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LIBERAL MEMBERS SECURE DETAILS IN COMMITTEE.

The Wages Paid Totalled \$13,084.88—The Big Residence of the Lieutenant-Governor Is Costly.

Toronto, March 14.—Before the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature yesterday certain items in connection with the expenses for maintaining the Government House were gone into by some of the Liberal members. The one which took up most of their attention was the coal bill, which amounted to nearly \$6,500, and included the consumption of about 967 tons of coal for the year. R. Fairbairn, Deputy Minister of Public Works, gave evidence before the committee as to the various items of expenditure mentioned in the Public Accounts Committee report.

According to Mr. Fairbairn, the cost to the province for maintaining the Government House was \$28,559.25, made up as follows:—
Assist gardeners, firemen and repairs to grounds, \$13,084.88
To pay for rubber boots, 7.75
Water, fuel and lighting, 7,149.32
Furniture and furnishings, 2,556.88
Repairs and contingencies, 5,078.67
Uniforms for messengers, gardeners and other help, 294.85
Telephone service, 386.37
Total, \$28,559.25
In the year 1904 the cost was about \$16,000.

TAKEN OVER THE SHIPS

ENDED NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAVE LONG BEEN CONSIDERED.

The Ships Will Be Insured And Armed, And If Any Are Sunk They Will Be Replaced After the War.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 14.—Because of long delays in negotiations with Holland over Dutch ships in Allied ports, and the shrewdness of the Dutch Government to act in this respect, Great Britain and the United States have reached an agreement to end the negotiations and take over all such ships next week for the use of the Allies.

Every precaution will be taken to safeguard the rights of the owners. The ships will be insured and armed and any ships sunk will be replaced at the earliest possible time after the war. The amount of tonnage made available to the Allies through the Dutch arrangement is one million tons of which seventy per cent. is in the United States.

A similar arrangement already made in the case of Sweden is working satisfactorily to the Swedish owners and shipping interests. The Allied decision finds a legal basis in Lex Aegaria, or the law covering forcible seizure of ships for public use, under which belligerent nations may use neutral tonnage if adequate compensation is paid. The Germans exercised this right on the British vessels in Franco-Prussian war.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British.

British raiders brought back prisoners from a German position near Epesey, south-west of Cambrai, last night. The official statement from the War Office today also reports a victory on the German side in the Ypres sector. The artillery was active on both sides during the night south-west of Cambrai. The hostile artillery increased its activity in Neuve Chapelle and Fauquissart sectors.

Committed Suicide.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 14.—General Dumbadze, commandant of the port of Vladivostok, has committed suicide, says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd.

William Hague Harrington, one of Ottawa's prominent citizens, died on Wednesday. He was sixty-five years of age.

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OUR AVIATORS ARE SUPERIOR

To the German Airmen And Are Doing Great Work Just Now.

THE BRITISH BRING DOWN

SEVENTY-NINE ENEMY AIRPLANES IN TEN DAYS.

And Lose Only Four—Columns of German Troops Advancing As Reinforcements Were Demoralized and Scattered.

By W. M. WILSON, correspondent of the Canadian Press. Headquarters, Canadian Army, London, March 14.—Not since the battle of the Somme have the Allies on the western front enjoyed such unquestioned superiority in the air as now. Not only in air fighting and other activities by day, but in bombing operations at night our pilots and observers are more than a match for the enemy.

The outstanding feature in the forward areas during the past three days has been the amount of aerial activity, while anti-aircraft and machine guns or those of the enemy are constantly busy.

There was a hilarious celebration on our front line yesterday when the men of an infantry regiment engaged a low-flying Boche airplane with their machine guns and brought it crashing down in Lens.

Last night another enemy machine came down behind our lines on a trial trip, with a crew of two officers one commissioned officer and mechanic, who were made prisoners.

Demoralize German Troops. (Canadian Press Despatch)

London, March 14.—In a general review of the air fighting, it is stated that the British airmen brought down seventy-nine German airplanes during the first ten days of March and lost only fifteen machines. Much of the fighting was over German territory and the attacks by British on German forts and aerodromes were successful in many instances.

Columns of troops, advancing to reinforce the front lines, were demoralized and scattered.

A SALE ARRANGED.

The Northern Crown Bank Sold to Royal Bank.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Montreal, March 14.—Arrangements have been completed for the purchase of the Northern Crown Bank by the Royal Bank of Canada. The purchase price will be approximately \$200 per share. The Minister of Finance has officially given his consent to the sale, it is announced.

BREAD FOR CHILDREN BEFORE PARENTS' BEER.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 14.—"With our American brethren we are fighting for deliverance of the world from the bondage of the sword," Premier Lloyd-George declared yesterday, in a speech before the National Council of Free Churches. Regarding intoxicants, Lloyd-George declared that if the time came to choose between beer for the children and beer for the parents, the Government would not hesitate.

