THREE NEW BRUNSWICK MEN WOUNDED

TWO MORE FROM THE 26TH IN THE CASUALTY LIST

Lance Corp. Geo. B. Finnegan, of St. Andrews, and J. W. Bettle of Passakeag—Norman Barden of Sussex, Member of 14th Battalion, Also Reported Wounded.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—The midnight casualty list is as follows:

Second Battalion.

Died of Wounds—Captain Arthur E. Mercer, Windsor, Ont. (died Oct. 11.)

Third Battalion.

Died of wounds—Joseph McNeil, Sydney Mines, C. B. (died Oct. 2.)

Wounded—Elmer Henry McDonald, Chignecto, N. S.

Fourteenth Battalion.

Wounded—Norman Barden, Sussex, N. B.

Twenty-Fifth Battalion.

Killed in Action, Oct. 3.—Wm. Small, Till Cove Mines, Nfld.

Slightly Wounded—Alex. McLellan, New Waterford, C. B.; Lance Corporal James Hulme, Southside, Little Bras D'Or, N. S.

Twenty-Sixth Battalion.

Wounded—J. W. Bettle, Passekeag, N. B.; Lance Corporal Geo. Blair Finnigan, St. Andrews, N. B.

ARRANGE FOR FEEDING OF TWO MILLIONS OF BELGIAN CIVILIANS

Cereal and Root Crops Above Amount Allowed to Each Grower Handed Over to American Commission by Chief of German Staff.

The Hague, Oct. 14, via London.—The chief of the German army staff in the east and west Flanders zone of operations announces that an arrangement for the provisioning of about two million Belgian civilians in that district has been concluded with Herbert C. Hoover, Oscar T. Crosby, and Julius A. Van Hee, vice counsel at Ghent, representing the American Red Cross Commission.

The German authorities have requisitioned at fixed prices, the cereal and root crops over a stated allowance for the family and animals of each grower. The whole of these crops, except oats and rye, will be handed over to the commission for distribution. In the place of oats and rye the Germans will furnish the commission with wheat.

In exchange the commission undertakes to import wheat sufficient to make up the deficit, together with the usual ration of bacon, lard, rice and fodder. The daily average of imports by the commission into this section amounts to about one thousand tons.

The arrangements providing for the distribution of the harvest to the 4,500,000 people under the jurisdiction of the German governor-general Von Bissing, which was made some time ago, is operating smoothly. It is reported that an arrangement of the same co-operative character has been effected between the German general staff and the commission, providing for taking over of the crops of 2,500,000 French civilians in the occupied portion of France.

The commission is now importing into these districts about $10,000,000 worth of wheat monthly. Half of this comes from the United States, and the remainder from Argentina, India and other places.

SLIGHT DECREASE IN COST OF LIVING FOR SEPTEMBER

Activity in Munitions Work Created an Increased Demand in Canada.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—According to official returns to the department of labor, there was a slight decline in the cost of living during September, notably in bread, rents and some varieties of meats. There was an increased demand for labor, due to activity in the manufacture of munitions and improvement in lumbering and coal mining.

Dullness continued in the building trades, except in the eastern provinces.

MAKING FINE TIME OVER NEW C.N.R. LINE

Parliamentary and Press Party, Hosts of Canadian Northern, Delighted With the Trip—Train Making Splendid Time.

Special to The Standard

Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 14—The Canadian Northern parliamentary and press train of fifteen heavy sleeping and dining cars, drawn by one light engine, arrived at Port Arthur at four o'clock this afternoon and following a stop of one hour left again for Winnipeg which city will be reached at seven on Friday morning.

Sir William MacKenzie who accompanies the party, with a numerous group of his staff, is justly proud of the showing which has been made so far, and takes pleasure in pointing out that in the matter of grades, as evidenced by what has been seen to the present, this is the easiest working road in America.

The weather since leaving Quebec has been rather dull, but there is any amount of activity on board the train, where all present, parliamentarians, senators and newspaper men, are being deluged with information in respect to the character and resources of this new country through which the train is passing. Last evening an impromptu concert was held as a starter for a series, which will take place before the return journey is completed, and at which a collection will be made in aid of the Trafalgar Fund, requested by King George. There has been developed among members of the Senate an amazing amount of musical talent, opening the eyes of the press and commons members as to the real value of the Upper House.

The party, which was joined yesterday by a detachment of sixty from New York, Chicago, Toronto and other cities, now numbers about one hundred and seventy, and will be further increased by the addition of the Manitoba members tomorrow. The tentative schedule now prepared calls for short stops at Regina, Brandon, Saskatoon, Battleford and Edmonton with arrival at Vancouver at seven o'clock on Monday evening, where Premier McBride has arranged an excursion to Victoria.

