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ROYAL COMMISSION WILL PROBE CHARGES

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS LEAVES THE CABINET PENDING AN INVESTIGATION

BOMBARDMENT OF OSTEND CREATED VERY GREAT HAVOC

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IN BELGIAN PORTS—FLEET WITH HEAVY GUNS
FIRED ON ZEEBRUGGE FOR A HUNDRED
MINUTES BEFORE RETIRING**

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, June 7.—It has been learned by photographic reconnaissances by our aircraft over the Belgian coast that the port of Ostend shows the majority of the dockyards and workshops were greatly damaged by the big guns of the British fleet during the recent bombardment. The bombardment of Zeebrugge has been the most formidable since the beginning of the war. It lasted for one hour and twenty minutes and was carried out by the fleet armed with heavy guns.

The Air Raid.

Four German aeroplanes returning from yesterday's raid over England have been brought down and destroyed by gunfire. Altogether sixteen German aeroplanes took part in the raid over Essex and Kent dropping bombs. The total casualties were twelve killed and thirty-six injured.

Berlin Version.

Berlin, June 7.—Aeroplanes dropped over fifty kilogrammes on places of military importance at Sheerness. Hits were observed.

British Front.

London, June 7.—The British made an attack on the Arras front last night to the north of the River Scarpe. Ground was gained and held in two sectors. We made a successful raid to the north of Armentieres. Many casualties were inflicted upon the enemy.

French Front.

Paris, June 7.—Two violent attacks were made by the Germans in strength on the French positions at Hurbise, and Chemin des Dames last night. Both attacks were repulsed.

Seven German aeroplanes and one captive balloon were brought down the Belgian front yesterday.

Berlin Report.

Berlin, June 7.—One destroyer S-20, was sunk during the recent attack on Ostend. A number of the Belgian inhabitants were killed and wounded, and some material damage was done. In Germany, the food supply is adequate to enable the country to hold out until the year's crops are garnered, and until the conclusion of a victorious peace.

The British penetrated our positions at Roeux and fighting is still in progress.

Artillery Fighting.

Paris, June 7.—Intense artillery duels are in progress from the Channel to Rheims. Tremendous quantities of ammunition are being used on both sides. At several points, direct hits have been observed behind the German lines, and it is expected that ammunition depots at the German field bases have been exploded.

Italian Front.

Rome, June 7.—Intense fighting is now on, extending all along the front from Gorizia to the sea. Attacks in force have been made by the Austrians in overwhelming

strength at several points. Some front line trenches were lost, which have been retaken. Bitter fighting is still in progress.

GERMAN SUB SUNK BY U. S. STEAMER

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, June 7.—A German submarine is believed to have been sunk by an armed American steamer yesterday in a running fight, which lasted for an hour and a half. The U-boat opened fire and then suddenly disappeared.

LABOR CONFERENCE GETS AFTER FLAVELLE

Ottawa, June 5.—At the Labor Conference held here last week intimation was given that the organized workers are about "sick and tired" of petitioning the Government to make a move for bettering conditions.

The following is a statement of the proceedings given out to the press:

"Bitter criticism of the Imperial Munitions Board was made by international representatives. The representatives of the machinists, carpenters, plumbers and steamfitters, sheet metal workers and many other organizations, declared that the wages and conditions of labor in work under control of the board was a scandal and a disgrace. J. W. Flavelle and C. S. Gordon were declared to be unfair to the workers. Their public attitude was described by many as cant and hypocrisy.

"The general opinion was that the time had arrived for labor to take some direct action to force better conditions, many of the international representatives demanding the dismissal of Chairman Flavelle and a reorganization of the Munitions Board. There was a general feeling at the afternoon session that steps should be taken immediately to force action on the present government by making arrangements for a general tie-up of industry throughout the Dominion. Delegates declared that Mr. Flavelle's attitude was one of defiance to the workers in their efforts to obtain redress, trying to make it appear that he was fair and actuated by patriotic motives. His attitude, declared many speakers, was destroying national unity.

"The whole subject was referred to a special committee to bring in a report, defining what action should be taken."

