

## BRITISH AND AMERICAN NAVIES ARE WORKING IN CLOSEST ACCORD

### When the War is Over People Will Form a Conception of the Great Debt Due the Navy---The Situation Much Improved.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 14.—Archibald Hurd, the naval expert, writes in the Daily Telegraph on the new situation in the North Sea resulting from the Zeebrugge and Ostend raids, the extension of British mine fields, and the general increasing naval pressure against Germany.

"When the war is over," he says, the nation will form some conception of the extent of the debt which we owe the navy for the manner in which it has co-operated not only in connection with the convoy system, but in fighting submarines.

### THE GERMANS CAN HAVE A FIGHT ON THE SEA WHENEVER THEY FEEL THAT WAY

"If the naval situation is improving today as it is, it is due to the fact that the British and American fleets are working in closest accord, supported by an immense body of skilled workers on both sides of the Atlantic, who are turning out submarine chasers and other craft for dealing with the submarines, as well as mines and bombs.

The Germans can have a sea battle whenever they want it. The strength of the Grand Fleet has been well maintained. Some of the finest battleships of the United States navy are now associated with it. They are not only splendid fighting ships, but they are well officered and manned. The conditions under which the Germans would engage us, therefore, are less favorable to them than two years ago."

## LITHUANIA MUST SHARE IN THE WAR BURDENS OF GERMANY

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

AMSTERDAM, May 14.—Emperor William has issued a proclamation concerning Lithuania, in which he says it is assumed Lithuania will participate in the war burdens of Germany. In the proclamation the "independence" of Lithuania, allied with the German Empire, is recognized.

"We assume that the conventions to be concluded," the proclamation says further, "will take the interests of the German Empire into account equally with those of Lithuania, and that Lithuania will participate in the war burdens of Germany, which secured her liberation." Lithuania is one of the former Russian border states which the Germans have attempted to set up as nominally independent countries.

## THOUSANDS OF FARMERS PROTEST AGAINST MILITARY SERVICE ACT

OTTAWA, May 14.—A deputation of over 4,000 Ontario and Quebec farmers, the greatest which has ever assembled in the capital, waited on the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, today to present their case against the decision of the government to refuse exemption from military service to agriculturists of the ages of twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two years. The Quebec delegation was under the presidency of Hon. J. E. Caron, provincial Minister of Agriculture.

"My kingdom for a bed," sighed three or four hundred of the farmers despondently as they patrolled their weary way in and out of the hotels last night looking for a place whereon to rest their fatigued bodies. But there was "nothing doing," not a room to be had for love or money.

## PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, May 14.—It is learned that Sir Thomas White, minister of Finance, feels well satisfied with the progress made in dealing with the several questions which he has been taking up at Washington, although full results with reference to the matter of exchange may not be immediately apparent.

## STORY NOT YET MODIFIED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, May 14.—At a late hour last night nothing had reached Ottawa which modified in any way the statement contained in the official cable of Sunday with regard to the disposition of the United States troops in France. In a statement tonight Sir Robert Borden said: "The story reached Ottawa in the ordinary channels, and as it was not marked confidential it is given to the press."

## FATAL WRECK ON RAILWAY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Albany, N. Y., May 14.—One fireman killed, one passenger fatally injured and eight or ten other passengers more or less seriously injured was the result of a wreck of the Buffalo Express last night at Schoadeck landing according to officials of the New York Central Railway. The engineer was badly scalded. Practically every car was derailed, it was stated.

## MURDER OF AN INDIAN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Peterboro, Ont., May 14.—Jocko Commanda, a trapper, belonging to the Indian reserve at Golden Lake was murdered on Thursday last, while out hunting in company with his youthful son, about twenty eight miles from the reserve. A party is searching for a clue to the assassins. Commanda was 68 years of age.

## WATCHING HALIFAX FOR SMALLPOX

### MEN RETURNING ARE REPORTED TO OFFICIALS

#### Chipman and St. John City the Districts of the Province Now Seriously Infected.

The parish of Chipman, Queens county, and the adjacent parish of Northfield, Sunbury county, and the city of St. John are the chief seats of smallpox in New Brunswick at the present time, although there are a number of sporadic cases elsewhere. The disease is nowhere of a severe type although since the outbreak as the result of infection from the state of Maine last year six deaths have resulted in this province from the disease. General vaccination in St. John is suggested on account of the situation there. A settlement in Victoria county has had an outbreak lately.

