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PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[February 15 to February 21]

IF the news from the various battle fronts was very meagre during the week under review, it was undoubtedly due to the fact that there were no events of outstanding importance to report.

In the Western campaign the British made further gains in the Somme sector and further to the north; but in the Champagne district the French yielded some ground to the Germans. But no great alterations in positions were effected on any part of the Western front. A considerable number of casualties were reported, indicating some activity, the week was one of preparation rather than of big undertakings.

So little news was received of the Eastern campaign, the Austro-Italian campaign, and the campaign in the Caucasus and the Balkans, that it may be all summed up in the two words "no progress."

In the Mesopotamian campaign the British made further gains in the week in their investment of Kut-el-Amara, but towards the week's close their progress was temporarily checked and they had to withdraw slightly from some of their positions northeast of the town.

During the week a report was received that the British had captured the entire garrison which the Turks had re-established at Bir-el-Hassana, and that a similar garrison at Nakhil had fled, leaving prisoners in the hands of the British. These two places are in the Sinai Peninsula about midway between the Suez Canal and the Turco-Egyptian boundary. The presence of Turkish forces, however small, on Egyptian soil and in such proximity to the Suez Canal illustrates the great vigilance necessary on the part of Britain to keep open the waterway connecting the East with the West.

No news was received of the campaign in East Africa beyond the bare mention that it was drawing to a close.

The German submarine campaign was prosecuted vigorously during the week, and the merchant vessels destroyed are mentioned in "News of the Sea" compiled from the daily press dispatches. The list is a long one, but there was no mention as compared with the number of vessels sunk in the week preceding. Some lives were lost, among them those of Americans; but the circumstances, apparently, did not constitute the overt act that is awaited before America declares war.

NOMINATION DAY

SATURDAY, Feb. 24, was Nomination Day for the Provincial General election, and the Clerk of the Court was exceedingly kind in providing an ideal winter day for the occasion. There was a large gathering of people in St. Andrews from all parts of the County, many coming by road, and by steamers, and the noon train brought an excursion party from St. Stephen via West Junction. The formal proceedings, conducted by Sheriff Stuart (who has had Mr. F. L. Mallory for Secretary), were concluded at noon, the following candidates being duly nominated: Supporting the Government—Hon. H. I. Taylor, St. George; R. Watson Grimmer, St. Stephen; Scott D. Gupit, Grand Manan; and Harry W. Smith, Milltown. Supporting the Opposition—Wm. F. Todd and Burton M. Hill, St. Stephen; Hugh R. Lawrence, St. George; and Joseph E. Gaskill, Grand Manan.

In the afternoon the Court House was well filled by a representative gathering of the electorate, and all the candidates were present. Shortly after 2 o'clock Mr. J. Whidden Graham took the chair and opened the proceedings. Mr. Gupit spoke first, and his address, which took nearly thirty minutes to deliver, was fluent and well received. He was followed by Mr. Gaskill, who proclaimed himself a worker rather than a talker, and promised, if elected, to serve the best interests of Charlotte County and the Province. It was quite evident that Mr. Gaskill had many friends in the audience. Hon. Dr. Taylor, who spoke next, made the longest speech of the afternoon. He was in good form, and his remarks elicited much applause on the part of the Government supporters present.

Mr. Hill followed in a speech that received the closest attention of all present, and indicated the reasoning mind that he would bring to his legislative duties if elected to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Smith was the next speaker, and his address was a very favorable impression indeed. His support of the temperance legislation of the present Government was emphasized.

Mr. Lawrence followed, went into facts and figures, got a little mixed, but made a rattling good speech and was heartily applauded.

Mr. Grimmer was the next speaker, and he spoke well and at length; but his reference to Mr. Hill's attitude in connection with the Valley Railway brought that gentleman to his feet with an explanation that completely answered Mr. Grimmer's queries, and turned the tables on him.

The last speaker was Mr. Todd, who spoke in his usual pleasing manner, but had to curtail his remarks owing to the lateness of the hour and the fact that many persons present, including himself and the Chairman, had to leave by train. The proceedings terminated by a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, moved by G. W. Gomer, seconded by the honor guest, Mr. J. E. Gaskill.

