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"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans, to do all which which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."—Abraham Lincoln.

GEN. HAMILTON'S REPORT.

General Ian Hamilton's report on the great tragedy of the Gallipoli Peninsula, published in the Official Gazette last week, is one which must bring pride to the whole British race. It tells a story of gallantry, suffering and disappointment on the part of our troops in connection with the ill-fated landing of the British troops at Suvla Bay, and frankly states that a great opportunity to clear a passage to Constantinople was lost owing to scarcity of water and failure to secure reinforcements at the proper time. Gen. Hamilton's report carries the story of the Dardanelles operations up to mid-October, when he relinquished his command and returned to England.

The Suvla Bay landing, Gen. Hamilton says, failed to accomplish its object partly because the attacking force consisted largely of untried troops, under Generals inexperienced in the new warfare, and through the failure of the water supply. The accounts in the report of the suffering of the soldiers from lack of water are graphic. An enormous quantity was secretly collected at Anzac, where a reservoir holding 30,000 gallons, with distributing pipes, was built. Oil tins, with the capacity of 80,000 gallons, were collected and fitted with handles, but an accident to a steamer delayed part of the supply at the time of landing.

"True thirst," the report continues, "is a sensation unknown to the dwellers in cool, well-watered England, but at Anzac, when the mules with the water bags arrived at the front, the men would rush up to them in swarms just to lick the moisture that exuded from the canvas bags. Until wells had been discovered under freshly won hills, the reinforcing of Anzac by even so much as a brigade, was unthinkable."

The brilliant defence put up by the Turks in the fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula is largely due to German efficiency. The Turks furnish the men, but the German officers direct their operations. Gen. Hamilton in his report describes how the Turks poured over the crest of a hill and were literally mowed down by British artillery and machine guns manned by New Zealanders. The report says:

"Enormous losses were inflicted and of the swarms that had once fairly crossed the crest line, only a handful ever straggled back to their own side of Chunnuk Bair. At the foot of the hill the men who were supervising the transport of food and water were rallied by Staff Capt. Street. Unhesitatingly they followed him back, where they again plunged into the midst of that series of struggles in which Generals fought in the ranks and men dropped their scientific weapons and caught one another by the throat.

"The Turks came on again and again. Fighting magnificently, and calling upon the name of God, our men stood to it, and maintained by many a deed of daring the old traditions of their race. There was no flinching; they died in the ranks where they stood."

The remainder of the story of Suvla consists largely of misfortunes. Gen. Hamilton

explains that the senior commanders lacked experience in the new trench warfare, and in the Turkish methods, and appreciation of the paramount importance of time. On the 15th Gen. Stopford was relieved of the command of his division corps. Gen. De Lisle succeeded him.

The British press has devoted considerable space to criticism of Gen. Hamilton's report, and some papers are inclined to lay the blame for failure upon his shoulders. In this connection the London Times says: "History shows no example of a really great commander who would have thus let a golden opportunity slip through his fingers. And the most astonishing thing in the despatch is Gen. Hamilton's quite candid confession that on the evening of August 8, at Suvla Bay, he knew what ought to be done, and did not do it."

Gen. Hamilton is the officer who visited Canada several years ago and made a trip of inspection from coast to coast. He inspected the proposed military camp grounds at Napudogan, York county, and he spent part of a day in Fredericton.

After listening to a delegation representing the Good Government Association, one of the members of which pictured Scott Act Inspector Timmins as a "great big joke," the majority of the members of the York County Council showed their confidence in the Inspector by reappointing him. Inspector Timmins was given the position in the first place as a reward for party service. He is an important cog in the political machine which now controls public affairs in York County, and the machine being satisfied with his work, stood loyally by him. As a political heeler, Mr. Timmins was more concerned about pleasing his masters than in enforcing the Scott Act. He knew perfectly well that if he made an honest effort to enforce the Act he would lose his job. Not being anxious to lose a position which brings him in \$500 a year, he did not bestir himself to any great extent. As a result, he holds the position in spite of the efforts of the Good Government Association to have him ousted.

