WITH FALL OF KOVNO, BEAR IS HARD PRESSED

Germans Take Fortress By Storm, Capturing 400 Guns

VILNA AND RAILWAY OPEN TO CAPTURE

Brest Litovsk Invesedt in South and Retirement from Second Line Probable---British Advance at Sulva Threatens Communications of Turkish Defenders on Gallipoli's Tip.

London, Aug. 18—Kovno, one of the crucial points in the Russian defensive in the north, was captured by the Germans last night, and the road to the Vilna-Warsaw and Petrograd railway is now open to the troops of Emperor William.

The capture of the fortress was another triumph for the German 16-inch guns, which, throughout the present war, have been brought against no fortifications they were unable to subdue. With the fortress of Kovno the Germans have taken over 400 guns, and, according to their account, an enormous quantity of war material.

This, however, is not the most serious part of the matter to the Russians. Besides opening the way to Vilna, which is an open town, and from which most of the inhabitants and from which everything that might be of use to the invaders have been removed, the fall of the fortress removes the last protection, with the exception of the Russian field army, to the main line railway to the capital, and also places the Germans in a position to threaten the flanks of the Russian armies retiring to the Brest-Litovsk line and those operating in Southern Courland.

Grand Duke Hastening Retreat.

Grand Duke Nicholas, apparently, expected the fall of Kovno, for his armies are hastening their retirement in Poland eastward. They still hold their own from Kovno to the south of Ossowetz, but south of that they are being pressed from the northeast by Generals Von Schelz and Von Galliwitz and from the west by Arch Duke Leopold, who has crossed the Bug river and is approaching the Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok railway. It is the same in the south, where General Von Mackensen finally has succeeded in driving the Muscovites into their outer positions of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk.

For the first time since he began his retirement from Western Galicia in May, Grand Duke Nicholas, in the opinion of military observers, finds part of his army in serious danger of envelopment. The military writers express curiosity as to how he will extricate it. The Russian commander continues an orderly retreat, as is evidenced by the fact that outside of the guns taken with the fortress of Kovno, or captured in the forts of Novo Georgievsk, two more of which have fallen, the Germans make no claim to the capture of artillery. It would appear also that few prisoners have been taken, which doubtless means that a considerable part of the Austro-Germans, in their most recent advance, have not met with serious fighting.

With Kovno in German hands and another German army across the Bug south of Brest-Litovsk, a speedy exit, according to military observers, is the only safe one for the Russians, if they are to escape before the second set of pincers prepared for them are closed.

Seventeenth Air Raid.

While fighting to crush the Russian army the Germans are finding time for minor activities in other fields. Last night they carried out their seventeenth air raid on England, visiting eastern counties, where they dropped bombs which, according to the official communication, killed ten and injured thirty-six civilians. As in the last raid the admiralty reports that it believes one of the Zeppelins, of which there are supposed to have been four, was damaged.

A despatch from Holland today reported that another quartette or dirigibles passed the way over to England, but nothing has been heard of them as yet. Tonight is clear and it is probable that the airship commanders, believing it likely that their craft would be discovered by the British air patrol, have turned back. Last night was dark and misty—an ideal night for air raiders.

The German submarines also have been busy, and during the day the sinking of three British and three neutral steamers and a trawler has been reported.

British Strike At Stragetic Point.

As an offset to the German successes in the East the French official communication reports further gains for the French troops in the Vosges, while General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander of the Allied forces of the Gallipoli peninsula, announces an advance by the new forces of Allied troops which landed at Suvla Bay, and the repulse of a Turkish attack against the right flank of the Australians. The Turks, on the other hand, say that all the British attacks were repulsed.

Any progress made by the British at Suvla Bay would, according to the military experts, be important, as it would threaten the Turks who are facing the Australians down the coast and, like the other operations against Turkey, have an influence on the Balkan States, which, seemingly, are about to decide which set of belligerents they will join. Serbia probably will make her reply this week to the suggestion of the Entente ministers that she cede Macedonia to Bulgaria. Opinion is divided in Serbia as to what the reply should be, but it is expected that it will be favorable.

