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GERMAN POSITION MORE PERILOUS

The Further the Enemy Advances Along the Road to Amiens.

FRENCH COUNTER-ATTACK

TO RECLAIM POSITIONS TAKEN AT MOUNT KEMMEL

The Enemy Gains There Were Made at Frightful Cost—The Allied Reserves Are Virtually Intact.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

On the French in France, April 26.—The more they advance along the road towards Amiens, the more perilous becomes the salient the Germans are forming in the Somme region, especially in view of the fact that the Allied reserves are virtually intact and the Allied armies are now commanded by a single chief.

The present moment is less favorable to the German plans than when they started their advance on March 21st. Then a weak point existed between the French and British armies. Now there is no sensitive part of the line, since a unified command has given an opportunity to make the most practical use of all the Allied troops.

French Attack at Kemmel

(Canadian Press Despatch)

With the British Army in France, April 26.—The French this morning are counter-attacking at Mount Kemmel in an attempt to reclaim the positions taken by the Germans. Yesterday's fighting was of a desperate nature and the enemy gains were only made at a frightful cost.

Occupy Kemmel Hill.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, April 26.—The Germans after repeated assaults and suffering enormous losses, have occupied Kemmel Hill on Flanders front, it was stated by General Delmarad Cliffe, chief director of operations to-day.

STEAMER NEFF SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT

Will Go to Australia After Undergoing Repairs at Buffalo, N.Y.

The steamer Neff, which has been laid up at Kingston all winter, and has been a well-known vessel at this port for many years, has been sold to the Government for war work, and will clear for Australia just as soon as the vessel has undergone some necessary repairs at Buffalo, N.Y. The vessel was sold by Mr. McKay, of Hamilton, to the State Marine Commercial Company of New York.

MUNITION PLANT DESTROYED.

A Disastrous Fire on Friday at Chesley, Ont.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Chesley, Ont., April 26.—Fire which started from the explosion of a pot of resin wiped out the entire munition plant of the Canada Beds, Limited, this morning, destroying the machine shop and power house altogether with thousands of shells in various stages of manufacture. There is a suspicion in town that alien enemies were responsible for the fire and an investigation has already commenced.

FOUND SKELETON IN SWAMP.

Perhaps That of Robert Hoskins Who Disappeared Years Ago.

Belleville, April 26.—A skeleton of an adult believed to be that of Robert Hoskins, a well known Thurlow farmer who disappeared nearly four years ago, was discovered on Wednesday afternoon in a swamp in Sheffield's woods on the fifth concession of Thurlow.

The Price of Cheese.

Ottawa, April 26.—In answer to a question of Mr. Glass, of Middlesex, in the House of Commons as to whether the reports in the press that the price of cheese for 1918 had been fixed at from 22 cents to 23 cents, Sir George Foster replied that he could not say for sure, but that he presumed the report was correct.

Forbid All Weapons.

London, April 26.—General Mahon, commanding the troops in Ireland, has issued an order forbidding anyone to carry or possess arms, ammunition or explosives in 11 Irish counties, and also the cities of Cork and Limerick, unless duly authorized.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

Dr. A. C. Hawkins was elected mayor of Halifax.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, who died recently, left an estate of £5,786.

About half the bees around Brantford perished through the severity of the winter.

The time for completion of the Georgian Bay Canala has been extended to May, 1921.

Canadians in London refuse to send their families home unless those issuing the orders do the same.

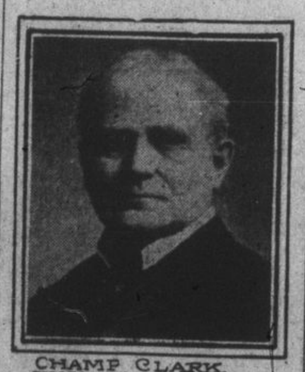
Nine sons of the late J. A. MacKay, of Montreal, who was buried Wednesday, a few weeks after his wife, are in khaki.

A saving in national printing of $175,000 in the first five and a half months of its existence is the record of the Editorial Committee.

Jeffrey Hale, London, former manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, left an estate of $112,000, in which his wife and two children share.

