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Russians Admit Advance of Enemy

Additional Villages Occupied but Germans Suffer Severely—Fresh Troops Against Czar's Men Along the San—Two Hundred Reported Killed in Karlsruhe

Petrograd, June 17.—German occupation of additional villages in the Stavir district and further south, in the region east of Mariampole, admitted by the Russians in a statement issued last night, at the War Office. It is claimed, however, that the invaders suffered severely in futile attacks beyond the Niemen, and that ground lost north of Prazmyn was regained.

The great battle along the San in west Galicia, is reported to be continuing fiercely with fresh Austro-German forces constantly entering the combat.

GREAT DAMAGE AT KARLSRUHE London, June 17.—A Rotterdam despatch company reports that the damage at Karlsruhe by French aeroplanes was much greater than the papers were allowed to state.

"Two hundred persons were killed," says the correspondent, "fifty bombs were dropped, one of them almost destroying one of the ducal palaces used as headquarters by the Karlsruhe commandant. Others destroyed factories engaged in manufacturing shells. A great panic was caused and the victims will be buried secretly at night."

ST. JOHN LADIES AMONG THE OFFICERS

Closing Session of Presbyterial Held in St. David's This Morning

The annual meeting of the St. John Presbyterial, in St. David's Church, was brought to a close this morning. The session was considered one of the most successful ever held. The major portion of the morning was taken up with the election of officers, as follows:—Moderator, Mr. J. H. A. Anderson, of St. Stephen; president, Mrs. R. J. Miller of McKensie Corner, N. B.; vice-presidents, Mrs. H. A. Anderson, of St. John; secretary, Mrs. B. G. Walker, Woodstock; treasurer, Miss Jennett Sinclair, St. John; and secretary, Mrs. J. H. Thomson, of St. John.

The following were elected vice-presidents:—Mrs. R. D. Ross, St. Stephen; Mrs. M. H. Manuel, Florenceville; Mrs. H. Baird, Fredericton; Mrs. E. McDonald, Moncton.

Kent, Westmorland and Albert—Mrs. A. E. McDonald, Moncton; Victoria—Mrs. T. Hoyt, Aroostook; St. John—Mrs. D. R. Willett.

The country vice-presidents for mission bands were then chosen as follows:—Kent—Mrs. M. Brewer, Fredericton; Victoria—Mrs. J. C. Mortimer, Hampton; Kings—Mrs. J. C. Mortimer, Hampton; Carleton—Mrs. Catherine Spear, Debec; Victoria—Mrs. Tibbets.

Kent, Westmorland and Albert—Mrs. W. G. King, Buctouche; Carleton—Mrs. Armstrong, Warwick; St. John—Mrs. Joseph Semple.

Miss Cora Sinclair was reappointed deaconess. The newly elected deaconesses committee follows:—Mesdames R. J. Anderson, Robert Reed, W. C. Whitaker, H. Thomson, J. G. Armstrong, T. Graham, J. H. A. Anderson and Arthur Hamm.

Miss Sinclair reported that financial conditions were on a par with last year "despite the depression all over the country. The total receipts for foreign missions were \$2,480.68, and for home missions, \$1,474.65, making a grand total of \$3,955.33. In addition to this \$290 was pledged at this morning's session for mission appropriations.

This morning there were several touching addresses by veteran workers, and also motions of appreciation to retiring officers. The meeting was concluded with the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

PISTOUFFS. Two society young men were at it hammer and tongs near the corner of Princess and Germain streets about noon today, some difference having arisen. The host was stopped by friends who happened to arrive at the scene.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

SOON WILL BE 160,000 CANADIANS UNDER ARMS

Ottawa, Ont., June 17.—Canadians are steadily joining the colors. Today the total number who have donned the king's khaki in Canada is 160,000.

PLAYING GOSS BALL The T. S. Sims Co. baseball team defeated the Portlands in the Shamrock grounds last evening, 1 to 4. They are now prepared to meet the hosts of the Fairville League.

BASEBALL OUTFITS SENT TO THE BOYS

American League's Fine Gift—Ty Cobb Gives Three Bats and Fifteen Balls

Toronto, Ont., June 17.—A shipment of seven cases of baseball paraphernalia was forwarded by the Toronto city council yesterday to the Canadian troops in France.

President Ben Johnson of the American League, offered to donate the necessary equipment on behalf of the league. The offer was accepted and huge cases, containing bats, balls, catcher's mitts, pads, and masks, base bags, etc., were promptly sent. Many of the bats and balls bore the autographs of well known American league stars. Three bats and fifteen balls were contributed and sent with the compliments of Ty Cobb.

