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PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[April 25 to May 1]

IN the week under review, as in the four preceding weeks, the chief interest in the hostilities centred in the Western front, especially in Picardy and Flanders. The great German drive on the Ypres sector was pressed with tremendous force the first five days of the week, but was halted on the last two days. The Germans succeeded in surrounding and capturing Kemmel ridge, after a defence by a band of French Poilus to the number of over 6000. The story of their heroic stand has yet to be told, but it will certainly prove to be one of the most thrilling in all history. The ground gained by the Germans in the Ypres sector during the week was not extensive, though its strategic value is reckoned very high. The cost to the Hunns was enormous; and the Entente losses were not small, though not unduly great considering the stubborn resistance they maintained against the outnumbering host opposed to them. In the Somme sector fierce fighting was continuous throughout the week, and the Entente Allies—at this point including Americans, British, and French—held the enemy in check and recovered some lost ground in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux and Hangard. At other points on the Western front considerable activity prevailed, but positions were not materially altered.

On the Eastern front, or what was such, the week was without important developments. The greatest activity was in Finland, where the pro-German White Guards succeeded in taking Viborg, which was held by 6000 Red Guards, as the Bolshevik troops are called. In the Caucasus the Turks took Kars, the resistance probably not being very great.

In the Mesopotamian campaign important progress of the British west and north of Baghdad was reported. Many Turkish troops were taken prisoners and considerable military supplies captured. In Palestine east of the Jordan and south of Es-Salt, the British gained some ground and took several hundred Turkish prisoners. About 125 miles southeast of the Dead Sea the Arabs, who are co-operating with the British, destroyed a large section of the Hedjaz Railway and took a considerable number of prisoners. The week's results in Mesopotamia and Palestine were thus eminently satisfactory from an Entente point of view.

The Balkan campaign was vigorously maintained throughout the week, but positions were only slightly altered, to the advantage of the Entente Allies.

There was somewhat increased activity in the Italian campaign, especially on the Asiago plateau. Bohemian troops were reported to have joined the Italians, and to be at the front in Italian uniforms.

It is not possible to present a summary of the week's shipping losses through mines and submarines, as the British Admiralty has ceased the issue of weekly statements concerning the same, and the details of such disasters as occur are not now being published. The bombardment of Paris by long-range guns was resumed.

The week may be summarized as one of great anxiety for the Entente Allies, but the result was so far satisfactory that the German drive was halted—for how long it is not possible to say—and that the Entente line was unbroken and its great body of reserves was not called into action. The situation was more hopeful at the week's close than at the beginning.

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

THE Legislature was prorogued on Friday afternoon, April 26, after an interesting session in which some useful legislation was enacted, and some more promised, and equally important measures were left over for a future session. The new Health Act cannot be judged until its operation has been enforced, but it is quite likely that it will have to be much amended in future. The changing of the "Rule of the Road" requiring vehicles to turn out to the right instead of the left will probably be approved by a majority of the people, though a strong minority (in which the BEACON desires to be reckoned) deprecates the change. It was a bitter disappointment to a large section of the people of the Province that Woman Suffrage was not taken up as a Government measure and placed upon the statute book. The non-fulfillment of the promise to amend the Mining Law of the Province is a dereliction that cannot be

too strongly deprecated. The increase of \$100 in the seasonal indemnity of the members met with no opposition in the House, but in the Country people will feel sorry that the increase was not postponed for a few years. The tone of the debates generally did not reach a very high plane, and the charges and counter charges of "graft" were altogether too frequent. The Speaker seems not to be too well qualified for his important duties, and a charge of malfeasance made against him is to be investigated by a Commissioner. Without knowing anything about the matter or the nature of the evidence to be produced, and being uninformed as to the person to be appointed Commissioner, we think we could accurately forecast the finding. The Commissioner—whatever he may be—will not be able to free his mind of a suspicion that "there is something rotten in the State of Denmark," but the suspicion will not mature into a conviction.

THE DOMINION BUDGET

HON. A. K. McLEAN, acting Minister of Finance, delivered the budget speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon. The budget does not involve many changes in the general Customs' tariff, only a few articles—mostly luxuries—being affected. Business taxation is to be modified. The new taxes that will hit the poorer people hardest are those on tea and matches. Tea, which has been on the free-list, is now to pay a duty of 10 cents per pound; and the tax on matches is to be one cent per hundred or fraction thereof. At time of going to press we had not received the official list of the tariff changes, so we are obliged to wait till next week to print it. The taxation measures are not likely to meet with much opposition in the House; and the probability is that the other further work of the session will be put through rapidly and prorogation of Parliament will soon take place.

