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CIVIC WELCOME TO BE GIVEN

To the Kingston Men of First Contingent Who Are Returning.

A COMMITTEE APPOINTED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO ARRANGE THE DETAILS.

The Reception Will be Held in the City Hall Some Evening Next Week—Furlough Men Not Yet Arrived.

The City Council decided at its meeting on Monday night to give a civic welcome to the returned soldiers in the City Hall on an evening to be decided upon by a special committee consisting of Alds. O'Connor (chairman), Chown, Corbett, N. A. Smith and Litton. On motion of Ald. O'Connor and White the council appointed this committee and instructed the finance committee to furnish \$250 for entertainment purposes.

The special committee met on Tuesday morning to arrange the details, but found that none of the furlough men had yet arrived. An interview was held with Capt. W. J. Sharpe, casualty officer, who was added to the committee in an advisory capacity, and who will keep the alderman posted as to the coming of the furlough men. It is not likely the reception will be held until the middle of next week.

GERMANY AND JAPAN TO DIVIDE RUSSIA?

This is the Wall of Trotsky, the Former Bolsheviki War Minister.

Washington, March 19.—Russia's acceptance of the German peace terms was denounced here yesterday by Boris Bakmeteff, the Russian ambassador, who last November formally repudiated the Bolsheviki Government.

The conditions imposed by Germany, the ambassador declares, threaten the existence and independence of the country. The embassy, he declared, will continue to advocate co-operation with the Allies in the war on Germany.

What Trotsky Says. Petrograd, March 19.—Leon Trotsky, Bolsheviki War Minister, declared in an interview yesterday that an agreement exists between Germany and Japan to "divide Russia, on the basis of mutual interests."

Trotsky further declared that the Allies' greatest error has been in assisting Japanese plans for occupation of Siberia.

"America will be the first to forget the Allies' policy," he said.

Hear Of Commune.

Washington, March 19.—United States Ambassador Francis yesterday confirmed press despatches that Leon Trotsky, former Foreign Minister of Russia, had placed himself at the head of a commune at Petrograd. The ambassador referred to the communists as a new name for the Bolsheviki in Petrograd.

Trotsky is now known as the Commissary of the Commune.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

St. Patrick's Day was appropriately observed at the Vatican. It was announced in Paris that trepan fever is transmitted by lice.

The widow of the late Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., Toronto, died on Saturday in Detroit.

An agreement has affected greatly the mental capacities of the former Emperor Nicholas II.

Eight members-elect cannot take their seats in Parliament owing to protests filed against them.

Lord Shaugnessy, in danger of losing the sight of one eye, has undergone an operation for cataract.

A large steel plant is to be established by New York capitalists on the north arm of the Fraser River, B.C.

Most of the houses in Inuitfall, Australia, have been demolished by a cyclone. There were many casualties.

Cohasset Town Council, asked Chief of Police Burke for his resignation and deposed George Ross, Town Solicitor.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Victoria was defeated on a vote on Saturday. Parliament will be dissolved.

Steps have been taken by the Opposition Leader in New Brunswick, Hon. J. A. Murray, in the direction of woman franchise.

The Easter school vacation in Watertown, N.Y., may be changed to May so that the children can be of use in garden work.

Ontario farmers are indignant over the passage of the Natural Gas Act by the Legislature, and urge its amendment.

Philly Smith of Sarnia, employed by the Refit Wrecking Co. on the steamer Saranac at Halifax, fell overboard and was drowned.

Seed corn guaranteed 98 per cent. sold at the world record price of \$50 per bushel at William Taylor's auction sale near Harrow, Ont.

Rev. John W. Bethel, D.D., head of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church in Mexico, died in Mexico City.

Rev. F. C. Simpson, minister of the Presbyterian church, Bridgetown, N.S., died on Sunday as he was preparing for the service.

Baron Pirie, chairman of the Harland and Wolf Shipbuilding Company, has been offered the post of Minister of Merchants' Shipbuilding.

W. S. Middleboro, M.P., North Grey, is chief whip in Parliament, assisted by Dr. Manion, E. S. Elkin, A. L. Davidson, J. G. Turritt, W. A. Buchanan, S. F. Green.

The French recruits of the class of 1919, forming the sixth contingent called out since 1914, are said by the army medical examiners to represent the highest physical standard of all the contingents, the exemptions being the lowest on record.

Chemists of the national food administration have found ground glass, sand and silica in bread, rye-wheat flour and chocolate candy submitted to them for analysis by the United States Federal Food Board.

