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FARMERS IN SESSION IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Annual Meeting of Central Farmers Institute now in Session. First Meetings well Attended. Resume this Morning at Nine.

There was a large attendance of farmers at the first sessions of the annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute which opened yesterday afternoon at one o'clock in Prince of Wales College Hall. Most of the Farmers' Institutes throughout the province were represented.

The President, Mr. E. N. McKay, occupied the chair and in his annual address touched interestingly upon the progress of agriculture in the province during the year, outlined a number of the great needs of present day agriculture and expressed the utmost optimism as to the future of the province and of the dominion.

The report of the Secretary, Mr. E. B. McLaren, was an interesting and

instructive one. Both addresses brought out a splendid discussion and many complimentary references from the different speakers who followed.

Among the matters dealt with and which were fully discussed, were Railway freight rates and the various activities of the Department of Agriculture.

The United States Consul, Dr. Pierce, being present gave, in response to an invitation, a brief address, in which he expressed his pleasure at being present at such a representative meeting of farmers and his keen interest in the discussions to which he had listened.

The session will resume this morning at 9 o'clock when remaining resolutions will be taken up.

STARTLING TURN OF EVENTS IN WAR'S GREAT DRAMA

Allied Troops About to Advance on Athens whence the King, Bis Court and Government will Retire. The Next Expected Move is that of Venizelos who may Proclaim a Republic if Greek Army will Stand by Him. Great Alarm in Bulgarian Capital over Situation. French Air Squadron of 25 Planes Bombard Petiti Killing Hundreds of Bulgarians.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 18.—A despatch from the Amsterdam Exchange Telegraph says French and British troops have been landed at Corinth, 48 miles west of Athens. According to information at Athens, the Allied troops which landed at Phalolon re-embarked after a short inspection of the city. It is rumoured the Allies intend to advance to Athens, whence King Constantine, his Court and Government will retire in conformity with the King's decree

to maintain an armed neutrality. In Sofia despatches the question is asked what former Premier Venizelos will do in that regard, whether he will proclaim a Republic and whether the army will side with him. These reports are said to have caused undisturbed alarm at the Bulgarian capital.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 18.—Hundreds of Bulgarian soldiers were killed and a

very large number wounded in the bombardment of Petiti by a squadron of 25 French aeroplanes, according to despatches received in Athens and forwarded by a correspondent to the Evening Standard. Great damage was caused by the bombardment. It is stated that the providing of a Bulgarian force on the Greco-Serbian frontier is being conducted with the greatest difficulty owing to the condition of the roads due to bad weather.

ELEVEN GERMANS ESCAPE FROM AMHERST

Tunnelled their way out of Internment Camp Eluding the Guards. The Gang Leader had Previously Escaped but was Re-captured.

(Special to the Guardian.)
ST JOHN, Jan. 18.—Eleven German prisoners in the detention camp at Amherst, N.S., escaped some time between midnight on Monday and daylight this morning and are now at large. Four of these men had previously escaped from military custody and are regarded as especially dangerous.

The method of escape was sensational. The internment camp is located in the outskirts of Amherst and is surrounded by what were supposed to be efficient guards, barbed wire fences, etc. In addition there is a military guard on the camp patrolling all sections of it day and night. During the night the prisoners tunneled under the enclosure to a spot about 150 feet distant and made their escape. Four of them had in their possession maps showing various railway lines in New Brunswick and other information of value. Hartwig, regarded as the ringleader of the gang,

was arrested in St John shortly after the war broke out. He was working on one of the dredges engaged in the harbour development work at Courtenay Bay when arrested by one of the detectives attached to the city police force. It was then found that he had in his possession maps of the harbours on the Atlantic coast from St John as far south as Virginia, and in the case of the Canadian harbours these maps were marked with soundings and other charted information. From St John he was taken to the military prison in Halifax. He made a sensational get-away by swimming from the prison to the shore with his clothes in a bundle on his head. He returned to St John and was captured here on a schooner about to sail to New York. Then he was taken to Amherst and up to Monday night had been interned there. Notification of the escape of the prisoners was sent to police and military officials in Maritime Province. A close watch is being kept.