TROUBLE IN CAMP OVER PROBATE JUDGSHIP

It was understood around town today that the local government at its meeting yesterday was committed to the appointment of E. T. C. Knowles as Judge of Probate. A few days ago the understanding was that this position was to go to H. O. McInerney. There have been some differences between the two circles during the last few days, and particularly on Wednesday evening when one of the local members is said to have said to have said to a large group of followers among both Protestants and Catholics in his tortuous course in the present matter, and that his political future was hopeless unless the appointment went a certain way.

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Another Fredericton Soldier is Wounded

Fredericton, June 17.—Alex. Galloway, formerly of the Royal Regiment, this city, now serving with the 2nd Battalion, is reported wounded. His father, Sergeant George Galloway, also is at the front.

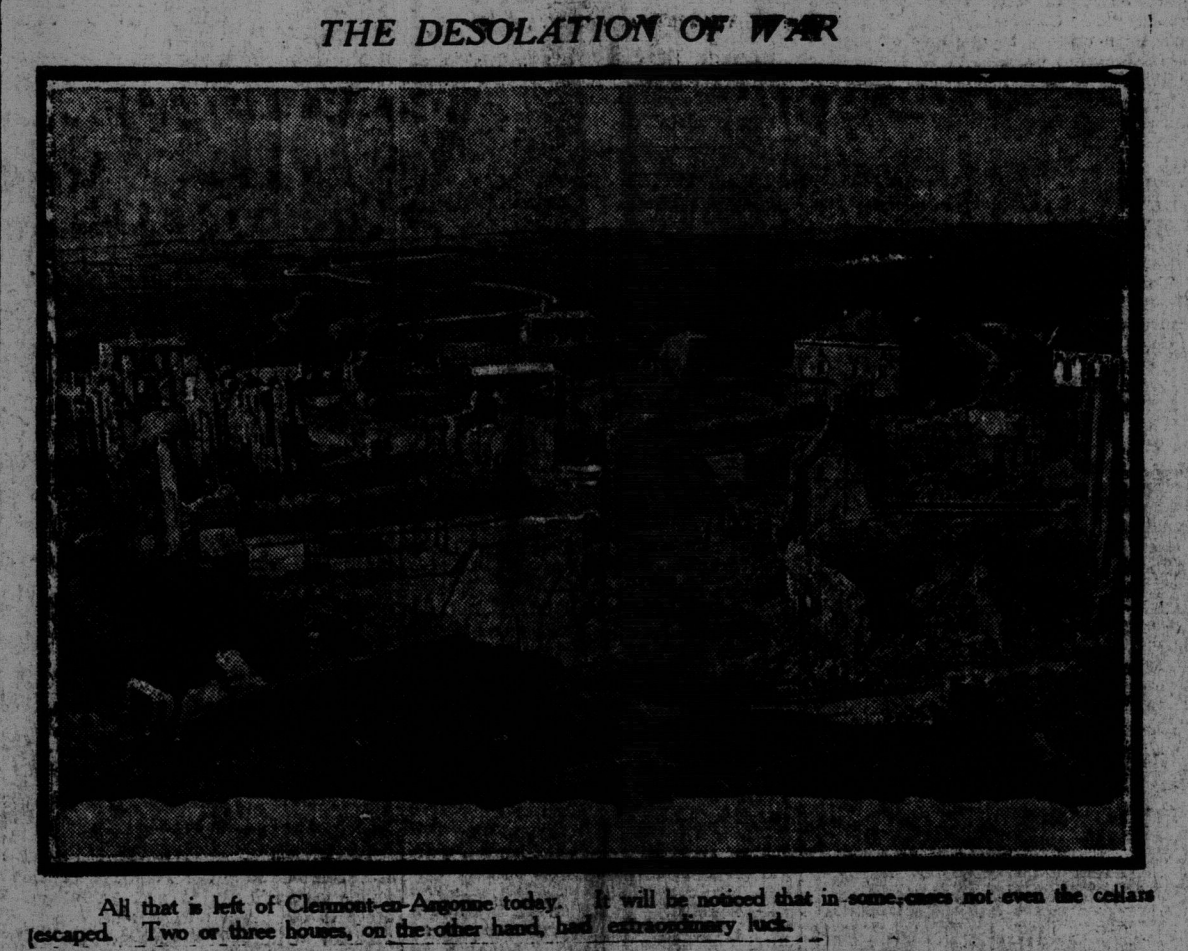
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THE DESOLATION OF WAR. All that is left of Clémenton-Angouleme today. It will be noticed that in some cases not even the cellars (scaped). Two or three houses, on the other hand, had extraordinary luck.

