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HAS DONE NOTHING TO JUSTIFY WAR

With the United States, the German Chancellor Declares--No Intention of Stopping the Slaughter of Americans By U-Boats.

Berlin, March 30.—German Chancellor Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg made some declarations of the greatest importance in his speech in the Reichstag yesterday about Germany's policy regarding the United States and Russia.

Dealing with Russia, the Imperial Chancellor said that the Russian Emperor had not listened to the German Emperor's advice no longer to oppose the justified wishes of his nation for reforms.

ENEMY RETIRES BEFORE BRITISH

Berlin Announces That Germans Gave Way From Royalcourt to Sorel.

CANADIANS MADE AN ATTACK

ON GERMAN POSITIONS EAST OF NEUVILLE AND ST. VAAST.

But Berlin Says the Attack Was Repulsed Four Times, As Also Were British Attacks in the Same Region.

Berlin, March 30.—Encountering stronger British forces, German troops northeast of Peronne and north of Royalcourt to Sorel, to-day's official statement declared elsewhere, particularly at points near Neuville and Margival and east of Neuville and St. Vaast, Franco-British attacks were bloodily repulsed, the statement said.

Canadians Went at Huns. Berlin, March 30.—A Canadian regiment attacked German positions east of Neuville St. Vaast four times during the night and each time was repulsed under heavy losses, some

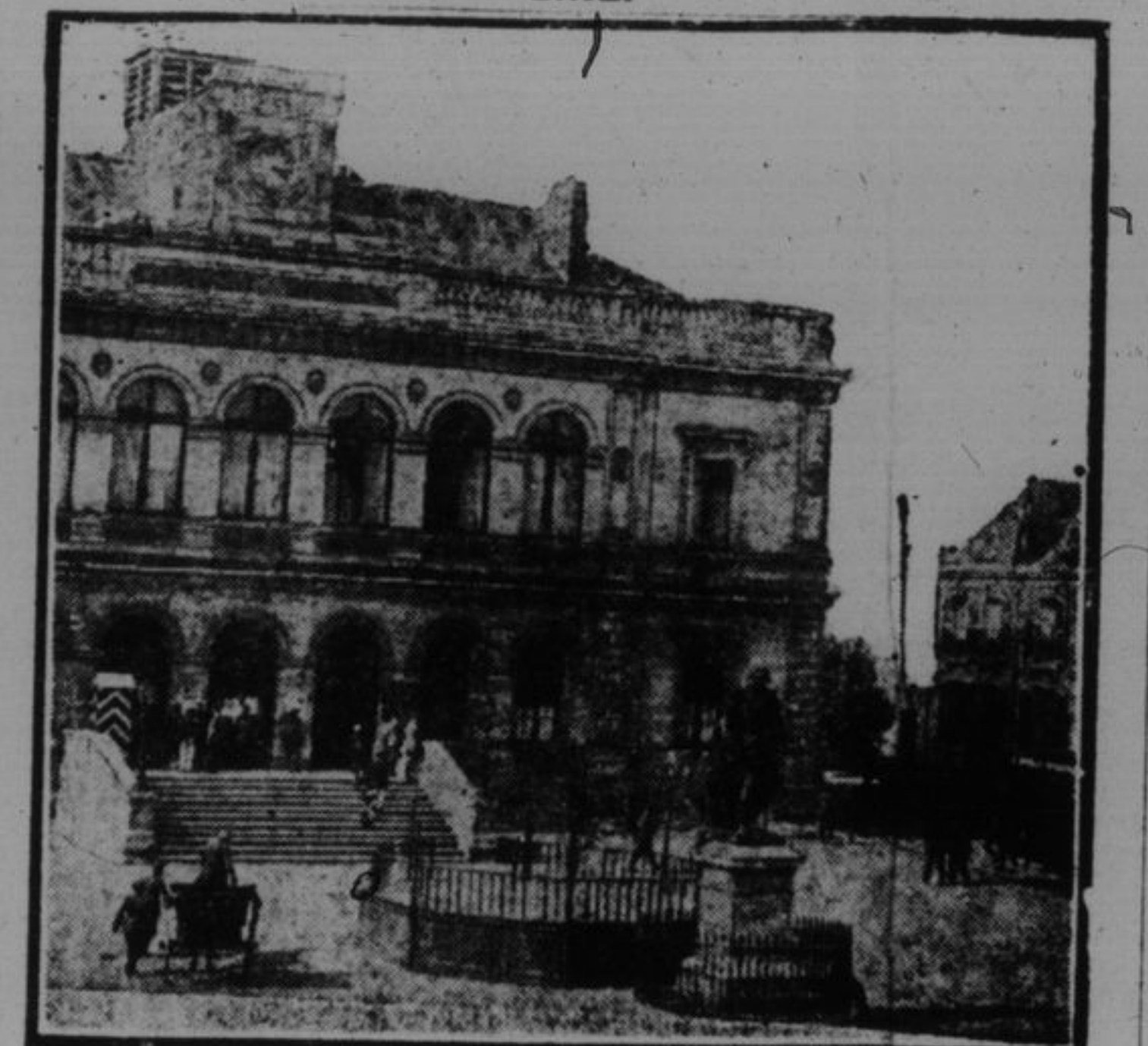
OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

