

# HEARTY WELCOME TO BRITISH STATESMAN

## Balfour Received Enthusiastic Welcome from Canada's Citizens—Coveys Britain's Gratitude to Canada

"I have left on the other side of the border a nation of friends and have come to a nation of countrymen." That is how Mr. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour referred last Friday to his visit to Canada when he addressed a great multitude assembled before the Ontario Parliament buildings in Toronto. It was more than a welcome from a loyal city, it was bigger than a greeting from a great province. Through the city, crowds lined the entire route of the procession, in some places people gathered eight and ten thick, and as the automobile with Mr. Balfour came into sight they cheered and applauded enthusiastically.

**Work Together for One Great End**  
Mr. Balfour said: "We think the same thoughts, we live in the same civilization, we belong to the same Empire, and if anything could have cemented more closely the bonds of Empire, if anything could have made us feel that we were indeed of one flesh and one blood, it is the consciousness that now for two years and a half we have been engaged in this great struggle, in which, I thank God, all North America is now at one."

**Grateful to Canada**  
"Ladies and gentlemen, I, as a countryman of yours, say how profoundly the whole Empire feels the magnitude of the effort you have made, and how we value it for itself and for an example to all posterity, an evidence to the whole world of what the British Empire really means, not only for the whole of that civilized body of nations of which we form no inconsiderable part."

"We are associated together in a struggle never equalled yet in the history of the world, and I rejoice to think that in that struggle on which posterity will look back as the greatest effort made for freedom and civilization, the British Empire in every one of its constituent parts, and surely not least in this great Dominion, has shown what the unity of the Empire really means, and how vain were the anticipations of those who thought that we were constituted but a fair-weather Empire, to be dissolved into thin atoms at the first storm that should burst upon it."

Mr. Balfour arrived in Toronto from Niagara Falls to spend the week end. A report from Ottawa said that Parliament, in joint session of the Senate and House of Commons, would meet at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon to greet Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, who would address Parliament.

## HOSPITAL SHIPS DOOMED

### New Campaign of Frightfulness in "Barred Zone"

A London despatch says: The intention of the German Government to sink all entente hospital ships in the entire "barred zone," with the exception of certain ships from Salonica to Gibraltar, is semi-officially announced in Berlin. The German announcement was made in reference to British denials of the German allegations that the British misused hospital ships. The semi-official announcement reads in part: "The German Government will, in the future, prevent all traffic by hospital ships in the entire barred zone and in the Mediterranean, including the road left open for Greece, and will regard hospital ships appearing therein as war vessels and attack them immediately."

Germany, the announcement adds, will allow the transport of ill and wounded from Salonica on Greek railways to Kalamata harbor and thence on hospital ships to Gibraltar on the following conditions: "Firstly, these hospital ships on the road left open to Greek shipping must proceed at a rate of speed previously reported to the German Government. Secondly, that the name of the vessel and the time of arrival or departure be communicated to the German Government six weeks in advance. Thirdly, that a representative of the neutral government representing Germany's interests in the particular country in question shall certify before the departure of hospital ships that she carries only the ill, wounded, and nurses and no other goods than those for treating them."

## PLAN TO INVADe ITALY

### Austria Plans Italian Invasion—Brescia as Objective

A despatch from Rome says: Austria has perfected plans to make her utmost effort against Italy this season, just as Germany will throw all her resources against France and Great Britain. The Austrian forces have been largely withdrawn from Serbia and from the Russian front for a desperate effort to invade Italy, with Brescia as the objective. Germany and Austria believe that a chance remains for them to win the war if Russia fails to initiate a general offensive this summer. Accordingly everything has been planned for the most desperate effort of the whole war in behalf of a decision for the Central Powers while Russia is unready.

## Unionists Convene Council

A report from Belfast says: A committee of the Ulster Unionist Council after a three-hour session last Friday, unanimously decided to convene a meeting of the full Council to consider the Government's proposal for a convention to draw up a constitution for Ireland as soon as the promised information relating to the composition of the convention has been received.

Pte. Alex. Ritchie, first secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Association of London, Ont., died recently from effects of wounds sustained two years ago at the Battle of St. Julien.

Three hundred Canadians sought naturalization papers in Detroit last week, but owing to the shortage of blanks, only sixty received them.

# SMASHING DRIVE ON ITALIAN FRONT

## Italians Smash Austrians Along Railway to Duino—Take Over 1,200 Prisoners—Enemy Lose Heights

A despatch from Rome Sunday says: Italian troops Saturday smashed through the Austro-Hungarian positions between Jamiano and the Gulf of Trieste, passing the Monfalcone-Duino Railway northeast of San Giovanni and establishing themselves within a few hundred yards of the Village of Medeazza. North of Piana the Italians carried the heights at the head of the Palliova valley, thus joining their Mont Gucco lines with those on Hill 363. Eleven guns were captured and more than 1,200 Austro-Hungarians were taken prisoners. These victories were announced Sunday by the Italian war department. The text of the statement reads: "During the fourth day of the furious battle on the Carso the positions on the southern part of the plateau were extended by the untiring efforts of our troops. The positions already captured in the other sectors were firmly maintained."

