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UNITED STATES PRESS CALLS FOR DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST GERMANY

Germany Expects the United States Will Enter Upon Hostilities—U. S. Congress Considering President's Message—Big Air Squads Raids Germany—Further Progress by British on Western Front—Austro-Hungary Expected to Endorse Submarine Policy.

STILL ADVANCE—LIGNY AND BARQUE TAKEN

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Additional progress has been made by the British forces north and south of the Ancre region in France and also south of Lens. In the Ancre district the Village of Ligny, southwest of Bapaume, has been captured and the north of the stream, the western and northern defenses of Puisieux have been taken from the Germans, according to the British official communication issued tonight.

AIR SQUADRON RAIDS GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Admiralty announced that a squadron of British airplanes made a raid over German territory yesterday attacking the iron works near Saarbusken in the Prussia. A number of German planes were met, one being destroyed in the several encounters which followed.

CASUALTIES FOR FEB. LOWEST YET.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Official figures of the British casualties for February show a total of 12,422, a new low record for an entire month.

GERMANY LOOKS FOR DECLARATION OF WAR.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—A Berlin despatch says that Germany is prepared for a declaration of war by the United States.

GAINS CONSOLIDATED AND PROGRESS MADE.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—British headquarters report that the newly won territory is being consolidated and further progress made.

GERARD SAILS FROM SPAIN

BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 28.—Ambassador Gerard sailed today on the steamship "Infanta Isabel" for Havana.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY WILL ENDORSE GERMAN POLICY

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—Austria-Hungary's answer to the U. S. note regarding the submarine issue will be handed shortly to the United States Ambassador in Vienna and will probably endorse the position of Germany according to a Berlin telegram.

OPPOSE GIVING PRESIDENT A FREE HAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The House Foreign Affairs Committee today returned to the consideration of the bill to authorize the president to enter a state of armed neutrality but decided opposition was apparent to granting him powers as broad as he wishes.

U. S. PRESS CALLS FOR DECLARATION OF WAR.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The Tribune, World and other morning papers practically call for a declaration of war against Germany without further delay.

NO FOUNDATION FOR CHARGES

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28.—The public accounts committee of the legislature has found that there is no foundation for Mr. Guilbault's charges against the present parliament building contractors.

LT. KETCHESON IS WOUNDED

Second Son of Mayor Ketcheson Reported Wounded on Feb. 22nd.

Mayor Ketcheson received a message from the Records Office at Ottawa this morning conveying the intelligence that his son, Lieut. David Vanderwater Ketcheson, had been wounded on Feb. 22nd. No further particulars were given.

Lieut. Ketcheson enlisted with the 21st Battalion and proceeded overseas with the Second Canadian Contingent. He enlisted as a private and for a time performed the duties of signaller. All his promotions have been earned on active service.

From this and other reported casualties it would appear that the Belleville boys are in the midst of the advance in the Bapaume region.

LIEUT. LAUGHER WAS SURPRISED

Bandmaster 235th Batt. Presented with an Address and Gold Watch

The members of the big Methodist choir of Bowmanville taking advantage of the presence in town of their choir director and organist, Lieut. C. C. Laughler, Bandmaster of the 235th battalion, met at the beautiful home of Mrs. D. T. Morris and daughters, Horsey Street on Monday evening and after a program of music and recitations Councilor T. S. Holgate called the company to order when Mr. R. M. Mitchell read to Lieut. Laughler a very complimentary address and Miss Hilda M. Tabb placed on his wrist a very handsome gold watch with radium dial, a gift of the members of the choir.

Following is the address: Professor C. C. Laughler, Lieut. 235th Batt., Bowmanville, Ont.

Dear Friend and Leader—it was with keen regret indeed that we, the members of Bowmanville Methodist choir, learned on Saturday evening of your call from our midst, coming as it did on the heels of our hope that you might soon be back with us. But all honor to you who have heard your country's call and are so cheerfully and untriflingly doing your bit. We all admire you for the noble spirit that prompted you to take this stand with your countrymen.

We shall miss you greatly and you leave a place altogether too large to be filled by any of us. While your stay among us has been but too short, yet we have all felt the inspiration that is to be gained from such a master of your profession, and in a small way tonight we desire to express to you our keen appreciation of your excellent services rendered to our church and choir and at this time we ask you to accept this wrist watch not for its material value but as a token of our high regard for you and we trust that as the minutes and hours are ticking away, your thoughts will often turn to old Bowmanville and your many friends. May God keep and protect you and may the time be short when you shall again be back to assist us in our sacred worship, is our prayer.

The watch bears the inscription: "Presented to Lieut. C. C. Laughler, by the Methodist Choir, Bowmanville."