WORLD'S GREATEST NAVAL BATTLE MAY COME AT ANY MOMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—An official of the British Admiralty, who arrived here with despatches from London, brought news that the German battleship fleet left its anchorage in the Kiel Canal, where it had been since the beginning of the war, and made three sorties on December 15, 16 and 17. The fleet did not succeed in finding the British North Sea fleet, because they kept along the coast by the mouth of the Elbe and through the Bight of Heligoland, and did not venture outside the lines of mines that had been laid down by them.

"The British battleships cannot go inside Heligoland," the official said, "because of mines and submarines and the shoals, which render navigation inside the Bight and along the shore very dangerous."

In explanation of the German manoeuvre the official said:

"The real food riots at Berlin and other cities in Germany early in December and the feeling among the people have grown so strong over the

British blockade that the naval vessels were forced to leave the Kiel Canal and make a pretence for searching for our warships.

"The blockade is going to be drawn tighter than ever now in an endeavor to cut off the enemy's food supply, and we expect that the Kaiser's fleet will be compelled to steam out past Heligoland into the North Sea. Then the biggest naval battle in the world's history will take place.

"Our North Sea fleet is keeping a bright lookout day and night for the Germans to come out. It has mother ships with eight and ten hydro-aeroplanes on board which are continuously making ascents to take observations of the enemy's fleet.

"The battle for the supremacy of the seas will come without warning and may take place at any time. All preparations have been made along the east coast of England for taking care of the wounded and hospital ships are waiting ready to go out and bring the injured ashore."

The official went on to say that the recent Teutonic submarine activity in the Mediterranean would be taken care of by the British alone and that effective protection would be given the merchant vessels. The trouble had been against the guarding of shipping against submarine attacks had been under dual control, certain sections under the French and other portions under the British. This had been all changed he added, and the patrolling of the routes from Gibraltar to Alexandria was under the British Admiralty.

The official asserted that it was well known in Paris and London that the large submarines, reported by merchant vessels in the Mediterranean, were German because Austria had no submarines of such a size.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS RESUMED IN COMMONS

Postmaster-General Valiantly Upholds the Real Quebec which is Loyal to the Core, Denouncing the Little Canadians who Oppose Participation in the War. R. Lemieux Begins Patriotically but Ends Disastrously. Pugsley also Made a Bad Break.

(From our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—That the province of Quebec, equally with every other part of the Dominion, is vitally concerned in Canadian participation in the war and that she must redouble her efforts, must be prepared for sacrifice and the contribution of her means, even to the last dollar if necessary, was the dominant note in today's speeches in the continuation of the debate on the address. "This was in one of self-defence for Canada, and it has been truly said that our first line of defence is in the trenches of Flanders. What would befall Quebec in the event that Germany is victorious. Would it not be the fate which befel Poland and Alsace Lorraine?"

In these words Hon. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General, today appealed to his compatriots to forget all issues but the one overshadowing duty of winning the war in which Canada is now engaged. The political and religious leaders of Quebec were unanimous in their belief that that province must put every ounce of effort into the struggle the Allies were now making for liberty, said the Postmaster-General. Was it possible that they were all wrong and that the real sentiment of the province was represented in the utterances of a small minority?

He did not like to think so and asked that Quebec be judged by the Lemieux, the Marcils, the Lauriers and the Patenauds, rather than by the vapourings of a small group of misguided gentlemen. Quebec must redouble its efforts like every other province of the Dominion, must be prepared for sacrifice and the contribution of its means to the last dollar if necessary.

Mr Casgrain concluded by quoting the words of Lloyd George, in which he urged the putting aside of all rivalry and asked "Let us be one people, one in action and in resolution, so as to win the most sacred cause ever entrusted to a great nation.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the other French-Canadian speaker in the debate today, supported Mr Casgrain in his patriotic appeal and in a repudiation of the stand taken by a certain element of advanced Nationalists in the Province of Quebec, Mr Lemieux declaring that Henry Bourassa no more represented Quebec than Bernard Shaw represented England.

