

Mill Guard Bridge at Vanceboro Maine

The portion of the detention company consisting of one officer, Lieut. W. G. Thomson, three sergeants, three corporals, and twenty privates, left for the Canadian border at Vanceboro on Monday morning to mount guard over the international bridge.

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Defeated Turks Stabbed Germans

London Feb. 19.—Russet Petrograd correspondent sends the following.

'A despatch from the Caucasus says the Turks, before surrendering, stabbed their German instructors, and that not one of the instructors was among the many prisoners taken.'

Give German Cruiser 24 Hours to Leave in

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 19.—The Argentine Government is considering the matter of warning the German steamer Holger and the auxiliary cruiser Ardonna to leave this port within 24 hours, or be disarmed and interned, it was announced tonight. The Holger arrived here yesterday, having aboard the crews of several merchant ships sunk during January and February by the German auxiliary cruiser Kron-Prinz Wilhelm.

Liner Speeded Down Channel in the night.

New York, Feb. 20.—The liner Lusitania reached New York today from Liverpool, having made the trip, her officers said, without finding it necessary to hoist the United States flag. On the outward voyage the liner sailed under the Star and Stripes while in the Irish Sea. Fear of submarines kept the big vessel at anchor in the Mersey for nearly five hours after she left the dock, until an hour or more after night fall.

According to passengers, the ship's officers said they were waiting for a favorable tide. The wait lasted from 2.58 o'clock in the afternoon till 7.45 o'clock in the evening. Then the Lusitania proceeded at full speed down the Channel in the darkness.

Attack upon Suez Canal Dismal Failure for Turks

London, Feb. 20.—The Morning Post, in a despatch from Alexandria, says,

'The seven hundred refugees brought here by the United States warship, Tennessee state that the defeat of the Turks at the Suez Canal was more serious even than has been thought. Djmal Pasha is said to be discouraged and has stated, it is declared, his intention to abandon the invasion of Egypt

unless a new army is forthcoming. The Germans in Jaffa state that many German officials have been killed. The Germans first divulged the defeat in their exasperation with the Turks.'

WEED SEEDS IN SOILS.

The presence of weed seeds in soils under different systems of culture and cropping should be suggestive to farmers. An investigation being conducted by the Seed Branch, Ottawa, shows a sod field which had been in hay or pasture for six years to contain 19,183 weed seeds in a surface square yard one inch deep, 8912 in the same volume of soil at a depth from two to three inches and 4309 at a depth of five to seven inches. Another field which had been under a good system of cultivation and rotation contained 4,984 weed seeds in the surface soil and 3,020 in each of the other depths. The concentration of seeds in the surface layer of the sod field may be explained by weeds being allowed to reproduce themselves from year to year. Information as to the percentage vitality of weed seeds at the different depths is not yet complete but a large number of the surface seeds in the case of the sod field are vital. This investigation indicates the importance of short rotations, good cultivation and prevention of weeds going to seed. Other important methods of weed control are summer ploughing of sod lands followed by frequent autumn cultivation to destroy growing weeds, thorough cultivation during the growing season of hoed crops and after-harvest cultivation of cereal crops which have not been seeded down.

Seed Branch, Ottawa.

Armed With Shovel Killed Four Germans

(Special Cable Despatch to The Toronto Globe.)

London, Feb. 18.—The official eye-witness with the British forces on the continent describes as follows the recapture by the British on February 15 of the position south of the Ypres-Comines Canal, which the Germans had taken from them.

"During our bombardment previous to the assault the Germans took refuge in underground dug-outs. Our assault was so well timed and sudden that when they emerged they found our infantry on top of them. Those who showed fight were bayoneted. Many surrendered, some crying for mercy and offering watches, money, cigars and fruit in order to buy their lives.

"One German officer was bayoneted while telephoning presumably for reinforcements. Four Germans were killed by one of our men who was armed only with a shovel.

"Among the spoils of war captured was a large amount of dum-dum ammunition.

"Repeated references to the rise in prices and scarcity of foodstuffs, in letters found on the Germans, are significant."

Druggists Kicking over New War Tax

Montreal, Feb. 19.—Druggists and proprietary medicine manufacturers are up in arms over the Government's new war tax, and a vigorous protest will be made to the Minister of Finance at

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Ottawa. A meeting has been called of representatives of the Wholesale Drug Association of Canada, and of the proprietary trade association to select a deputation to go to Ottawa next week, and ask the Hon. Mr. White to revise the schedule which imposes a war tax on patent medicines manufactured in Canada and outside. It is pointed out that the proposed tax of 10 and 20 per cent on single articles, is equivalent to 15 to 40 per cent wholesale, and in addition there is 7-1-2 per cent increase on all imports. The tax on alcohol is declared to be excessive in view of increases made last August.