STR. LADY OF GASPE ASHORE IN FOG IN THE ST. LAWRENCE

Quebec, Oct. 14.—The steamship Lady of Gaspe, of the Gaspe Steamship Company, which went ashore yesterday morning in a dense fog about half a mile below the Quebec bridge site, is still fast aground and is making considerable water in the engine room and No. 2 compartment. A portion of the vessel's cargo has been removed to lighters and a favorable tide is awaited to discharge the balance. The vessel ran so far in the mud that it is not thought possible that she will be refloated before a week or two, at high tide.

WILL ARRANGE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF RETURNED SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—The government proposes, through the military hospitals commission, to form an organization to take up the general question of employment for returned soldiers. In the meantime the patriotic fund branches are looking after jobs for invalided men able to work and until the main organization is completed men having dependents should be directed to these branches.

SIR EDW. GREY REVIEWS EVENTS IN BALKANS

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resolution and we will maintain it."

During the discussion which followed the Marquis of Crewe's statement, Viscount Milner suggested the withdrawal of the troops from Gallipoli and their transfer to some other theatre of war.

Lord Lansdowne, in reply, said it was impossible for any member of the government to give an undertaking that the troops would continue in the Dardanelles operations or would be withdrawn from them. It would be unpatriotic and improper, he said, to force the government to make a fuller disclosure of the operations in which the country is engaged.

The present situation, he declared, was a grave and critical one; there were new developments and new factors, in addition to the entrance of Bulgaria into the struggle. The attitude of Greece at the present moment had not been quite fully defined and that was another factor in the calcu-

Issue On For All Allies Wherever Fighting Is Taking Place.

Sir Edward Grey announced that the co-operation of Russian troops in the Balkans had been promised as soon as the troops were available.

In his remarks Sir Edward Grey alluding to Serbia, praised the skill and courage with which she turned upon her foes and had driven them out of her country, as one of the outstanding features of the war. Once again, he said, the crisis was upon Serbia, and she was meeting it with the same splendid courage.

Through Greek territory alone could assistance be sent to Serbia, continued the foreign secretary, and that this assistance was welcome was sufficiently proved by the reception accorded the allied troops. Great Britain was giving Serbia all the help in its power freely and unconditionally.

"In view of the treaty between Greece and Serbia," said the foreign secretary, "how can there be any other attitude on the part of Greece towards the assistance offered through her to Serbia?

"In the steps taken we acted in the closest co-operation with France and the co-operation of Russian troops is promised as soon as they can be made available.

"The military measures adopted to meet the requirements of the new situation, are the subject of continuous attention by the military authorities of the allies, and they will be taken in close consultation with each other. It is not my province to make a public disclosure of the military plans, and I can only say I believe they will be based on the principles of sound strategy.

"Serbia is fighting for her national existence, and with her the struggle is just now intense and acute, but the struggle is one and the issue is one, in whatever theatre of war fighting is taking place.

"All the allies are fighting for national existence, and for all who are fighting the same issue arises. It is a fight for the right to live, not under the shadow of Prussian militarism which does not observe the ordinary rules of humanity in war, and to leave us free from the menace of oppression."

BRITISH LOST ONLY FOUR STEAMERS OUT OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED

London, Oct. 14.—During the week ending October 13, four British steamers, of a total of 15,464 tons, were sunk, out of fifteen hundred of more than three hundred each which entered or departed from British ports. Only two fishing vessels have been sunk during the past month.

Fire Department Work.

The West Side fire department was called out yesterday morning about ten o'clock by an alarm from box 115 for a fire in J. F. Belyea's tar pot at the foot of Middle street. A seine owned by Henry Belyea was destroyed and at one time it was feared that the fire might spread to some fish houses in the close vicinity. The fire was extinguished before any other damage was done.

At 10.45 o'clock last night a "bonehead" was on the rounds and sent in a false alarm from box 114 on King street, West St. John, giving the department a needless run.

Yesterday afternoon about 5.30 o'clock an alarm was sent in from box 15 and when the department arrived they found the cause of the alarm was for some rags that had caught on fire in Mr. Corr's home on Brussels street. There was no damage done other than by some smoke.