Mr Lemieux, however, descended from this high plane at the close of his speech when he chose to characterize the presence of Sir Robert Borden at a meeting of the British cabinet during his recent visit to London as

"playing to the gallery of Toronto Jingles." For his part, Mr Lemieux said, he did not wish to be involved in the foreign policies of Downing Street.

Mr W. F. Cockshutt, of Brantford, in a vigorous speech, declared that he would favour a form of compulsory service if necessary to win the war. Mr Cockshutt, who wore a uniform of service khaki, told the House that every member of his family who could serve had enlisted and that he himself was prepared to serve in any capacity.

Hon. William Pugsley, the last speaker of the day, dealt extensively with the question of contracts, alleging that members of the late Shell Committee had given orders amounting to millions of dollars to their own firms, urging that an inquiry ought to be instituted. Mr Pugsley created some merriment by saying that if the British navy were destroyed there were many hundreds of thousands who would pray that conditions might be such that those who had prevented the establishment of a Canadian navy.

The debate will be continued tomorrow, when it is expected that Sir Thomas White will speak.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

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WANTED AT YOUNG IN P. E. ISLAND Hospital a once smart girl as ward maid. Apply Miss Kilburn, Housekeeper. 6027-1-19M21.

FOR SALE—STEAM SAW MILL and site at Head Railway wharf. Sauris Machinery may be sold separately. F. T. Macdonald, Sauris. 6024-1-19M11pd.

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NEW YORK WARS ON GRIP.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—To prevent the spread of grip and other communicable winter diseases by a campaign against violation of the ordinance against spitting in public places, the Sanitary Squad and inspectors of the Department of Health, with the aid of thirty-four detectives and every patrolman in the Police Department, on Tuesday served 400 persons with summonses to appear in magistrates' courts today and be fined and reprimanded. Only a few of the offenders were discharged, and all got lectures.

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THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE. TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)
TORONTO, January 19.—Maritime: Westerly winds, local snow flurries but mostly fair and mild.

THE WEATHER Yesterday was clear and cold.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 10 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 7 degrees below zero; at nine last night 10 degrees above. The coldest the previous night was 8 degrees below zero.

The tide will be high this morning at 11 and tomorrow at 11.42; it will be high tonight at 9.45 and tomorrow at 10.37.

The sun sets this afternoon at 4.45 and tomorrow at 4.49; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.34 and Friday at 7.33.

The moon rises this afternoon at 4.09.

The first quarter of the moon was on Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 11.35 p. m. There will be a full moon on Thursday, Jan. 20th, at 8.35 p. m. The length of today will be nine hours and thirteen minutes.

Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows
Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Mr. J. J. Hughes Asking Questions

(From our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Mr J. J. Hughes of Kings County, P. E. Island, has given notice of his intention to inquire of the Government whether the Charlottetown Board of Trade petitioned or required the Government to subsidize a line of steamers for the trade between Prince Edward Island and St. John's, Newfoundland, during 1915. He asks whether the Board of Trade suggested the Red Cross Steamship Line of New York for the service and whether the S.S. Florizel of that line made one or more trips. He asks further whether a new contract was ever entered into and whether the Board of Trade was consulted.

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British Routed Force of Arabs

CIARO, via London, Jan. 17.—The following British official communication issued today, says:

"A column from Matruh dispersed, on Thursday, 400 Arabs who had been located forty miles from Matruh. The Arabs showed no resistance and fled on the approach of our force. More than one hundred camels and all of the sheep, goats and tents belonging to the Arabs were captured, in addition to two prisoners. There were no British casualties."

TORCH OF ARSON

LISBON, Jan. 14.—Jan. 15.—(Delayed)—Fire which broke out in a building filled with military stores caused a loss of \$1,500,000 yesterday. Several firemen were buried in the ruins. The minister of war, declared, in the chamber of deputies this afternoon the fire was the work of incendiaries.

SHELL LILLE?