British. London, March 29.—Thursday's War Office report read: "Our raiding parties entered the enemy's lines during the night east of Arras and in the neighborhood of Neuville-St. Vaast and Neuve Chapelle. Several dugouts were destroyed and casualties were inflicted."

Russian. Petrograd, March 29.—Thursday's

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GERMAN HEADQUARTERS IN LAON ON THE HINDENBURG LINE.



Laon is the southernmost town of importance on the Laon-La Fere-St. Quentin-Cambrai line. Farther north St. Quentin and La Fere are already dominated by the advancing French, but west of Laon the French army from Soissons has been delayed by the Attelle river, and also by St. Gobain woods, though steady progress is being made. Laon is a city of 10,000 population, with fine buildings and street cars and public squares, as the picture shows. The photograph was taken during the German occupation, and shows the building which has been used by the headquarters staff for the Nyson sector menacing Paris. In the foreground stands the famous Serrier monument.

GEN. MAUDE AWAITS RUSSIAN ADVANCE

"Everything Goes Well in Mesopotamia," Is the Latest Report.

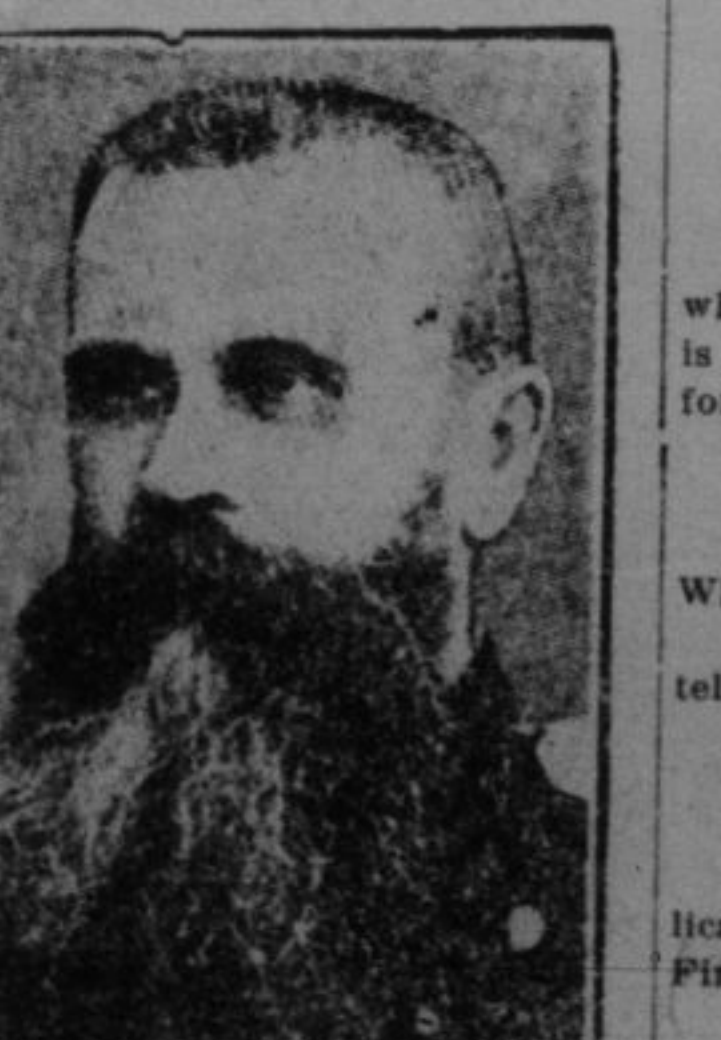
London, March 30.—Major-General Maurice of the War Office said to-day: "We have gained a cheering success in Palestine near Gaza, where we took the divisional headquarters of a Turkish force, including the divisional commander and a number of Austrian guns."