CAMPAIGN TO GET $7,500,000 FOR THE PATRIOTIC FUND

Duke of Connaught Will Head Dominion-Wide Canvass Which Begins Nov. 1st—Amount Contributed Last Year $5,350,000—Manitoba Per Capita Donations Greater Than in Any Other Province.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—The Duke of Connaught will head a campaign beginning Nov. 1 to raise $7,500,000 throughout the Dominion for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

During the past year $5,350,000 was subscribed. Twenty thousand families are at present receiving aid from the fund but by Christmas it is expected that this will be increased to twenty-five thousand families and more money will be required. This fund supplements the regular military allowances.

The average subscriptions during the war year ending Sept. 1st last was 70 cents per head but this year one dollar will be necessary.

Manitoba Heads List.

A summary of contributions show that Manitoba last year headed the subscriptions with $1.42 per head of population, and the others in order were: Quebec, 80 cents; British Columbia, 78 cents; Ontario, 68 cents; Alberta, 48 cents; Saskatchewan, 40 cents and the Maritime Provinces, lowest, with 36 cents. Following is the amounts raised by the provinces with estimated population:

	Population.	Amount Raised.
Maritime Provinces	900,000	$ 325,000
Quebec	2,100,000	1,675,000
Ontario	2,600,000	1,750,000
Manitoba	525,000	750,000
Saskatchewan	600,000	240,000
Alberta	500,000	238,000
British Columbia	475,000	372,000

The estimated requirements for each province for this year are as follows:

Maritime Provinces	$ 550,000
Quebec	1,250,000
Ontario	2,400,000
Manitoba	1,000,000
Saskatchewan	600,000
Alberta	1,000,000
British Columbia	650,000
Expenses	70,000
Total	$7,500,000

These are not the figures which each province is necessarily supposed to raise, but those are the amounts which will have to be expended in these provinces. Alberta has enlisted more men in ratio to population than any other province and will require a million dollars. This would call for a per capita subscription of $2, but if Alberta raises half that she will have done her duty.

Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and Ontario have not furnished so many soldiers according to population as have the western provinces and therefore the money required for the dependents of the soldiers is not so great per capita. For instance it only requires sixty cents per capita from Quebec to care for families of its soldiers, the Maritime Provinces sixty-one cents, and Ontario ninety-two cents, but the Saskatchewan people would have to pay $1 for their families, British Columbia $1.37, Manitoba $1.90, and Alberta $2.

The argument has been advanced that each province should look after their own only, but this would mean that Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and Ontario would have the western provinces not only make the sacrifice of their valuable men for all Canada, but bear the brunt of the expenditure as well. In other words the eastern provinces would send fewer men to the front and pay less than their western brethren. In Ontario the County of Halton has set a splendid example. Some time ago the county council made enquiries and learned that $25,000 would be necessary for the families of the Halton soldiers. This amount was raised by the county and distributed and independently of the Patriotic Fund. Over and above this $37,000 was collected and sent to the Patriotic Fund and nothing of this will go to Halton.

OFFICIAL REPORT

Paris, Oct. 14—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"Artillery duels have occurred in Artois, in the valley of the Souchez and the Givenchy wood. There has been cannonading on both sides, also on the Aisne front, in the environs of Rheims, and in Champagne, near Auberive, and the Navarin farm.

"Quite violent engagements with bombs and torpedoes have taken place on the heights of the Meuse, in the sectors of Calonne and Troyon.

"In Lorraine the enemy directed against our positions in the region of Reillon a bombardment, to which we replied effectively.

"A squadron of twenty aeroplanes today bombarded the station at Bazincourt, behind the Champagne front. One of our aeroplanes struck down a German captive balloon, which dropped to the south of Monthois.

"An enemy aeroplane was brought down by our machines to the north of the station. It fell within the German lines to the north of Bucy-Le-Long."

The Belgian official communication reads:

"Quiet prevails on our front."

Russian Report

Petrograd, Oct. 14, via London—The following official statement from general headquarters was issued tonight:

"A German aeroplane has dropped several bombs on the Remersh railway line north of Friedrichstadt. In the region of Jacobstadt the artillery fire has increased in intensity in some places.

"On the night of the 13th a Zeppelin dropped about fifty bombs near Dvinsk. No one was injured. On the Dvinsk front there has been an artillery duel on the road south of Schlossberg which we captured yesterday. Obstinate fighting continues.

"A stubborn engagement, in which both sides are attacking, is also in progress near the village of Sprouguine and in the vicinity of the village of Garbounovka.

"On the line of the Demmen and Dreswiaty lakes desultory attacks by the enemy have met with no success. The artillery duels continue. We have occupied the village of Khropine, south of Novel, on the Pripet river.

"On the left bank of the Styr, north of Rotalovka, our cavalry carried the Zaiadine farm.

"In Galicia, on the Stripa front, the enemy at several points assumed the offensive without success. Very violent fighting is taking place around the villages of Beniavy and Lavoroska and west of Trembolva.