SUCCESSFUL RAIDS MADE BY ALLIES

Prisoners and Machine Guns Brought In—The Germans Were Repulsed

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 19.—English troops carried out successful raids last night in the neighborhood of Villers, Guislain, Lavequerie and Bois Grenier and captured a number of prisoners. The enemy's trenches of Neuve Chapelle were raided by Portuguese troops, who brought back prisoners and two machine guns. During the night the enemy attempted three raids in the neighborhood of Fleurbaix and Bois Grenier, but was repulsed with loss in each case. There was considerable hostile artillery activity in the forward and back areas in the Ypres sector.

A TYPICAL RUSSIAN FAMILY JUST BEHIND THE LINES.



The above picture shows a typical family group behind the lines in Russia. There is the father with his sheepskin coat with the wool inside, the wife with her bright colored skirt of a check of portentous size and her baby with its frilled cap of white linen. They are seated on a felled tree. The whole house is timber built, with primitive shutters on the windows.

WILL BE NO MORE DISMISSALS

Of Public Officials Unless Civil Service Commission Establishes Guilt.

LAURIER LIKELY TO DEAL WITH THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT LEGISLATION.

Premier Borden To Outline General Legislation Proposed by Government And to Announce Daylight Saving Date.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Ottawa, March 19.—It is expected that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will resume the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne when the House resumes this afternoon, but it is believed that the speech of the Opposition Leader will be mostly in regard to the Military Service Act.

Sir Robert Borden, Premier, will reply and will deal in a fairly exhaustive manner with the legislation as proposed by the Government. A definite date for setting forward the clock under the daylight saving bill will probably be announced by the Premier. It is expected that the debate on the speech will be concluded this week.

The Union Government has announced that there will be more dismissals of public officials unless the Civil Service Commission establishes the guilt of the accused.

ASKING FOR INSURANCE HELD BY MISSING MAN

His Wife is Destitute in Hamilton—Further Search is Required.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, March 19.—In October, 1909, William Traynor, foreman of the G.T.R. shops at Kingston, went to Fort William and thereafter dropped out of existence so far as his wife, Mrs. Hannah Traynor, Hamilton, is aware. This morning application was made to Justice Litchford at Ospego Hall, for an order, presuming the missing man to be dead, so that his insurance in the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association may be paid to his wife who is sixty-eight years of age and in destitute circumstances. She was supported by her daughter, a stenographer, but the latter is now dead. The daughter had sent photographs of her father to the police of western towns in an effort to find some trace of him, but without avail. Justice Litchford was not satisfied that every effort had been exhausted and directed that a further advertisement be inserted in the Winnipeg and Fort William papers.

Released German prisoners are helping the Bolsheviki in Siberia.

U-BOAT GRAVITY SHOULD BE TOLD

Insistence on the Publication of Facts For Nation to Realize.

OPTIMISM TOO EXCESSIVE

IS IN THE OPINION OF THE LONDON TIMES.

The Country Must Know We Are in a Very Critical Period—Review of Recent Sinkings.

London, March 19.—The Times' naval correspondent, commenting on the weekly submarine return, characterizes the figures as "a bad showing" and draws attention also to the total traffic movement, which shows a considerable slump.

"The official return of the British merchantmen losses is again far from encouraging," he says. "It gives especial emphasis to the serious nature of the situation, due to shipping delays in the output of mercantile tonnage. It is manifest that until further evidence is afforded by these official returns, the gravity of the crisis will not be realized fully, nor will those responsible be roused to a proper sense of their duty. It is not sufficient merely to publish tonnage output figures, but figures of tonnage losses also are necessary to enable the people to appreciate the difficulties of the situation."

"The sinking of big ships were indeed heavier than February, which the First Lord of the Admiralty admitted was a bad month. Only one out of every four vessels attacked escaped, instead of one out of three, which has been the average. There was also a falling off in traffic returns."

"The First Lord of the Admiralty said on March fifth that the sinkings in February were virtually equal to the average of the last six months, but in total traffic movements a considerable drop has occurred. The figure is now below the lowest since the returns have been issued."

Heavy Fighting On West Front.

Every sector on the western front is marked with spirited artillery action, Verdun and the Vosges regions being the storm centres.

Attacks by the enemy in the regions of Dixmude, Nieuport and Meeckem were very spirited. The Germans gained a footing at a few points but were later driven back.

Nation Must Realize. "It is essential that the nation should be made to realize that we have entered a very critical period of the war. In order that the utmost efforts should be put forth by everyone to enable us to triumph, the truth must be brought home to the people."

