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ALLIES MAKE MORE GAINS ALL ALONG BATTLEFRONT

British Repulsed Series of German Charges--- In Counter-Attack Threw Enemy Back and Gained 100 Yards of Trenches.

Along Meuse, French Gun Fire Wrecked German Trenches ---Rainy Weather in Belgium and Northern France Is Hindering Operations, Gen- eral French Reports.

Paris, Feb. 26. (3 p.m. official)—Further gains for the allies all along the battle front, particularly in the fighting west of Labassee and in Aprement forest, were reported in official despatches to the war office to-day.

The British repulsed another series of German charges along the Labassee-Bethune road. They counter-attacked and threw the Germans back in confusion, gaining 100 yards of trenches.

In the Aprement region, French infantry attacks caused severe losses to the Germans. At the point of the bayonet the French forced the enemy to evacuate several trenches.

Fighting in the Champagne region continues with the French making steady progress around Perthes.

The Belgians are stubbornly resisting German drives against their positions in the flooded area in Flanders. They made a successful attack yesterday, recapturing a trench previously taken by the Germans.

German artillery bombarded the French positions along the Aisne for several hours yesterday. The French replied effectively, silencing several German batteries. Along the Meuse, French gun fire wrecked a number of German trenches and forced the withdrawal of a German battery.

Rain Hinders Operations.

London, Feb. 26.—Rainy weather in Belgium and Northern France is hindering operations, Gen. French reported to the war office to-day. The canals are out of their banks in many places, and both the allies and the enemy have been forced to evacuate the flooded trenches at several points.

Near Ypres, British troops are engaging in intermittent engagements with the Germans. Elsewhere, only long distance artillery duels are in progress.

ADMIRALTY PREPARATIONS FOR GERMAN SUBMARINES

London, Feb. 26.—The Daily Chronicle says: "The sea-gates have been closed, and though the admiralty has not disclosed the nature of preparations, we may be sure that they are such as will be a serious danger for submarines attempting to pass that way."

"There is also a mine field outside the straits of Dover, and there are other means which will not make the work of the German submarines easy."

ROGERS FALLS FOUL OF PROF. SHORTT

Ron. Bob Calls His Statement Most Dishonest and Unfair.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Of a sudden, as parliament was proceeding with the budget debate last night, Hon. "Bob" Rogers, usually urbane and suave, broke into Hansard with a vitriolic outburst. Mr. Rogers was leading the house at the time. Hon. Dr. William Pugsley was speaking. The former minister had been scoring Hon. W. T. White for "attempted misrepresentation of the direct and tariff taxes he proposed to impose on the people. While the members of the government know these taxes were in no sense

SUPPLIED NO LEATHER FOR SOLDIERS' BOOTS

Elmer Davis, Kingston, Gave Evidence Before the Special Parliamentary Committee at Ottawa---Told of Different Kinds of Leather.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Before the parliamentary committee on soldiers' boots to-day one of the witnesses was Elmer Davis, tanner, of Kingston. Davis knew about manufacture of side leather. He desired at the outset to say that he was connected with no contracts.

"Are you related to E. J. Davis, tanner of Toronto?" asked Chairman Middlebro.

"I am his son," replied the witness.

"I want to say under privilege, however, that I supplied no leather for soldiers' boots."

"Your relationship would suggest that," remarked Mr. Murphy.

The witness explained what split leather was. He declared that it was the poor part of the hide, and that it was used in the manufacture of cheap brogans and of inferior quality. Split leather has been used according to the testimony of witnesses in the manufacture of many of boots supplied. Side leather was a better class.

BANKRUPT PARENTS.

Bank Clerk Gambled and Ruined His Home

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Through his connection with the gambling establishment conducted by Henry Lasher and Frederick Christy on Victoria street, George W. Statts, a teller, has practically bankrupted his parents, his father having to meet a band of \$3,000 to cover part of the young man's defalcations at the branch of the Imperial Bank. The money was lost in the course of a few weeks. Young Statts is not punished by law because he became a crown witness. Christy was yesterday fined \$200 and sent to jail for six months. Lasher, who was out on \$2,000 bail, did not appear in court and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

THE DARDANELLES.

The Dardanelles are thirty-three miles long and from 1,300 yards to four miles wide. Important fortifications which have recently been supplied with German guns, manned by German officers, are built upon the shores.