TROTSKY AT PETROGRAD

Lenine and Government Commissioners, Have Departed For Moscow.

Petrograd, March 14.—In consequence of the departure of the Government Commissioners to Moscow, a special Petrograd Military Revolutionary Committee of seven members has been formed, with Leon Trotsky as president. Another committee of ten members, representing the Council of Commissioners, also will be formed, with M. Zinovief, a Lenine adherent, as president.

The Germans advancing on Odessa are meeting with determined resistance along the Slobodka-Tzamenka line.

HORNELL INUNDATED

Families Were Driven Out Of Their Homes.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Rochester, N.Y., March 14.—Scores of families have been driven from their homes and all the industries in Hornell are paralyzed as a result of a disastrous flood, due to a cloudburst that swept down the Valley of the Genesee early this morning, inundating one-third of the city.

H. M. MOWAT, K.C.

Will Move Reply to Speech From the Throne.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, March 14.—The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, it is announced, will be moved in the House by H. M. Mowat, Liberal-Unionist member for Parkdale, Toronto, and seconded by Dr. J. L. Chabot, Ottawa, the only French-Canadian supporter of the Government.

BRITISH AVIATORS BRING DOWN CAMOUFLAGED GERMAN GOTHA



What was left of a German Gotha recently brought to earth by Captain G. H. Haskell and Lieutenant C. C. Banke, R. F. C. Note the way the canvas is painted to make it look like clouds.

HOSPITAL SHIP WAS ATTACKED

But Luckily It Was Able to Make Port Though Damaged.

WAS FLYING RED FLAGS

TWO TORPEDOES FIRED FROM ENEMY SUBMARINE.

The Guilford Castle Was Homeward Bound With a Large Complement of Wounded and Sick Patients on Board—The Attack Was Made At the Bristol Channel Entrance.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 14.—A British official statement says: The British hospital ship, Guilford Castle, homeward bound, was unsuccessfully attacked by an enemy submarine at the entrance to the Bristol Channel on March 10th. She was flying Red Cross flags and had all her hospital lights on. Two torpedoes were fired at the Guilford Castle, the first missing, and the second hitting the vessel's bow. Although badly damaged, she was able to reach port. There were many sick and wounded on board who were transferred to the hospital.

This is the second submarine attack on British hospital ships recently. A fortnight ago the Glenart Castle was sunk in the Bristol Channel, about 150 lives being lost. The sinking, an official announcement said, was a violation of the German pledge as to immunity of hospital ships in that area.

The Guilford Castle is a steamship of 8,936 tons gross. Bristol Channel, in which the attack was made, is an arm of the Atlantic extending into the south western part of Great Britain between Wales and England.

HERE'S A FINE MESS.

Windsor Teachers Entertain Sweethearts in Schoolrooms.

Windsor, March 14.—Based on reports that some of its teachers were entertaining their sweethearts in the school rooms and at times have been conducting themselves in a manner unbecoming ladies, the Windsor Board of Education has decided to hold a special meeting to deal with "certain matters that require immediate attention."

Trustee T. C. Ray states many of his friends had heard about the teachers, and other trustees admitted they, too, had heard whisperings of certain women teachers' fondness for men companions at times when they should have been devoting their energies to school room duties.

Judge Arthur E. Burr, who took office on Monday as Judge of Probate for Suffolk County, Mass., dropped dead at the court house on Wednesday. He was forty-eight.

IS GERMANY PLAYING THE GAME FOR THE ALLIES?

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Amsterdam, March 14.—Some sections of the German press are becoming uneasy over developments in the Far East. The Frankfurter Zeitung considers that the breaking up of Russia into a number of independent states is bad policy for Germany, and urges that the greatest tact and prudence be used in dealing with the border states so that they will not in future sign for reunion with Russia and become so many thorns in Germany's side. The newspaper adds: "Clearly the Entente policy is to use Japanese alliance to shove Germany out of the Asiatic markets for ever. Germany has played their game by breaking up Russia."

Capt. von Salzmann, military critic of the Vossische Zeitung, writes: "Germany's Russian policy has played the game brilliantly for Great Britain and the United States. In the same way Germany has increased Holland's debt of gratitude to Great Britain."

WOULD FORCE DEALERS TO WEIGH ALL COAL

Legislature Gives Second Reading to Bill Introduced By J. A. Pinard.

