

GOVERNMENT IN DILEMMA OVER THE FUSE SCANDAL

Many Conservatives Demand the Resignation of Major-General Hughes--The Transaction Analogous to the Time Lots Were Drawn For Our Saviour's Garments.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, March 30.—The Government is still seeking a solution of the situation that has been created by the grave charges preferred by George W. Kite in connection with the fuse contracts, on Tuesday night. Members of the cabinet convened at a late hour last night, and the Prime Minister came from his office after it was over with a heavy frown on his brow and with nothing but trouble in his eyes.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is content to give the Government time to think itself out of the dilemma in which it finds itself. He consented the other night to the adjournment of the debate, though he had everything to gain from a political standpoint by insisting at that time upon a vote being taken.

There is a visible mitigation of a strong undercurrent of discontent and resentment which has been evident among the members since the charges were preferred, and unless something is done in the meantime, disaster would follow any vote taken on the Laurier resolution, as far as the Government is concerned.

An Investigation Likely. (Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, March 30.—It is understood that at a meeting of the Cabinet held this morning it was decided to grant an investigation into the fuse contracts let in the United States. Sir Robert Borden is expected to make an announcement to that effect this afternoon. He will also communicate to the House a statement from Gen. Hughes.

Indignant At the Spoilers. "This is no ordinary caucus," remarked a Conservative member this morning. "Think of it! Here are three men sitting down together and making an agreement to divide the spoils before the contract was let. And what were these spoils divided from? From the letting of contracts for fuses which the companies who secured them were not in a position to provide. And that at a time when our boys at the front were crying out for shells, and shedding their blood because of the lack of them. There is only one analogy for such a transaction, and that is the time that lots were drawn for our Saviour's garments."

Deny Dealings. (Special to the Whig.) New York, March 30.—E. B. Cadwell, one of the backers of the American Ammunition Company, the Canadian dealing with which has resulted in charges against General Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, to-day through the office of the company's attorney, Mr. J. W. Kite, denied any dealings with relatives of Hughes. B. F. Youkum, president of the Frisco Lines, could not be seen. His secretary would not admit that Youkum was interested in the ammunition company. "There is no reply to be made," he said. "The American Ammunition Company," said the spokesman at Cadwell's office, "is a concern with assets approaching a million dollars. I do not know Allison."

Looks Very Much Like a Break Between The U. S. And Germany

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, March 30.—Any expectation that the Administration would recede from its determination to break off diplomatic relations with Germany, if it proved a German submarine attacked the Sussex, was removed by the news of the attack on the steamer Eagle Point. Only prompt and complete settlement of the whole submarine issue can prevent the threatened rupture, and there are officials who believe such a settlement is more likely after relations have been broken off than before.

stag has completely passed, with a victory for Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweg, who urged a conciliatory policy toward neutrals. What Wilson Would Do. Washington, March 30.—If future developments should cause the President to determine that the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany is necessary he would go before Congress, announce his decision and explain the acts leading up to it. While the President has full authority to break off relations, he realizes that such an act almost inevitably would lead to war, and therefore would feel himself obligated to fully inform Congress, the war-making body of the Government, before taking such a step.

DUKE OF WESTMINSTER WINS HONOR BY FEAT.

Dashing Armoured Car Exploit Against Turks Gains Him D. S. O. London, March 30.—The Duke of Westminster has been awarded the distinguished service order for "gallant and distinguished services in the field," in connection with an engagement at Sollum, in the operations against the Turks on the western Egyptian frontier, March 14th to 17th. The Duke of Westminster is a major in the Cheshire Yeomanry territorial. He was in command of an armoured car section, which dashed in to the Senussi tribesmen's camp, 25 miles west of Sollum, shooting down the gun servers, scattering the hostile force and rescuing ninety shipwrecked sailors, who had landed on the Cyrenaica coast and had been seized by the tribesmen.

