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THE DIVORCE QUESTION DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Hon, Mr. Lemieux Calls Attention to the Stand Taken by Manitoba---Premier Borden Thiaks Present System is Unsatisfactory.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, May 16 .- A bill from the Senate to amend the before it proposals which would in-Canadian Patriotic Fund Act was introduced in the House this morning by the Minister of Justice. The bill makes clear that tem of state owned railways in Canthe fund is entitled to distribute among relatives resident in try except the C.P.R. Canada of soldiers forming part of the Canadian and Allied except the C.P.R. forces. The House then went into committee on private bills.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux drew the attention of the government to the unusual number of divorce bills before the House. In this connection he asked if the Prime Minister had noticed a recent judgment rendered by the Supreme Court in Manitoba in which it was decided that the courts in that province had the right to grant divorce. It was stated that under provisions of the British North America Act, Manitoba retained the benefit of the English law on divorce. Mr. Lemieux had heard no contradiction of this pronouncement of the Supreme Court of Manitoba, and he understood that the province of Saskatche-In made the same claim. In view of the seriousness of the matter he asked for an expression of opinion on the part of the government.

MARITIME PROVINCES HAVE GRANTED DIVORCES, AND THE RIGHT HAS NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED

Sir Robert Borden stated that he knew nothing of the decision referred to save what had appeared in the public press. The three Maritime Provinces had exercised the right of granting divorces in the past, and this right had never been questioned. In his opinion it was very desirable that divorce cases should be referred to the courts and dealt with in a judicial In a divorce court the presiding judge, in undefended cases, must appoint a proctor to take charge of the defence. This officer must assure himself that there was no collusion between the parties.

PREMIER GLAD THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA HAD ASSERTED IT RIGHT TO GRANT DIVORCES

The Prime Minister said that he was glad that the right to grant divorces had been asserted in the western provinces The present system was highly unsatisfactory. It might be a good idea to see if the right to grant divorces could be transferred to the courts, or at any rate to a judicial committee. The Senate might ratify the divorce after receiving the report of

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the fight of the provinces to grant divorce was a constitutional question which could only be decided by the supreme judicial authorities. The question was right to establish divorce courts. It was a question of interpretation of the constitution, and the sooner, it was decided the

GOVERNMENT **MAY TAKE OVER ALL RAILWAYS**

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, May 15. — Negotiations for government acquisition of the Grand Trunk Railway and the rGand Trunk Trunk Railway and the Grand Trunk the House of Commons today by the prime minister. The G.T.P., he de clared, was a national enterprise, to which the credit of the Canadian peole has been committed and "in judgment it is expedient to maintain it and not permit it to go into liquid-ation." The taking over of the Grand Trunk Pacific practically involved the taking over of the Grand Trunk as well. During the summer, Sir Robert said

During the summer, Sir Robert said a sub-committee of the cabinet would be in London and he had some "rea-sonable hope" that when parliament again was summoned, the government might be then in a position to place might be then in a position to place volve the constitution into one sys

that at some later date but not in the immediate future, all the land transportation facilities in Canada, in the shape of railways may, so far as operation at least is concerned, be amalgamated into one system, carried on under one management."

The announcement came in the course of a general statement on the railway situation. In regard to the board yesterday decided to order a C.N.R., Sir Robert said it was not in- general vaccination in the city. This, tended that Sir William MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann should be on the board of directors. It was intend-ed to operate the road through a re-constituted heard of directors con-some weeks are constituted board of directors, con- some weeks ago. sisting of the best men it was possible to obtain. Interference would not be tolerated and every means available to the government would be used to operate the road properly.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the prime minister had been vague as to the organization under which the C.N.R. was to be run. Why wait until the ar-bitration proceedings were over be-fore reorganizing the road? Sir Wilfrid asked.

where moals or refreshments to the number of twenty four or more per diem are served to persons other than members of the family or household of the proprietor. The regulations governing public eating place licenses prohibit busi-ness dealings with persons who have not complied with the requirements of the Ganada Food Board. The same All Under One Head. "It may be possible," Sir Robert added, "i'ndeed I think it is probable holt completed with the requirements of the Canada Food Board. The same general rules applicable to other li-censees will apply also to persons holding public eating place licenses.

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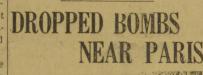
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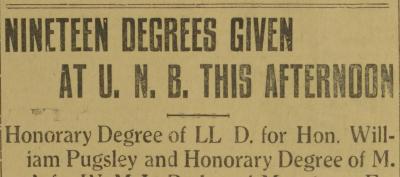
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(Canadian Press direct wire.) Halifax, May 16.— The city health



Street Barris (Canadian Press direct wire.) Paris, May 15—Enemy aircraft drop ped bombs on the outlying suburbs of Paris late last night. None of the cnemy was able to penetrate the defen-ces of the city proper.



U.S. War Preparations Are Amazing in Their Immensity

Planning to Care for Five Million Troops on the Western Front---Huns da Not Realize What They are up Against ---Official Reports.

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(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 16.—American preparations on the western front are amazing in their immensity, and plans are being made o care for five million American troops, Harry E. V. Brittain, secretary of the English branch of the Pilgrims' Club, told the Royal Colonial Institute last night. If the Germans do not give in, he added, the numbe rof American troops will be increased o any amount necessary.

Sir Charles P. Lucas, former head of the Dominion's department at the Colonial Office, said he wondered if the Germans realized what the entry of the United States into the war means. It meant, he said, not only the accession to the Allied powers of many millions of fighting men and the addition of vast resources, but also the coming in of the only one amongst the great peoples of the world who have seen and carried through to an unmistakable issue a four years war.