One of the decisions arrived at by Germany is that King Ferdinand of Rumania must leave the throne and allow his successor to be chosen by Austria.

OFFERED SENATORSHIP.



CHAMP CLARK.
PHOTO. BY C. M. BELL

Jefferson City, Mo., April 26.—Governor Gardiner tendered to Champ Clarke, speaker of the House of Representatives, the appointment as senator to succeed to the late William J. Stone.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE

WITH REGARD TO MEDICAL STUDENTS AT QUEEN'S.

Those in the First Three Years May be Allowed to Continue Their Studies—A Summer Session.

It is understood that as a result of negotiations conducted at Ottawa by Dean J. C. Connell, of Queen's Medical Faculty, satisfactory arrangements will be made regarding the medical students who are likely to be called to the colors under the latest regulations of the Military Service Act. That the final year men will be granted commissions within the next few weeks, if they are successful in their examinations, is the latest word, and it is also considered probable that a summer session will be held for the men in the fourth year in order that they may be graduated quickly.

Out of the whole faculty there are only about twenty-five men who are affected by the latest order-in-council calling out men of from twenty to twenty-two years. In the meantime the men who are liable under the Military Service Act in the first three years will be placed in the C.A.M.C. for medical work in Canada, and if conditions warrant it they will be allowed to continue their studies in the fall.

The demand for doctors is unprecedented, and the men in the faculty who come under the provisions of the conscription act have offered their services on graduation.

HOARDING OF SUGAR STRICTLY PROHIBITED

People Close to Dealers Can Have Only Fifteen Days' Supply.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Ottawa, April 26.—Drastic orders restricting the hoarding of sugar were issued by Canada's Food Board to-day, providing that any person other than a dealer or manufacturer having on his premises more can sugar than is sufficient for fifteen days' supply, unless he lives more than two miles from a licensed dealer, shall be liable to a fine of from $100 to $1,000, or three months' imprisonment, and any excess over the prescribed amount may be seized and forfeited.

The sugar hoarding regulation is in force from this date. People living more than two miles from licensed dealer are allowed thirty days' supply; five miles, sixty days; ten miles and more, 120 days.

Norwegian capitalists are making arrangements to revive the whaling industry in Newfoundland waters. They plan to sell the meat in the United States and make the fat into margarine.

Sir Collingwood Schreiber, K.C.M.G., General Consulting Engineer to the Government and one of the great railroad builders of the country, who died on March 23rd, left an estate worth $144,331.

The street car strike in Detroit has been called off, and the dispute will be settled by Federal mediation.

RURAL MEMBERS UTTER PROTEST

Against Taking More Experienced Men From Farms For Military Service.

UNPATRIOTIC SELFISHNESS

IN WHAT PREVAILS, DECLARES DR. J. W. EDWARDS.

Frontenac Member Objects to Big Husky Foreigners Being Allowed to Shine Shoes and Wait on Tables.

(Special to the Whig.)

Ottawa, April 26.—The agitation in rural Canada against the new Military regulations was reflected in the agricultural committee of the House of Commons to-day when several members vigorously protested against the new orders. Frank Glass, East Middlesex, strongly questioned the good judgment of the Government in taking more experienced men from the farmers. He described as folly a policy which took more skilled labor from the farm. John Best, Dufferin, backed up Mr. Glass, and claimed that something should be done in extreme cases where land will be left idle.

Dr. Edwards of Frontenac claimed that there was no use quarrelling with what had been done. He claimed that they were up against unpatriotic selfishness. "This was true of certain farmers and city profiteers who went to church every Sunday with bibles 'as big as box stoves.'" The doctor suggested that it should be an offense for any manufacturer to employ any physically fit man between the ages of 19 and 35. He also strongly protested against big husky foreigners being allowed to shine shoes and wait on tables. They should be forced to look for other jobs.

Capt. Reid of Prince Edward Island said the order was paralyzing farming condition on the Island. He suggested that a committee wait on the cabinet.

The sub-committee appointed a week ago was instructed to make a report by next Wednesday in the following points: (A), the listing of non-essential industries; (B), listing of cases where women can replace men of military age; (C), obtaining territorial reports on labor conditions.

THURSDAY'S BASEBALL.

National League.