**Carry Hill 145**  
"An artillery action all along the line continued fiercely from sunrise until evening. In the afternoon between the coast and Jamiano our infantry by a brilliant assault succeeded in reaching a point beyond the railway from Monfalcone to Duino northeast of San Giovanni, and carried the strongly fortified Hill 145, southwest of Medeazza. They established themselves a few hundred yards from the village. During this action some of our infantry reached the enemy's guns, capturing a field battery of ten guns with ammunition and 812 prisoners, including 34 officers. North of Jamiano violent attacks and counter-attacks followed in succession all day, supported by artillery fire. Castagnavizza also was reached and passed, but the persistent and concentrated shelling by enemy batteries compelled us to evacuate ground there. We maintained a hold on the western boundary."

**Shell Britovo Basins**  
"In the area east and north of Gorizia the artillery action was intense. We shelled the basins of Britovo, in which are enemy supply centres. In the Plava sector infantry of the U-Brigade and the 95th and 96th Regiments brilliantly carried the heights at the head of the Poliovo valley, thus connecting our Mont Gucco lines with those on Hill 363. We took 438 prisoners, including 10 officers and one gun, two trench mortars and one machine gun. Our aircraft continued their successful bombing raids on the enemy's communications. The railway station at San Lucia di Tolmino was severely damaged. Our machines all returned safely."

## BELGIUM'S BITTER CUP

### One Thousand Citizens Condemned Each Month—Reign of Terror

A Belgian gentleman, says a London report Sunday, of high social position, who managed to escape from Belgium, gives a terrible account of the Germans' so-called judicial methods, which have produced a renewed veritable reign of terror, in many respects resembling the procedure of the Inquisition. "There are 1,000 citizens," he said, "condemned every month for patriotic offences. During the three months preceding January last forty-two death sentences were inflicted in one court alone. Large towns like Brussels and Antwerp continue to swarm with spies, and they often visit small towns and even villages where they think there is the slightest chance to prosecute their abominable trade. Whether their zeal is stimulated by fear or greed I cannot say; but the result at any rate is the same. If they do not succeed in discovering a genuine crime they invent one, and force perfectly innocent people to confess imaginary crimes or denounce friends. Trial is a mere farce," said the speaker. "In most cases the defendants may not receive the help of a Belgian barrister. This depends entirely on the good-will of the Governor of the district."

## JUSTICE GALT REPORTS

### Commissioner Finds Thomas Kelly and Sons Overcharge Manitoba

Mr. Justice Galt, sitting as a Commissioner investigating the circumstances attending the construction of the Manitoba Agricultural College, has rendered a second interim report, a document of 17 pages, which deals principally with the contracts of Thomas Kelly & Sons, said a despatch from Winnipeg last Saturday. Commissioner Galt finds "that the Crown has established fraudulent overcharges in respect of contracts with the Government, made by Thomas Kelly & Sons, amounting in all to the sum of \$302,789.28," of which he states \$202,435 was in respect to the dormitory and auditorium building.

## JAPANESE SAVE TROOPS

### British Troopship Rescued by Japanese Destroyers

A despatch from London says: An announcement issued by the Admiralty at Tokyo, Saturday, says that the British troopship Transylvania, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 4th, was being escorted by Japanese destroyers. The destroyers engaged the submarine. The Japanese rescued 2,800 out of 3,000 troops on the Transylvania, winning the praise of Japan's allies by their bravery.

## Betting Orgy a Scandal

"It is a scandal that last week at the Woodbine track \$1,500,000 should have been spent in bets, while the sacrifice of men's blood is being made in France," declared Rev. J. Russell McLean, preaching to 80 army and navy veterans in St. John's Church, Toronto, last Sunday.

# ALLIES EXTEND LINES

## British and French Successful in Minor Engagements

A London despatch Sunday says: The British official communication Sunday night says: "During the afternoon we gained further ground by a local attack in the neighborhood of Fontaineles-Croisilles. We secured a few prisoners in the course of patrol encounters early this morning near the Cojeul River. Three German airplanes were brought down in the fighting Saturday, and eight others were driven down out of control. Four of our airplanes are missing." British troops in the least sector of the battle front in France Saturday night repulsed a German attack east of Loos, says the official statement issued Sunday by the British war office. On the southern end of the British Line Field Marshal Haig's forces carried out a successful raid northwest of St. Quentin.

