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ST. ANDREWS, N. B., CANADA.

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PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[May 16 to May 22]

WITH the exception of the air raid on England, there were no special outstanding events in the hostilities of the week under review.

On the Western front intensive artillery fire, aerial operations, and local infantry actions characterized the week. Some small changes in positions were effected, to the advantage of the Entente Allies. The long-expected resumption of the German drive in great force on the Somme front was resumed on 22nd, but details of the result were not to hand when this summary was compiled. It is within the bounds of possibility that the battle may be decisive; and it will undoubtedly be the greatest battle in the history of the world.

There was much activity in the Italian campaign, pretty well over the whole front, the Italians being on the offensive with minor successes.

Of the activities in the Eastern campaign, it was reported that the government troops of Finland, with which the Germans are co-operating, had expelled the last of the Russian troops from that country. In Caucasus the Bolsheviks and Armenians were fighting the Turks in Batum on the Black Sea, and in Baku, on the Caspian Sea. The two ports are connected by railway, and are of inestimable importance because of their great oil production. It was said that the Turks had again occupied Van, on the southeast of the Lake of the same name. A mutiny in the Turkish army was reported from Aidin in Asia Minor, southeast of Smyrna. No important news was received of the campaigns in Mesopotamia and Palestine.

During the week reports were received of an encounter in Portuguese East Africa of a detachment of the British troops under Major-General Northey, with the main body of Germans under General von Lettow Vorbeck, in which the British, though greatly outnumbered, finally repelled the Germans. The rounding up of the last of the Germans in East Africa is nearly completely effected.

There was much activity in the Balkan campaign all along the Macedonian front, at the western extremity of which the Entente Allies took considerable ground from the Bulgarians.

An outstanding feature of the week was the heavy reciprocal air raiding. The Germans on Sunday made a raid on England in great force, and an account of it is given in another column. According to latest account: to hand the total number of persons killed was 44, and injured 179. A considerable number of the enemy's aircraft were destroyed. The Entente aviators made a raid on Cologne during the week, and caused much destruction of property and some loss of life.

Of the week's results of enemy submarine activity it is not possible to speak in the absence of detailed official reports. It has been intimated, however, that the blocking of the channels at Zebrugge and Ostend has interfered seriously with the operation of German submarines.

The pronounced opposition to conscription in Ireland, and the defiance of law and order by the Sinn Fein supporters, who were said to be in a treasonable conspiracy with Germany, led to wholesale arrests by the Government of leading Sinn Fein supporters and sympathizers. By their recent attitude and conduct the extremists in Ireland seem to have lost the sympathy of their friends in America and France.

THE FARMERS AT OTTAWA

WHEN several thousand intelligent farmers—one journal places the number at six thousand—assemble at Ottawa at this season to present their views to the Government on the question of conscription, one must believe that they are very much in earnest and that their views demand respectful consideration. The men who gathered at Ottawa on Tuesday last were chiefly from the Province of Ontario, but included a large representation of the farmers of Quebec, Province, and a few more distant parts. They devoted to their mission much time that was particularly valuable at this season, and they paid their own expenses. They were entitled to a respectful hearing, and this they received from the Premier and his colleagues of the Cabinet committee appointed to meet them. It can hardly be said that the mission of this large body of farmers to the capital was a good

one. They knew in advance that the Government, whether wisely or not, had determined on the policy of calling the young men to the colors at once, and that this determination would not be abandoned. They had every reason to know that any Minister of the Cabinet to whom they addressed themselves would have to tell them this, repeating a declaration already made in unmistakable terms. The visit of such a great body of men under such circumstances was calculated to suggest that the Government and Parliament could be stampeded by a movement so large as to be menacing in its character. Governments and Parliaments do not like such movements. Members are almost naturally inclined to resist them. Probably no delegation going under such circumstances could have obtained a satisfactory decision from the Cabinet. But it is safe to say that if a small committee, that could sit down in the Premier's office and talk the matter frankly and informally, could not obtain concessions, the great demonstration, almost threatening in its character, could not do so.