Ask Reorganization.
The conference decided to take definite action in regard to certain allegations lodged against the Munitions Board by forwarding to 1,700 local unions the request that endorsement be given to a demand for the reorganization of the board on the basis of equal representation of labor with the employing interests.

Word has just been received that Privates Gilmour, Richmond, and Singleton, returned soldiers, have left the south and are expected to arrive in Prince Rupert tomorrow night.

Messrs. N. C. Ingram, J. A. Burke, Mark Smaby and M. Cosgrove, of Ocean Falls, were in the city yesterday.



THE CALL—Spirit of our glorious dead: "CARRY ON"—In justice to our glorious dead, in justice to the living, the gaps at the front must be filled, and kept filled until victory is achieved.—From Montreal Daily Star.

SPLENDID RESPONSE BY THE YOUTH OF U.S.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, June 7.—The young men of the United States have made a spontaneous and thorough response to their country's call. Out of the ten million registered for the war with the Huns, it is expected to raise an army of one million. The selected quota will go into training early in the fall. Few disturbances have been reported. In Butte, sporadic rioting occurred, and four arrests were made.

PATTULLO FOUNTAIN FOR WOODSTOCK, ONT.

Last week in the town of Woodstock, Ont., the formal presentation of a gift of a fountain to that city was made, in the name of the late Andrew Pattullo. The fountain is situated in front of the city hall and was formally handed over to the city by G. R. Pattullo, brother of the donor.

Striking tributes were made to the memory of the giver, the late Andrew Pattullo, of whom the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, of Prince Rupert, is a nephew. Up to the time of his death, some twelve years ago, he represented North Oxford and for years was an ornament and a power in the political life of the province. He had one of the brightest minds and was a brilliant man, and always had the interests of the people as a whole at heart more than his own personal interests. He was but one of a brilliant family, and if there is anything in heredity, the Skeena District, in having a representative of this family as their member in the Provincial House, have a representative of no mean order.

SUN AND TIDE

Friday, June 8th.
Sun rises 3:56 a. m.
Sun sets 9:20 p. m.
High water ... 2:49 a. m. Ht. 21.8
Low water ... 9:18 a. m. Ht. 1.9
High water ... 3:51 p. m. Ht. 19.2
Low water ... 9:29 p. m. Ht. 7.4

Just arrived, 250 tons of lump coal. Phone 116—Albert & McCaffery.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE NAVY TROUBLE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, June 7.—The Provisional Government, recognizing that the present condition of affairs at Kronstadt is both menacing and intolerable, have requested the Socialist ministers to visit the fortress city with the object of clearing up its attitude towards the Central Government. M. Kerensky, the War Minister, has left the capital on a visit to the northwest front.

Is It a Threat?

New York, June 7.—From an absolutely reliable source has been learned that Japan recently informed the Provisional Government at Petrograd that if Russia were to withdraw from the Allies and accept a separate peace with the Central Empires, Japan and Great Britain would immediately confer as to the proper steps to take.

NEW AGITATION FOR COMPULSION

Sydney, N. S. W., June 6.—In consequence of the casualties at the front and the diminishing recruiting returns, there is an agitation in every state of the Commonwealth for the early introduction of selective compulsion.

Hon. George Foster Pearce, minister of defence, has issued a return showing that enlistments in Australia from the beginning of the war to April 30 last numbered 362,000, being 14 per cent. of the male population of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Pearce says in his statement that 5,000 Anzacs who made the original landing at Gallipoli are still fighting in France. He appeals for a corresponding number of recruits to allow them a furlough in Australia, and adds: "Many of you are against compulsory service, but you are fighting for compulsory service for those 5,000 men whom you send back to the fighting line time after time."

Mr. Pearce's statement will be made the text of a special recruiting effort.

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RETIRAL OF HON. R. ROGERS FROM CABINET

Royal Commission will investigate into the Findings of Justice Galt Against The Minister.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, June 7.—The Hon. Robert Rogers retires pending a probe. The Premier has appointed a Royal Commission to investigate the findings of Justice Galt against the Minister of Public Works. The Premier will administer the office temporarily. The Hon. Robert Rogers declares that the investigation will exonerate him of all blame.

