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ADDRESS PASSED IN THE SENATE AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION

Matters Relating to the Late Election Discussed by Opposition Members--- Harmony Between Races Essential to the Welfare of Canada.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, March 21.—The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne was concluded in the Senate yesterday. The speech-making was confined to members of the Opposition.

Senator David said that during the campaign there had been unfair criticism directed against the people of the province of Quebec. He stated that he would not discuss these matters now, but would defer comment until provided with information in returns that he had moved for.

Senator Belcourt, of Ottawa, said that it was regrettable that after fifty years there was today less unity in Canada than at Confederation. There was today more racial antagonism, more racial prejudice, and the gulf between the French and English elements was deeper than when Canada was created. The feeling had been developed by the persecution of the French language in Ontario and in the west. If the difficulty over the language were settled, the remainder of Canada would have the full power of Quebec in the war.

SENATOR BELCOURT DEFENDS THE FRENCH CANADIANS FROM ATTACKS MADE UPON THEM

Senator Belcourt declared that the French desired to live in harmony with their English neighbors in Canada, but they did not want peace in Canada until the French language could be used in Ontario and the western provinces.

Senator Belcourt stated that the people of Quebec, like the rest of the people of Canada, favored the Dominion entering the war. He characterized as shameful the attacks upon French Canadians because they preferred voluntary enlistment to conscription.

There was, he said, a good deal of comment in English provinces because French Canadians were without representation in the Union government.

Senator Cloran said that at all times in Canada unity and fraternity should be preached in press and pulpit. It was regrettable that in such a time all the devils appeared to come from hell to take hold of pens, pulpits and platforms.

The address was adopted and the Senate adjourned.

IMPORTATION OF DIAMONDS DURING THE WAR MAY BE PROHIBITED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 21.—Parliament will lose no time in providing the necessary funds to carry on the business of the country. These are practically depleted because the fiscal year closes on March 31. As the Senate proposes to adjourn tomorrow until April 8, it will be necessary to pass an interim supply bill covering a portion of the main estimates. These estimates will be tabled in parliament today. It is not known what the total amount will be but it is anticipated that the vote for public works, etc., will be considerably lower than in previous years as the government has announced its intention of dispensing with all but necessary public works.

CANADIAN OFFICER SHOT HIMSELF

New York, March 20.—Captain A. L. Zimmerman, of the Fourth Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, who spent two years at the battlefield and who had received numerous wounds and suffered shell shock, and was transferred to the British recruiting mission in New York, was killed by a bullet from his .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol in his rooms, Hotel Vanderbilt, tonight. The bullet entered his left brain.

Medical Examiner Norris and his assistant, after viewing the body, said they were convinced death was accidental.

Two Steamers on River.

Captain McLean, of the steamer Premier, announced yesterday at St. John that his steamer would be put on the St. John river route between there and Fredericton for the coming season. This means that there will be two steamers on the Fredericton route as the D. J. Purdy will also be on the river again this year.

ONTARIO CITY SUFFERS DAMAGE FROM FLOODS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Belleville, Ont., March 21.—Thousands of dollars damage was caused this afternoon by the worst spring flood this city has experienced in its history. A jam of ice which had lodged in the Moira river, two miles north of the city, broke away about four o'clock and set in motion a large field of ice in the lower part of the river. About 200 hundred houses in the western section of the city were flooded by water, which flowed four or five feet deep. Many buildings on the east side were completely demolished, and walls of various business places were torn away.

TO MAKE NO CHANGE.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Montreal, March 21.—A short meeting of the members of the Montreal Stock Exchange yesterday resulted in a decision to make no change in the present schedule of minimum prices.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE TONIGHT AT CATHEDRAL

Will Mark the Safe Return of
Bishop Richardson from
Mission to Canadians
Overseas.