On the question of the Government's consistency the delegation could make a point, and they did so repeatedly. They could show that after the enactment of the Military Service Act, as the election time approached, an Order-in-Council was passed which, freely interpreted by Government candidates, was understood to give assurance that farmers would be exempted from military service. Against this they had the claim of the Government, that a critical condition had arisen on the Western battle front, which urgently called for more men, and that consequently the men must be found. This attitude of the Government had been fully stated in recent debates in the House. The farmers should have realized that, whether this was a satisfactory explanation or not, it was the only explanation that could be given to them, whether they came to Ottawa or remained at home.

There is no doubt that the measures lately adopted to secure additional men for the army are very drastic in their character. In many cases they will in their operation be productive of much hardship. As far as it is possible these things should be considered by the authorities and relief granted where the most distressing cases are met. When all this is done there will remain many instances in which one's warmest sympathies are aroused, and where nothing can be done to provide relief. In war time, especially in the situation now existing, exemption from sorrow and distress is not to be expected.—*Journal of Commerce, Montreal.*

BEAVER HARBOR, N. B.

May 21

The farmers in this locality are getting their crops of potatoes and grain planted during the dry weather.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eldridge received word that their son, Milford, who enlisted with a medical corps, is ill in a London hospital with trench fever.

Several families have moved here from St. John and Nova Scotia to remain during the fishing season.

Miss May Tufts, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. William Eldridge.

Capt. Celson has arrived home for the summer.

The Red Cross Society held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Bernard Eldridge last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eldridge returned home this week from St. John.

Some of the weirs have been taken herring this week. From others good catches of pollock were made.

Mrs. Sidney Munro still remains very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Outhouse have returned from Tiverton, N. S.

CHAMCOOK, N. B.

May 23

Mr. A. Cline and family are here for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson spent the week-end in St. Andrews, with Mr. A. Thompson.

Mrs. R. Webb entertained at two tables of Bridge on Saturday evening. Those present were the Misses Alice and Mary Grimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Mr. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Bucknam, and Mr. Ripley. A collection was taken at the close of the evening for the Red Cross funds.

A dance will be given in the large dining room on Friday, May 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Foss and Mr. and Mrs. John Foss are here for the season.

Miss Agnes O'Bryant has returned to St. John. She has been visiting Mrs. Hassis.

Miss Hilda Matthews, of Letite, visited friends here on Friday.

Mrs. A. Bucknam and Miss Gladys Greenlaw spent a few days in Eastport last week.

Miss Annie Thomas has returned from St. John, where she spent the winter, and is now occupying her house and store at Chamcook.

A linen and novelty shower was given for Miss Gladys Greenlaw at the home of Mrs. Austin Bucknam on Tuesday evening by a number of Miss Greenlaw's friends. She received many pretty and useful presents.

Up-River Doings

St. Stephen, N. B., May 22

Mrs. James McWha, and Mrs. E. M. Boyd, of Sydney, arrived here to-day to visit relatives.

Mrs. Frederick W. McWha and her young son leave on Friday for Toronto to spend the summer.

Mr. Henry B. Eaton and a party of friends have been enjoying a fishing trip at West Lake.

Cards have been received by St. Croix friends from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilford Young announcing the marriage of their daughter, Georgia Emma, to Mr. Harold Vincent Farnsworth, assistant paymaster of the United States Naval Reserve. The marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Winchester, Mass., on Saturday evening, May 11, by Rev. I. W. Lawrence, in the presence of the relatives of the bride and groom and a large number of guests. After a short honeymoon, spent in New York City, the groom left on his ship for overseas.

Mr. James Vroom gave a very interesting lecture before the Women's Canadian Club on Tuesday evening in the Town Council chamber. Subject, "Indians and Indian Legends."

Mrs. Flowers and children, who have been visiting relatives in Calais, have returned to their home in Fredericton.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Bunker have returned to their home in Calais, after a pleasant visit in Portland, Maine.

Mrs. Augustus Ganong, of St. John, has been in Calais visiting her mother, Mrs. Helen Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Odell, of St. Andrews, spent Sunday in St. Stephen with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Duxton.

Mrs. William McCracken, who was here to attend the funeral of her niece, Irene Graham, has returned to her home in Chamcook.