The official communication from British headquarters in France issued Sunday night reads: "Our line has been advanced slightly during the day west and northwest of Fontaineles-Croisilles. We carried out a successful raid early this morning northwest of Wyttschaete and secured prisoners. Many air reconnaissances and bombing raids were carried out yesterday. In the air fighting five German airplanes were brought down and five others driven down out of control. Five of our airplanes are missing."

# TRIUMPH OVER SUBS

## British Food Situation Distinctly Improved—Economy Still Essential

A despatch from London says: "The successes against submarines have resulted in a distinct improvement in our food situation," said Premier Lloyd George last Friday in the House of Commons. The Premier said more effective blows had been dealt the submarines during the last three weeks than in any equal period of the war. The shipping losses for May, the Premier said, probably would show a reduction from the April figures. In speaking of the success of the anti-submarine methods he said:

"We owe a very considerable debt of gratitude to the great American people for the effective assistance they have rendered and the craft they have placed at our disposal. Now that the American nation is in the war, it is easier to make arrangements for the protection of our merchant marine than it was before."

Mr. Lloyd George asserted there was no danger to the country from starvation, but that the utmost economy of foodstuffs was still essential. "The submarine menace need cause no fear that the war is going to be lost for that reason," he declared. "If everyone does his duty patriotically, each in his own way, to the common stock, then I say the submarine is not going to defeat us."

# SPANISH STEAMER SUNK

## 48 Passengers Missing—Also Colombo Spanish Consul

Forty-eight passengers and 85 members of the crew of the Spanish steamer C de Elizaguirre are believed to have perished as a result of the sinking of the steamer, says a London despatch of Sunday.

A despatch received by Reuter's Telegram Company reports the loss of the C de Elizaguirre. The despatch says that, according to the second officer, the steamer sank in five minutes. Those in the one boat which he saw afloat had a miraculous escape, rowing for many hours in heavy seas during foul weather. They were dressed in the scantiest of attire and were compelled ceaselessly to bail the boat. Among the 48 passengers missing is the Spanish Consul at Colombo, Ceylon.

# WILFUL MURDER

## Norwegian and Wife Refused Information to U-Boat Captain

A despatch from Christiania on Sunday says: A German submarine captain, angered at a Norwegian steward for his refusal to give information about one of the U-boat's victims, put the steward and his wife atop the submarine, closed the hatchway and submerged. There was no mistaking the clear intent that the man and woman should drown. Both, however, succeeded in keeping afloat, though dragged below by the suction of the submerging U-boat. The steward—he was one of the survivors of the Norwegian steamer Ejelote—told his story when picked up after long immersion. His wife was also saved.

# HUN AIRMEN BOMB TOWNS

## 16 German Planes Raid South Coast of England

Sixteen German aeroplanes raided England last week, according to a London despatch of Sunday. The report of Field-Marshal French merely locates the scene in south-east England, but, according to Berlin, the cities attacked were Dover and Folkestone. The casualties were heavy, 76 being killed and nearly 200 injured. Nearly all of the victims were women and children. At the time of the raid the streets were thronged. The raiders were pursued and three of them were brought down in the English Channel and off the Belgian coast.

# Allied Airmen Raid Forts

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam reports that allied air squadrons, including British, French and Belgian machines, bombed German defences at Heyst, Blankenberghe and Zeebrugge all in Belgium, Saturday night. The despatch adds that many explosions were observed.

A Swiss paper related last week a parallel case to that of Edith Cavell, in which a mother and daughter were shot by the Germans, the daughter first, and the mother looking on.

# White Deer Skins as Cash.

In China, the first country in the world credited with using banknotes, certain skins were so valuable that they were accepted as cash and passed from hand to hand in the same way as banknotes are at the present day. The negotiability of these skins arose thus:

The Emperor On Ti, being in want of money, gave his treasurer to understand that such a state of affairs must not continue. At that time it was customary for princes and courtiers on entering the royal presence to cover their faces with a piece of skin. Taking advantage of this custom, the treasurer ordered a decree to be issued forbidding the use of any other skins for this purpose except those of a certain white deer in the royal parks. Immediately there was a demand for pieces of these skins, which, being a monopoly, were sold at a high price and the royal coffers refilled. The steady value of the skins thus secured made them readily pass and acceptable as an equivalent of coin of the realm.

# Storm Stories.

History repeats itself even in storms at sea. The Norwegian steamer Spica was broken from her moorings at Blyth and pitched like a cork over half a mile of dangerous rocks until she bumped against the pier. But this is nothing to the adventure of the Ebenezer, a craft of ninety-five tons, which was once driven by a gale toward Chesil beach, near Portland. An enormous wave seized hold of the ship and carried it to the very top of the bank, where it was left high and dry. The sailors stepped over the side and walked into Portland, "where they were greeted by some as liars, by others as men who had come out of the jaws of death," as the record puts it. But the Ebenezer was found exactly as they had said it would be, and two days later she was launched and brought round to Weymouth bay.—Westminster Gazette.