Some twelve years ago Lord Charles Bessborough estimated the cost of forcing the Dardanelles at "50 per cent. of the ships making the attempt," and the defenses at that time were not what they are now.

The allied fleet has been trying to get by the outer forts since early in January.

PLAYED HAVOC IN THE WHEAT PIT

Forcing of Dardanelles Causes Drop in Prices in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—News of the destruction of the Dardanelles outer forts to-day played havoc in the wheat pit. The market opened at \$1.61 a bushel for May and \$1.21 a bushel for July wheat. These prices represented over-night losses of from 2 to 5 cents a bushel. At 10 a. m. May wheat had declined to \$1.48 while July had fallen to \$1.20 and is still weak.

DEAD IN CHURCH SHED.

Body of Wilberforce Man Found Hanging in Shed.

Eganville, Ont., Feb. 26.—A gruesome spectacle met the gaze of the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church, Meath, township of Stafford, when they discovered the body of a man hanging by a rope from the rafters of the church shed. Upon being cut down the body was recognized as that of Henry Lemke, of the township of Wilberforce. The unfortunate man was generally supposed to be slightly deranged or eccentric, and so far this is the only reason that can be attributed as the cause of his action. When his clothing was removed, among other articles was found \$650 in cash and \$13 in cheques.

Japan Agrees Not to Press All Demands

Peking, China, Feb. 26.—The outlook for an adjustment of the differences which have arisen between China and Japan has improved distinctly. The conferences between representatives of the two nations apparently are progressing toward a compromise.

The most important step yet taken in this direction was disclosed here yesterday. The Japanese government has given indications which are regarded as definite that it will not insist for the present upon the group of general demands which it presented. These include the chief points upon which China based her resistance to the representations from Tokio.

War Tidings.

Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary announced in the British House of Commons, Thursday that "with Russia's desire for access to the sea England is in entire accord."

Formal announcement was made at the Washington state department Thursday of Great Britain's decision to declare a blockade of the coast of German East Africa, as from midnight February 28th.

A concerted and determined nationwide campaign for adequate national defense is about to be inaugurated in the United States.

France and Germany have concluded arrangements for the exchange of prisoners of war totally incapacitated for any future military activity.

Some 600 tons of flour with other supplies will be shipped to Palestine aboard the United States collier Vulcan which will steam from Philadelphia on March 10th.

Interned German Commits Suicide.

Honolulu, T.H., Feb. 26.—Webster Brandt, paymaster of the German submarine Geier, interned here, committed suicide. The fact that he was unable to rejoin his family or the colors is believed to have preyed on his mind.

"Olive Oil Emulsion," at Gibson's.

PITH OF NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE LATEST TIDINGS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News Of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Young, an old resident of Concession, passed away after a lingering illness. The death occurred on Feb. 16th of George Empey Taylor, Esq. Deceased was born in Murray on the 30th, March, 1832.

Henry Dowseley, Prescott, has been appointed to take charge of the Canadian military post office, established at Bologna, France, for the Canadian contingents at the front.

Dr. C. F. McPherson, Prescott, had the misfortune to receive a fall on Sunday and has come through with a broken ankle which will necessitate the doctor's being "interned" for about six weeks.

Sir William Eden, artist and land owner, died in London on Sunday. His eldest son was killed at Ypres in November and the heir to the Baronetcy is at present interned in Germany.

Despondent because he had been unable to obtain work, John Wasson, aged sixty, of Parrsboro, N.S., committed suicide by hanging. The body was found by his wife to whom he had been married only five months.

Germany Stops 864 Newspapers.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—Figures compiled by the postal authorities show that since the beginning of the war 864 German newspapers have suspended publication.

RUSH COAL TO GERMANY.

Great Activity In Department du Nord Mines.

Paris, Feb. 26.—A merchant who succeeded in escaping from Dainin, a coal-mining town, in the Department du Nord, a short distance from Valenciennes, says that gangs of German miners are working in the coal pits with the greatest activity and that coal is being shipped to Germany on fast trains. The inhabitants of the town are permitted to buy what they desire for domestic uses.