Serbia, it is asserted, would like to await the outcome of the Greek crisis before giving her decision. This, however, is likely to continue for some days, and is expected to end in an agreement between King Constantine and the new Premier, M. Venizelos, which will guarantee the continued neutrality of Greece.

The map shows approximately the extreme line to which the Russians have yet fallen back, except that since it was prepared Kovno has been taken. Brest-Litovsk has also been invested. The converging lines there and at Vilna show the difficulty that the Russians might find in trying to defend these two points; hence the withdrawal. The numbers indicate (1) where the Germans are fighting toward Dvinsk. At (2) Prince Leopold's Bavarians are advancing on the Bug while von Mackensen's drive is approximately at (3).

OBITUARY

Mrs. Morris McD. Steven.

Tuesday, August 17.

Many in this city will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Morris McDowell Steven which occurred on Saturday at her recently adopted home, Central Blissville, Sunbury county. She was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and came here several years ago to live. Recently the family removed to Blissville. She leaves besides her husband, three sons, Kenneth, an employe of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., retail store, Jim in England with the second Canadian contingent, formerly of the Bank of B. N. A., and Sandy at home.

Mrs. Adam R. Bell.

Tuesday, August 17.

The body of Mrs. Anne E. Bell, widow of Adam Rutherford Bell, at one time a prominent manufacturer here, was brought to the city at noon yesterday on the Montreal train. The funeral took place from the station and the body was interred in Fernhill cemetery. Mrs. Bell had been ill for some time at her home in Montreal, but death came suddenly on Saturday. She had a great number of friends here who will sincerely mourn her sudden demise.

Mrs. Hettie Grey.

Tuesday, August 17.

The death of Hettie, wife of Edward Grey, occurred on August 11 at her home, Penobsquis, Kings county after a brief illness. She was twenty-three years of age. The funeral was held on Thursday last at Young's Cove, Queens county. Besides her husband, Mrs. Grey left three small children, the youngest only two weeks. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wiggins, Young's Cove. Five sisters and five brothers also survive. Mrs. William Y. Beatty, 29 Wright street, this city, is a sister.

Rev. J. M. Harrison.

Winnipeg, Aug. 16—Rev. J. M. Harrison, aged 65, one of the pioneers of the Methodist church in western Canada, died yesterday afternoon at his fruit farm in Summerland (B. C.) He was the first president of the Alberta conference.

Joseph H. Douglas.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 16—Joseph H. Douglas, Mayor of Amherst, died very suddenly at the Halifax Hotel this morning. He arrived here on Friday and was taken ill on Saturday with pneumonia. Yesterday he semed much improved, but this morning his condition grew suddenly worse and he passed away about nine o'clock. He leaves his wife and three children. He was head of the hardware firm of Douglas & Co. He was a son-in-law of the late ex-Premier W. T. Pipes.

Mrs. Sarah T. Small.

Tuesday, August 17.

The death of Mrs. Sarah T. Small occurred at Highfield, Aug. 5, after a tedious illness. She was the widow of John Small, formerly of Plymouth, England.

Mrs. Small was of Loyalist and English descent, her mother, Edith Thorne, a descendant of the Thornes of New York; her father, Richard Hetherington, of High Heskets, Cumberland county, England. She was a woman of sterling character, an earnest and devoted Christian, and a lover of the beautiful in nature. Besides many friends, she leaves to mourn six sons, two daughters, twenty-six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. The sons are: Gilbert L., Jamaica, Long Island (N. Y.); Fred J., Brookvale (N. B.); Thomas R., East Kingston (N. B.); Morley H., at home; William C., Somerville (Mass.); Rutherford J., Highfield (N. B.) The daughters, Mrs. R. J. Craft, Shannon (N. B.); Mrs. W. M. Thorne, St. John (N. B.)

Capt. Frank Cook.

Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 16—Captain Frank Cook, one of Yarmouth's old time sea captains, died this morning at his home in Central Chebogue, aged 88 years. He retired from the sea many years ago, and has been farming ever since. He was a native of the county. He leaves a widow, his second wife, two sons, Stephen and Harry; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He went to sea at twelve years of age, and soon worked his way up to master in the employ of the Moodys and H. D. Cann, of Yarmouth, and J. G. Hall & Co., of Boston. During his active career he was in the brigantines Annie Laurie, David Delhi and the barques Ocean Pearl, Grace E. Cann, Sarah B. Cann, Mizpah, Orient and others.

Thomas H. Berry.

Tuesday, August 17.

The death of Thomas H. Berry occurred yesterday at his home, Salmon Creek, Queens county, after a very brief illness. He was in the forty-second year of his age, and until a few weeks ago was in good health. He was well known in the district, and his death will be generally lamented. He leaves besides his wife, two sons, two daughters and three brothers. The brothers are Fred J., William R., Robert, the last of Portland (Me.), and J. Evan, of Cody's Station. The body will be buried today at Thornetown.

Miss Wilhelmena Apt.

Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Miss Wilhelmena Mina Apt, which occurred Monday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Apt, 14 High street. She has been ill for some time. Miss Apt was thirty-two years of age and had numerous friends about the city. Besides her parents, one brother, George, and one sister, Mrs. Pugh, of this city, survive. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

William S. Porter.

Wednesday, Aug. 18.

William Stirling Porter, former vice-president and general manager of the Associated Oil Company of California, and one of the best known business men of the Pacific coast, died last night in Mount Zion Hospital after an illness of nearly two months. He was 52 years of age.

Mr. Porter was born in Long Reach, Kings county (N. B.), and received a common school education in his native village. He moved to California in 1887, and was assistant to the manager of the Crane Company in Los Angeles. He later became vice-president and manager of the John D. Hooker Company of Los Angeles. In 1901 he organized the Associated Oil Company. He was an officer of the Associated Transportation Company and the Associated Pipe Line Company. He lived for several years in this city, residing at 3330 Jackson street. During his residence here he and Mrs. Porter became prominent socially. Mr. Porter was a member of the Bohemian, Pacific Union, Union League, Press, Olympic and Automobile clubs of this city. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Jessie Grey Young, of San Diego.—San Francisco Examiner.

Miss Lizzie S. MacIntosh.

The death of Miss Lizzie Sinclair MacIntosh, of Chatham Head, Northumberland county, occurred last Friday evening after an illness of over a year's duration. Although a sufferer all that time from unceasing, and at times intense pain, she bore it all with heroic fortitude and resignation and a faith in God's kindness that never faltered. She was a girl of particularly kind and lovable disposition and a wide circle of acquaintances and a host of friends will regret to hear of her death.

The funeral was on Sunday morning to Black River cemetery, and the large concourse of people who gathered to pay their last tribute of respect showed the esteem in which she was held in the community. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Dr. Cumming, of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, and at the graveside by Rev. Geo. A. Grant of Black River. The surviving members of the family are the father, Angus MacIntosh, erect and vigorous although verging on ninety years of age; Mrs. Mary Lebson and David, of Vancouver (B. C.), and Miss Anna and Donald at home.

This makes the fourth death in this family inside of four years.

Mrs. H. G. Kitchen.

Fredericton, Aug. 17.—After an illness extending over a period of several months, Mrs. Fannie Meyers, wife of Hamilton G. Kitchen, the well known railway contractor, passed away at her home at Lower Kingsclear this morning. She was a daughter of the late George Parker and was forty-eight years of age. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Lillian and Helen, and four sons, Albert, Willard, Douglas and Ralph. She is also survived by her mother, three brothers, Charles of Nashwaaksis, Sergt.-Major George Parker, serving in France with Royal Canadian artillery, William of Moncton, and four sisters, Mrs. Harry Walker, Mrs. Chas. Steen, Misses Minnie and Nellie all of this city. Rev. A. F. Newcomb will officiate at the funeral services on Wednesday afternoon.

Annie Frances Petrie.

Thursday, Aug. 19.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Petrie, 6 Delhi street, will regret to hear that their youngest child, Annie Frances, aged ten years, died yesterday morning after a short illness, with meningitis. She was a bright, winsome little girl and a favorite with all who knew her. Besides her parents, four brothers and three sisters survive. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

Leverett Samuel Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens, Sunny Brae, died Sunday, aged 18 years.