# Church Theaters.

Few people know that plays in England, Germany, Italy and France were fostered for religious purposes by the church centuries before they were taken up as a separate secular business. Moreover, few visitors to St. Paul's cathedral, in London, realize that that church during Elizabeth's reign and the first years of the reign of James I. set aside one of its adjacent buildings for use as a secular theater. Its little stage was famous, and the company of choir boys as actors presented many of the great plays of Shakespeare's time. They acted from about 1598 to 1608 under the management of Edward Pierce, their great master in music, who as church almoner had business control of these adjacent buildings owned by the church.—London Standard.

# Canvasbacks on the Wing.

If you have any doubt as to the swiftness of the canvasback on the wing when business calls, just fire at the leader in a string some time when you have the chance. Duck shot when propelled by the proper quantity of powder travels pretty quickly itself, but if your charge brings down any member of that string of ducks at all it will be the fifth or sixth bird back of the leader, and I'll bet a farm on it.

If you would have a chance of dropping the leader you will have to aim not less than ten feet ahead of him. Then he will more than likely run plump against your shot. When he drops it will be a quarter of a mile or so farther on, for he can't stop short of that distance even after he is dead.—New York Sun.

# The Curious Opossum.

The American opossum is one of the most curious animals living in the United States. It is the only one that carries its young in a pouch, like the kangaroo. It is the only animal that can feign death perfectly. It is remarkable for hanging by its tail, like a monkey. It has hands resembling those of a human being. Its snout is like a hog's, while its mouth is liberally furnished with teeth. Its eyes are like a rat's, and it hisses like a snake.

# Brimstone.

Sulphur is one of the oldest known elements. The ancient Assyrian alchemists regarded it as the principle of combustion on account of its own inflammability and termed it "brimstone," meaning literally burning stone, a name now applied popularly to roll sulphur.—Argonaut.

# Bagdad From Afar.

Like most oriental cities, Bagdad looks her best from a distance. You miss the filthy, narrow streets where two horses can hardly walk abreast and behold a vision of luxurious granite groves, out of which rise little islands of green domes and graceful minarets.

# Appearances.

"Is he henpecked?"  
"I think he must be. His wife is a very sweet, delicate, unoffensive, tactful woman who never says 'Boo' to an outsider."—Life.

# The Right Place.

Patience—They may talk all they want about Bob, but I believe his heart is in the right place. Patrice—you can rest assured it is. I've got it.—Yonkers Statesman.

# Retribution.

"Before I married you you said you had money."  
"See what one gets for lying."—Puck.

There are no eyes so sharp as the eyes of hatred.—Hillard.



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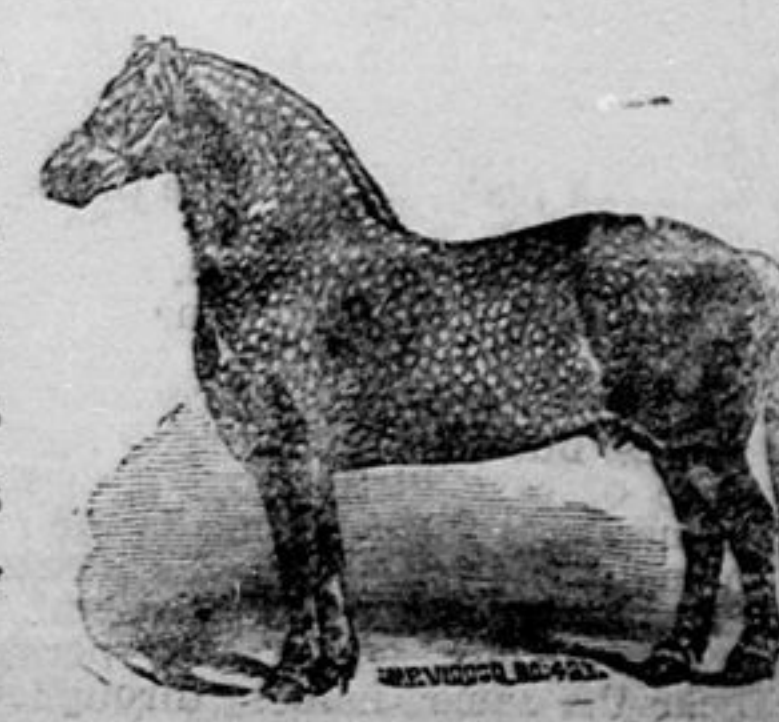
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