The opponents of the Provincial Government are to meet in convention at St. John this evening to prepare a platform. It is to be hoped that an advanced policy will be promulgated in connection with the highways and the Crown Lands.

It was announced some few weeks ago that the Government had appointed a man to take charge of the work of reclassifying the Crown Lands. So far there is nothing doing. Has the expert fallen down on the job, or was his appointment cancelled?

There are now two vacancies in the Local Legislature, and there should be two more before the Legislature meets for the despatch of business. The vacant seats should be filled by opponents of the government.

The Provincial Government derives a revenue of \$40,000 a year from game licenses, but most of it finds its way into the pockets of useless game wardens.

We venture to say that Mr. Timmins' alleged enforcement of the Scott Act is perfectly satisfactory to that one-time temperance advocate, Mr. J. A. Young, M. P. P.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN DUPONT WORKS

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 10.—Three men were killed and a number injured in an explosion of smokeless powder, early today, at the plant of the Dupont Powder Works at Carney's Point, N.J. One man is missing. It has been reported that a large number of men have lost their lives but after an investigation the superintendent of the plant said that only three were dead and possibly four injured. The cause of the explosion is unknown but according to the superintendent, there is no suspicion that the blast was due to outside agencies. The report that arrests had been made was denied.

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DENY THAT GERMAN PIRATES WERE SHOT

(Canadian Press.)

London, Jan. 10.—The Daily News today prints stories of two American members of the crew of the steamer Nicosian at the time when a German submarine was shelling the Nicosian and the British patrol boat Baralong came up and sunk the submarine. These men, who since the incident have joined the British army, are T. Carson and W. E. Dempsey, both of Nashville, Tenn.

Carson and Dempsey both deny absolutely that the Germans of the submarine were shot either in the water or on board the Nicosian. They are uncertain as to what flag the Baralong flew when arriving on the scene, but are agreed that she flew the British flag when she attacked the submarine. Carson is quoted as being absolutely sure that the Baralong's captain, when he ordered a search of the Nicosian, said nothing about not taking prisoners or about shooting Germans found aboard. He supposed the report of such shooting arose from the fact that shots were fired by the muleteers on board the Nicosian to put wounded mules out of their misery. Dempsey is quoted as saying that two of the Americans on board the Nicosian who testified that they witnessed the killing of eleven helpless Germans by British marines are Charles D. Hightower and R. H. Crosby, both of Crystal City, Texas, had a grudge against the English members of the Nicosian crew.

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES FOR FRENCH SOLDIERS

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Jan. 10.—Theatrical performances by the best actors of Paris are to be given at the front. A proposal to the effect has been approved by the minister of war, General Gallieni, and General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army.

Emile Fabre, director of the Comedie France, is working on the plan and soon will have organized a war road company with a repertoire and show amusing plays to which will be added recitations adapted to the circumstances. This idea of amusing the soldiers is the result of talk of M. Fabre with soldiers and wounded back from the firing line, "all of whom feel the same way," said M. Fabre. "They say he war is nothing and they will fight as much as one wants. Between four and seven o'clock in the evening one feels the need of a little diversion. I want to give it to them."

PERSONAL

North Shore Leader.—Mrs. Barry of Fredericton, is the guest of her son, Capt. A. L. and Mrs. Barry.

Victoria County News.—Miss Violet Gillett, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gillett, returned to Fredericton on Monday to continue her studies at the Provincial Normal School. While there she is staying with the Wieses Iva and Miriam Baxter, formerly of Andover.

Mr. H. J. Mackenzie, of Syracuse, N. Y., is at the Queen.

Mr. W. E. Mullaly, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

The Stork's Visit.

The stork made a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Porter on Saturday, and left a bouncing baby boy.

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