The choral thanksgiving service at Christchurch Cathedral tonight which will begin at 7.30 will have unusual features. It will be for the purpose of marking the safe return of His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton from his mission overseas to the Canadian Forces. Clergy from places outside Fredericton who will attend include Venerable Archdeacon Forsythe of Chatham and Venerable Archdeacon Newnam of St. Stephen. The invited guests include His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Pugsley with the governor's staff, the judges of the Supreme Court, Mayor and Mrs. Hanson, the clergymen of the churches of the city, also the members of the provincial government.

The address which will be presented to His Lordship will be read and presented by Dr. T. C. Allen on behalf of the Cathedral has been beautiful decorated with flags and palms. Rev. Herbert Bennett of St. John, will sing during the service. A collection will be taken for the Red Cross.

OVERCAME ALL DIFFICULTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, March 21.—Gunner Chas. E. Jackson, who has been sent to a hospital suffering from shell gas, has been in France since July, 1916. He was on a ranch in California when he decided to return home to Montreal in order to join the Canadian army, and as he and a friend with him had only \$3.75 between them when they reached El Paso, Texas, they travelled three days on a cattle car and rode 780 miles to Hutchinson, Kansas, without food. Gunner Jackson went overseas with a Sherbrooke battery.

GERMAN TROOPS START HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

Whole British Front Attacked in Neighborhood of Vendeuil--The Long Expected Drive May Have Begun.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 21.—The British official statement today is as follows: "A heavy bombardment was opened by the enemy shortly before dawn this morning against our whole front from the neighborhood of Vendeuil, south of St. Quentin, to the river Scarpe. A successful raid was carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of St. Quentin. Thirteen prisoners and three machine guns were brought back by our troops. Prisoners also were taken in patrol encounters southeast of Messines and in another successful raid carried out by us south of Houtholst forest. A raid undertaken by the enemy in the neighborhood of Armentieres was repulsed."

From Vendeuil north to the river Scarpe is a distance of nearly fifty miles; and the beginning by the German artillery of heavy bombardment along this wide front may mean that preparation for the much advertised German offensive in the west has begun. The preparatory work was about due to begin today if the advance announcements were to be taken at their face value from the news a day or two ago that a party of neutral correspondents had been invited by the German high command to start for the west front on Wednesday "to witness the offensive." It is impossible to say whether the present burst of artillery fire on this front means that it is along the line indicated or somewhere within its limits that the heavy German blow, if one indeed is coming, is to be struck. There is the consideration that the bombardment in this particular may be a feint, to cover a strong stroke in an altogether different spot.

"THE FINISHED MYSTERY" HAS A BAD DAY AT WORCESTER, MASS.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

Worcester, Mass., March 20.—Federal agents of the Department of Justice today seized 150 copies of "The Finished Mystery" in Worcester. Conveyers have been selling the book here and the matter was reported to the authorities and a raid was made on the houses of several members of the International Bible Students, who are thought to be connected with the sale of books. All the copies found were seized.

Four Hun Warships Sunk In Engagement off Dunkirk

BANKING HOURS MAY CHANGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, March 21.—Beginning on June 1st, the banking hours in Canada will probably be made 9.30 to 2.30 instead of ten to three o'clock, as at present, the proposed change being based on the shortage of man power in the banks and the necessity of doing something to facilitate the clearing up of the day's routine. However, an amendment to the Bank Act will be necessary before the change can be made, as the act fixes the hours at which the banks must remain open for the public convenience.

A UNIQUE ELECTION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 21.—The counting of the votes during the past six months in a rather unique religious election for Bishop of the Holiness Movement Church took place in the office of the local master, John Bishop, at the Court House this afternoon. It resulted in Rev. A. T. Warren being elected bishop over Bishop Horner, the former getting 58 votes and the latter 40 votes. The constituency in which the election took place extended over half the world. Ballots were cast by conferences in Egypt, China, Ireland, the United States and Canada, and they have been gradually coming into the office of the local master since last fall.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. R. W. McLellan went to St. John this morning to spend a few days.