New York	6	Brooklyn	5
Pittsburg	1	Cincinnati	0
Boston	6	Philadelphia	5
Chicago	3	St. Louis	2

American League.

Washington	7	New York	5
Boston	6	Philadelphia	1
Cleveland	8	Detroit	4

Tail-End Collision On G.T.R.

Brockville, April 26.—A wreck on the Grand Trunk Railway at Lancaster resulted in a caboose and three freight cars catching fire and being consumed. It was a tail end collision with the Brockville-Montreal way freight and an extra, the latter overhauling the other train which was making the cross over to clear. Engineer Rowledge and Fireman Pullen, Brockville, were carried into the wreckage and both severely injured. The former was brought to the General Hospital here and the latter received medical attention at Cornwall.

Caught Red-Handed.

Belleville, April 26.—Three boys, the eldest of whom is fourteen years were caught in the act of burglarizing Hope McGinnis' grocery store in this city. Mr. McGinnis detected the boys taking out a pane of glass at the rear of the store. One of the lads dealt the proprietor a severe blow over the head with a bottle, rendering him partially unconscious. The culprits were apprehended and locked up. Magistrate Masson enlarged the case until Monday next. One of the trio has another charge of the theft of a pair of rubber boots against him.

Were Chosen Officers.

Smith's Falls, April 26.—At the annual meeting of the Women's Canadian Club the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. C. Fose; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Keith; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. G. F. McKimm; secretary, J. E. Ruby; treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Lewis; councillors, Mrs. Wark, Mrs. R. Hawkins, Mrs. Ragsdale, Mrs. A. Allan.

Brockville Rowing Club.

Brockville, April 26.—At the annual meeting of the Brockville Rowing Club, Judge McDonald presented Charles Curran, Charles Scace, Stanley Barton and W. G. Osmond with cups given by him, emblematic of the spring championship fours of last season. The judge will make a similar donation for the next regatta.

K. G. Starr was re-elected president.

J. Frederick Johnston, M.P. for Last Mountain, Sask., on Tuesday last underwent a serious operation at Toronto General Hospital for appendicitis and amputation of the gall bladder.

An estate of $778,960 was left by T. H. Smallman, vice-president of the London Street Railway, and one of the heaviest stockholders in the Imperial Oil Company, who died last week.

A GALLANT CANADIAN WINS VICTORIA CROSS

Leads Three Troops Against Lines Heavily Armed With Machine Guns.

London, April 26.—The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Gordon Muriel Flowerdew, late of the Canadian cavalry, for most conspicuous bravery and dash when in command of a squadron detailed for special service of a very important nature.

On reaching his first objective Flowerdew saw two lines of the enemy each 60 strong, with machine guns in the centre and on the flanks, one line being about 200 yards behind the other.

Realizing the critical nature of the operation and how much depended on it, Flowerdew ordered the troops under Lieut. Harvey, V.C., to dismount and carry out a special movement, while he led the remaining three troops to the charge. The squadron, less one troop, passed over both lines, killing many of the enemy with the sword. Wheeling about they rode at them again, though the squadron had then lost about 70 per cent. of its members killed and wounded from rifle and machine gunfire directed on it from the front and both flanks.

The enemy broke and retired, and the survivors of the squadron established themselves in the position where they were joined after much hand-to-hand fighting by Lieut. Harvey's party.

Flowerdew was dangerously wounded, being shot through both thighs, but he continued to cheer on his men. There can be no doubt that his bravery was a prime factor in the capture of the position.

THE IRISH HIERARCHY DEFYING THE LAW

Times Says They Have Virtually Thrown Down Challenge to Parliament.

London, April 26.—The Times, in a leader referring to the Roman Catholic hierarchy of Ireland placing themselves at the head of the anti-conscriptionist movement says:

"It says much for the forbearance of the British people that so little protest has been made in public against this action, which raises an issue of tremendous gravity. It goes far deeper than the mere question of expediency of enforcing military service on Irishmen. It is nothing less at the bottom than the old claim of a powerful religious organization to defy the law of the land in a matter which is not even remotely religious."