It is most satisfactory to be able to record the fact that no disturbance of any kind marred the proceedings, and no

personalities were indulged in. Four of the candidates—Mr. Smith on the Government side, and Messrs. Gupit, Hill, and Lawrence on the Opposition side—are candidates for the first time, and they all acquitted themselves well under the circumstances. The tone struck on Nomination Day seems to be that which has prevailed in Charlotte County throughout the short campaign. The County is always an orderly one, and party feeling is much less bitter than in many other Counties in the Province. One unusual feature, however, in the present election is the fact that there is no lawyer among the candidates in this County. The legal fraternity has never flourished conspicuously in Charlotte, though the County has given birth to a number of the Province's greatest legal lights. But Charlotte County people do not like litigation, and do not unduly encourage the legal profession.

PUBLIC WORKS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY

IN justice to the Member of Parliament for Charlotte County we print in another column a list of expenditures made in the County by the Dominion Government during the time he has been representing the constituency at Ottawa. We do not know what portion of the public works concerned undertaken and carried through by the Government Departments at Ottawa. We have not hesitated in the past (nor shall we hesitate in the future should occasion arise) to call the attention of our parliamentary representatives to the needs of his constituents in the matter of improved public services; and so it is only fair, conversely, that we should call the attention of his constituents to the services he has already rendered in their behalf.

THE WEATHER

THE weather has continued cold, and old February has maintained his reputation beyond doubt this year. Last week an unusual occurrence took place here, the harbor being completely covered with ice so that crossings were made thereon and from Indian Island. To describe the harbor as "frozen over" would not be quite correct, for most of the ice was drift from the St. John's side, had been broken open by tugs engaged in keeping the river open at St. Stephen and Calais. The ice that had drifted and lodged in St. Andrews Harbor was all floated out this week by the tug "Polaris," a Canadian Government tug.

Two things have been demonstrated conclusively this winter concerning Port St. Croix. The winter has been one of the coldest on record, with only very few and brief periods of thaw, and yet the navigation of the St. Croix River all the way up to St. Stephen has been kept open at a very small cost; and it has been demonstrated that from Oak Bay to the extremities of Passamaquoddy Bay ice in the coldest winter will not interfere with navigation.

POLLING DAY

To-day is Polling Day for the Provincial General election, and to-night the result will be known. The campaign has been short, and the weather conditions as favorable as could have been expected in what is almost invariably the coldest month of the year. Throughout the Province generally the election has been an unusually quiet one, the people all realizing that the result of a political contest is of minor importance compared with the great struggle in which the Province, along with the rest of the Empire, is engaged. Recitation and personal opinion have not been altogether lacking, but they have savored largely of the proverbial blackening of each other's character by the two kitchen cooking utensils.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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St. John, N. B., Feb. 21, 1917.

In a recent article of yours on the engaging subject of Max Allen's advancing fortunes you confessed yourself at a loss to know where in Vaughan, the late of the "Little House of Mystery," was born in that vicinity. Vaughan is a township in the County of York, Province of Ontario, lying some five miles north and west of Toronto. Max was not born in the whole township, but in the modest little hamlet of Maple, situated near the centre thereof, a modest town, but modest none the less. It has been said that the new ornament to the Upper House thought to bring honor to his native place, and that his title the name Lord Maplewood, or even Lord Maple Sugar. Would that he had done so! Instead, the honor goes to this Province of New Brunswick, which, alas, I do not appreciate it.

MAPLE BUDD.

At the Convention of the Charlotte County Opposition party held in St. Stephen, Thursday, February 15, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS the Hon. Dr. Clarke a native of the County of Charlotte and for many years a resident of the Town of Saint Stephen has been compelled to resign the office of Premier of New Brunswick, on account of ill health, and is at present confined to his residence in Saint Stephen.

Therefore resolved that we the members of the Provincial Opposition Party in the County of Charlotte now in Convention assembled do hereby extend to the Hon. Dr. Clarke our sincere sympathy in his illness and express the earnest wish that he may soon be restored to health. And further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Secretary to the Hon. Dr. Clarke and the newspapers of Charlotte County.

NEWS OF THE SEA

—London, Feb. 21.—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer *Brigade*, of 425 tons gross, has been sunk. The *Brigade* was built at Paisley in 1914, and was owned in Glasgow. She was 149 feet long.

Lloyd's announces that the British ship *Centurion* has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

—Paris, Feb. 21.—The sinking of the *Brigade* was announced on Friday morning on Feb. 16; *Shogun*, on Feb. 18; *Guiseppe*, on Feb. 18; *Guido*, on Feb. 19; *Rosalia*, on Feb. 20.

Maritime records list two steamers named *Mama*, on Italian, 2,854 tons gross, and the other Greek, 2,526 tons gross. The Norwegian steamer *Shogun*, 3,041 tons, sailed from New York on Jan. 13 for Kirkwall. The Swedish steamer, *Shogun*, 3,264 tons, sailed from Norfolk, Jan. 26, for Bagdad.