Up-River Doings

St. Stephen, N. B., May 1.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scovil have returned from St. John, where they spent several weeks, and opened their handsome home on Union Street.

The Methodist vestry was filled with a most appreciative audience on Monday evening to listen to the lecture on "Russians and Russia" given by Rev. S. H. B. Strothard, pastor of the church. There were some fine lantern pictures and a short musical programme.

Mr. L. A. Gilbert, who has been principal of the St. Stephen High School, has resigned his position to enlist in the tank battalion in St. John. Before his departure he was presented with a wrist watch from the graduating class. Miss Bliss and Mr. Groom, who have been Mr. Gilbert's assistants, will continue to conduct the school during the rest of the term.

Frank T. MacNichol, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. MacNichol, and Joseph Whitely have enlisted in the tank battalion and expect soon to go overseas.

Miss Etta DeWolfe spent the week-end at Oak Bay with friends.

Mrs. John Ryder is again at home, after a pleasant visit in Woodland, Me.

A very pleasant knitting party for the benefit of the Red Cross Society was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. John W. Scovil last Friday evening. Mrs. Scovil and Mrs. Thomas Toal were the hostesses. A large number of ladies attended. There was a musical programme in which Misses Georgie Grimmer and Glenna Dinsmore sang. Miss Betty, in recitation, gave a Scotch selection; and her brother, Master Tom Coleman, gave an exhibition of dancing which was greatly enjoyed, especially the Highland Fling, as he was dressed in a Highlander's gay apparel. Before going home war-time refreshments were served, consisting of delicious nut bread and coffee. The affair was so pleasant that there are other ladies who hope to entertain in the same way for the good of the Red Cross Society. The sum of \$25.00 was realized.

Mr. Harold McLain has entered the employ of Ganong Bros. Ltd., and will travel in Ontario in the interest of that firm.

Senator and Mrs. Todd returned from Ottawa on Saturday. The Senator left again on Monday evening for that city.

Judge N. Marks Mills, who has been ill for several weeks, has been able to walk out this week.

Mrs. Eva Glass, with her children, arrived last week from Montreal and is visiting Calais friends before joining her husband in Halifax, N. S.

Mrs. George A. Murchie has returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Louis W. Eaton has returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

Mr. M. N. Cockburn is in town this week.

The Bijou theatre was filled to its utmost capacity on Tuesday evening to listen to a most remarkable and powerful address by Rev. George Adam, of England. In the afternoon Mr. Adam addressed the school children. At noon he, with Capt. Dingle and Rev. Mr. Archibald, were entertained at dinner by St. Stephen business men, to whom he spoke in regard to the Red Triangle Campaign.

Rev. W. Tomalin leaves on Thursday of this week for his new rectorship in

Shediac. Mr. Tomalin has been rector of Trinity Church, St. Stephen, during the past four years. This evening a reception is to be given to Mr. and Mrs. Tomalin, in the Church school room, as a farewell from his late parishioners, when Mrs. Tomalin will be presented with a dozen silver teaspoons by the ladies of the congregation.

GRAND HARBOR, G. M.

May 1.
Mrs. A. M. Dakin, and Mrs. Le Roy Russell spent a few days of this week in Eastport.

Mr. Willard Ingalls and Miss Vesta Strang of Castalia were united in marriage by Rev. J. E. Gossline, at the Parsonage on Sunday evening. They have hosts of friends who wish them a very happy and prosperous life.

S. N. Guptill, Loring Green, Manford Young, Elmont Green, Leonard Guptill, Charles Moran, and Walter McLaughlin, all left here this week for different parts of N. B. to engage in the fish business.

Clarence Brown left on Monday for the Magdalen Islands to put up herring.

Scott Wooster left here Monday in his boat for the Magdalen Islands for a load of herring. Capt. Geo. Foster has his vessel ready and will sail the first chance.

Capt. Loren Ingalls arrived by Stmr. Grand Manan, on Friday bringing the remains of his wife, Linda M., who died in Boston, Jan. 28th. The funeral was held from the boat. A large number gathered at the cemetery to show their love and respect for the departed. She leaves to mourn, besides her husband, one daughter, Alice, mother and father, and two sisters, Mrs. Grant Dakin, of this place, and Mrs. Frank Gillis of Portland Me., besides a host of friends, who deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement. The service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Gossline. She was a member of the U. Baptist Church of this place. Beautiful floral tributes were sent from the Pythian Sisters and Poochontas Orders of Lubec, the Pythian Sisters of this place, and many others from the family and friends of the deceased.

Miss Alice Guptill, of Boston, will spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Grant Dakin.