Mr. Ernest L. Ganter, of St. John, has been appointed assistant inspector of gas and electricity, in the gas and electricity inspection district of St. John.

A report of the recent merchants' picnic shows a balance of approximately $850, which is to be handed over to the local Red Cross Society.

C. B. Allan, treasurer of the patriotic fund, reports the following receipts: Ononette patriotic fair, one-third of the receipts, $455.40; P. S. Northrup, $2.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Wood has accepted the invitation to lay the corner stone of the Central Methodist church in Moncton on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

A contribution of $49.50 has been received by the mayor from employes of the city engaged on the wharves and in the ferry department. Ferry employes had sent in three contributions towards the different patriotic funds.

Premier Clarke, in response to an inquiry from the board of trade, notified the board that it is altogether likely that there will be a formal opening of the new bridge at the falls, but that a date has not yet been set.

M. Alcorn, son of Mr. J. A. Alcorn, of this city, who has been stationed at Canso, N. S., with the home guards since the war broke out, has enlisted for foreign service with the 40th battalion, now at Aldershot, N. S. Mr. Alcorn is leaving his wife and two small children to answer the call of the motherland.

The scarcity of vaccine in the city will not interfere with the free innoculations at the board of health office. Officials said last night that it was only a temporary shortage and that some stock was expected here today. The health authorities hope that people will not take it for granted that vaccinating will be dispensed with for the time being. The medical health officer will be at the board office on the regular days prepared to give his attention.

The St. Mary's Argus, of Ontario, announces the approaching wedding of E. Bruce Jonah, barrister, of Regina, to Miss Kathleen Margaret, daughter of J. Travers Leslie, manager of the Bank of Montreal at St. Mary's. The wedding is to take place on September 15. Mr. Jonah is the second son of Wm. Henry Jonah, bridge master, of Fredericton, and is a graduate in the arts course of the University of New Brunswick, and likewise of the Dalhousie Law School.

OVERSEAS TOBACCO FUND.

Previously acknowledged	$182.25
U. H. M., Douglas avenue	5.00
Roy Crawford, Renforth, Kings county	1.00
P. B. H., Queen street	2.00
Total	$190.25

In Wednesday's list, the sum of $2.85, contributed at Canterbury Station was sent through the Bank of Montreal, not as given.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Murray of Moncton announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Mabel A. Macgowan, to William Harrison Snowball, of Chatham, N. B., the marriage to take place the first of September.

The engagement is announced of Geraldine Isabelle, second daughter of Mrs. Charles J. Brown of Westmorland Point to George Renwick Anderson of Little Shemogue.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen M. Sharp, niece of Mrs. Charles Gilman of Pokiok to Ralph R. Brooks of Southampton. The marriage is to take place the early part of September.

His Orders Back-Fired.

Employer (to office boy)—If anyone calls, James, remember that I am not in. (Half an hour later.) Didn't you hear me call, you young idiot?

James—Yes, sir; but I thought yer wasn't in.—Boston Transcript.

WEDDINGS

Mitchell-Baird.

(Montreal Mail.)

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Thursday afternoon, at Knox Presbyterian church, Dorchester street, when Miss Eileen Baird, daughter of I. C. Baird, of St. John's, Newfoundland, and granddaughter of the late Hon. James Baird, became the wife of Burnham L. Mitchell, of the Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. I. A. Montgomery. The bride, who was given away by G. S. C. Sara was robed in white satin with lace train and veil, and carried a shower of white roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Dallas Baird, who was attired in a frock of pink chiffon, and carried sweet peas. Mr. Blake McInenery was groomsman. A reception, which was attended by many of the friends of both bride and groom was later held at the residence of Mr. Sara, on Sussex avenue. Among the relatives present from out of town was the bride's mother, Mrs. I. C. Baird, of St. John's, Newfoundland. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have gone down on a motor tour through Maine and New Brunswick.

White-Thurber.

