

ABOUT \$5,000 IS SUBSCRIBED AS RESULT OF FIRST DAY'S CANVASS FOR MILITARY Y.M.C.A. FUND. A LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS SMALLER SUMS HAVE YET TO BE TABULATED.

The Red Triangle Fund Is Treated in the Same Name as the Canadian Red Cross and Patriotic Funds. As the result of the first day's canvass for the Military Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Fund it is figured that about \$5,000 has been subscribed and the collectors are confident of securing the \$15,000, which has been set as Kingston's part of the two-and-a-quarter million dollars to be raised in Canada.

DEDUCT FROM INCOME TAX. A despatch from the Department of Finance at Ottawa to general headquarters announces that war funds of the Y.M.C.A. are to be treated in the same manner as Canadian Red Cross and Patriotic Funds in regard to income tax both of individuals and corporations, when net incomes for taxation purposes are arrived at.

until the last minute, when the workers hope to have secured well over \$15,000. George Smith is being assisted in the campaign by Pte. F. R. Bullis, who served at the front with the C.A.P.C. He was gassed last May and returned to Canada some months ago. Pte. Bullis declared on Wednesday that he considered it a privilege to be able to do something for the Y.M.C.A. "I am not doing this from any Christian motive, but simply because I don't want to forget my pals. You can send any of your 'knockers' to me for I know what the Y.M.C.A. means."

LONG-RANGE GUN OUT OF ACTION French Artillery Got Bullseye on the Last of the German Battery. Paris, May 8.—Another long-range gun, with which the Germans from the region of Crepy-en-Valois started bombarding Paris, has been put out of action. Charles Lehoucq, Controller of the Army Comptroller, states he was at the front watching the French artillerymen bombarding a long-range emplacement when the airplanes assisting the operations signalled the magic words "bullseye." This was a 5,000 lb chance, and the first bullseye in six weeks. When the Germans started bombarding Paris they had a battery of three of these giants on the shoulder of Mont de Jolie. The first was put out of action six weeks ago. That is the gun which was seen returning home in a state of dilapidation through Belgium. Another was damaged ten days ago, though not put out of action entirely, and its crew killed. That left one. This is now destroyed, though doubtless the Germans will replace the losses.

SINKING OF U-BOATS STEADILY INCREASES While the Sinking of Merchant Ships Has Fallen Steadily. (Canadian Press Despatch) London, May 8.—"Sinking of enemy submarines has increased steadily and sinking of merchant ships has fallen steadily," declared the Admiralty spokesman at the Admiralty, in a speech at Bristol last night. The output of tonnage month by month is well ahead of last year. Large plans have been laid by America and Great Britain for the output of new tonnage, but the plans must take time to mature. Meanwhile, he added, the onus of immediate output was on the United Kingdom.

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HUN GUNS SUCCESSFULLY BOMBARD DAY NURSERY—A GREAT VICTORY!



The above remarkable pictorial evidence of the fiendishness of the Hun shows the havoc that resulted when a shell from one of his long range guns fell in a nursery. Many children and their nurses were killed and the remainder terribly injured. While the French mothers, many of them already made widows by the war, were prostrated by this new bereavement, the German people were joyfully celebrating the announcement that monster guns had begun bombarding "the Fortress of Paris."

MUST PROROGUE OR ADJOURN

By the 18th to Allow Premier to Attend Imperial War Conference.

SIR SAM HUGHES OBJECTS TO COMMONS BUSINESS BEING INTERFERED WITH.

Lively Tilt Between Sir Sam and Premier When Latter Said He Would Give Information That Was Not Confidential. (Special to the Whig) Ottawa, May 8.—Parliament will prorogue or adjourn by Saturday, May 18th. This was stated by Sir Robert Borden in the House this morning. The Premier said that if the business could not be finished by that date then there would have to be an adjournment until August. There was no desire to curtail discussion, but unless they could finish the members would have to return later in the summer.

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Dublin Politicians Are Outflanked by Lord French's Appointment.

London, May 8.—Lloyd George has appealed to the military spirit of the Irish people, irrespective of the question of conscription, by the appointment of Viscount French, Ireland's foremost soldier, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. By this unexpected move he has outflanked the Irish politicians who never lost sight of the political advantages to be gained by their opposition to conscription. It is expected, French's appointment will have the effect of greatly stimulating Irish recruiting, as he is first and always an Irish soldier. He never has been identified with politics, was colonel of the Irish Guards, is colonel-in-chief of the Royal Irish Regiment. Thousands of Irishmen who volunteered the first year fought unhesitatingly for him and France with unexampled heroism and devotion. It has been argued by those who have understood the Irish temperament that if some method be found to lead the Irishmen into the army instead of driving them, conscription will be unnecessary. French's appointment is believed to go a long way toward bringing this about, while it is also taken to indicate that the Government intends to bring forward its Home Rule proposals at the earliest possible moment.

NICARAGUA DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, May 8.—Nicaragua yesterday declared war on Germany and her allies. The declaration of war was adopted by Congress at the suggestion of President Chamorro, with only four dissenting votes. Congress also adopted a declaration of solidarity with the United States and the other American Republics at war with Germany and Austria, and authorized the President to take steps for utilization to a full measure of the nation's forces in the war. Nicaragua's action followed that of its neighbor, Guatemala, which last month declared war on Germany. Nicaragua severed relations with Germany a year ago. Nicaragua is the latest nation which has declared war against Germany.

BRITISH SUBJECTS MURDERED. Eagle Pass, Texas, May 8.—Mexican bandits have murdered four British subjects at La Mariposa, Mexico, according to a telegram received by George H. Lamare. The victims were: Miss G. Lamare and Mrs. Frederick Hillcoat, Mr. Lamare's sisters; Frederick Hillcoat and his son, Jerry. The murders were committed last Thursday, the telegram said. Lamaposa is in the Santa Rosa mountains, near Muzquiz, about 250 miles south of Eagle Pass.

FOR BELGIAN BABIES. New York, May 8.—A thousand young women, students at high schools and colleges in this city, raised about \$50,000 for the relief of Belgian babies by selling forget-me-nots. Nearly 400,000 persons purchased the flowers.

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THE TIPPING SYSTEM RECEIVES A JOLT New Law in Britain Forbids Acceptance of Salesmen's Gifts. London, May 8.—Before the end of the present war virtually all the cherished customs of the British people will have been forbidden or rendered impracticable. The list of forbidden things grows daily. Among the earliest regulations issued was one that forbade treating one's friends to alcoholic liquor. The latest forbids you to tip the numerous tradesmen's assistants, but it wisely or otherwise exempts those employed in those places where they serve food or drink to be consumed on the premises.

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