#### Close Watch on Halifax.

A close watch is being kept on Halifax where disease of the same type is prevalent among the reconstruction camps. All men who have been working there and who are reported as returning to New Brunswick are examined closely. A number have returned and are in various parts of the province. They were given clean bills of health.

## WILL OPPOSE WOMEN AS CONDUCTORS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, May 14.—"Whenever a woman conductor steps upon a street car, we walk off," declared alderman Joseph Gibbons, business agent of the Toronto Street Railway Employees today, and the remark summarizes an attitude of unalterable opposition to the company's proposal to instal "pay as you enter" cars and employ women as conductors.

A number of representative Toronto women take the position that women are able and ready to work on the street cars, but that war veterans should have first choice.

## A NOTED U. S. JOURNALIST DIES IN FRANCE

Beaulieu, France, May 14.—James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald, died at 5.30 o'clock this morning after having been unconscious for two days.

Mr. Bennett's last words before lapsing into unconsciousness were in relation to his newspaper interests.

Mrs. Bennett was with her husband when he died.

## Heavy Artillery Fighting In the Champagne District

### HON. DR. BELAND RELEASED BY THE GERMANS

#### Former Postmaster General was the First Canadian to Get Into the War.

Ottawa, May 13.—Scenes of great enthusiasm marked the announcement by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux at the evening sitting of the House of Commons, that Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, who for almost four years has been a prisoner in Germany, had been released, and is now on his way home.

Mr. Lemieux made his announcement during the discussion in committee of the Civil Service bill and it was the signal for sustained cheering by the members, which was followed by the singing of For He's a Jolly Good Fellow. Mr. Lemieux stated that a despatch had just been received with the news of Dr. Beland's release.

#### Officially Confirmed.

This announcement was followed a few minutes later by a confirmation contained in a cablegram received by Sir Robert Borden from Sir George Perley. Sir Robert had not been in the House when Mr. Lemieux gave out the news, but entered shortly after. He expressed his own great satisfaction at the good news, saying that all who knew Dr. Beland had a very high appreciation of him, and that much depression had been caused by his long confinement. The news was most welcome.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux supplemented the remarks of the prime minister by stating that Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Perley and the government had done everything possible since Dr. Beland was taken prisoner to have him released.

The cablegram from Sir George Perley which the premier read was as follows: "Have telegram from Beland at Rotterdam, saying he has been released from Germany. Am personally delighted and feel sure this news will be most welcome to you and all other Canadians."

Hon. Dr. Beland, who will soon be back in Canada, is a former postmaster-general of Canada, having occupied that post for a few months previous to the general election of 1911, which resulted in the defeat of the Laurier administration. He is still the member for Beauce county, having been elected by acclamation in his absence in December last.

Mr. F. E. Rivard of St. Leonards, is at the Queen.

## German Local Attack was Repulsed by French Troops---Quiet on the Main Battlefield at Picardy---Fighting on the Italian Front.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 14.—German artillery fire was violent last night in the Somme and Ancre sectors, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. The statement follows:

"We carried out a successful raid last night northeast of Robecq (Flanders) and captured a few prisoners without casualties to ourselves. A party of the enemy which attacked one of our posts west of Merville was repulsed with losses.

"The hostile artillery was active during the night in the Somme and Ancre sectors."

### FRENCH PATROLS CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS AND BROUGHT BACK PRISONERS

PARIS, May 14.—Heavy artillery fighting in the Champagne is reported in today's official statement. Only patrol actions occurred on the main battle front in Picardy. The announcement follows: "French patrols carried out operations north of Hangard (on the front before Amiens) near Courcy and north of the Meuse, bringing back prisoners.

"We easily repulsed a German raid on small French posts northwest of Orvillers-Sorel. The artillery fighting was rather spirited in the Champagne, near Butte Du Mesnil and in the Vosges. A German local attack north of La Fecht was repulsed by our fire. There is nothing to report elsewhere."