War Tidings. The French liner La Touraine has arrived safely at French port laden with Allies' supplies. It is stated that the United States Government will make no change in policy no matter what Von Holweg announces in the Reichstag. The British steamer Elwick Castle has been sunk. Several persons are dead and missing. The rout of the Turks in Palestine and Mesopotamia continues. Italy fears that Germany will now make her chief campaign against Italy.

A NOTE OF DOUBT REGARDING GERMANY

Has Made Its Appearance in the Reichstag Debate—Unsafe Thrones.

Amsterdam, March 30.—For the first time since the start of the war a note of doubt as to Germany's future has crept into Reichstag speeches, according to despatches received to-day from Berlin. Member Spahn was quoted as declaring, in the debate to-day, following Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, that he "hoped" Germany was prepared to fight a new and powerful foe. The Socialist member, Noske, bitterly censured Foreign Secretary Zimmerman's Mexican-Japanese scheme against America, and declared the "Prussian system of government must be abolished."



GEN. I. IVANOFF. Former commander of the Russian armies in Volhynia and Galicia, who is now under arrest.

EVERY FIT MAN TO FIRING LINE

The British Military Authorities Are Proceeding Upon That Principle.

EXPECT 100,000 MORE MEN

BY NEW MEASURE INTRODUCED INTO THE COMMONS.

This Number Is Expected to Be Available in the Next Three Months For the Knockout Blow. London, March 30.—A bill giving the military authorities power to order re-examination of men previously rejected for military service and also of men who already have served and been discharged in consequence of wounds or illness was moved in the House of Commons yesterday on second reading by Chancellor Bonar Law. The Chancellor said the bill was an absolute necessity owing to the military situation. Arrangements were made last August which it hoped would give

TO-MORROW'S WHIG IS A HUMMER

The illustrated section for Saturday contains some very striking war pictures, including the following: Interior of an Aeroplane Factory, France. New German Machine Gun; Repairing a Vessel at Salonika. H. M. S. Lion Taking Shells Aboard. Fifteen-inch Guns in Action. Polish Fugitives. A page picture of the Princess Pats, showing the thousand that went in and the few who returned. A series of six splendid pictures of Canadians at work in a lumber camp at Surrey, England. These pictures are very typical of the work that the Forestry Battalions have to do. Among the local pictures are the following interesting ones: A new view of the Cataract River Bridge now fast nearing completion. Soldiers training in front of the Court House. What one Kingston garden yielded—a picture of some of the magnificent fruits and vegetables grown by J. B. Cooke at 171 Union street. If all the back yards of Kingston yielded like this one there would evidently be plenty of food for everybody. Mr. Cooke is to be congratulated, not only as a hustling insurance man, but as a first-class gardener and fruit grower as well.

Pte. E. H. Parliament, Camden East, Ont. Lieut. C. B. Corbett, of Queen's. Lieut. E. C. A. Crawford, of Queen's. Pte. Cecil Vanaistyne, Collins Bay. Dr. C. M. Parks, Harlowe. Lieut.-Col. P. G. C. Campbell, 253rd Battalion. Sergt. Gordon McDonald, Ardcoch, Ont. A reproduction of the painting of the late Major J. McD. Mowat, which was unveiled in the City Hall on the evening of March 15th. This is a new picture of Kingston's late lamented mayor which has never before appeared in print.

Other Special Articles. Among the other special articles which will be a feature of Saturday's Whig the following might be mentioned: The Prophecy of Brother Johannes, one of the most remarkable foretelling articles of the age. Two automobile pages. A special bicycle page. A woman's page of unusual interest. A book review page, including notices of such well-known recent publications as "The Road to Understanding," "Thinking as a Science," "Wild Fire," "The White People," "The Witch of Endor," etc. An agricultural and market page. An interesting article on the National Service Cards. How they are sorted and classified. Another instalment of the Whig's serial story, "The Dog Star." Altogether a 24-page paper of unusual merit. Be sure you get a copy. Better still, buy an extra one to send to some former Kingstonian who would appreciate such a large and attractive paper from his old home town.

the military authorities the men required, the Chancellor explained, but owing to the submarine menace it had proved impossible to obtain the men expected from agriculture or from the Admiralty and the ship-building yards.