WOUNDED, GETS TO THE LINES ON HANDS AND KNEES

Percy Smith Creeps Last Mile To Priest

STORIES FROM THE FRONT

Capt. Eric MacDonald in France—Word From the 23rd and 24th Batteries—Went to Rouen at Last of May

Percy T. Smith of Amherst, has received a letter from Pte. Charles Atkins, recently wounded, but now improving. He says: "I must tell you about the last night I had at the front. On May 30 we started out to take a strip of woodland. I was in the lead, and I can tell you that it was not long before I got mine. I thought that the boys had left me, and I did not want to be taken a prisoner by the Germans. I started for my mine on my hands and knees. It took me hours to make the trip. Then I lay down on the ground and waited for the mine to explode. It did not explode, and I was left with a bad leg. I was taken to a hospital, but I was not allowed to go home. I was sent to Rouen at the last of May."

SIX RELATIVES IN WAR

News of Wounding of Two Comes to North Street Home

News from the front is of keen interest these days to Mrs. John Murphy of 41 North Street, for she has no fewer than six close relatives in the theatre of war. Mrs. Murphy, a native of Ireland, as one can easily tell from the richness of her bougie and her good-natured smile, has received a letter telling that her son-in-law, John Neardon, of this city, who is with the 1st contingent, and has been in France for some time, has been wounded. Her daughter, formerly Miss Rose Murphy, is anxiously awaiting further word concerning him. In his letter he wrote that he was much improved in condition, and hoped soon to see her and his little babe, just six months old, whom he has never seen.

Capt. Eric MacDonald, formerly of the 1st Battalion and son of Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald, captain of the Divisional Ammunition Column of the 2nd Canadian contingent, has joined the 10th Battalion in France.

His mother, who is residing in Fredericton, while her husband and son have gone away to fight the battles of the empire, received a cablegram yesterday afternoon from her son stating that he had arrived in France and was to join the 10th Battalion.

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ASTOUNDING EVIDENCE IS GIVEN AT FREDERICTON

Commissioner Chandler Hears Testimony of Specific Instance of Padding of Pay List

Fredericton, June 17.—Royal Commissioner Chandler this morning reopened his court to inquire into charges of padded pay lists on the public works of Kent county. The charges were made by Internal Organiser "Felix" of 2211 St. John street. He charged that in 1911 a ten year old son of Edward Gironard of McLean Settlement, Kent county, had been added to the pay list and been paid \$28.87, through his father, who gave Mr. Veniot the information in the month of 1911. He charged that he and his son, Alphonse, were present on the stand and swore to every statement that he had previously made in connection with the matter. Felix Michael let Buctouche well known as one of the Public Utilities Commission and a co-holder-in-trust of Hon. Dr. Landry, the provincial secretary, gave some surprising evidence. He admitted knowing the name of Timmon Gironard, the ten year old boy. He made out the pay lists for the superintendent. He is clerk for McLaughlin and Co. and cashed the public works checks and as magistrate the superintendent swore before him as to the correctness of the pay list, added the name of Timmon Gironard to the pay list but could not say at whose request he did so. He paid money to Timmon Gironard, Alphonse who himself swore that he objected to taking the money and had always said he would return it when the investigation was made. He was paid \$28.87, which he and his son, Alphonse, received from the department killed exactly with the times kept. His son Alphonse had asked him to endorse his name and he gave him what he required for his own use.

This inquiry will be followed by that into the accounts of Buctouche Bridge in which Col. Sheridan, M. P., and his sons figure. Both of them, with other witnesses, are here and on Dr. Landry's stand, and a member of the board is also attending the investigation.

Lumber Slid From Car and Crushed Out Life of Walter Crossman

Sackville, N. B., June 17.—Walter Crossman, aged about twenty-one, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Crossman of this town, was instantly killed this morning during the loading of the schooner Laura which was being loaded from a car, Stakes C. Hall with lumber from a car, Stakes C. Hall, when the lumber slid off the car, where he was standing, and he was killed. The schooner was on the top of the car when the stakes gave way and was thrown to the deck of the schooner. He escaped with only slight injuries to one of his legs.

Burglar Suspect Captured in W. J. Kent & Co's, Bathurst, in Early Morning

Bathurst, N. B., June 17.—W. J. Kent & Company's store was entered about two o'clock this morning and the noise of breaking glass was heard by a isolated traveler who was passing and who notified Mr. Kent and Policeman Ramsay. The burglar was discovered by Mr. Morley Kent hiding among some clothing and is now lodged in jail. It gave his name as McLean and said that he belonged to Montreal. On account of his quick capture he had no chance to do anything. He will be before Magistrate O'Brien tomorrow for examination.