No vessel named *Guiseppe* is listed. There are two Italian steamships *Guiseppe*, one 1,856 tons, and the other 1,221. The *Guido* referred to probably is the British steamer of that name, 2,063 tons gross. Two Russian sailing ships, *Shogun* and *Guido*, are also listed. There is also an Italian sailing ship, *Shogun*, 3,240 tons, which sailed from New York on January 28 for Saloonia. There is also an American ship *Rosalia*, 329 tons, owned in San Francisco.

—Berlin, Feb. 21.—Via Saville—"A large number of hostile vessels, among them an Italian transport crowded with men, have been sunk in the bar of the Mediterranean during the last few days." The Semi-Official Overseas News Agency announces. Other ships sunk by submarines are enumerated as follows:

"Two armed steamers of 3,000 and 4,500 tons respectively, with important cargoes for Saloonia. Italian steamer *Ossana*, 4,200 tons. French steamer *Montevaux*, 4,200 tons. French sailing vessel *Apollonia*, 600 tons, with iron for Italy."

The Italian steamer *Ossana* of 4,217 tons gross left New York on January 27 for Saloonia.

WATER POWERS OF MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA

"Water Powers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta," a well-bound and attractively illustrated volume just issued by the Commission of Conservation, forms a valuable contribution to the authentic literature respecting the natural resources of the Prairie Provinces. This report, by Leo G. Denis and J. B. Chalmers, comprises the results of special surveys by the Commission of Conservation and a compilation of records from other reliable sources. As a compendium of all available data on the subject, it is particularly valuable for reference purposes.

While the Prairie Provinces, as a whole are not lavishly endowed with water-powers, the report demonstrates that the utility of their rivers for power development can be greatly increased through proper storage of food waters. At present, in the absence of conservation dams, and of adequate natural regulation, the great volume of flow is lost during high water seasons. Methods of development to ensure the maximum utilization are now being carefully worked out on the Winnipeg, Bow and other large rivers. The more northerly regions possess numerous sites of great potential value for pulp, electro-chemical and other special industries.

OBITUARY

MRS. VELMA A. WATERBURY

After a long illness of several months, which she bore with patient endurance, Mrs. Velma Waterbury passed away at her home in Boston on Monday afternoon, Feb. 19, 1917.

She was the widow of the late William Waterbury, who pre-deceased her several years ago when living in St. John. Her remains were brought to St. Stephen, day, to be interred in the Rural Cemetery. Rev. W. Tomlin of Trinity Church will conduct the funeral service. Mrs. Waterbury leaves two children: Miss Ethel Waterbury who resided with her, and Mrs. Mary Waterbury who is married and lives near Boston; and one little girl, daughter Dorothy, to mourn the loss. Much sympathy is expressed for them in their sorrow and bereavement.

LIBERTY GOES MORRISSEY

Official word has finally come that Lieut. George Morrissey, of the 6th Mounted Rifles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, Hassen street, missing for a long time, is known to be dead. No particulars are known, but it is believed the gallant young officer died on the field of battle. He was in the third battle of Ypres, on June 2, 1916, and his comrades say he was badly wounded. One comrade who was with him at the time he was wounded, and probably saved his life, has told how Lieut. Morrissey was hit and fell during fierce shell fire. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey.

—St. John Globe.

WHAT HAPPENED IN MASSACHUSETTS WORKS THE LONGEST HOURS FOR A DAY'S PAY?

Marjorie Meader Undertakes To Find Out

When the first sleep, farmer from the outlying market gardening districts drove into Faneuil Hall market between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning and settles himself on the seat of his truck for a brief morning nap he is quite likely to be disturbed by an energetic person in a long white market-man's frock whom he will find poking into the contents of his load of vegetables.

He is encountering Charles Maxwell, one of the best known market gardeners of the district, who asserts that all claimants for distinction in the length of working hours class will have to withdraw their claims for eight and ten hours' claims before the amazing duration of his day's work.

Six months in the year, Maxwell leaves his home in Medford at 1 o'clock in the morning and arrives at the market between half past 1 and 2. During the summer months, when the market opens at 5 in the morning, the excitement and bustle of the day's work is lessened. The farmers begin to swarm into the market between 12 and 1 o'clock, and some of them arrive even the night before to get favorable positions. The earliest bird obtains the most profitable bargains, the Maxwell does not.