THE CLYDE STRIKE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

And Men Ordered By Their Council To Return To Work. (Special to the Whig.) London, March 30.—After an investigation into the grievances of the men who have quit work in the Glasgow district, the Council of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers decided to-day that the strike in six Clyde shops was unconstitutional, and called upon the men to return to work. The Council points out that the strike is in contravention of the Munitions of War Act, and warns the men that they are liable to fines which may be deducted from their earnings. Lloyd George Returns. (Special to the Whig.) London, March 30.—David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, returned from France to-day on account of the serious labor troubles among the Clyde munition workers.

CABLE OUT BETWEEN HOLLAND AND ENGLAND.

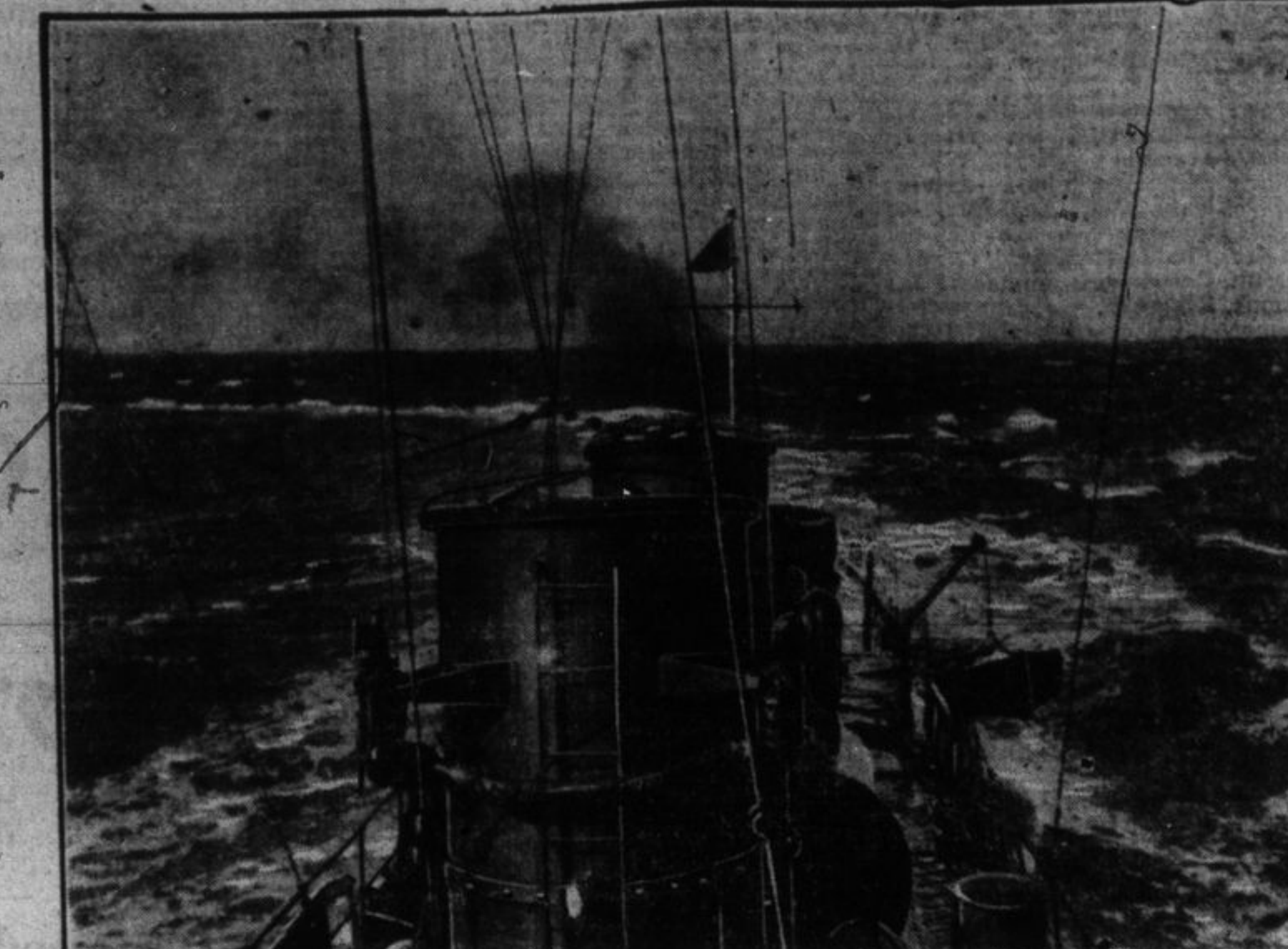
London, March 30.—Complete suspension of telegraphic communication between Holland and England is reported. It is rumored the cable has been cut by the Germans.