Mrs. Skillen is returning to her home at Woodstock after spending a couple of weeks here the guest of Mrs. Charles Richards.

Battle Took Place Early This Morning--- Five British and French Destroyers Took Part, One Destroyer Damaged-- Fighting on Western Front.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers, the Admiralty announces. One British destroyer was damaged.

The engagement occurred off Dunkirk this morning. The British casualties were slight. There were no French casualties. The official announcement is as follows:

"Vice Admiral Douer reports that an action occurred off Dunkirk between four and five o'clock this morning. Two British and three French destroyers were engaged with a force of German destroyers which had previously bombarded Dunkirk for ten minutes. Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats are believed to have been sunk. Survivors have been picked up from two enemy torpedo boats. No allied vessels were sunk. One British destroyer was damaged, but escaped to harbor. The British casualties were slight, and there were no French casualties."

ENEMY REPULSED AFTER A SPIRITED ATTACK ON FRENCH POSITIONS IN THE WOEVRE

PARIS, March 21.—A strong attack was made today by the Germans against French positions in the Woivre. The War Office announces that the enemy was driven off, as follows:

Ailette and the Aisne and in the Champagne. The artillery struggle proved rather violent on the right bank of the Meuse and in the forest of Parroy. In the Woivre, in the region of Brule wood, the Germans made a strong attack. After a spirited engagement our troops ejected enemy detachments which had succeeded in gaining a footing in some of our advanced positions. The attack which the enemy made in the region of Souain early this morning was carried out by two battalions of shock troops, which suffered heavy losses and met with a complete check. Information now at hand shows that the six German airplanes and one captive balloon reported as having been damaged on the preceding day, in reality were destroyed."

PARLIAMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY PASS AN INTERIM SUPPLY BILL

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, March 21.—Diamonds and imported jewellery have fallen under the critical eye of the Union government in its campaign to reduce expenditure on non-essentials. The possibility of the passing of a law prohibiting the bringing of more diamonds to Canada during the war has taken on such symptoms of probability that the leading diamond merchants and jewelers hastened to Ottawa yesterday and conferred with the cabinet. It was learned last night that the government had decided either to forbid the importation of more diamonds or else increase the tariff to such a degree that the business will be reduced to a minimum. It is also said that the government intends to enact legislation preventing the importation from the United States to Canada of gold plate jewellery.

WANT HEAVY DAMAGES FROM ONE ANOTHER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Halifax, March 21.—Counter actions for damages involving four million dollars in the Mont Blanc-Imo case were to have been aired before Mr. Justice Drysdale in the Supreme Court today, but hearing of the case has been postponed until Thursday of next week, owing to the absence of Hector McInnes, K.C., Counsel for the Mont Blanc.

The owners of each ship are suing one another for \$2,000,000.

Rev. A. F. Newcomb Moderator.

Maritime Baptist: In the last issue of "Missions" we find a picture of Rev. A. F. Newcomb, now pastor at Brandon, Man. The picture illustrates an article descriptive of an association held at Weston, Man. Pastor Newcomb was moderator of the association. As the meeting was held during a period of intense cold the moderator presided warmly clad in a fur coat. The article speaks in the highest terms of Pastor Newcomb and his work. (Rev. A. F. Newcomb, just prior to going to Manitoba was pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church.

TO SEND JEWS TO THE FRONT IN PALESTINE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, March 21.—So long as the exigencies of the service permitted Jewish battalions in the British army, they are definitely intended for employment in Palestine.

This announcement was made in the House of Commons today by J. I. Macpherson, under secretary of the War Office.

TO MAN THE DUTCH SHIPS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, March 21.—Detailed plans for manning the Dutch ships in New York harbor and making them ready for sea in the service of the United States were being followed here today by naval authorities. It was said the vessels undoubtedly would be manned by officers and men of the auxiliary naval reserves and that all the forty Dutch vessels would be flying the American flag today.