks which went up to Cobourg yesterday to curl friendly games were defeated in the afternoon by the Cobourg rinks. The Belleville skips were Dr. M. J. Clarke, J. W. Davison and R. A. Backus. In the evening the skips R. A. Backus and J. W. Davison tied the Cobourg rinks.

Laid to Rest

(From Friday's Daily) The funeral of the late Sylvester P. Vantassel was held on Thursday in Foxboro, the Rev. W. W. Jones conducting the service in the Foxboro Methodist church in the presence of a large congregation. Interment took place in Vantassel's cemetery, Meira, the bearers being Messrs. T. Gay, Ira Simmons, B. Faulkner, J. Bryant, F. Palmer and J. Sprague.

Police Court

(From Friday's Daily) In police court this morning there was a scene of activity. John Gunn was fined five dollars on a charge of being drunk. Henry Roche and Thomas O'Connor were taxed five dollars and costs or 10 days. William Taft, an old man was fined five dollars and costs or 2 months in gaol for drunkenness. The old man will be committed and be let out in the spring. A theft case was enlarged until next Thursday.

Committee Again Busy

Another box of comforts will leave for the front next week. The committee requests that all socks be in by Saturday, 20th of Wednesday 24th at the latest. The Liberal Association rooms on Front street are open on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 o'clock for giving out wool and taking in of supplies, and for holding meetings. The regular meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, March 2nd, when a jam-rogation will take place in account of removal.

Womens Rifle Club

(From Friday's Daily) The following scores were made at the weekly shoot on Thursday at the armouries—Mrs. Wheatley 98; Miss M. B. Folker 97; Miss McCarthy 95; Miss V. McLean, 94; Miss L. Walton, 94; Miss A. Lazary 93; Miss H. Frazer 92; Miss J. McLean 91; Miss Hurley 90; Mrs. Douché 90; Mrs. Platt 89; Miss W. Walton, Miss Stewart Mason 87; Miss Andrews 87; Miss H. Anderson 86; Miss Herrington 83; Miss MacCuaig 80.

What Happened To Jones

And a lot of other People is Described in THE HOME PAPER TAKE IT REGULARLY

Onions Barred. Onions will be tabooed so far as the diet of pupils in the Watertown Schools is concerned. While no public order has been made by the school authorities, some of the teachers have put the ban on the odorous vegetable, and pupils with the scent of the onion upon their breath will be requested to depart. In one of the public schools a few days ago one girl went to a class shortly after luncheon. The teacher immediately summoned the girl, and, finding she had eaten onions, told her to go home. Furniture repairing also creating and packing for removal. Apply W. E. Armitage, 53 Murney St. 117-3rd Agent.