Newcastle, Aug. 16—A wedding of great interest because of the wide popularity of the principals took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Thurber, "The Pines," Millerton, at 8.30 a. m. August 14, when their daughter, Miss Marion Jean, was married to Charles Avard White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. White, of Shediac, Rev. Tully Montgomery performing the ceremony in presence of the immediate relatives of both contracting parties and a large number of other guests. The bride, who is well and favorably known in Newcastle social circles, was gowned in ivory charmeuse satin, and was attended by her sisters, Misses Ruth Thurber, of the Sussex school staff, and Margarita Cash, of New York city. The groom was supported by Charles Stothart, of Newcastle. After the dainty wedding breakfast at the bride's home the wedding party motored to Derby Junction, where Mr. and Mrs. White took train en route to P. E. Island to spend their honeymoon.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. White, Shediac; Douglas Millar, Montreal; Mrs. Wesley Fox, Ontario; H. Wathen, Miss E. Trinda Wathen, Mrs. S. M. Dunn, Miss Marion Dunn and Miss Evangeline Saulnier, Harcourt; Miss Montgomery, Fredericton; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stothart, Miss Mollie Robinson and F. E. Locke, Newcastle, and Misses Mae Cain and Addie Parker, Millerton.

Many gifts were received by the happy couple and they have the best wishes of the community for a happy married life.

MacDonald-Crandall.

Salisbury, Aug. 16—Another Westmorland county soldier has joined the ranks of the benedicts before crossing over to Europe, Tennyson A. MacDonald, law student at Sackville and Miss Mabel Crandall, telegrapher at Sackville, daughter of Mrs. Belle Crandall and the late Jonathan Crandall, of Hampton (N. B.), were quietly married at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, August 14, at the home of Doctor and Mrs. Charles A. King (old friends of the bride), at Petitcodiac. The marriage service was performed by Rev. A. Eugene Chapman, B. A., in the presence of the bride's mother and a small company of near relatives of the bride. The young couple were unattended, the bride entered the parlor on the arm of Doctor Charles A. King, who gave her away. She looked very charming in her neat travelling suit. She carried a large bouquet of pink roses. The groom's present to the bride was a very pretty and valuable gold wrist watch. Mrs. King served a very dainty lunch after the ceremony. The happy couple boarded the afternoon train for Hampton where a few days will be spent at the bride's home. The groom who is in the artillery will report for duty this week at Partridge Island, and expects to be sent to the front in a short time. Mrs. Crandall, mother of the bride, already has a son-in-law and daughter serving at the front, Doctor and Mrs. Ralph A. Hughes who were settled in the Canadian West at Swift Current, where Doctor Hughes gave up a lucrative practice to serve his country at the front. Mrs. Hughes, formerly Miss Isabel Crandall, trained nurse, and before her marriage, matron of a western hospital, is doing good hospital work at the front.

Street-Pierce—Howard-Crawford.

Thursday, Aug. 19.

Two pretty weddings were solemnized by Rev. Frederic P. Dennison at his home, 137 Wright street, yesterday. The first was that of Harry Darrell Street, of Bristol (N. B.), to Miss Annie E. Pierce, of St. John. The groom is a son of Stanley Street, of Bristol, and the bride a daughter of the late James Turner Pierce, formerly well known in the city. She is a prominent member of Tabernacle Baptist church. The second wedding was that of William Eugene Howard, a member of the police force of the city, to Miss Margaret A. Crawford, of St. John.

Smith-Roberts.

Thursday, Aug. 19.

(Moncton Transcript).

A quiet but pretty wedding took place last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bird, Railway avenue, when Mrs. Bird's sister, Miss Vivian A. Roberts, of Parrsboro (N. S.), was united in marriage to Freeman D. Smith, of Moose River (N. S.), Rev. H. A. Goodwin officiating.

The bride looked charming in a gown of blue silk, and was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Bird.

After the ceremony a dainty repast was served. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful gold necklace, handsomely set with diamonds and pearls. After a short honeymoon trip the happy pair will take up their residence in Moose River.

Getting Back to East Side Route

That borings are being made in the vicinity of the Mistake, with the possibility of a new route for the Valley railway by the eastern side of the river, was the statement made by Premier Clarke, who came to the city at noon yesterday.