The recipient acknowledged the kind and appreciative words of the address in a witty and bright speech, and all joined in singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The Misses Morris invited all into the spacious dining room, where a bounteous repast was served to the large company. Two hours more were spent in a social manner when "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The Music Committee of the Bowmanville church are trying to fill Lieut. Laughler's position temporarily in the hope that he may soon be able to return to assume the office of choir director and organist and leader of the Sunday School orchestra. General regret is felt also that his services as musical instructor in the town schools are to be lost at least for a time.

VOTES FOR ONTARIO WOMEN ANNOUNCED IN LEGISLATURE

The franchise is practically in the hands of the Ontario women. Premier Hearst came out yesterday with an announcement that his government would support the principle of J. W. Johnson's bill "to grant women the right to vote at elections to the legislative assembly" on the same basis as men. He called upon his supporters to vote for it, and took responsibility for it, and for the vote upon it.

A Corrector of Pulmonary Trouble. The case with high fever and warts can be removed by Holloway's Corn Cure is its strongest recommendation. It seldom fails.

HIGH EXPLOSIVE SHELL CAME THROUGH ROOF ARTILLERY DUGOUT

Legs of Corporal Carr Blown Off—Belleville Artilleryman in Interview Tells How He Was Wounded June 9, 1916—Praise for Hospitals.

Not the least downhearted on account of what he had suffered, but cheerful and gay in spite of the nerve-racking experiences through which he had passed, was Corporal Ernest Carr, when a representative of The Ontario called on him at the residence of Mr. Geo. N. Bennett, last evening. The returned soldier was feeling very much at home, sitting in his invalid chair, which he can wheel about with great skill so that he has almost as much freedom as one in full possession of his limbs.

Gaiety is one of Corporal Carr's prevailing characteristics. It must be such cheerfulness that keeps the boys at the front in their happy mood no matter what the circumstances. The corporal is said to have been the life of camp and hospital.

His first thought was to thank the people of Belleville for the grand reception which they tendered him on Tuesday afternoon. The kindness of the public was beyond his expectation.

Speaking of the hospitals in England, he said "As far as treatment was concerned I could not have been treated any better." He spent three months in Northampton Hospital, was then moved to More Barracks, Shorncliffe. In all places he was well.

Corporal Carr went overseas as a driver in the 24th Battery and passed through five or more great battles, St. Julien, Festubert, Givenchy, Armentieres and Zillebeke. On June 9, 1916, in the early morning just before dawn, he was wounded. His watch stopped at 2.30 when it was blown away some distance by the force of the explosion of a high explosive shell which had come through the roof of the dugout, in which were he and six others. The missile exploded between Corporal Carr's legs which were blown to pieces. Four of the men were instantly killed, and another died later. "A bombardier and myself alone survive."

"I was picked up very quickly, although I do not know anything of it if I were not, I should not be here today. I was carried on a stretcher to the first aid dressing station. I was in a state of collapse for 24 hours. The amputations took place on the tenth at the operating station. I still was not conscious."

"I had a flag I took from here from my aunt, Mrs. Bennett when I left Belleville in 1914. I have managed to return it. It was picked up on the field and sent to me while in England. I have brought back a watch I had in my pocket which was smashed when I got struck."

The battle in which the Corporal lost his legs did not last as long as the former battle of Ypres or St. Julien. "In the first battle of Ypres, for seventeen days I did not have my clothes off nor the harness of the horses. The other battle was very hot while it lasted. I was a driver through the first battle and was promoted afterwards to full corporal."

At the front with the 2nd Battery 1st brigade are still Sergt. Major Spafford, Gunner Sharpe, Driver Sheldon, Driver Bird, Sergt. A. E. Harris, Driver Tryon and Driver Newton, all Belleville boys. It was with this battery that Ernest Carr was serving.

Yesterday at the station, he was pleased to see a former member of the same unit, Bombardier Ed. Blaylock, who has been home for over a year.

He has been already two weeks in College Street Hospital, Toronto, and is now on one month's leave. Col. A. P. Allen has selected Corp. Hill of the 254th battalion to remain with Mr. Carr during his stay here. Corporal Hill himself wears one gold stripe having been gassed in the present war. He lost a brother at Ypres.

Corporal Carr's brother, Sergt. James Carr who enlisted at Belleville in the 26th battery and saw 16 months' service in England in hospital. The two spent Christmas together in hospital.

The returned soldier is well-known as a former fireman on the G.T.R. He was engaged in that capacity for over two years prior to the outbreak of war.

FELL DEAD AT ROUND HOUSE

Italian Workman Expired of Heart Disease This Morning.

Domenico Carbone, an Italian workman at the Grand Trunk round house died very suddenly this morning while at his duties. Death was due to heart disease. The remains were removed to Messrs. Tickell & Sons' morgue. A son of the dead man will come up from Montreal this evening to take charge of the body.