His lordship Bishop Richardson was in St. Stephen on Saturday for a short time, en route to St. George, where he administered the rite of Confirmation in the Parish Church, of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas, of Halifax, were in St. Stephen during the past week.

Miss Branscombe is the hostess to the Literary Club this evening.

Mrs. F. E. Rose has recovered from her illness and is now able to walk out daily.

The remains of the late Mrs. Duncan Trimble, who passed away in Boston, were brought here last Thursday and interred in the Trimble lot in the Rural cemetery. Mrs. Trimble was formerly a resident of St. Stephen but for several years has resided in Boston with her daughter.

Ex-Mayor William Dinsmore still continues seriously ill, much to the anxiety of his family and friends.

Mr. J. L. Haley has been on a business trip to Montreal.

Lieut. Hazen Moulton, of the Royal Canadian Engineers, is in town to-day to visit his father before going overseas.

Pte. Haddon Wry has been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. P. Wry, and left this evening for St. John.

Captain F. A. Nicholson, of the Royal Air Force, was recently a caller at the New Brunswick Government Office in London. Capt. Nicholson is the brave young son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nicholson, of St. Stephen.

Mrs. W. F. Todd, and Miss Mildred Todd, with Mrs. N. M. Mills and Mrs. J. W. Richardson as guests, motored to St. Andrews on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. McKenzie are most pleasantly settled in their new home, lately purchased by them, on the corner of Union and Hawthorne Streets.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCully and their daughter, Mrs. Hutchinson, left on Monday for Sawtelle, California, where in the future they intend to reside.

Dr. and Mrs. Dyas, of Eastport, were recent visitors in Calais.

The ladies of the Methodist church are busy arranging plans for the entertainment and hospitality to be given the women of other churches, who are to visit St. Stephen in June to attend the Annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church.

Mrs. George J. Clarke has been visiting St. John relatives.

Mrs. Henry S. Murchie visited Dover, Me., last week to attend the Congregational Conference.

Mrs. Frederic Richardson, of Richardson, Deer Island, was in St. Stephen for a few days recently.

Dr. R. A. Holland has been visiting Boston.

Mr. James Douglas, Inspector for the Royal Bank, accompanied by Mrs. Douglas, was in town during the past week.

LORD'S COVE, D. I.

May 22

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Stuart and daughter, Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. Neill Stuart, of Lubec, Me., were the guests of Capt. and Mrs. G. I. Stuart on Sunday.

Mrs. Elmyra Cline, of Eastport, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Adams for a few days.

Mrs. Fannie Small and children, of Richardson, visited Mrs. Harvey Leonard on Sunday.

The Ladies of the Red Cross met in the

Old Church building for its usual work on Monday evening.

The stork arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pendleton on May 16, and left a baby girl.

A large number of our friends sailed over from Letite on Sunday evening and attended meeting at this place.

Mr. Aubrey Lambert visited friends at Red Beach, Me., on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cline and Mrs. Clinton Pendleton sailed over to St. Andrews on Wednesday, with Capt. Harry Simpson, to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lank, Miss Sadie North, and Miss Alice Anderson, of Wilson's Beach, were over-Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Messrs. C. A. Lambert, E. A. Lambert, and H. E. Lambert left to-day for a business trip of a few days to St. Stephen.

LAMBERTVILLE, D. I.

May 23

Mrs. Frank Lambert and her grandson, Ronald Pendleton, visited her brother, Mr. Willie Mitchell, at Clark's Point on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill spent Thursday at Maccarene, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henderson.

Mr. Frank Lord is visiting his brother, Mr. Percy L. Lord.

Messrs. Horace and Hubert Lambert have been called for Military Service and left on Monday for St. John.

Mrs. George Gowan went to Mace's Bay to visit her daughter Mrs. Alva Ellis, for a month.

Mrs. G. C. Pendleton is visiting relatives in Eastport for a few days.

Miss North, of Campbell, spent the week-end with Mrs. Harold Lambert.

Miss Hazel Lambert and Mr. Richard Davis visited Miss Helen Lambert on Sunday.

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