The Times proceeds to say that the responsibility of the Irish Roman Catholic bishops in incalculably serious and must not be forgotten. "It is throwing down a challenge to the imperial parliament." The Times continues. "The Roman Catholic hierarchy has done far more than to repeat their old obscure intervention as individuals in the home rule controversy. They have openly assumed the right to interfere as a church in politics, and by so doing they have shaken to its foundation the whole edifice of religious toleration in these islands."

HE WANTS TO FIGHT.

Sixteen-year-old Boy Offers His Service to the Premier.

Ottawa, April 26.—A letter from a sixteen-year-old Toronto boy asking Sir Robert Borden to help him to get into the Canadian army was read in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister yesterday afternoon. "That is the spirit of Canada," said Sir Robert Borden. "As long as the spirit remains like that we have nothing to fear for the destines of our country either in the war or after the war."

Invisible Gas Made.

Amsterdam, April 26.—Speaking before the main committee of the reichstag, Lieut-Gen. von Stein, Prussian minister of war, said that 20,000 men wounded in the battles on the western front have already returned to their regiments. He said that the Germans are now manufacturing a new invisible gas. He claimed that the German tanks were superior, particularly in speed.

Long-Range Gun Destroyed.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Paris, April 26.—One of the three German long-range guns which has been bombarding Paris has been destroyed, according to Deputy Charles Lebeucq.

The reported presence of German troops at Simferopol marks the cutting of the railroad connecting the fortress of Sebastopol with the mainland of Russia.

The Dutch-German relations have reached a critical stage.

Was Successful; Vice Admiral Fired

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, April 26.—It is authoritatively announced to-day that complete success attended the British navy raid on Zeebrugge and that the channels are blocked there. A similar attempt at Ostend was frustrated by a change of wind. The German Vice-Admiral Schroder, commander at Zeebrugge, has been deprived of his command by the Kaiser.

GERMANS ARE ON KEMMEL SLOPES

Superior Enemy Forces Prevailed After Heavy Fighting.

HAD TO GIVE GROUND

FOUGHT ALONG A FRONT OF ABOUT TEN MILES.

A Statement Issued by the War Office—The Fighting Is Still Going On With Much Violence—Heavy Artillery Fighting South of Somme River.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London April 26.—A footing has been obtained on Kemmel Hill by the Germans in attacks on the northern battlefront the War Office announced to-day. Fighting is still continuing in this region. The Allied forces were engaged all day yesterday with greatly superior enemy forces along the front from Bailleul to Hollebeke, a distance of about ten miles, and finally were compelled to give ground.

The British and Australians have retaken Villers Bretonneux together with a large number of prisoners.

The British surrendered some positions on the Metern-Wytschaete line, but the Germans so far have failed to gain any high ground.

Heavy Fighting Is On.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Paris, April 26.—Heavy artillery fighting is reported by the War Office, south of the Somme river, to-day.

The statement follows: South of the Somme violent artillery fighting occurred during the course of the night. We carried out a number of roads at different points on the front, especially in the region east of Lassigny, between Miette and the Aisne, near the Zonvaux in the region of Eparges, in Lorraine and in Vosges. We took prisoners. Everywhere else the night was calm.

Cleaned Up the Posts.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, April 26.—German posts which were holding out southeast of Villers Bretonneux on the front south of Somme, after its recapture by the British, were cleared up. The statement says: We carried out a successful minor operation during the night west of Merville and captured fifty prisoners and three machine guns. Hostile artillery has been active along our front from the Lys River to Givenchy.

THE GERMAN LOSSES EXCEED FIVE MILLION

According to Berlin Admissions—Recent Big Offensive Counted For 600,000

London, April 26.—German losses in killed and wounded in the great offensive amounted to no less than 600,000 men, according to reliable information received from Scandinavian sources. These figures, which are, of course, unofficial, come from trustworthy sources. There has been much discussion as to the motive behind the disclosure of Karl Bleibtreu, in Neve Europa, that the German losses up to the end of January this year amounted to 4,456,000 men killed, wounded, and prisoners, excluding the navy and colonial troops, auxiliary forces, and deaths due to sickness. Combined with the figures of the recent battles Germany's total losses now exceed 5,000,000. The total given by Bleibtreu far exceeded anything Germany had previously admitted. There is a suggestion that Bleibtreu's article was intended to minimize proportionately the recent losses on the western front, which are causing serious disturbances in Germany. When the enormous casualties of the battlefield are added to the increased rate of mortality of the civilian population it is clear Germany's losses cannot be recovered in a generation.