FRENCH TROOPS STORM AND RETAKE HILL 45, NORTH OF KEMMEL, AFTER A STIFF FIGHT

With the British Army in France, May 15.-Hard fighting continued today in the neighborhood of Hill 45, north of Kemmel, which was stormed and retaken late yesterday by French troops. This much-disputed elevation has changed hands many times recently, but the French were still holding the Germans off at two o'clock this afternoon.

This little rising ground from the water-soaked plain about it has suddenly come to occupy an important place. Its value lies in the fact that it dominates considerable territory, and for this reason it has been a thorn in the flesh of the ambitious Germans. It is believed that they want it to facilitate their next attack in this region, which bids fair to come very soon.

ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON THE FRENCH FRONT; A GERMAN RAIDING PARTY DRIVEN OFF

PARIS, May 16.—Artillery actions occurred last night on he French froat southeast of Amiens, in the Hailles-Castel secor, says today's War Office announcement. West of Montdidier a German raiding detachment was driven off. off. The French took prisoners in patrol operations north of the Ailette. The statement follows: "An artillery duel took place in the Hailles-Castel sector. A German raid west of Montdidier was repulsed by the French fire. French patrols operating north of the Ailette brought back prisoners. The hight was quiet on the remainder of the front.

BRITISH TROOPS RAID GERMAN TRENCHES NEAR GAVRELLE AND CAPTURE A FEW PRISONERS

LONDON, MaMy 16 .- The artillery was active last night in the valleys of the Somme and Ancre rivers, east of Arras, and on the Flanders baltlefields, the War Office reports. The "Our troops raided the enemy's trenches last night in the neighborhood of Gavrelle, northeast of Arras, and captured a few prisoners. Beyond artillery activity on both sides at different points, particularly in the valleys of the Somme and Ancre rivers, and on the northern battle front, there is nothing further to report.'

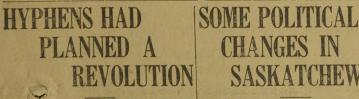
AUSTRIAN WARSHIP SENT TO THE **BOTTOM BY ITALIAN NAVAL FORCES**

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

ROME, May 16 .- An Austrian battleship was torpedoed by Italian naval ni and undergraduates of the univerforces in Pola harbor early Tuesday morning, it was officially announced to- sity as well as of the general public. day. The battleship was of the Viribus-Unitis type (20,000 ton vessels). The Italian force worked its way into the Austrian naval base by dodging the patrol boats and searchlights of the defenders.

While the naval operations were progressing, an Ialian seaplane force en gaged Austrian battleplanes above Pola. Two of the Austrians were brought down and several others were compelled to descend, out of control. The Italia nmachines all returned safe.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)



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German agent in Mexico who was in- the war.

A. for W. McL. Barker of Moncton---Encaenial Exercises Largely Attended.

The University of New Brunswick | Douglas Gold Medal for English Comclosed the one hundred and eighteenth position was presented by His Honor year of its existence as an institution the Lieut. Governor. An extract from of learning this afternoon, when the the essay was read by the winner, Mr. customary encaenial exercises were held. His Honor the Lieut. Governor presided and there was a large attend-ance of members of the senate, alumance of members of the senate, alumance of members of the senate, alumniand undergraduates of the university as well as of the general public. Nineteen degrees were conferred, three M.A. degrees in course, seven the City of Fredericton Gold Medal by

ley, and the degree of M.A. being con-ferred upon Mr. W. McL. Barker of the teaching staff of the Moncton High School. Of the graduating class five are in khaki and received their degrees in unifrom.

ing class, selected as valedictorian, is seriously ill in this city and was not present, receiving his degree in ab-sentia. SASKATCHEWAN seriously ill in this city and was not present, receiving his degree in absentia.

The Proceedings.

Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, May 15—Plans had been Ne in 1914 for a revolution of Ger-max sin the United States in case this country should be drawn in the Euro-pean war, according to testimony to-day at the state attorney general's in-nitions. Ivan Norodny, vice-president of the Russian-American Asiatic cor-pratized with Russian revolutionists before the emperor was overthrown, attributed the revolution of plans for an up sing in the United States to borron Con Gersdorff, friend of the German crown prince and a former German agent in Mexico who was in-The academical procession was ormed in the Natural Science class. HONORARY DEGREES. room at two o'clock, the graduating C.

and honor certificates followed. The

teen bachlors' degrees in course and two honorary degrees, that of LL.D., being conferred upon His Honor the Lieut. Governor, Hon. William Pugs-ley and the degree of MA being con-ter the Chy of Frederic Scholarship by Dr. C. C. Jones, the chancellor, Dr. W. W. White's prize by Dr. Thomas Walker, Sir Frederic Williams-Taylor's Medal by Mrs. Wil-

Other Addresses.

Mr. R. L. Snodgrass of the graduat-

paper. The list of degrees, honors, distinc

L. D.,-Hon. William Pugsley, K. M.A., D.C.L., Lieut. Governor of

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AMSTERDAM, May 16 .- The Tidj prints the following significant and much censored letter from its Vienna correspondent: "The reason why all classes of the population have regretted Count Czernin's departure from the foreign office is that in him they saw the herald of peace, and the people want peace above all. This is not surprising, because the misery is extreme. (The next part censored.) The people probably hold out through the next difficult months until the Ukraine grain arrives in sufficient quantities. But it is natural that everybody yearns for peace-(censored). Hundreds of times daily one hears the lament, 'How long is this crazy destruction to last?' There is a conviction that the Emperor honestly desires peace and has given

evidence of this in recent incidents."



⁽Canadian Press direct wire.)

 room at two o'clock, the graduating class being the first to enter. His honor the Lieut. Governor took the chair at 2.30. The delivery of the address in Praise of the Founders by Prof. C. A. McGinnis followed. The address will be found in full elsewhere in this paper.
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