

CANADIAN ARMY IN FRANCE IS STRONGER THAN EVER

Enters Upon the Spring Campaign with Confidence—Holds Larger Front Than Before—The Canadian Artillery and Machine Gun Fire Bothers the Enemy.

By W. A. Williams, correspondent of the Canadian Press. Canadian Army Headquarters, Feb. 13.—After three and a half years of war, Canada is in the field to victory stronger than ever before.

During the Passchendaele operations, new forces of artillery came from the Dominion to France, and while not actively engaged in the desperate fighting last October and November, long ago took their place in the line, where they are now acquitting themselves splendidly.

Canadian Fire Bothers Germans.

Canadian Army Headquarters, Feb. 13.—The battlefield continues quiet, the only outstanding feature of the past four days being the capture of a German prisoner, who, losing his way, blundered into one of our working parties.

MAY CALL OTHER CLASSES UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—In view of the urgent necessity for reinforcements, it is considered likely here that further calls of other classes under the Military Service Act may not long be delayed.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British. We carried out a successful raid last night upon the German trenches southeast of Hargreave, capturing eleven prisoners, including an officer.

French. There was a fairly heavy artillery fire last night in the neighborhood of Ploisy, on the Aisne front.

MURDER CASE AT KITCHENER. Charles Gerbig Pleads Not Guilty to Murder of His Wife.

More Senate Seats to be Created. Membership Has Been Increased by Nine—Appointments to be Made.

ARE AFTER REFININGTON. For Publishing Article That Censor Would Not Sanction.

RUSSIA TO RELEASE WAR PRISONERS. Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—German and Russian delegates at Petrograd, according to a despatch from Berlin, have signed an agreement calling for the earliest possible repatriation of prisoners of war unfit for military service.

WHIG CONTENTS. Great Changes; Incidents of the Day. New Civil Service Act; Told in Twilight.

SALUTE OF THE ALLIED ARMIES; U. S. SALUTE DIFFERS SLIGHTLY



HOW THEY SALUTE—LEFT TO RIGHT, FRENCH, ENGLISH, SCOTCH AND AMERICAN. Different methods of saluting in vogue among the allied armies invite interesting comparisons.

GERMAN THRUST AGAINST BRITISH

Has Been Fixed For Some Time in March, a Prisoner Says.

INTENSIVE PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE BY THE KAISER'S FORCES.

Great Numbers of German Soldiers Are Being Constantly Drilled in Making Attacks.

British Army Headquarters, in France, Feb. 13.—Some time in March has been set by the Germans for at least one offensive operation on the British front, according to a German prisoner who has just been taken.

A FALLING ICICLE KILLS AN EMPLOYEE. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Belleville, Feb. 13.—A huge icicle falling from the roof of the boiler house of the British Chemical Works, Trenton, fell on Antonio Carmandola, an employee, killing him instantly.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM. Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

Not to Decide Till April. New York, Feb. 13.—Acceptance of the resignation of President Barrow and decision to ask permission from the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues and the National Commission to hold in abeyance until April 1st the question of abandoning play this season were announced at the meeting yesterday of the International League club owners.

Demands Rumania To Make Peace. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—The Berlin Tageblatt says that the Central Powers have addressed a demand to Rumania to enter into peace negotiations and requested an answer by this evening.

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TO DISCUSS STEPS TO INCREASE FOOD

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Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Co-operation between the Federal and Provincial Governments in an effort to increase production of foodstuffs in Canada will be the leading theme for discussion at the conference between members of the Dominion Cabinet and Premiers of the various provinces, which opens here on Friday next.

FARMER SENT FOR TRIAL. Alleged to Have Cheated Soldier's in Wood.

Oshawa, Feb. 13.—Elias McMullen, a farmer, was charged in the Police Court yesterday with selling wood under false pretences to a soldier's wife.

Dilemma of a Wildcat. Belle-Fontaine, Feb. 13.—While running a shifting engine to a mine in the Snowshoe region, when the thermometer registered 21 degrees below zero, the crew noticed a wildcat on the tracks ahead, apparently caught by the head.

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THE CHALLENGE OF LLOYD-GEORGE

Asks Commons Not to Press Government As to War Arrangements.

London, Feb. 13.—Commenting on the recent speech of the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czernin, in reply to President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George said, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that when it came to the real substance of the demands of the allies Count Czernin was adamant.

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ing, and the allies had met at Versailles to consider the best methods of meeting that menace.

If the House of Commons was not satisfied with the conduct of the war the only way was to change the Government. Field Marshal Haig and General Robertson, he added, were present at the session of the Supreme War Council and approved its decision.

The Premier requested the House not to press the Government regarding the arrangements made for countering the coming blow of the Germans.