BRITAIN'S ENORMOUS OUTPUT OF MUNITIONS

Can Go Through This Year Without Breaking Into 1919 Requirements.

London, April 26.—Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Winston Churchill said:

"Given loyal support by the workers, we can go through the 1918 fight on the present scale without breaking into the 1919 requirements," the minister said.

"At the end of last week, all the British munition losses of the present battle had been made good."

Mr. Churchill said that airplanes were being produced more rapidly than trained pilots were, and that every tank lost was replaced by a new and better one.

"Women are making nine-tenths of our output of shells."

Will Succeed O'Connor.

Ottawa, April 26.—Dr. R. J. McFall, of the Census and Statistics branch of the Trade and Commerce Department, is the man in view as Cost-of-Living Commissioner in succession to W. F. O'Connor, K.C., who recently resigned.

VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENTS

In Canada to October 31st, 1917, Were 439,806.

Ottawa, April 26.—In the Commons yesterday the following figures of voluntary enlistments up to 31st October, 1917, were:

Ontario, 191,632.
Quebec, 48,934.
Nova Scotia and P.E.I., 23,436.
New Brunswick, 18,022.
Manitoba, 52,784.
Saskatchewan, 26,111.
Alberta, 36,279.
B. Columbia and Yukon, 42,609.
Total, 439,806.

A Merited Recognition.

London, April 26.—The order of Knight Commander of the Bath has been conferred on Admiral Keyes in recognition of his services in command of the operations against Zeebrugge and Ostend. Commander Carpenter, for his services in command of the Vindictive, has been promoted to captain.

BRITISH FOOD CONTROLLER.

He Has Resigned Owing to Condition of Health.

BARON RHONDDA

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, April 26.—Baron Rhondda, the Daily Mail says it understands has resigned the office of British Food Controller, which he has held for the past ten months, owing to illness. John Clines, Parliamentary Secretary for the Food Ministry, has been in charge temporarily. David Alfred Thomas, first Baron Rhondda, has been known as Welsh coal king. He was on the Lusitania when she sank.

MEET THE COUNCILLORS

ASKING FOR AID FOR THE MILITARY Y.M.C.A. WORK

And Save Solicitation Through The County—Moved By The Appeal—Frontenac Will Not Fail In The Call Made To It.

A deputation of gentlemen interested in the campaign of the military Y.M.C.A., waited upon the members of the Frontenac County Council who were attending a meeting of the Finance and the Good Roads committees. The deputation comprised Robert Meek, chairman of the campaign committee, W. R. Givens, George Smith, J. G. Elliott, Mr. Thurlow, district organizer, Capt. John McNab and Lieutenant Topping. The chair was occupied by ex-Warden James Halliday and the councillors present were Warden Reed, Councillors Coulter, McFadden, Patterson, Parks, Wensley, Cox and Truscott. County Clerk Bradshaw and County Treasurer Purdy were also present.

Organizer Thurlow detailed the plan of campaign and suggested that Frontenac County through its council make a generous grant and avoid a campaign and personal solicitation throughout the district. Many other counties have done this making assessments of from one to two and one-half mills on the dollar. Robert Meek gave a very lucid account of the way the Military Y. M. C. A., was helping at the front and the call there was to carry on the work which makes for the greatest efficiency among the soldiers. He urged that Frontenac have a share in the work in view of the great number of men who have gone from its homes to the trenches.

Capt. McNab and Lieut. Topping spoke with a personal knowledge of the good work accomplished at the front, in the rest camps and in London and in Paris. Frontenac would be honoring itself and the soldiers it had sent by helping to maintain an institution which had the support and sympathy of every Canadian overseas. Messrs. Elliott and Smith also advanced reasons why Frontenac should have a share in helping in creating a pure, homelike atmosphere amid the horrors of war.