BERLIN, January 18.—(Via London)—British artillery broke out in a bombardment of French town of Lille, near the Belgian border, and inside the German lines, but so far the shells have caused only slight damage to the place, the German headquarters announced today. The statement also says there was heavy artillery fighting and mining activity yesterday along the French front.

CAPT. McKINNON'S AMMUNITION COLUMN

Is Now Full Strength with Applications to Spare. Majority of N.C.O.'s and Gunners are P. E. Islanders. Will Mobilize in Halifax on 25th.

(Special to the Guardian.)
HALIFAX, Jan. 18.—No. 11 Field Howitzer Brigade Ammunition Column, commanded by Captain D. A. McKinnon, will mobilize at South Barracks, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 25th. Over seventy per cent of the N.C.O.'s and gunners will be Prince Edward

Islanders. Sixty-five of the 75 at Ives Point volunteered, but only 40 will be permitted to go. The Corps is now full strength with many applications to spare. Islanders who have enlisted will receive transportation from Major Leitch, Charlottetown, and will be required to leave for Halifax on Monday the 24th.

GERMAN SPY ESCAPES FROM BROOKLYN JAIL

(Special to the Guardian.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Ignatius T. Lincoln, a former member of the British Parliament and a self-confessed German spy, who was being held here pending extradition to England, escaped from United States Deputy Marshal last Saturday and has not been seen since. The Secret Service has been notified and a nation-wide search for prisoner is being made. It is thought Lincoln boarded an outgoing steamer soon after his escape. He had been held in Raymond Street jail, Brooklyn, since last August. He had been allowed many privileges. It is said at the jail he had been writing a book dealing with the international espionage system. Details of escape are not given out.

HUNDREDS ARE DYING IN THE STREETS.

PARIS, January 16.—A Scutari telegram to the Serbian legislation in Rome describes the situation in Scutari as approaching desperation. Food is lacking to feed thousands of women, children and refugees from Serbia, the latter arriving in large numbers, swelling the refugee colony already established. The new arrivals, adds the message, are obliged to sleep in the open air, in the bitter cold. Hundreds are dying daily in the streets of cold and hunger, and that nearly all the very young children have died from lack of nourishment.

FIVE CHILDREN IN TWO YEARS, SO GIVE HIM HIGHER SALARY.

BOONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Five children in two years is the record made by Mrs. Harry O. Simmons, wife of the pastor of the Yanketown M. E. Church, of this country. It has been here in Raymond Street jail, Brooklyn, since last August. He had been allowed many privileges. It is said at the jail he had been writing a book dealing with the international espionage system. Details of escape are not given out.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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*The Annual Ball of the Labor Union will be held in their Hall Water St. on the night of Jan. 26th, inst. Admission 50 cents. 6022-1-19M1E1.

*The Annual Banquet of Strathcona Institute will be held at the Florida Hotel, Pownal, on Friday January 21st at 7 p. m. All members expected and all others interested welcome.

*Reserve Date.—On Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Aid of the Central Christian Church will serve supper in the Wrights Hall from 6:30-1-19M21.

*The ladies of Millview intend holding an entertainment and Bean Supper at the home of Mr. P. F. Acorn on Thursday night, the 20th inst. A good program is being prepared and everybody is welcome. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. 6599-1-18M21.

*Any Ambitious Student can win for himself a good position in life, by studying stenography and typewriting and especially on the REMINGTON or SMITH PREMIER. The machines are sold throughout the world. A. Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 6018-1-19M11.

*The ladies of Covehead Methodist Church will hold a supper at Parkman Hughes' home on Wednesday Jan. 19th at 6 p. m. Proceeds should the weather prove unfavorable the supper will be held the first fine evening following. 6022-1-19M1E1.

*THE "VALLEY FARM"—The play "Valley Farm" will be given by the people of Easter River at their hall on Friday evening Jan. 21 at 7.30 p. m. Admission: Adults 25c, Children 15c. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross Society. A good evening's entertainment is expected and all should help a good cause by attending. Should the above date be unfavorable play will be put on the following Monday. 6034-1-19M31.

Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism
Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.