"The legislation, as it stands now," he said, "calls for the construction of the Valley railway on the eastern side of the river, and there it must be built unless a new act is passed. The dominion government passed an act under which they are to build the bridges, and while the report on the Mistake route seemed to show difficulties we have hopes that the crossing now being investigated may prove more practicable."

WAS NOT WORKING FOR HIS HEALTH

Fredericton, Aug. 18—Instead of crying: "Save me from my friends" the province of New Brunswick might well say: "Save me from the members of my legislature."

Today prominent and important witnesses in Royal Commissioner Chandler's court of inquiry, showed how the province in the department of crown lands and in the farm settlement board had been defrauded of considerable sums of money.

Paid No Stumpage.

Colonel Loggie, deputy minister of crown lands, giving evidence, swore that nothing had been received by the province for railway ties and lumber cut upon the lands under lease to A. J. H. Stewart, member for Gloucester. In addition, his evidence proved that the government scaler, William Hayden, had not done his duty in reporting the operation upon these lands.

Again, Colonel Loggie swore that the lands referred to were not under lease to anyone in the fall of 1912, when the operators of A. J. H. Stewart, M.P.P., were there cutting railway sleepers. The application for the crown land was not made until December 9, 1912, nor the lease issued until December 26 of the same year. The lessee's name was William G. White who transferred it four months later to A. J. H. Stewart. In the meantime Stewart's operators were hard at work cutting thousands of ties, for which the province did not get one cent of stumpage. Stewart continued the cutting in the following winter of both lumber by William H. O'Brien and Freeman Goodwin, and of railway sleepers by many operators, and again the scaler, Hayden, made no report and the province got no stumpage.

A $300 Rake-off.

James Gilchrist, the secretary of the farm settlement board, swore that the province paid $1,500 to the Royal Bank at Bathurst for the Knowles farm of 200 acres, which it sold afterward to the four Knowles boys for the same amount, dividing it into farms of fifty acres each.

Knowles senior, the father of the boys, swore that the bank which held the farm on account of a debt due by the W. R. Knowles Co. Ltd., only credited the account with $1,200 and he produced the bank statement of his account in support of his testimony. But he also swore that Manager Eaton of the bank told him, when he asked for an explanation, why he was credited with $1,200 instead of $1,500, that he had sold the farm to Albert J. H. Stewart, M.P.P., for $1,200, and he (Stewart) had sold it to the farm settlement board for $1,500. Knowles said he was ignorant of any such arrangement, that he asked Stewart, as the county representative, to recommend his farm to the settlement board and he did so. Secretary Gilchrist also swore that Stewart did so.

Knowles' evidence was that he wanted $2,000 for his farm and told the bank that, but Stewart informed him he could only get $1,500, and he notified the bank he would sell for that.

Gilchrist swore that acting on the recommendation of Stewart and the report of another member of the board, Wilmot Hay, and their solicitor, A. B. Wilmot, that the title was right, he made out a check for $1,500 and sent it to the Royal Bank at Bathurst, but the bank's statement to Knowles showed only $1,200 credited to his account.

Knowles could not swear who got the difference of $300 but when he asked Stewart for an explanation he said Stewart told him: "A man could not work for nothing or his health."

No Arrangement With Stewart.

Knowles denied that there was any arrangement to pay Stewart anything for his services. He said he had a conversation with the bank manager who claimed the right to sell the farm for any amount he pleased. The bank deeded the farm to Stewart and Stewart made out four deeds of the same farm, divided, to the farm settlement board. The province paid the bank $300 more thinking the price was $1,500.

Gilchrist swore that all his correspondence in connection with the sale was with Stewart, who said the bank had the property to sell. The arrangements and deed were dated November 20, 1912 and Mr. Gilchrist said the check was sent before he sent the agreements, but the bank statement showed $1,200 credited to Knowles February 28, 1913. This question of dates is to be settled by the production of the farm settlement board check and by the correspondence which passed with Stewart.