That is why Maxwell does not leave his truck by 2 o'clock and starts out on his rounds with a generous pocketful of matches. Usually the farmer is waiting for his coming, but if he is enjoying a short morning snooze he peers about, like a modern Diogenes, under the blanket that covers the contents of the wagon.

He has no need to look for an honest man, however. After 25 years in the market the Maxwell should have to be a very clever fellow who could fool him as to the value of a box of lettuce or a basket of tomatoes. He possesses a veritable genius for sighting bargains at long range and by daylight he has usually obtained a long list of the produce firm for which he works.

By 5 or 6 o'clock the rush of the day's business is on. Wholesale fruit and produce dealers from the outlying cities are also in the market. They begin to gather for the day's buying and the fruit brokers start their rounds.

Mr. Maxwell does a lightning change transformation from buyer to salesman and starts disposing of the bargain which he picked up in the early hours before daylight. From 6 in the morning until 5 at night he rushes about from the sales-room to the shipping room selling goods, issuing orders for their shipment and starting them out to their destinations.

From April until September, this is his regular schedule from Monday morning until Saturday night. One right here Mr. Maxwell enters his one protest against the order of things.

"It is perfectly a right working week for me, I like it, and I like getting up early for six days in the week, but Sunday morning I would like to sleep late like the rest of the civilized world. Can't I do it? I should say not."

"As soon as the clock strikes 1 I wake up from the slumber of 11 o'clock and get up to sleep. Sometimes I get short naps, but by 6 I give up the attempt and get up. There is nothing to do but wait until the rest of the world wakes up from its legitimate Sunday morning sleep."

From September until April the marketman's hours are a little less exacting. He relaxes into the ranks of the sluggards and sleeps in the morning. He is up at 10 o'clock, and he is up at 10 o'clock, and he is up at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Maxwell isn't at all the thin, emaciated, hollow-eyed individual one would expect to find in the ranks of the "early to rise" crowd. He is a healthy, his genial rosy cheeks are the result of his regular work, and he is particularly well preserved. He is a good looking fellow, and he is a good looking fellow.

So far, he seems the likeliest candidate for the palm in the long hours' contest although there may be others who have not yet presented themselves who can exceed Mr. Maxwell's claims.—Boston Herald.

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The monthly meeting of the Women's Canadian Club was held in the Town Council Chamber on Monday evening. The vice-president, Miss Victoria Vroom, presided. After the business meeting a social evening was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowe are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Mr. James Vroom, St. Stephen's efficient Town Clerk, has been confined to his home for several days with the prevailing influenza.

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INQUEST ON DEER ISLAND

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He was in ill health most of that time, being afflicted with asthma and requiring frequent medical treatment. It appears that on Jan. 29th last he was particularly ill and that Dr. Dyer, of the village, was called in to attend to him. He was in a critical condition and administered the remedies which are considered safe and potent in conditions of this nature, the dosage being no larger than that given on other occasions to the patient, who was more or less relieved by the effect of the remedies. It appears that Mr. Sirles passed into a coma, and he died on the 29th ult. at 10 hours and 15 minutes after the administration of the treatment.

As there was a great deal of conjecture and adverse criticism in regard to the cause of his death, the family and the people of the vicinity requested an investigation by a Coroner, and Dr. A. Murray was summoned. After making careful inquiries and viewing the body, etc., he decided to hold an inquest, which inquest was held on Jan. 31 last. After selecting a jury, the coroner proceeded to hear the evidence. The coroner commenced his investigation at 1:30 o'clock.

After a full investigation and after the summing up of all the evidence by the coroner the jury brought in the verdict that Henry A. Sirles died from no fault of Mr. Murray or his family, but from natural causes.

Edgar Chaffey, foreman of jury A. Murray, M. D., coroner, Charlotte Co. Lord's Cove, N. B., Feb. 2, 1917.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lynott, of Woodstock, are spending a few days at their old home here. Mrs. Lynott is in poor health.

INQUEST ON DEER ISLAND

In the case of Henry A. Sirles, (63 years of age) of Cummings Cove, who died on the 29th ult., the deceased came from the State of Maine three months ago, and was living with the family of Mr. Allen.

He was in ill health most of that time, being afflicted with asthma and requiring frequent medical treatment. It appears that on Jan. 29th last he was particularly ill and that Dr. Dyer, of the village, was called in to attend to him. He was in a critical condition and administered the remedies which are considered safe and potent in conditions of this nature, the dosage being no larger than that given on other occasions to the patient, who was more or less relieved by the effect of the remedies. It appears that Mr. Sirles passed into a coma, and he died on the 29th ult. at 10 hours and 15 minutes after the administration of the treatment.</