The recruits obtained, he said, had fallen short of the number estimated by not less than 100,000. In view of the definite arrangements made not only by the British, but in conjunction with the French, the Chancellor continued, such a falling off was most serious. To a considerable degree the shortage had been made good by a change in the employment of men in the army itself and by using behind the lines, to a greater extent than ever before, an unit to go on the firing line. The shortage had been made good further by the employment of women behind the lines, but nevertheless the bill was absolutely necessary.

The Chancellor said it would enable the military authorities to deal with one million men, and they estimated that a falling off in recruits would be that a falling off in recruits might make a difference between really and almost decisive results, and a victory which would have nothing like the same effect.

"At this moment the morale of our troops in France is splendid. We have more confidence than ever. They are more than a match for their enemies. It is the duty of the country to let them see their numbers are going to be kept up to the fullest extent." A member of the House suggested that an appeal for recruits be made to Ireland. John Dillon interjected: "If it had been left in our hands we would have given you another hundred thousand men."

THE STOCK MARKETS.

Prices Quoted on the Various Stock Exchanges. New York Stocks. Open. 2.15 p.m. Atchison 104 1/2 105 Baltimore & Ohio 79 1/2 80 C. P. R. 164 1/2 165 N. Y. C. 29 3/4 30 Erie pfd. 41 3/4 42 1/2 Northern Pacific 105 3/4 106 Pennsylvania 53 3/4 54 Reading 99 1/2 99 1/2 Union Pacific 83 1/2 83 1/2 Marine 140 1/2 141 1/2 Marine pfd. 88 1/2 88 1/2 Rep. Steel 82 1/2 83 1/2 Anaconda 83 1/2 83 1/2 U. S. Steel 115 1/2 115 Inter. Nickel 44 1/2 44

Royden Herbert, the fourteen-year-old son of Philip Herbert, of Hyde Park, Ont., near London, died this morning as the result of blood poisoning, contracted from his stocking.

THE UNITED STATES TO ENTER WAR

The Latest Details Are Being Considered And Will Be Announced in the President's Message.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, March 30.—Only actual war was talked here generally to-day. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg clinched the idea. President and his cabinet, booked for a late afternoon session, were expected to shape the last details of what will mean the entry of the United States into the conflict in some fashion to be decided by Congress. The Cabinet and President were expected to shape the last of the details of the President's "war message" to-day. The main thought of it, strong, active defence of America's rights, according to authorities, has been crystallized long since.

That President Wilson is rapidly turning more strongly in favor of some form of universal military training is the belief of officials who have followed events closely. The pacifist element in Congress will be swamped beneath a patriotic wave, according to unofficial canvasses to-day. Congress will uphold President Wilson to the last ditch, it now appears. That the President in his speech will make Germany's guilt entirely evident is regarded as a foregone conclusion.

EDUCATIONAL FOOLISHNESS.

Unfair Treatment of Farmers vs. Government House. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, March 30.—Lightheartedness is not the prevailing characteristic of the Ontario Legislature, but this isn't William McDonald's fault. When he chooses to speak, even the bitterest medicine is coated with sugar and gales of laughter blow along the desks. Always, too, underneath the joke is seriousness. McDonald's methods are well illustrated in his last two speeches, one directed against what he called the "fadism" in the Department of Education and the other against unfair treatment accorded to the farmers of the province contrasted with the extravagance lavished on Government House.

The particular fad McDonald was fighting on this occasion was the drawing of foolish things. He quoted a number of actual questions required of the pupils of the province: "Draw and paint a box of onions" was one of them, and Mr. McDonald's comment on this was, "Why not teach the children to grow onions?" "Draw and paint the wild carrot in flower," and on this McDonald asked, "Why not have the children taught to pull them out?" The question to which he objected most vigorously, however, was, "Draw the noisy goose that gabbled over the pool." "What goose?" demanded Mr. McDonald, "put that on any paper?"