Knowles said he had asked the bank manager if he or the bank got any part of the $300, and the manager denied the report that any of it had been paid to him.

There was much interesting evidence from both Colonel Loggie and Secretary Gilchrist which showed how both of them had been kept in the dark in reference to the cut of lumber and the transfer of the land from the bank to Stewart.

There is some more evidence to be heard in both cases and Docithe F. Chaisson is wanted to tell his story of the money spent by him on the Lameque roads. This is the same foreman who swore his time books were lost in the lobster pot. He has been summoned twice to this latter investigation but has not appeared.

Both Stewart and Robichaud, members for Gloucester, sat through the investigation today and Stewart insisted that he did not have the lease in 1912-13 which only brought out the fact that his operators were trespassing on the crown lands.

COL. J. P. LANDRY, retiring as brigadier commanding 5th Brigade.

Lord Tennyson, Darwin, Gladstone and Oliver Wendell Holmes were all born in the same year.

E. N. STOCKFORD AGAIN HEADS GRAND LODGE

Fredericton, N.B., Aug. 18—The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, I. O. G. T., elected officers this afternoon as follows: G. C. T., E. N. Stockford, St. John; G. Conn., Rev. W. G. Lane; G. Electoral Supt., A. C. M. Lawson, Fredericton; G. Supt. of Juvenile Work, Miss Beatrice Campbell, St. John; G. Vice Templar, Miss Newton Jarvis, Fredericton; Secretary, J. V. Jackson, Moncton; Treasurer, J. Barry Allen, Frederi[illegible]; G. Marshall, D. C. Fisher, St. John; G. Chaplain, Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Fredericton Junction; G. Deputy Marshal, Mrs. G. Bishop, Moncton; G. Guard, Seymour Sharp; P. G. C. T., L. R. Hetherington, Codys; D. I. C. T., A. C. M. Lawson, Fredericton.

An expression of loyalty was ordered to be wired the governor-general mentioning the fact that one entire lodge

E. N. Stockford of St. John, re-elected Grand Chief Templar, I.O.G.T., Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

with many other members of the order are now on active service with the Canadian forces.

The salary of the grand secretary was increased to $150 per annum.

The report of the juvenile work committee stated that the work had been hindered owing to the fact that the superintendent, J. D. Scammell, was on military duty. Mr. Scammell is with the artillery at Partridge Island.

The report of the committee upon political action contained some pointed reference to political conditions in New Brunswick. It stated that the time had come to crystalize the temperance sentiment in the province, the use of money by the liquor interests giving the latter a political influence out of all proportion to numerical strength. Local efforts towards prohibition were advised as a step toward provincial prohibition.

Reference was made to the "courteous reception" given by the government to a delegation which asked for provincial prohibition, and also to the fact that the "favorable consideration" promised had failed to secure any satisfactory result.

The report states that the committee is not in a position to express an opinion as to the truth or falsity of the charges that the government's decision was influenced by monetary consideration.

AMERICAN PRESS DEMANDS SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS

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the precautions prescribed by international law, it is to be assumed that he intended deliberately to murder Americans. Their escape from death, if all of them escaped, in no way modifies his intention.

"Facts More Than Adjectives."

The Sun says editorially this morning:

Facts more than adjectives are important in considering yesterday's culminating achievement of the Von Tirpitz policy. The Arabic, American-owned, but sailing under the British flag, familiar to Americans not only as a regular liner, but also as the carrier of many parties of Americans on pleasure cruises to the Mediterranean and elsewhere, was sent to the bottom by a blow beneath the belt from a German submarine in that same region of frightfulness just outside the front door of British commerce which witnessed the murder of the Lusitania's passengers and the more recent attack on the Orduna.

The Arabic, unlike the Lusitania, was coming westward; and by no effort of military sophistry could she be regarded as an ammunition ship.

Our information at this writing is that the blow was without warning. The stated time of sinking, about ten minutes after the delivery of the blow, indicates that the German commander was reckless of the consequences of his act to the lives of neutral non-combatants. There were more than a dozen American passengers on the Arabic, according to last night's despatches.