GREECE LODGES PROTEST WITH CENTRAL POWERS.

Consuls of United States, Spain and Roumania Wish to Leave. London, March 30.—A cable from Athens says the Greek Government has protested to the central powers against the air bombardment of Salonika last Monday. The despatch adds: "The Patrie says that the consuls of the United States, Spain and Roumania have asked their governments for authority to leave Salonika with their respective nationals owing to the insecurity of the place. The mayor of Salonika has telegraphed King Constantine asking that the population of the city be protected against future raids. The foreigners of the victims of the aerial attack were marked by shouts of 'Down with the barbarians and criminals.' One of the bombs fell in front of the house of Gen. Moschopoulos, commander of the Greek forces in Salonika."

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TORPEDO BOAT EVADING A SUBMARINE.



An exciting moment while a torpedo boat destroyer is evading a submarine. The wake of the destroyer is shown in the background. The course taken is a zig-zag one.

CAN'T RETAKE LOST GROUND

The Germans Fail To Force the French Back.

NO FURTHER ADVANCES

AGAINST MALANCOURT ATTEMPTED BY ENEMY. Attack Made on French Lines South-east of Peronne Repulsed—Berlin Makes No Claims of Further Gains Around Malancourt.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 30.—Several German infantry attacks upon Avocourt wood in an endeavor to re-take positions were made last night. The War Office report of this afternoon says these assaults failed. No further advances against Malancourt were attempted by the Germans. East of the Meuse there was heavy artillery fighting. Under cover of a violent bombardment the Germans launched a heavy attack against the French front south of the Somme, about eighty miles from Paris. The enemy penetrated the French advanced lines west of Yrmandoviller, ten miles south-west of Peronne, and north of Chantreaux, but were driven out, by an immediate counter-attack.

ON BEHALF OF MERCER.

Pope Accepts King Alfonso's Mediation Offer. Rome, March 30.—The King of Spain has offered to the Pope the use of his influence with the Kaiser in Cardinal Mercier's behalf in urging that the Kaiser personally guarantee the Cardinal's safety. The Pope has accepted the offer.

INSISTS UPON AN ENQUIRY

Hon. Andrew Broder So Tells the Premier.

HONEST OLD ANDREW

WILL VOTE AGAINST HIS PARTY OTHERWISE. He Says He Warned Sir Sam Hughes When the War Began—Andrew Knows J. Wesley Allison Too Well

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, March 30.—The following sensational interview in connection with the charges made by George Kite in the House of Commons, appears in the Ottawa Journal last evening. Hon. Andrew Broder was very frank in discussing his point of view. He is one of the oldest and ablest in the House. He is also one of the most respected. He was recently made a Privy Councillor, and the sobriquet "Honest Andrew" is often applied to him.

EMPLOYEES LAID OFF.

Watertown, N.Y., March 30.—The embargo on freight shipments which has been in operation on the railroads during the last week, produced its effect here when several hundred men employed at the munition plant owned by the New York Air Brake Company were laid off. The lay-off resulted from a shortage in certain parts used in the manufacturing work. While an exceptionally large number of men are affected, it is not expected that the lay-off will last more than a few days.

WENT TO THE PREMIER.