FRENCH PRESIDENT MAKES A CALL FOR GUNS AND MUNITIONS

Paris, June 17.—"A crowning victory will be the reward of moral force backed by material strength," was the essence of discourses by President Poincare to munitions workers at establishments in Tives, Toulouse, St. Chamond, Creusot and other places, of which he has just made a tour.

The president everywhere insisted upon the great importance attaching to the manufacture of guns and munitions on a larger and quicker scale.

ANTIMONY COMPANY TO CONSIDER OFFER. The stockholders in the Canadian Antimony Company, of whom there are many in St. John, now have another prospect for seeing some of their operations in regard to this property at Lake George. Since the war, it is said, the price has gone up to thirty cents a pound and operation looks more profitable. A meeting of the shareholders will be held this afternoon in the office of H. A. Porter here to consider an offer to lease the mine to resume operations.

FOR LEAGUE OF PEACE. Philadelphia, June 17.—Men distinguished in many walks of life, gathered today at a conference to consider the adoption of proposals for a league of peace and to decide upon steps to be taken to obtain the support of public opinion and of governments. Former president Wm. H. Taft presided. The plan was largely his idea, and it is understood to have the personal though unofficial endorsement of President Wilson.

Col. Unlacks Killed. The news of the death of Lieut. Colonel Robbie Unlack reached Halifax on Monday. Colonel Unlack was at the front and met death by an explosion which took place in a bombing he was passing on his way to his duties. He was a son of the late Rev. Fitzgerald Unlack of "Gorsebrook," Halifax. He was a gallant officer and has been conspicuous in despatches for conspicuous gallantry.

ITALIAN SUCCESSES AT VARIOUS POINTS

Have Advantage All Along Front—Scale Alpine Crags and Strike Hard Blow at Austrians

Rome, June 17.—Italian successes at various points on the battle line are announced in an official statement issued last night at the War Office. It says: "Fighting to our advantage is reported from all along the front, notably at Segusiano and Brentonico in the Adige Valley at Fedaia Pass and Montebelluna in Cadore along the line of crests from Valle Piccolo to Valle Grande in Carnia where the enemy has redoubled his efforts in the last few days; and at certain points along the Isonzo, where our troops are making secure successes already obtained."

Special importance is attached to the action developing in the Monte Nero zone by our Alpine troops, to whom had been entrusted the task of dislodging the enemy from ambushes among the rocks which buttress the summit on the northern side. It was begun at night by daring and difficult escalade of the crags. The action was continued at dawn by impetuous attacks which were crowned with complete success. Up to the present the capture of 375 prisoners including fourteen officers, has been announced, but this is only the first installment."

Genova, June 17.—Despatches from Lialbach newspapers say that the Italian Bersaglieri has stormed an Austrian observation post near Boche in the Cadorna alps, and that the strong Austrian detachment defending it was either killed or made prisoners.

The despatches add that the localities around Monfalcone have been bombarded by Italian artillery, and that the Italian advance guards have now reached Komem. Three lines of railways are declared to have been partially destroyed by the Italian troops. The despatches say the Austrians also have been driven from the forest of Timova and several hundred Tyroleans have been made prisoners.

Verona, June 17.—A report from Lago di Misurina, says that among the prisoners captured in a bayonet fight made by Bersaglieri on the Austrians in that district, was a Bavarian, and this is regarded as indicating that German soldiers are fighting with the Austrians.

The report says that the Bavarian, although given in marriage by his brother, was bayoneted. Both men, badly wounded, are now in a hospital, side by side.

Marcon's Work. Florence, Italy, June 17.—William Marconi has asked that he be ennobled. Lieutenant of Engineers and assigned to duty with the telegraph brigade here.

TROPHY FOR SCHOOL BOYS' LEAGUE NOW IS ON EXHIBITION

Times Shield in Ferguson & Page's Window—The Teams, The Schedule and the Standing

The trophy presented by the Evening Times for the winning team of the School Boys' Baseball League, is on exhibition in Ferguson & Page's window. It is a beautiful quartered oak shield, twenty-eight inches tall and twenty-three inches wide, in the center of which is mounted a gray silver shield with blue relief of a player, but in hand and guarding on either side are figures of goddesses presenting wreaths to the victors.

Surrounding the central figures are ten small silver shields, upon which will be engraved the names of the winning team for each succeeding year. This trophy will become the property of the school of the winning team for one year, and so long thereafter as that school team shall be the victors in the league.