The Premier declared that Germany's violation of her engagement not to remove troops from the eastern front had to be borne in mind when there was any discussion of terms of peace, because it had a real bearing upon guarantees. The situation been changed completely by these reinforcements he asserted.

Millions of Lives Dependent Upon the decisions of the Supreme War Council depended millions of gallant lives, the honor and safety of the country and the war aims upon which the future of the world was dependent.

The change in the military situation brought about by the sending of German troops from the east to the west was a factor which must be considered, and it was essential that the whole strength of the allied armies should be made available for the point where the blow would come.

Arrangements should be made under which the allies would treat their army as one to meet the danger and menace, wherever it should come.

LARGEST SURPLUS ONTARIO EVER HAD

Announcement Made in the Legislature By the Provincial Treasurer.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, Feb. 12.—The largest surplus in the history of the province of Ontario was announced by Hon. W. T. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, in making his annual statement to the Legislature yesterday afternoon.

During last year the net debt was reduced by more than a million. Expenditure on capital account was ten millions, of which more than half was for hydro-electric purposes.

Receipts from the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines was over three and a half millions, including half a million arrears in nickel taxes. Over three millions was received from succession dues.

Premier Hearst introduced a bill to provide for the extension of Legislature until after the close of the war in accord with a statement made to the house by him on Friday.

FAILED TO MEET PAYMENT TO CITY

Winnipeg Railway Was Almost Driven Into Liquidation Last Month.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—For the first time in its history the Winnipeg Street Railway Company has failed to meet its financial obligations to the city on the date fixed under its charter.

The five per cent. of its earnings up to December 31st, which, under its charter the company must pay the city by the following February 1st this year has not been paid.

At a public meeting the Street Railway Company's counsel, Edward Anderson, K.C., stated that the company was not financially able to meet the charge this year, amounting to approximately \$90,000.

Mr. Anderson stated that the company was almost driven into liquidation last month. Reduction in revenue owing to the competition of the "Honey" in Winnipeg, is given as the principal reason for the depreciation in the street railway company's finances.

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All Leave is Stopped—The Situation is Described as Uncanny and Portentous.

With the British Armies in France, Feb. 13.—The tension along the British-German front is tightening. As the extraordinarily bright, mild weather has continued to dry out the sodden fields, the two great armies have become more alert.

The inertia of the days when the western theatre was held in the grip of snow and impassable mud has disappeared, and the contending forces are poised, watching each other like duellists, for the first move, which will mean that the most sanguinary period of the war has begun.

Something seems bound to happen before another month has passed, if the present weather holds. Indeed, even now, the ground in some sections is quite fit for fighting.

The enemy continues to make intense preparations for what has been advertised as the "great offensive." German troops and guns keep pouring into the western front, and there are indications that a few Austrian units are in Flanders.

Certain areas back of the German front have been cleared for action, and daily bodies of troops have been practicing attacks under the tutelage of experts. Prisoners say that leave for the soldiers was stopped on January 20th.

Identification Raids. So far as actual fighting is concerned, it is still confined to identification raids, air activity and occasional bursts of artillery.

The enemy is playing possum or ignoring the military movements behind the British lines, and the British themselves are sitting tight, saying little. The silence is uncanny, and it is portentous.

Naturally the allied preparations cannot be discussed, but it may be said that everywhere there is the spirit of optimism. Every soldier in the long lines knows what is coming and smiles with assurance.

The allies still have a preponderance of men and guns along this front, and they have a determination to use this advantage. The Germans will find that their opponents have not wasted the winter months.

War Tidings. Active local operations were carried out Monday night by the French. German prisoners were taken.

Berlin reports that after a day of lively artillery fire on the Sette Comuni plateau on the Italian front, the Austrians attacked south of Santeramo, clearing supporting positions and capturing nearly 180 prisoners.

The Austrians on Monday renewed their attacks on the northern Italian front west of Brenta river, but were held in check by the Italians. Austrian columns were torn to pieces by Italian artillery.

Separate Peace Not Expected. London, Feb. 13.—Referring to Roumania, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, said that he believed that "though the armistice expires in a few days, Roumania has no intention of making a separate peace. They have a fine army, equal to dealing with anything in front of them if their food supplies are secured."

Movie Shows Must Close on Mondays

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The fuel regulations as they apply to places of amusement have been amended by the Fuel Controller.

The heatless Mondays commence next week, Feb. 18th. Many theatre proprietors have asked that the heatless days be changed from Monday to Tuesday. It has been decided to give theatres the option of closing on Tuesdays instead of Mondays.

However, moving picture shows, bowling alleys, billiard and pool rooms still have to close on Mondays. The order is in force until March 25th.