Toronto, March 14.—Second reading was given an important Ottawa bill in the Legislature. It was introduced by J. A. Pinard (East Ottawa), and gives municipalities power to compel coal dealers to have all loads of coal weighed by municipal officials, while all wood vendors must have their loads measured. The measure is of special interest to Ottawa, but it also interests other municipalities since they would be affected by the legislation. Mr. Pinard said there were weigh scales in Ottawa, but the courts said the municipality had not power to compel coal dealers to have their loads weighed before making delivery.

Another Ottawa proposal was that a cord of wood should contain at least 128 cubic feet of wood. In the event of the legislation passing, persons selling wood for fuel must show the purchaser the municipal weigh scales officer's certificate showing how much wood the load contains.

BILLS IN LEGISLATURE.

One Provides for Protecting Incomes of Widows.

Toronto, March 14.—G. C. Hurdman (West Ottawa) introduced a bill in the Legislature affecting the sale of meat and giving any municipality the power to carry out a proper inspection of all meat sold even if not killed in the public abattoir.

Several bills were introduced by the Opposition Leader. The principle of one of Mr. Proudfoot's bills to amend the Assessment Act is to grant to farmers' daughters of twenty-one years of age the same rights as farmers' sons in the matter of the municipal franchise. The amendment to the Municipal Act desires the same change.

An act to amend the Assessment Act provides that a widow's income, whether earned or inherited, also in view of investments of men and women past earning age, be allowed the same exemption from the income tax as is now granted on the earned income of the head of a household.

An act to amend the Municipal Act provides that a married woman's housekeeping allowance should be considered her personal earned income, for the purposes of the franchise, as it is contended she is worth at least \$400 a year in her capacity as housekeeper.

Demand Immediate Peace.

Washington, March 14.—Copies of a manifesto submitted to the Austrian Reichsrath by Dr. Anton Kovshetz, signed by thirty-five Yugoslav deputies demanding immediate peace on basis of the right of people to self-government and the creation of an independent Yugoslav state, were made public here by the official Serbian press. The document, suppressed in Austria, is said to have been brought to Washington by "indirect means."

To Be Connected by Canal.

Copenhagen, March 14.—The commercial agreement between Germany and Russia will contain plans for the construction of a canal which would form the connecting link of a waterway between the Baltic and the Black Sea, according to a Berlin despatch to the Politikon.

THE BRITISH ARE VIGILANT

The Slightest Movement in German Lines Brings Deadly Barrage.

BOTH SIDES ON QUI VIVE

HUNS MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GOOD WEATHER.

The British Tommies Cannot Believe Fritz Will Try Any Monkey Tricks on Their Front.

By Philip Gibbs.

War Correspondents' Headquarters, March 14.—The enemy's gunfire is increasing in violence along some sectors on the front, and he has been shelling heavily about Arras, Neuve Chapelle, Fleurbais, and other parts in the centre of the British line; but, apart from a few raids on outposts, no infantry action has followed his efforts, which were frustrated on Friday and Saturday at Houtholst Forest and Polderhoek. But his guns are turning up, and the weather is so fine and bright that he may be tempted to take advantage of it.

The British troops are on the alert all along the line and send up warning rockets when there is any sign of a movement in No. Man's Land. A few days ago there was a similar incident south of St. Quentin. The quiet of this part of the line was suddenly broken by red rockets flaming out above the folds of earth where both sides held outposts in view of the great cathedral. Something had startled the enemy, and his infantry were calling for guns by firing clusters of shells. Further along the line a German patrol party seen crawling across No Man's Land was the cause of signals going up in the British lines, and the gunners on both sides saw rockets, and messages were telephoned through to batteries and groups. The country was swept with fire, and for two hours there was a storm of shells from the British and the German guns. Then it died down, for no masses of field-gray men moved into the open, and no men in khaki went over the top. It was a false alarm on both sides, but it showed the power of the guns which lie low and say nothing for most days of the week.

I have been in that part of the line below St. Quentin for two or three days. Here, as all along the front, every man is watching for the least sign of an attack; but I found among the British a kind of incredulity that "old Fritz" would try any monkey tricks against their front, because of the natural strength of their positions and the completeness of their defensive preparations. They are not worrying before it is time to worry, and they are confident that if the enemy makes a big attack he will be mowed down on his way and pay a frightful price for any gain of ground. It is in that spirit that the British armies wait.

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THE RUSSIAN FLEET IN A FINLAND PORT

Attempt May Be Made to Remove Dreadnoughts to Kronstadt.

London, March 14.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says an ex-deputy of the Baltic fleet has reported to the Petrograd Soviet that the whole of the Russian Baltic fleet is lying at Helsinki, Finland, that the crews have melted away and that only a watch has been left in each ship.

The dreadnoughts are soon leaving the Kronstadt and the remainder of the fleet will be left in the hands of Finland (where the ports are practically in German hands), Kronstadt being unable to accommodate more.