Mrs. Frank Gillis, of Portland, who was here to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Loren Ingalls, returned to her home on Thursday.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Cheney are glad to welcome them back, after a year's absence, spent in Portland and Boston.

LORD'S COVE, D. I.

May 1.
Mrs. Summer Hartford is receiving treatment at the Hospital in Calais.

Mrs. J. Stevenson Lord, of Richardson, is spending a few days in Calais.

A number of young people of this place attended meeting at Leonardville on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Burpee Wilson, of Leonardville, visited Mrs. Wilson's parents, Capt. and Mrs. G. I. Stuart, on Monday.

Mrs. G. B. Stuart, of Stuart Town, entertained the Ladies of the Red Cross on Monday evening. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

In regard to dairy produce, Mr. Harvey Leonard can congratulate himself on having a cow with six teats. That is certainly doing her bit for her country.

Capt. Liscomb Hartford has improved greatly at the Calais Hospital and is expected home in a few days.

Mr. Frank Mitchell, traveller, visited the Island on Tuesday.

The sardine catch looks very prosperous some good draughts having been taken from the weirs lately.

On May the first little Miss Mary Adams daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Adams, celebrated the fifth anniversary of her birth. She treated a large number of her friends to ice cream and cake, and a grand time was enjoyed by all.

CHAMCOOK, N. B.

May 2.
Among the latest arrivals here are:—Mrs. James Thompson and family, from St. Andrews, N. B.; Mr. James McKennie, of Calais, Me.; Mr. P. W. Elliott, of Red Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Foss, of Alcorn, N. B.

Mr. Henry Austin, of St. George, has taken the position of machinist in the American Can Plant here.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. King was brightened by the arrival of a baby girl on Sunday morning. Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. C. Reynolds, from Perry, Me., has arrived to take care of her new grand-daughter.

Mrs. McHugh, from St. George, is helping her sister, Mrs. Stephen Goodell, with the cooking at the Factory boarding house.

Mr. George Ripley has returned from Boston.

A number of friends called on Mr. and Mrs. G. Newton on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Newton and Mrs. George McCoubrey entertained the company with piano duets. The usual good time was enjoyed.

The many friends of Mrs. Isaac Harris will be glad to hear that she is on the road to convalescence.

Mrs. H. Howard has arrived from Eastport and will spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Austin Bucknam.

BEAVER HARBOR, N. B.

April 30.
A great many of the men in this place are building weirs. Others are getting ready for the season's catch of cod, hake, etc. As yet the catches of line fish have not been large.

The canning factory of Beaver Harbor Trading Co. is running, canning kippered herring.

Medley Kennedy has arrived home from Cape Tormentine, where he has been employed.

Dr. Andrew Hickey came by Stmr. Conors Bros. on Saturday, and spent a few hours with friends here before leaving for St. George.

Clare Eldridge, who passed the medical examination in "B" class under the M. S. A., was sent for to report in St. John last week, and is now wearing the khaki.

Benjamin Bates has gone to St. John, where he has accepted a position as foreman in the new sardine factory being built there.

The Red Cross Society was entertained by Mrs. Robert Barry last Wednesday evening.

Miss Amy Hawkins has accepted a position as clerk in the store of the Beaver Harbor Trading Co.

Mrs. Jane Dickson has gone to St. Andrews to live with her son, Clayton Dickson.

LEONARDVILLE, D. I.

May 1.
Lance-Corp. Byron A. Johnson, a returned soldier who has been receiving treatment in the Convalescent Home at St. John, has returned to his home here for an extended visit. He is much improved in health, as we are glad to report.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Luther Matthews is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Conley are rejoicing on the arrival of a baby girl.

The Misses Lettie and Lillian Doughty were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Wm. Doughty at Cline's Point.

A party of young people from Lord's Cove attended service at the Christian Church here on Sunday evening.

Mr. Osgood Leslie, of North West Harbor, is a frequent visitor at Leonardville.

Mr. Daniel Cameron called on friends in Eastport on Saturday last.

The Dominion Light tender was in the harbor for a few hours on Monday last.

Miss Mabel Tewksbury, of Hibernia, visited relatives here on Monday last.

Miss Geneva Hawkins, of the teaching staff at Leonardville, visited her sister, Miss Violet, of Richardson, on Sunday last.

WILD LANDS TAX

We would call special attention of those concerned to the Government Notice in this issue relating to the taxation of wild lands. It should be particularly noted that failure to comply with the new Act which requires owners of wild lands to file the necessary statement with the Minister of Lands and Mines, a penalty in the form of an additional tax is imposed. Read and study the notice, and act accordingly.

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