Expect the U. S. to give up Horn

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Though the case has not yet been determined in any definite way, there is every expectation here that the Government of the United States will grant the extradition of Werner Van Horn, the German who recently blew up the Canadian Pacific bridge at Vanceboro. The case is being investigated by officers of the United States

Government and watched by the Canadian secret service.

It is believed that the only chance of Van Horn staying on the American side and escaping Canadian justice will be by substantiating the claim of carrying out the details of a plot of war arranged in Germany. In that event it might be constructed as a non-extraditable political crime.

The Canadian contention which it is thought will be recognized, is that the crime was one against Criminal Code, and that Van Horn should without delay be surrendered to the Dominion authorities.

How Trench Dug-Outs Are Made Comfortable

How the British soldier succeeds in getting the maximum of comfort out of the worst of conditions is described in a letter to his parents at Hurstpierpoint by Private B. Lillywhite, of the Queen's Westminster Rifles. He says:

"Our home is about 5 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high. The walls are of earth and the roof wood, plastered up with mud to prevent the rain rolling in.

"One side is the picture-gallery, for postcards, etc., also the candlestick is fixed in the wall. Farther down, the shelf with the stores, smokes, books, etc. On the roof are hung cubs and mess tins, and the door consists of a sack and water-proof sheet.

"Between the sack and the side we get a view of the trench, which reminds me of the Thames at low tide. The floor consists of boards laid on the earth and our pillows are our packs. As you can guess, there is no room to spare after two six-footers get inside.

"We sit on our pillows and lean back on our fur coats and imagine we are at home. Sometimes we have a coke fire inside to dry our clothes a bit. Of course, the hut is not so clean as it could be, owing to the mud on our boots and putties; but mud seems to be part of us now. On the roof is a layer of earth, about a foot thick, which makes it bullet-proof.

"We occasionally get one on top in the mud, but the parapet prevents it coming inside. Most of the huts have names. Ours is the Drip-drip, No. 2 Mud Terrace."

HAS 120 SUBMARINES!

London, Feb. 19.—A despatch to The London Daily Mail from Copenhagen repeats the story that the Kaiser, accompanied by Prince Henry of Prussia and Admiral Von Tirpitz, is going to Helgoland to direct the attacks on Britain, and add:—"It is reported that the Germans have built 120 big mine laying submarines during the last six months, each with a carrying capacity of over 100 mine."

Germans Forbid Bishop Reading Pastoral Letter.

Havre, (via Paris), Feb. 20.—The German military authorities have forbidden the reading of a Lenten pastoral letter issued by Monsignor Heyten, Bishop of Namur according to information received here, because it enumerates instances of indignities which he accuses the Germans of having made upon the priests of his diocese.

PATRIOTISM and PRODUCTION

Complete Your Plans Now

The important thing now is to complete at once your plan for the year's work—for increased production. By planning well in advance, each month's operations can be carried through more effectively when the time comes. Delays later on, through neglect of this, will mean loss to you and to the Empire.

Use the Best Seed

This year, for the sake of the Empire, farmers should be exceptionally careful in the selection of seed. Cheap seed is often the dearest. If every Canadian farmer would use only the best varieties, and sow on properly cultivated soil, the grain output of Canadian farms would be doubled. Deal only with reliable seedsmen. Write at once to Canadian Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and to your Provincial Agricultural Department for information as to the best varieties of seed to be used in your particular locality, and use no others.

ATTEND YOUR CONFERENCE

Test Your Seed

Test your seed for vitality, too. Seed is not always as good as it looks. For example, oats, quite normal in appearance and weight, may be so badly damaged by frost that their value for seed is completely destroyed. If you have any doubt as to the quality of your seed a sample may be sent free to the seed laboratory at Ottawa, or Calgary, for test. But in most cases this simple test will prove sufficient.

Take a saucer and two pieces of blotting paper. Place seed between blotting papers. Keep moist and in a warm place. In a few days, you will be able to see whether the vitality is there. Neglect to test your seed may mean the loss of crop.

The Farm Labour Problem

The Government suggests the forming of an active committee in every town and city, composed of town and country men and women. This committee would find out the sort of help the farmers of their locality need, and get a list of the unemployed in their town or city, who are suitable for farm labour. With this information, the committee would be in a good position to get the right man for the right place.

Councils, both rural and urban, Boards of Trade and other organizations could advantageously finance such work. Every unemployed man in the town or city who is placed on the farm becomes immediately a producer, instead of a mere consumer and a civic expense.

Increase Your Live Stock

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