The cruisers Aurora and Diana are lying in the Neva demobilized, all moveable articles having been carried away by the sailors.

The Finnish Premier, Svanhufud, who was in Sveaborg during the civil war, has escaped. He has arrived at Reval, Russia, and is going to Berlin.

DEMANDED ATTACK ON RUSSIA IN 1914

Germans Urged Rumania to Declare War, Promising Bessarabia.

London, March 14.—According to diplomatic documents printed in Russian papers, Austria-Germany as early as August 31st, 1914, demanded that Rumania should declare war on Russia, guaranteeing her against attack by Bulgaria, and offering her Bessarabia and the Timok Valley.

Learning of this, Sergius Sazonoff (then Russian Foreign Minister) suggested that Rumania should observe a benevolent neutrality, and in return offered her those portions of Austro-Rumanian territory with Rumanian population which she could occupy when she thought fit.

Finally, in December, 1914, the Rumanian Premier, J. C. Bratiano, decided to intervene actively in conjunction with the Entente. He was, however, obliged to defer action owing to the unpreparedness of the Rumanian army and the difficulties attending a campaign.

NO SHOWS ON SUNDAYS.

All Quebec Theatres Will Likely Close.

Quebec, March 14.—It is likely that all theatres will be closed in this city on Sundays as a result of Arthur Drapeau, proprietor of three moving picture houses here, pleading guilty to violating the Lord's Day Act. All the other theatres that had kept open their gates and had promised to close in future. It was Mr. Drapeau's intention to fight the case, but when he saw that he was alone, he balked at the heavy expense it would mean for him.

It is stated that the Lord's Day Observance Committee here will prosecute skating rinks and other amusements places which operate on Sundays.

HUNS MAY ATTACK ALMOST ANY TIME.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 14.—General Maurice, British Director of Operations, declared in an interview with the United Press that on the west front that an offensive is imminent.

"The enemy air activity, which is the natural preliminary to an offensive, may be an accident," Maurice said, "but taken in conjunction with other indications, it raises the suspicion that an offensive is imminent."

LARGEST HADDOCK CATCH.

Boston, March 14.—The fishing steamer Seal reached here on the north-east coast, last night, about 9.30 o'clock.

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WAR BULLETINS.

- British airplanes attacked munitions works at Freiburg.
- Ten tons of bombs were dropped.
- The Austrians lost seventy flying machines on the Italian front.
- British dropped bombs on the Austrian army headquarters.
- Four German machines brought down and fifteen trained airmen killed, was the toll of Tuesday night's raid over Paris.
- Berlin official announcement says that German troops have entered Odessa, Russia.
- Submarines sunk eighteen merchantmen and one fishing vessel last week.

LID ON LIQUOR TO BE TIGHTER

Amendments to the Temperance Act Introduced in the Ontario Legislature.

PRESCRIPTIONS AFFECTED

DRUGGISTS MUST FILL OUT CERTIFICATE OF SALE.

Before Cider Can Be Manufactured The Maker Must Receive Permission From the Ontario License Board.

Toronto, March 14.—Hon. W. D. McPherson, Provincial Secretary, introduced a bill in the Legislature yesterday afternoon to amend the Ontario Temperance Act. The amendment provides that to every prescription containing alcohol the physician must attach a certificate showing that the quantity prescribed is the minimum amount required by the patient. The druggist or vendor who supplies the liquor must also fill out a certificate showing the date, name and address of the vendor and the name of the practitioner who ordered the liquor to be sold.

Before cider can be manufactured the manufacturers must receive permission from the board.

The bill provides that apartments that are over stores and having a private entrance shall be known as private dwellings. It also provides the machinery that those whose names are at present on the Indian list may be removed.

The privilege of standard hotels selling malt beverages will not apply in cities over 50,000 unless the sections of the Act is made to apply to those places. A ship or vessel on the great lakes shall be known as a place within the meaning of the Act.

A magistrate or court may rehear a case under the Ontario Temperance Act, where it is shown that all evidence to try the case has not been previously submitted. An important amendment is the one which provides that no essence or tincture containing alcohol shall be sold in bottles containing more than two and a half ounces. This will do away with the abuses previously carried on by the use of the essence of giner for intoxicating purposes. This clause does not apply to grocers and confectioners, who may order their essence in wholesale quantities, but no individual bottle shall contain more than two and a half ounces. Breweries are exempt from their local improvement tax in 1918, the same as they were in 1917. Several of the clauses in the Ontario Temperance Act are deleted so that the Act may be passed by the Dominion Government.

DROPPED BOMBS ON HARTLEPOOL, ENG.

Five Killed, Nine Injured and Many Houses Were Demolished.

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