"I went to the Premier and told him that if investigation were decided against, I would have to vote against him. He said that if I voted against him it would do him more harm than it almost any other member of the party did so. I replied that I could not alter my view at my time of life, that I would have to go straight to the end. I would have to vote for inquiry."

THEATRE TAX EFFECTIVE MAY 15TH.

Toronto, March 30.—The theatre tax of one cent on five and ten-cent tickets and two cents on higher priced tickets becomes effective May 15th. The revenue is estimated at \$600,000.

SAYS FRENCH WERE REPULSED.

Berlin, March 30.—The German War Office this afternoon claimed no further important gains in the fighting around Malancourt, but announced the repulse of all French attacks in the Avocourt wood, to the south.

TO REORGANIZE TURKISH ARMY.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 30.—Rome despatches say Gen. Mackensen has been relieved of the Macedonian command and will reorganize the Turkish army in an endeavor to end the possibility of the Turks seeking a separate peace.

FRENCH AIRSQUADS MAKE RAIDS.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 30.—French air squadrons have made three successful raids on railway stations through which the Crown Prince draws supplies for his Verdun armies. The War Office announced this afternoon. A French squadron dropped fifteen bombs of large calibre on the Sablon station at Metz and five on the Pagny station. Two aeroplanes last night bombed the Mezières station at Metz.

RUSH MACKENSEN TO SAVE TREBIZOND.

Said That Germans Will Be Sent to Caucasus—Russ Advance Continues. Rome, March 30.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen probably will assume supreme command of the Turkish army and make an attempt to check the Russian advance in the west and to relieve the garrison at Trebizond. This garrison exceeds 90,000 men, and is short of food and ammunition. Supplies cannot be brought by sea because vessels approaching the port could easily be sunk by Russian warships. Unless a desperate dash is made to save the garrison its surrender is feared to be inevitable.

Basilica at Perugia Robbed.

Paris, March 30.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Perugia, Italy, says thieves entered the sacristy of St. Peter's Basilica last night and stole nine pictures of great value. An investigation of the theft is being made.

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In the Legislature on Wednesday the bill to improve the quality of Ontario dairy products was given its second reading. A bill to give 75 per cent of auto fees to municipalities was lost. Brigadier-General Garnet Hughes has arrived in London from the front to spend a few days with his father, Major-General Sir Sam Hughes.



G. W. KYTE, K.C., M.P. Who, at the end of a four-hour speech, charged Col. J. W. Allison with making a profit of over a million for himself and friends, and with irregularities in connection with ammunition contracts. He is to address the Front-line Liberals in Kingston, on Saturday.

TORIES DO NOT DEFEND ALLISON.

Ottawa, March 30.—The rank and file of the Conservative party are not inclined to defend Col. Allison, and they find his failure to respond to the summons and the absence of the Minister of Militia at this time embarrassing, to say the least. It is reported that before the subject comes up again, the Conservative members will hold a caucus and consult as to the situation with the Government. According to statements made by some of the Conservative members, a vote Tuesday night might have seen them away from the chamber.

MADE MILITARY GOVERNOR.

Gen. Dubail Has Been Transferred To Paris. (Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 30.—General Dubail, in command of all the French armies in Eastern France, including those before Verdun, has returned to the capital to become military governor of the Paris district. He succeeds Gen. Michel Hanbury who retires on account of ill-health.

MARRIAGE LICENSES INCREASED TO \$5.

Contracting Parties Must Live Three Weeks in the Province. Toronto, March 30.—Hon. W. J. Hanna introduced in the Legislature yesterday afternoon an amendment to the Marriage Act. Where now it is necessary that both contracting parties reside in the province for at least three weeks before a regular marriage license can be issued to them, under the new Act it will only be necessary for one of them to be a resident of that duration.