All the wheat flour in the town and its environs, according to the merchant, was requisitioned and sent to Germany. Rye flour has been submitted for wheat flour and the bread from it is being sold to the inhabitants at the rate of five pounds for a franc. The people have protested vigorously against this.

NOT CONCEIVABLE.

London, Feb. 26.—Premier Asquith in parliament endorsed "Churchill's statement that Britain would continue the war against Germany even should France and Russia withdraw, but such a situation, he said, was inconceivable."

UNDER SECRET ORDERS.

Will Leave England Shortly on Mys- terious Expedition.

London, Feb. 26.—A romantic and mysterious expedition will leave England in about three weeks time. It will consist of a corps of frontiersmen raised by Lieut.-Colonel Driscoll, who headed a body of scouts in the South African war, and, according to that officer, it will go "on a sort of special mission in a tropical country."

Driscoll says that men with the old British spirit of enterprise will get all the fun and fighting they want. Among the officers of the corps are such noted big game hunters and travellers as Frank Selous, Cherry Kearton and G. H. Outram.

CANADIANS CAPTURED TRENCH FROM GERMANS

The Ontario Men, Including the 14th of King- ston, Were Under a Heavy Shell and Rifle Fire For Hours.

But They Conducted Themselves With the Utmost Gal- lantry and Steadiness---They Suffered a Good Many Casualties---Their Behavior Was a Credit to Canada.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—A Mail-Empire cable dated "Northern France, Tuesday, via London, Feb. 25th, says: "I am able to state definitely that the Canadian troops have been in action. They conducted themselves with utmost gallantry and steadiness, and were under a heavy shell and rifle fire for hours."

The infantry brigade was first in action. Its casualties were not heavy. The regiment repulsed a determined attack. The machine gun section is doing good work, but has had a number wounded.

The rifles distinguished themselves but are reported to have lost a number of men. They captured a German trench. Only twenty-five are reported unhurt of a full company.

The Canadians entered the trenches under cover of darkness, marching in single file over a road shattered by bursting shells. Their behavior was a credit to Canada, and British soldiers are proud to fight beside them. From now on the Canadians will regularly take their share of the fighting.

The Ontario infantry brigade, the Toronto regiment and machine gun section and the Queen's Own Rifles apparently are the units referred to in the foregoing despatch, the Mail-Empire says. No doubt the 14th men, of Kingston, were in this fight.

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

A Statement That Failed To Give Enlightenment.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Ignorance still prevails as to why Sir Adam Beck left the provincial cabinet at the time of its re-organization and why Hon. W. J. Hanna did not become prime minister when, as it was stated, the position was offered to him as well as to Hon. Dr. Pyne and Hon. J. J. Foy. According to constitutional precedent and on the request of Mr. Rowell, Mr. Hearst has made a statement to the house regarding these cabinet changes, but his statement leaves the cabinet why did Hanna not become prime minister? Mr. Hearst vehemently denied that he owed his position to federal influence but it was easy to see that Mr. Rowell's references to charges in conservative papers, which, as he said, were in the confidence of the government much more than he was, that the appointment was the work of the Hon. Frank Cochrane in Ottawa, disturbed the new prime minister who showed every sign of being annoyed and agitated.

ALLIED FLEET HAS MOVED INTO THE DARDANELLES

Destroyed Outer Forts---Turkish Fleet Twenty-Five Miles Away---A Great Battle Will Soon be Fought For Constantinople.

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Twenty-five miles away the Turkish fleet is lying in Niagara Roads, the narrowest part of the waterway. These forts are equipped with heavy Krupp.

Reports from various sources, however, confirm yesterday's Athens despatches that the Turkish government has made preparations to abandon Constantinople. This is taken as an official admission that eventually the allied fleets must force their way through the Dardanelles, bottle up and destroy the Turkish navy and drive one of Germany's allies from the war.

BUYING A SITE.

\$3,000,000 Paid For Old Democratic Headquarters.

New York, Feb. 26.—The old Hoffman house, one of the oldest downtown hotels, and for many years headquarters in New York for democratic politicians, has been sold to a construction company. The price is said to have been more than \$3,000,000.

RUSSIAN VICTORIES BEING ANNOUNCED

The Czar's Armies on the Offen- sive and Are Making Advances.