CATHOLIC BAZAAR HAS A SUCCESSFUL START

The Grand Bazaar which has been got up by the ladies of the Catholic Church, was opened last night. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a splendid attendance at the opening ceremony. The mayor, who was formally introduced by Rev. Father McGrath, officially declared the commencement of the Bazaar, and started things going by pressing an imaginary button. The most interesting features in the entertainment provided were the songs and music rendered by the children of the school. They were cleverly performed, and were certainly a great credit to those who had the training to do.

Among the stalls, Mrs. Morrissey and Mrs. McLaren had charge of the fancy work, to which contributions had been received from all over the North American continent. There were piles of beautiful embroidered articles. Mrs. Besner had charge of the wheel of fortune. The candy booth was under the care of Miss Simons and Mrs. Harris, assisted by the girls. The ice cream parlor was looked after by Mrs. Prudhomme, Mrs. Dymond and Mrs. Roeborge. The country store was doing a thriving trade. The proprietor, Mr. John Venables, required three assistants to overtake the business. They were Mrs. McNulty, Mrs. Dalton and Mrs. Venables, and they were kept busy all the time.

There was also a great collection of works of art lent from far and near for this occasion. Famous paintings, sculpture, and interesting articles of vertu were represented in a numerous collection, and this still was under the care of Messrs. G. Morrissey, Quin and G. Harris.

Later in the evening, the Westholme Orchestra was in attendance and discoursed sweet music, and altogether, the opening evening of the Bazaar was a distinct success.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

A strong feeling for compulsory service is spreading throughout Australia. The nation now sees its mistake.

The New York World's correspondent at Stockholm declares that the German press are endeavoring to fool the people into the belief that the United States are loath to take up arms against Germany.

British recruiting offices have opened in New York. Over five hundred applications have already been received.

President Poincare in Paris has signed a decree creating a Polish army.

STILL TALK COALITION AT OTTAWA

Premier is Expected to Make an Announcement in the House This Afternoon About Coalition.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, June 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier had another conference with Sir Robert Borden today, which lasted for one hour and a half. Sir Wilfrid said that he had no statement to make. Sir Robert Borden had nothing to say on the matter, but will make an announcement in the House this afternoon regarding the result of the negotiations between himself and Sir Wilfrid during the past fortnight. It is thought that Sir Wilfrid has informed Sir Robert Borden finally as to the terms on which coalition would be accepted by the Liberals.

GERMANY PROTESTS AT SEIZURE OF SHIPS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rio de Janeiro, June 7.—Germany has protested against the utilization of the German merchant ships by Brazil. Brazil has replied that she is merely getting her own back in seizing the Hun ships.

Washington, June 7.—The German vessels seized in American ports may be manned by British merchant marine officers if American officers are unavailable.

SERBIANS HANGED BY THE THOUSANDS

Udine, Italy, June 6.—Fragmentary news recently reached here through neutral countries of widespread insurrectionary movements in Serbia. This news now is supplemented by the statements of Austrian prisoners captured in the recent Italian advance, giving details of the merciless methods of repression used to crush the uprisings.

The insurgents were gradually surrounded by Austrian, German and Bulgarian regiments and all who fell into their hands, chiefly old men, women and children, are declared to have been massacred. In spite of this procedure fierce resistance was offered for three weeks and heavy losses inflicted on the invaders, especially the Bulgarians. The insurgents finally succumbed to superior numbers and the Serbians were hanged by thousands.

According to the prisoners the Bulgarians were guilty of such atrocities, especially against the women and children, that even their Austro-German allies termed them barbaric.

At the skating rink last night there were five entries for the ladies orange race. These were Miss Doris Mason, Mrs. F. Wright, Miss L. Shrubbsall, Miss G. Hill, and Miss G. Shrubbsall. Miss Doris Mason was the winner of the prize which was a box of oranges. The race proved to be a great attraction and there was a full house.

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