There was a generous response on the part of the members of the council, each speaking sympathetically of the way in which the deputation had presented its facts and believing the Military Y.M.C.A., was one of the many noble activities at work in caring for and sustaining the Canadians at the front. They were pleased at the way the council had been approached and the deputation could rest assured that Frontenac was earnest in its purpose not to fail when it was seized of the necessities through any great appeal. The members promised to consider thoughtfully the call that had come to them and make a decision at the meeting of the council in June next.

The deputation withdrew thanking the councillors for the hearing that had been given it.

ENDEAVORING TO STOP CRITICISM

Hindenburg's Drive Was Started Because of the Reichstag Meeting.

GAINS DO NOT COMPENSATE

FOR THE TERRIBLE CASUALTIES THE GERMANS SUSTAINED.

The Enemy Army Leader's Reputation is Beginning to Suffer—Every German Assault That Fails Will Injure Him.

New York April 26.—The assembling of the Reichstag this week has increased the urgency for a quick German victory, along the west front; and it is principally to forestall criticism by the members of the Reichstag that von Hindenburg is now trying to drive his semi-exhausted troops to a further advance.

A firm stand by the allies at this time and the consequent abandonment by von Hindenburg of his new offensive will undoubtedly have a profound effect upon the Reichstag. There is no question but that a critical attitude toward the stupendous west slaughter of Germans has arisen in the Reichstag. The territorial gains are coming to be considered wholly inadequate compensation for the heavy casualties, by a growing section of German public opinion. Unless von Hindenburg, therefore, can conjure up a new victory of stupendous proportions, he must submit to increasing criticism at home that will seriously threaten his prestige.

The Reichstag has just heard from Minister of Marine von Capelle a very unconvincing statement about submarine successes. The Reichstag too, is beginning to realize that the government's contemptuous disbelief in America's ability to send a great army to France is being shown to be the greatest blunder of the war.

With the failure of the submarines and the failure of the German militarists to forsee what America's part in the war would mean it is no wonder that members of the Reichstag are becoming skeptical of the value of von Hindenburg's recovery at so tremendous a blood cost of territory which he voluntarily abandoned a year ago.

Von Hindenburg's reputation may even now be on the verge of collapse. There is no doubt but that his unparalleled prestige as least is beginning to tremble with the halt of the German advance. The Reichstag is privileged to ask questions of the government as long as the allies hold von Hindenburg at bay. Every German assault that fails along the west front will be provocative of further unrest among the members of the Reichstag in Berlin.

BILLY SUNDAY SUED.

$10,000 Sought For Breach of Contract in Bible Love Stories.

New York, April 26.—The Rev. William A. Sunday, the evangelist, was sued in the Supreme Court yesterday by Hugh C. Weir, of New Rochelle, to recover $10,000 for breach of a contract, under which Weir alleges he wrote the series of "Great Love Stories of the Bible," which appeared with Billy Sunday's name as the author. Weir also alleges that under the agreement with Sunday he was to write "Bill Sunday's Own Story" and other series based on the Bible.

Mr. Sunday has served his answer in the suit, in which he admits that Weir collaborated with him in writing "Great Love Stories of the Bible," but denies that he has broken any agreement made with Weir.

CURTAIL CANDY MAKING.

Order From Food Board Likely Within Few Days.

Toronto, April 26.—An order by the Canada Food Board for the curtailment of the manufacture of candies is expected within the next few days. The Food Board has already taken action regarding the question of ice cream limiting the amount of butter fat which shall be used in its manufacture.

While the manufacture of ice cream will go on, it will be of a poorer quality, as the butter fat permitted will be reduced, thus releasing larger quantities for the making of cheese, butter and other foodstuffs.

The details of the curtailment of confectionery are not known here.

Medical Decisions.

Ottawa, April 26.—In connection with the Pensions Committee at its session, Col. McGillivray was a witness. W. F. Nickle read a letter he had received from a prominent medical man criticizing the decision of the Pensions Board as to disabilities and suggesting the appointment of a medical board of review in each military district before whom men could appear personally. Col. McGillivray said there was a lot to be said both for and against this suggestion.

Bolsheviki More Popular

Moscow, April 26.—The feeling against the Bolsheviki among the burgeois classes in Russia is said to be gradually dying out.