"It should be made clear that virtually every estimate of supply and production has been more or less falsified. Efforts must be made to manifest in regard to the mercantile shipbuilding output. The First Lord of the Admiralty has admitted that in regard to his programme of anti-submarine vessels, there also

has been delay and disappointments. Unless the menace of the U-boat can be effectively met by offensive measures, more merchant ships simply mean more targets for the ever-increasing forces of enemy submarines.

To some extent we may reply hopefully on America's help in dealing with the U-boat menace, but it would be foolish to base any large expectations of their efforts, expectant and zealous as we recognize these to be."

SEPARATE SERVICE IN AIR URGED NOW

French Public Demands More Aggressive Action Against German Aviation Bases

Paris, March 19.—One of the consequences of the recent air raids on Paris has been a demand for a more aggressive policy against German air bases, such as was suggested by prominent aviation officers at the Belgian front last November. It is beginning to be realized that repeated raids on the nearest German towns are unlikely to deter the enemy from bombing the French and British capitals. The only effective reprisals would be against Berlin, which is at present beyond reach of attack by an adequate air force.

An evidently inspired article in Premier Clemenceau's newspaper to-day makes the direct assertion that Germany's whole object in the raids is to force the withdrawal of Allied airplanes from the front in the hope of redressing her own inferiority in the air, which is daily growing more evident. In proof of this last assertion the writer gives the figures of the destruction in recent weeks of Allied and German air planes and says "on points of military importance in the war zone ten bombs are dropped by Allied airplanes for every one dropped by the Germans."

An ex-minister said: "I learn that a great measure of the recent British air success has been due to improved organization as the result of the formation of naval and military aviation forces into what might be termed an autonomous service. It is time for us to take a leaf from the English book and recognize that the war in the air may be even more decisive than operations on terra firma. At any rate it seems the only direction in which we are likely to have marked superiority over the enemy this year."

SOME RETURNED MEN. Among the soldiers who returned to the city on Tuesday morning was Pte. Joseph Brown, 2 Lower Rideau street, who has four sons still overseas. Pte. Brown went overseas as a baker with the Canadian Army Service Corps and served for some time there. He was returned to Canada because of his age and physical disability.

Gr. Guy A. Gamaby, son of Mrs. G. Gamaby, 317 King street west, was also in the party. He was formerly in the Merchants' Bank before going overseas with the artillery. He is suffering from gunshot wound in the back, but looks well.

Aside from Tr. Nelson, referred to elsewhere, Reginald Foster, of Kingston Mills, is the other local man in the party. He is a farmer and is returned, being under age.

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FOREIGNERS CAUGHT. New York, March 19.—Two men and two women of foreign birth, living in fashionable quarters here and said to have had code correspondence with diplomats and high officials of the German Government, were yesterday arrested by agents of the Department of Justice and turned over to the immigration authorities for deportation.

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This evidently refers to an offer made to Holland by the Allies, before the present action was decided upon, providing for the rationing of the Dutch people in exchange for concessions from Holland, the most important of which was the use of Dutch ships.

RETURNED MEN REACH KINGSTON

A Large Crowd Welcomed Them at the C.P.R. Station.

TRAIN ARRIVED AT 8 A.M.

ALD. NEWMAN GAVE THE MEN A CIVIC WELCOME.

Some of Them Were With the 21st and 38th Battalions—Many on Furlough and Others For Base Duty.

The first of three special trainloads of returned soldiers arrived in the city on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. Due to the usual mix-up in the sending of information, the R.C.H.A. band and relatives of the returning men were at the C.P.R. station at 5 o'clock. They waited for three hours until the train arrived. By the time of its arrival there was a big crowd on the station platform to make the welcome a proper one.

As the train pulled in, the soldiers lined up on the station platform and were served with refreshments by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. and N. Veterans' Association. The R.C.H.A. band played several popular selections, and then Ald. H. W. Newman, representing the mayor, spoke a few words of welcome. He referred to the reputation which the Canadians had won in France, and how proud the people at home were to have such men as fellow-citizens.

The returned men then marched out through the crowd and were greeted personally by Ald. Newman, Major G. L. Starr and Adjutant Smith. They marched to the Old Collegiate building and were later in the day allowed to go to their homes.

Some of the men who arrived on Tuesday morning were with the 21st and 38th Battalions of the Second and Third Divisions, who are on furlough while others are here for base duty.

It was a great day for Trumpeter Nelson of the R.C.H.A. He is one of the best known soldiers of the city who went overseas. When the train pulled into the station he first made a rush for the R.C.H.A. band, and even while the bandmen played, shook hands with them and showed how glad he was to be with them again.

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