WEDDINGS.

McAvity-Kaye.

The wedding of George Clifford McAvity, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McAvity and manager of the Mianus motor works department of McAvity & Sons, to Miss Nita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kaye, was solemnized at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning in Trinity Church by Rev. Ralph Sherman. Miss Dorothy, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Herbert M. Dixon groomsman. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McAvity left by automobile on a hunting trip and afterwards will tour Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

ADJUSTING TROUBLE WITH MEAT PACKERS OF UNITED STATES

London, Oct. 14.—The statement was made in the House of Commons today by Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, that material progress was being made in the negotiations between the board of inland revenue and Chicago packing houses in regard to the amount of income tax due from those firms. Taxes for a period of more than ten years are involved.

DIED.

KUPKER—At Gaspereaux Station on October 13th Geo. W. Kupker died after a lingering illness of two years. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn their sad loss. Age seventy years.

MAGEE.—Suddenly on the morning of Oct. 14, at 37 Millidge Avenue, Elizabeth A., beloved wife of James S. Magee, aged 51 years, leaving her husband, three sons and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral from her late residence on Sunday afternoon. Service begins at 3 o'clock. Friends invited.

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FRANZ JOSEF IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Rome, Oct. 15, via Paris, Oct. 15.—The Idea Nazionale says it learns from trustworthy sources that the condition of Emperor Francis Joseph is growing worse. The mind of the Austrian Emperor, the newspapers says, is weakening, and he is suffering from depression and has frequent spells of weeping.

CIVILIANS IN BELGIUM SHOT DOWN BY ORDER OF GERMAN OFFICERS

Paris, Oct. 15.—A Havas despatch from Havre says:

"Over five thousand civilians have been shot in Belgium by order of the German military authorities, according to authentic reports receied by the Belgian government. The figure is approximate and unofficial because no local authorities, who fear reprisals, would dare draw up official reports.

"The estimates so far made follow: Antwerp, 200; Brabant, 800; Flanders, 100; Hainault, 400; Liege, 845; Limbourg, 40; Luxemburg, 1,000; Namur, 1,800."

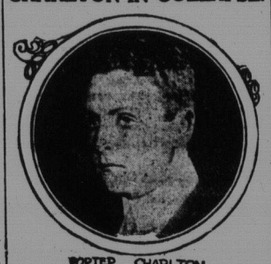
GOVERNMENT MEETINGS FINISHED YESTERDAY

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Oct. 14.—The Provincial Government's meeting concluded this afternoon and this evening Hon. Dr. Landry and Hon. J. A. Murray left for St. John this evening en route to River Glade for a meeting of the Jordan Memorial Sanitarium commission tomorrow.

London, Oct. 14.—At a meeting today of theatrical managers for discussion of a proposal to substitute matinees for night performances, it was decided to continue the latter.

CHARLTON IN COLLAPSE.



PORTER CHARLTON

Porter Charlton is under a doctor's care on the eve of his trial for the murder of his wife, Mary Scott Charlton, in their villa on the shore of Lake Como. The news that his chief counsel, Catapana, had suddenly withdrawn from the case was a shock to the young American, and his nervous condition is such that physicians have not permitted his remaining lawyer, Cattaneo, to visit his cell in the prison at Como, Italy.

LARGE AMOUNT FOR THE FUNDS

Loch Lomond fair produced nearly $200—Thanks to those who assisted.

At the patriotic dance held in connection with the Loch Lomond Fair Wednesday, the sum of $186.10 was realized. The committee in charge have decided to present $36.10 towards the soldiers' tobacco fund and the balance, $150, will go for soldier's comforts.

The committee wish to thank the following for favors received: The Press, Stilwell and Hoyt, T. McAvity and Sons, Mrs. T. A. Stephenson, Mrs. S. Barker, Waterbury and Rising, Andrew Philips, Thomas Boyle, Harry Ervin, M. and H. Gallagehr and Co., Chas. H. Jackson, and all others who helped to make the dance and drawing such a success.

The successful winners in lotteries and guesses were: For the pumps, W. J. McLean, ticket 75; for box of cigars, Commissioner Wigmore, ticket 20; for butter plate and knife, ticket 412, name unknown; bean guess, W. [illegible] Shaw who guessed 5,785 beans in the jar, the number in the jar being 5,787. The cake, C. H. Smyth guessed six and a half pounds which was the exact weight.

Soldiers' Comforts.