There are eight schools entered in this league. All teams play a game on Saturday morning at ten o'clock on the following playgrounds—Barrack Green, Shamrock grounds, Dufferin grounds (near of Dufferin schools), and Peter's playgrounds. The schedule has been so arranged as to close on June 30, the day on which school closes.

The league is governed by a board of directors, composed of the managers and captains of each team under the supervision of C. D. Howard, superintendent of the Playground Association.

Following are the schedule and the standing of the teams:

The Standing. Saturday, June 19—Albert vs. Winter street; Carleton; Alexandra vs. King Edward; Barrack Green; St. Malachi vs. Victoria; Shamrock grounds; Centennial vs. Dufferin; Peter's playgrounds. Saturday, June 26—St. Malachi vs. Albert; Peter's playgrounds; King Edward vs. Centennial; Shamrock grounds; Alexandra vs. Winter street; Barrack Green.

Saturday, June 30—Centennial vs. Alexandra; Peter's playgrounds; Dufferin vs. Albert; Carleton; King Edward vs. St. Malachi; Barrack Green; Winter street vs. Victoria; Shamrock grounds.

The Standing. Won Lost P.C. Alexandra 8 0 1,000 Winter street 3 0 1,000 Centennial 2 1 667 King Edward 2 1 667 St. Malachi 1 2 333 Victoria 0 2 000 Albert 0 2 000 Dufferin 0 3 000

WRONG TO BE READY, SAYS W. J. BRYAN

Washington, June 17.—Asserting that preparedness provokes, rather than prevents war, and that the upheaval in Europe was a result of the false philosophy that "might makes right," Wm. J. Bryan today, in the second of his series of three statements on "The Causeless War," submits an argument against military preparation by the United States, and predicts the course of President Wilson in international emergencies.

RECRUITING. Several volunteers presented themselves today at the recruiting office to be signed for the 55th. Quite a number will be forwarded tonight to the camp at Sussex, Sergt. London would appreciate the loan of a typewriter for a few days in the recruiting office.

QUAKERS FROM STATES JOIN ENGLISH AMBULANCE UNIT. Philadelphia, June 17.—Four young members of the Society of Friends will sail from New York on Saturday for France and Belgium with the English Friends ambulance unit in the war zone. These recruits, the first Friends to volunteer from this country, are recent graduates of Haverford College.

June Brides

A nuptial event of interest took place this morning in Carmarthen street Methodist church, when the Rev. Ralph Stewart officiated in marriage Miss Marie Gillis, daughter of Mrs. John R. Gillis, of 109 Union street, and Charles Harold Brock, of Rothsay. The church was prettily decorated in honor of the event. Miss Gillis, who was given in marriage by her brother, John Gillis, was unattended. She was prettily gowned in a traveling suit of gray.

The groom was supported by Gordon Kerr, R. F. Wright and J. Davidson. It is a beautiful quartered oak shield, twenty-eight inches tall and twenty-three inches wide, in the center of which is mounted a gray silver shield with blue relief of a player, but in hand and guarding on either side are figures of goddesses presenting wreaths to the victors.

An interesting wedding took place this morning in Carmarthen street Methodist church, when the pastor, Rev. R. S. Crisp, united in marriage Edward Bruce Johnston of this city and Miss Amelia J. Benson of Gray's Cove, Newfoundland. The bride wore a pretty gown of white tulle with a corsage of white and pink flowers. The groom was dressed in blue suit with hat to match. Newman, the bride's best man. The ceremony was witnessed by quite a gathering of friends, with whom the bride and groom are popular. Both are members of the church. They left on a trip through the province, and on their return will reside at 148 Carmarthen street.

Sodagras-Ellsworth. A pretty wedding took place last evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's father, when Miss Marie M. Ellsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim G. Ellsworth, of Victoria street, became the bride of Joseph Sodagras. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. H. Nobles in the presence of friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was prettily attired in a costume of white duchesse satin with veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white roses while little Miss Sadie Belyea acted as flower girl. The house was prettily decorated with white lilies and cut flowers. Following the ceremony a tempting supper was served after which Mr. and Mrs. Sodagras left on a short honeymoon trip. On their return they will reside in Sussex. The bride's going away dress was of Belgian blue with white hat. They were the recipients of a handsome array of presents including china, cut glass and silverware, also two substantial checks from the brother of the bride and the groom's father. Best wishes for their future happiness will be extended by a large circle of friends.

Washburn-Montgomery. St. Mary's Catholic church, Bangor, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday at one o'clock, when Miss Marjorie F. Montgomery, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Montgomery, became the bride of John H. Washburn. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn left on the 8.10 train for a wedding trip of several weeks to St. John, N. B.