What was the toll of neutral death of American lives, if any, sacrificed by Von Tirpitz's order, cannot now be said. If there was warning, if there was an observance or an attempt to observe the rules of naval warfare and the dictates of common humanity, the affair presents a different aspect. Supposing the worst—and Heaven grant that the worst be not true—we have Germany's answer, not in words but in a frightful deed, to the note of warning signed by Secretary Lansing just thirty days ago this day.

Under the title, Is This Germany's Answer? the Herald editorially says:

Exactly thirty days ago the government of the United States sent to the government of Germany a friendly but forceful note, setting forth, for the third time, its unalterable attitude toward acts of German submarines which it had previously characterized as "so absolutely contrary to the rules, the practices and the spirit of modern warfare." To this note the government of Germany has sent no reply through the channels of diplomacy.

Is the torpedoing of the Arabic Germany's reply?

Wednesday, Aug. 18.

The two C. P. R. excursion trains which left here last night for the harvest fields of the west carried away approximately 1,600 people, about 200 of whom were women. The majority were from the lower counties of New Brunswick. So an enormous drainage has been occasioned on the male population—much more serious than was caused by recruiting.

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London, Aug. 23—Th
the Baltic Sea, the Germa
a British naval bombardm
furnished a series of new
the gravity of the issue
steamer Arabic by a Germ
The German version
the definiteness of the offi
German battle cruiser Mo
sent a wave of enthusiasm
over the Russian retreat
the naval engagement is
the land operations in th
military observers now co
ably defeated.

SUCCESS OF ADVANC

The German centre h
Bavaria is near the Russi
say that the entire camp
Marshal Von Hindenburg
ing far beyond Riga, to
Gulf of Riga and of the
Von Hindenburg's rear.
This, the military ob
man capital ships, inclu
with the purpose of contr
vance on Petrograd. Th
cial report, appears defini
to the observers, who say
the naval base of Riga
burg's further advance
The capture by the
other stronghold, only Gr
tion. It also gives them
ovsk.

EXPECT EVACUATION

Special reports from
Litovsk gradually is bec
for its abandonment.
Only meagre details
ment of the German subm
Belgian coast. Berlin re
the British admiralty as
houses, the German heavy
That there has been
in the Paris official com
man torpedo boat destro
In the west there ha

RUSSIANS HOLD OW
IN RIGA REGION NO

Petrograd, Aug. 23, via
24—The following official
issued tonight at the Russ
"In the last operations
Riga the German fleet su
lowing losses: One batt
light cruisers and not l
torpedo boat destroyers,
combat. Some of the lat
"On land, in the Riga
direction of Jacobstadt a
wards the west, the sit
changed.
"On the Sventa, betw
and Niemen, on the 21st
held by the enemy's o
front of Kovarsk-Vilko
Drsozunchky. Further s
our units passed from t
the Middle Niemen to th
"Between the Bobr
Litovsk region we contin
positions. Step by step,
22nd, the enemy made hi
attacks on the Lower Bo
of Chafranka and Bielsk
direction, and on the f
cheli-Wysoka-Brest-Litovs
"On the right bank of
Vladova, the principal
continue in the region of
Pushcha. On the evenin
the enemy attempted to
fensive also in the directi
"The situation in G
changed."

Active Artillery Fighting

Paris, Aug. 23, 10.25
lowing official communica
tonight:
"In Artois, to the no
and in the sector of Neuv
the artillery on both si
marked activity.
"The enemy has dropp
of Arras, Mont Didier a
counter-fire of the trench
of the enemy has been
successful at many poin
"In Champagne, on the
jour front, a violent figh
and bombs has taken pl
"Before Ville-Sur-Tou
trench of the enemy was
stroyed by one of our mi

Italians Repulse Attack.

Rome, via Paris, Aug.
ing official statement fr
general headquarters, d
was made public tonight
"On the upper Corde
attempted, the afternoon
sudden raid on our line
the heights connecting
Salesi. The attack, alt
and supported by an
volley of hand grenades
ly repulsed.
"In the Tolmino sec
ment of defences is be
continuously completed.
"On the Carzo front
attack by our troops p
session of several strong
which prevented our li