The ladies of East St. John met last evening at the home of Mrs. John Pinney for the purpose of organizing a Soldiers' Comfort Class. Mrs. H. B. Peck, who is provincial president, acted as chairman. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. James W. Foley, president; Mrs. John Pinney, vice-president and buyer; Mrs. H. B. Peck, secretary, and Mrs. Anna Gillen, treasurer. It was decided to hold a public meeting in the Edith Avenue Mission on the 21st inst., when the ladies of East St. John, Red Head and Little River will be given an opportunity to become members. At this meeting some decision will be made regarding the filling of Christmas boxes for the Soldiers' Comfort Association.

Fish Market.

There was a good supply of fish in the local market yesterday. Fresh haddock has been rather scarce during the week, but other fresh fish has been on hand in sufficient quantity. No changes in prices have taken place, cod and haddock selling at five cents a pound; halibut, eighteen cents; mackerel, smelt, fresh herring and dried fish were sold at the prices quoted last week. Retailers report that trade has been quite brisk during the past few days.

Carleton Meeting.

At the recruiting meeting to be held tonight in City Hall, Carleton, it is expected that the Mayor, H. A. Powell, K.C., Colonel Armstrong and "Bud" Tippetts will be among the speakers. The Carleton Cornet Band will be in attendance and other musical features have been arranged for. A large attendance is expected.

Some Collision.

At 8.40 o'clock last night a coach driven by Harold Cronin collided with an automobile driven by John A. Dibblee on Waterloo street. The horses were thrown and one of them was quite badly injured about the hind quarters. Cronin was violently thrown to the street and received a painful injury to one of his hips. The front of the car was quite badly damaged.

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ROYAL MOUNTED IN BELGIAN T SEE SOME R

Private Layton Colborne Writ on the Firing Line—Trenc of German Lines.

A letter received from Pte. R. Layton Colborne of the 14th Royal Mounted Rifles to his brother, F. C. Colborne of the C. P. R., gives a vivid description of the life in the trenches in Belgium.

Dear Fred:— Belgium.

I have just received your parcel of papers at six p.m. as I came off duty. Have just finished reading them and can asure you I was glad to get them.

Well, I have been here in the firing line since September first and just about know what it is like. Say, I can't begin to tell you, and we are at present in the quietest part of the western front. We landed in Havre, France, about the first (I guess, as you cannot keep run of the days) and were sent from the Canadian base there to the front, a two-day and one night journey by train, then about a five-hour march. We went right into the firing trench. Say, maybe I wasn't a little shaky, a continual fire of rifles, machine guns and heavy artillery. It sure is a case of "keep your head down."

We are in the trenches for fifteen days at a time, five days in firing trench, five in the supports and five in the reserves. Then we go back about a mile to the billets for a five days' rest. If we didn't get this rest I think some of the fellows would go nuts sure. It is so nerve racking.

We are shifted along the lines to different places every now and again. This last time we only had one day's rest. The Allies are advancing all along the line at this front, and we expect to move at any time. Then there will sure be something doing. I hope and pray, and wish you would all do the same, that I will come through all right. We all sleep in dug-outs in the side of the trench and cook our own meals. The grub is O. K. and most of the dug-outs roomy and dry. We sleep with the whole equipment on, boots, hat and everything. Only chance to remove them is when we go back to the billets and bath. That means a bath every month.

Saw 26th Battalion

I saw the 26th Battalion coming in the other day and we were sent along the line to help them to get used to the rough stuff. I am with the 14th Battalion now, 1st Canadian division, and they are the 5th division. We are not with them now.

I cannot tell you where we are as all letters are opened and read. I saw Rollie Kingston. He blew in with the 24th from Edmonton, Alberta, and looks fine. Was at the 26th Battalion the night they arrived with Capt. Keefe of St. John. Had a long talk with fine. It citie Say, done man who som from talk it al have Eng vict

Commission To Take Sto Resources

Will Make General Inquiry Industrial Policies of D Question and Marketing

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—The composition of the commission which will make a general enquiry into the resources, development and industrial policies of the Dominion is practically complete and an official announcement regarding the work it contemplates will be made shortly. It will embrace such questions as transportation by road, rail and water, marketing agricultural production, the safeguarding of natural resources, forestry, immigration of soldiers after the war is over, etc. In short the commission will take stock of the country.

WANTS KELLY CASE SUBMITTED TO AN ARBITRATION BOARD

Winnipeg, Oct. 14—A proposal that the civil suit taken by the province of Manitoba against Thomas Kelly be suspended and that questions in dispute be referred to an independent board of arbitration was made this morning by E. D. Anderson, counsel for Kelly. He was arguing before Justice Curran for an adjournment of the civil action until the criminal