### DESPERATE ATTEMPT OF HUNS TO REDEEM THE LOS OF MONTE CARNO RESULTED IN FAILURE

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, May 13.—Italian troops repulsed with heavy loss a desperate enemy attempt last night to redeem the loss of Monte Carno. It is believed that this was only the first of a series of efforts to regain the lost ground, owing to the value of the height which commands the approaches to the valley leading from Trent to Rovereto. The fight last night was in the darkness and was a bloody, hand-to-hand struggle over the rocky slopes of the mountain. The Italian positions, however, were maintained intact. Thus far the fighting around Monte Carno has been of local character and not a part of any general offensive, although the outposts show increasing activity all along the mountain front.

### American Casualties.

Washington, May 14.—The casualty list today contained seventy-two names, including killed in action, 14; died of wounds, 7; died of disease, 3; wounded slightly, 21; missing in action, 27.

## GOOD SUNDAY EVENING'S WORK BY AVIATORS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, May 13.—In aerial fighting on Sunday evening six German machines were brought down by British aviators and many tons of bombs were dropped on targets behind the enemy lines, says an official statement on aerial operations. The text reads: "Flying again was impossible Sunday evening. The visibility then was excellent and over eight tons of bombs were dropped on targets in the neighborhood of Menin, Armentieres, Labasse and on the docks at Bruges. In aerial fighting six battle planes were brought down. One of ours is missing. During the night fourteen tons of explosives were dropped on railway stations at Don, Marcoing, Chaulnes, Bapaume, Peronne and on the docks at Bruges. One of our machines did not return."

## AUSTRALIAN PREMIER GOING TO LONDON

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

A Pacific Port, May 14.—Sir Thomas Hughes, Premier of Australia, arrived here Monday with a party of Australian officers en route to a war conference in London. Passengers on the vessel said a German raider had attacked and damaged the British transport on which the Premier sailed. It was asserted that following the attack the damaged transport returned to the port from which she sailed. The Premier and his party caught a train to another port and boarded the steamship which brought them here. With Premier Hughes are Premier Massey of New Zealand, Jos. Ward, Labor leader and former Premier of New Zealand, and Robt. Curran.

## CHAIRMAN OF FOOD BOARD MAKES APPEAL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, May 14.—Mr. Henry B. Thomson, chairman of the Canada Food Board, left Ottawa last night on a short speaking tour of Ontario. Before leaving he said to an interviewer: "As chairman of the Canada Food Board, I earnestly appeal to the people of Canada to seek to understand the spirit, as well as the object, of all food regulations. The help which we shall give to our soldiers and allies will be measured, not only by compliance with the letter of the regulations but also by observance of their spirit. To evade the object and the spirit of food regulation is little less than treachery to our troops and allies."

### SOCIETY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edgecombe and daughter Miss Gladys are here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Neill. They came to attend the funeral of the late William J. Edgecombe. Miss Audrey Ross returned to her home in St. John after spending the week-end with Miss Doris Walker. Miss Grace Fleming M. A. of St. John who is here for the Encaenia is the guest of Mrs. John Harvey. The Delta Rho Club is holding its last meeting tonight at the University. Madame Casgrain of Ottawa is here and will lecture tomorrow afternoon in the Council Chamber, her subject will be "Devastated France." Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Allen returned Saturday after a pleasant trip to Ottawa and Toronto.

## BRITAIN WILL DENOUNCE SOME COMMERCIAL TREATIES

### Trade Agreements With Enemy Countries Have Been Terminated by the War---Favored Treatment for Colonies.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 14.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made an important announcement in the House of Commons Monday, the Times says, when, in reply to a question by Sir Edward Carson, he said the British government intended to adopt a policy similar to that of the French government, in denouncing all commercial intentions containing a general clause regarding "most favored nations."

Such a step, the paper, declares in its editorial comment, will leave Great Britain free in matters of fiscal policy. Up to this time the United Kingdom has been bound by commercial treaties with Allied and neutral countries guaranteeing reciprocal "most favored nations" treatment in fiscal matters.

Commercial treaties with enemy countries were terminated by the war. So long as commercial treaties remained in force, the Times adds, it was impossible for the United Kingdom to give special treatment to her dominions or allies in customs duties or imports or to differentiate between countries to which are exported goods of the United Kingdom.

These commercial treaties are now to be denounced. This denunciation, it is said, does not mean necessarily that there will be any radical change in the fiscal policy of Great Britain, but it makes such a change possible.