SAD DEATH OF SOLDIER

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Toronto, March 30.—Corporal (Dr.) Robert Duncan Caldwell Stewart of the 16th Battalion, C.E.F., died at the General Hospital yesterday of pneumonia. He was enlisted as a physician outside of Kingston and gave up a practice established in fourteen years to do his bit for his country. According to reports from officers who saw him work he should have received the Victoria Cross for his services on a number of occasions. He was shot through the head at the battle of St. Julien, the bullet passing from behind the right ear to the inside corner of the left eye.

PREPARE TO FIGHT FOR ANOTHER WINTER.

Although Optimistic Persons Believe War Will End by October. New York, March 30.—Among financial and business men in England, according to a passenger who arrived here yesterday from London, there is a strong feeling that Germany hopes to capture Verdun and then notify the neutral nations that she is ready to consider terms of peace, says the New York Times. Some optimistic persons believe the war will have ended by October, but military officials think it is certain to last into 1917, and preparations are being made for another winter campaign.

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GOVERNMENT ORDERS HUGHES' RETURN?

Ottawa, March 30.—Sir Sam Hughes has been called for a statement in reply to the charges. It is reported that the Government has ordered him to return at once.

APACHE SCOUTS GOING TO HUNT FOR VILLA.

Veteran Indian Warriors To Be Put on the Outlaw's Trail. Washington, March 30.—A dozen Indian chiefs from Arizona are to be enlisted as guides and scouts for the American columns in Mexico. Major-general Funston has asked for the services of the warriors and Major-General Scott, chief of staff, yesterday authorized their employment.

IF HE CAN'T EXPLAIN HE MUST RESIGN.

For Sir Sam Gave Allison a Certificate of Character. Toronto, March 30.—The Toronto News Ottawa correspondent says: Government members insist on a clear explanation from the Minister of Militia as to the actions of Colonel Allison and his connection with him, for the General went out of his way to give him a certificate of character in the House the day before he left Ottawa for the Old Land. They trust that he can give a satisfactory explanation, but if he cannot then he will have to resign. The party will stand for nothing less.

WAR BULLETINS.

The British forces now hold one-fourth of the entire length of the western front, and are ready for the great offensive soon to begin. Monday's air raid on Salonika, in which four German airships were destroyed, has caused a general demand in Greece for war against Germany.

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS. All God does, it rightly understood, shall work thy final good.—Kebler.

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The police, it is stated, refused to turn him over, acting, it is claimed, on instructions from the military authorities. He endeavored to have his case brought to the attention of General Loughton, claiming that he caught the cold which developed into pneumonia in the Police Station, but did not succeed.

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He has a sister residing at fifty-seven Helena avenue, this city, and the funeral will be held in the military one day later from his brother's residence, 133 Arundel avenue. Capt. Lee, in charge of the Convalescent Home, stated that Dr. Stewart was arrested by the military police, not by the civil police. He was kept in the cells in the cells all one night despite the attempt of one member of the military staff to secure his release. He was not drunk, and it was due to the lateness of the hour the news reached Capt. Lee that he was not immediately released. He remains in the cells all night. Capt. Lee did not believe he contracted pneumonia or that confinement caused his death.

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A complaint as to Dr. Stewart's treatment was to have been lodged, but the grim reaper prevented. He was totally blind in one eye and almost so in the other.

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It is thought that the deceased soldier was with the C. N. R. construction camp near Perth Road some years ago.

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Austrian Aeroplanes Shot Down. (Special to the Whig.) Rome, March 30.—An official statement reports that four Austrian aeroplanes were shot down over Venetia and eight officers captured.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

See top page 4, right hand corner for probabilities. Red Cross tea and sale, Grant Hall, Saturday, 3 to 6 p.m.

BORN.

DAVIS — At the Kingston General Hospital, on March 29th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis, of 299 Stuart St., a son.

MARRIED.

STEWART-PYKE—On Monday, March 27th, 1916, at St. George's Rectory, Ottawa, by the Rev. J. M. Snowdon, Eva Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Pyke, of Wolfe Island, to Charles Shibley Stewart, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stewart, of Harrowsmith.

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