Petrograd, Feb. 26.—Russian victories at both ends of the long battle line, particularly in the east around Stanislau, were claimed in despatches from the front to-day. It is admitted, however, that the Germans have made slight progress in their drive southward and eastward into Warsaw. North and northeast of the Polish capital, the czar's armies are on the offensive and continue the advance begun earlier in the week.

The Austrian advance upon Lemberg, from a point south of Stanislau, has been checked.

Germans fighting in Poland have failed in their threat against the Russian line of communication between Warsaw and Petrograd. Heavy guns at the fortress of Oswowitz have blocked the kaiser's troops in their march against Bjalostok on the Warsaw-Petrograd railway. North of Warsaw the Germans continue violent assaults around Przasnysz.

ANOTHER CANADIAN HIT BY SHRAPNEL

Confirming the Report That Part of the Contingent is in Action.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—An official cable has been received that Sergeant H. S. Hamilton of the Second Battalion, First Brigade Canadian Expeditionary Force, was slightly wounded by shrapnel, thus confirming the report that part of the first Canadian contingent is in action. Hamilton is from the Soo, Ont.

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THE FRENCH PUGILIST

Has Been Wounded And Taken Pris- oner By Germans.



GEORGES CARPENTIER.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—Georges Carpentier, the French pugilist, has been wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans, the Berliner Tageblatt announced to-day. The pugilist said he received his information from a sportsman at the western battle front.

Sixty Brockville Recruits.

Brockville, Feb. 26.—Out of a total of 115 applications for enlistment in the third Canadian overseas expeditionary force, sixty men have been passed at the Brockville armory by the medical examiner as fit, and are now drilling daily. The soldiers will not be fitted with uniforms and clothing until they go into barracks at Ottawa.

A STARTLING DISPARITY.

In Prices Paid By Government For Remounts.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—That there has been almost as startling a disparity in prices paid by the government for the remounts purchased throughout the eastern provinces between December 1st last and January 31st as there was in the prices paid for automobiles and razors is indicated by a return brought down in the columns by Major-General Sam Hughes.

The return states that the general average price paid for 3,964 horses purchased in the east during the period mentioned was \$164.29. In the different districts, however, the average price paid, including the expenses of transportation, varies from \$150.50 in one of the Toronto districts to \$138.94 in Nova Scotia, where it was stated in the House. A Dewit Foster, conservative member for King's, had purchased 428 horses "without remuneration." In fact that disparity in prices paid cannot be attributed even to differences in locality or province, since in the three Toronto purchasing districts the prices paid averaged from \$159.56 in district No. 8 to \$164.56 in district No. 6, and to \$156.52 in District No. 7.

The wide disparity shown in the average price paid in the various districts can best be shown from the figures supplied, which are as follows:

Nova Scotia, \$138.94; Quebec, \$174.20; Ottawa, \$157.99; Kingston, \$165.45; No. 6 district, Toronto, \$184.94; No. 7 district, Toronto, \$156.52; No. 8 district, Toronto, \$150.50; Toronto and London, \$165.39; No. 11, Toronto, \$173.29.

As the average quality of the horses is presumably the same, a difference of twenty or thirty dollars in the average cost as between one district and another seems to need considerable explaining.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

Red Cross Organization Makes Ar- rangements for Carrying Out Plans.

London, Feb. 26.—Lady Drummond, on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross, is making preparations for ensuring that the work of the information bureau shall be carried out with complete efficiency.

All hospitals receiving sick and wounded will at once notify the bureau of any Canadians among the recent arrivals, and in case of missing Canadians, enquiries will be instituted through Red Cross branches in Paris, Rouen and Boulogne.

A corps of visitors to call upon Canadian sick and wounded wherever they may be lying is also being formed.

No Talk Of Interest Reduction.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—A leading official of one of Canada's biggest banks said to-day there had been no talk of reductions in interest on savings deposits in chartered banks, as stated in some quarters.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Band at the Palace Rink to-night. Good ice.

See top of page 4, right hand corner, for probabilities.

Covered Rink reserved Saturday morning for children.

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BORN.

DAY—In Kingston, on February 24th, 1915, to Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Day, a daughter.

DIED.

HUGHES—At the Kingston General Hospital, February 24th, 1915, Robert Hughes, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hughes, 87 Barrack Street, age six weeks and five days.

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