Domenico Carbone was born in Italy 59 years ago and had been here some years. He has a wife and family in that country.

HUNGERFORD ELECTION CASE

Mr. J. W. Burley, D.R.O. At Poll No. 8, Charged Before Magistrate Mason.

A deeply interesting case is being tried today before Magistrate Mason as a result of certain events which transpired at the election in January 1917 at poll No. 8 in Hungerford township. John Wesley Burley, deputy returning officer, of Moneymore, is charged that while being D.R.O. of Poll No. 8, he did violate the provisions of section 131 of the Municipal Act regarding the secrecy of votes by permitting persons other than those lawfully entitled to be present in the said poll during the time the poll was open, and while voting was taking place, contrary to the provisions of section 112 of the Municipal Act to wit—William Wm. Coulter, Peter Lavoque, Louis Lavoque and others were recording their votes as parties unable to read.

Mr. Burley is also charged with having received the vote of one Thomas Shannon after the said Thomas Shannon at the said poll had refused to take the oath in such cases made and provided contrary to the Municipal Act.

Mr. Carnew represents the crown and Mr. Butler for Mr. Burley.

The case opened at 11.45 and adjournment took place at 12.10 until 2 p.m. The only evidence taken this morning was that of Mr. A. B. Collins, of Tweed, clerk of Hungerford, who produced the poll book, election documents and so forth.

There are very many witnesses to be examined.

SENATOR CORBY OUT OF DANGER

A cable was received this morning from Honolulu, Hawaiian Island, that the Hon. Senator Corby, who went through an operation there for appendicitis, was out of danger. Although the announcement of the operation came yesterday, it is likely that the Senator underwent the operation some time before.

PAID ALL THE COSTS

Sam Gurnick, accused of indecent assault on Mary Sinchis, on Feb. 26th at Point Anne, faced Magistrate Mason this morning for trial. As the prosecuting person did not wish the charge pressed, Gurnick was allowed to effect a settlement by paying all costs. Gurnick was instructed to stay from the Sinchis home.

IS LOCAL SECRETARY

Mr. Albert Blackburn, Manager of Stroud's Tea Store, has been appointed Local Secretary of the Shantymen's Christian Association. The aim of the Association is to maintain one Missionary from Belleville. Mr. Blackburn takes a deep interest in Mission Work.

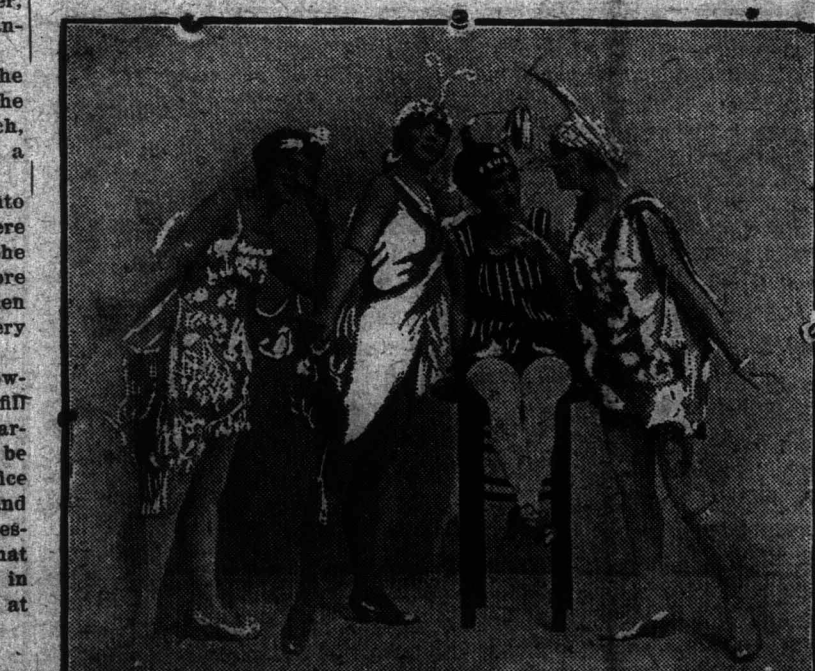
The Field Secretary, Rev. Thos. Joplin explained to our reports that the Association is doing great work making good citizens of the many Countries who come to our shores. Mr. Joplin speaks tonight at Bridge St. Methodist Church at 8 p.m.

BOYS LET GO

Two boys aged 16, Archie Roberts and Wm. Beach, were arrested by a C.N.O.R. detective for trespassing by riding on a freight train. Magistrate Mason allowed them to go with a warning. The youths are strangers here.



Corporal Ernest Carr, Belleville Soldier, who was welcomed home yesterday afternoon.



"ALLADIN AND HIS WONDERFUL LAMP" which plays a return engagement by popular request at GRIFFIN'S, Belleville, next Tuesday night.