"Why not clip the wings of these Jackasses" he asked, "who put such questions on the papers?" "You mean the ears," bellowed Sam Carter, and the laugh was on Mr. McDonald was rather pessimistic. "The teaching of such stuff," he said, "is good for neither this world nor the next."

In Malabel township in the County of Bruce the Government has cut off a tract of 4500 which it has been giving for years for the maintenance of a road. "Fourteen hundred dollars for a Donegal rug for Government House," moaned Mr. McDonald, and not a cent for the farmers of Malabel. "Seven hundred dollars for a common Government House," wailed the member, "and not a cent for the farmers of Malabel." "Four hundred and seventy-five dollars for curtains for the ballroom of Government House," and not a cent for the farmers of Malabel. Then Mr. McDonald went on to enumerate brass poles and garment hangers, heating plants and atriums and all sorts of things in Government House, with the constant comparison of the Government's neglect of the farmers of Malabel.

BEGIN FARMING EARLIER

Weather Conditions in Manitoba Are Auspicious.

Brandon, March 30.—Should the present favorable weather conditions continue, farmers in the Brandon district will be able to proceed at full swing with ploughing and seeding operations in a week or so, especially on the higher lands. This would make it about a fortnight earlier in the year than is usually the case. Farmers coming in from the surrounding districts fully confirm this statement made by J. S. Maxwell, who has kept in close touch with agricultural matters in western Manitoba for many years. He states that weather conditions this year are exceptionally favorable. There was a plentiful supply of moisture, and the gradual approach of warmer weather has allowed the land to have the full benefit, as when the snow melts slowly it is fully absorbed into the ground, rather than running off it as would otherwise be the case. Another good feature of the present time is that an unusually large amount of fall plowing was done in 1916, owing to the early harvest of that year. Socialists Seek Peace. (Special to the Whig.) Copenhagen, March 30.—German and Russian Socialists are conferring here about separate peace. The Hague, March 30.—Socialists in the German Reichstag will vote against the budget and will urge peace.

WOMEN AS SPEAKERS

At the Gatherings of the Provincial Liberal Party. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, March 30.—Decidedly increased interest is being shown in Provincial Liberal Party is having women on its list of speakers at all its important meetings in Toronto and throughout the country as well. Not only is the attendance of women enlarged but the men themselves seem to appreciate the freshness and originality which women are bringing into provincial politics. Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey and Mrs. Adam Ballantyne are two among the successful women speakers who already in the short time since women have become a direct factor in provincial public life have taken part. Both of them can and do discuss public issues seriously, but in addition they have the pleasant faculty of humor. This combined with their new outlook on public questions, has aroused great interest in their speeches.

Mrs. Lindsey, for example, when he appeared with Mr. Rowell at Dunnville, was able to express vividly, in one word, better than anyone else has done, the Liberal claim that it is they who are the real initiators of progressive legislation and that the Government is trailing along behind. "I tell you what they are," she said, referring to the Government, "they are just a lot of copycats." It is evident that women are not only going to elevate Ontario politics, but also make them more interesting, which in itself is an important public service, as it will result in attracting the attention of a wider body of electors and making them care for public affairs.

Champion Holstein Cow Dead

Appleton, Wis., March 30.—Pauline Paol, Parthenon, known as the world's champion Holstein cow, owned by R. J. Schaefer of Clayton, Wis., is dead. A post mortem showed she had swallowed a darned needle and that it worked its way to the heart. Two years ago the cow produced 2,588 pounds of butter in twelve months. She was thirteen years old.

MAY GIVE IMMUNITY TO AMERICAN LINERS.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, March 30.—It is felt here that Hollweg's speech leaves no hope that war between United States and Germany may be averted. Berlin, March 30.—Germany will not modify its submarine campaign, but American liners may have immunity.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities. "The Girl Who Smiles," Grand, Minton, 2-30, Saturday.

DIED

ASBORN—At 299 MacKay street, Montreal, on Wednesday, March 28th, 1917, Frederick Asborn, formerly of Kingston and brother of Mrs. John Driver, of this city.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Ross A. Kirk-McCrick, who departed this life March 26th, 1916, aged 3 years, 1 month, 22 days.

If love and care could not death prevent, His days would not so soon been spent. Life was desired, but God did see Eternal rest was best for thee. —Father, Mother, Brothers, and Sisters.

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Familiar Quotations

And 'tis remarkable that they Talk most that have the least to say. —FRON.