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HOME
EDITION

BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF RUSSIA AGAINST TURKEY ENEMIES' SUBMARINES RUSHING TO DARDANELLES

SIGNAL HONOR PAID TO PATS

Canadian Force One of First Officially Mentioned For Gallantry.

PROOF OF REPUTATION

Men Themselves Denied the Earlier "Moonshine" Stories Sent Out About Them.

[Special Cable to Advertiser.] London, March 2.—We learn a large proportion of the Canadians now in France were recently inspected. The reference made by Sir John French's dispatch yesterday to the fine work of the Princess Pats may be taken as a very special compliment to this force. These dispatches are really in the nature of bulletins published twice weekly. They have only just been instituted to answer one chief complaint regarding the accuracy of the news that has been so little heard of gallantry in individual units.

LOSING GAME FOR TEUTONS IN EAST

British Believe Germany and Austria Getting Beaten Along Whole Line.

DETECTIVE FOUND TRAIL OF BLOOD

New Evidence Given in Trial of Dr. Robinson For Murder.

LEAD FROM HIS HOME

In One Place Lay Pool As If Someone Had Stood Still.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 2.—According to what appears to be the virtually unanimous opinion of British observers, Germany and Austria are fighting a losing game along almost all the eastern front. The situation of the Austrians in the Carpathians, judging from official and unofficial dispatches, is unsatisfactory, while in Mesopotamia, it is said, have definitely checked them in Eastern Galicia. Further advances of greater or lesser degree for the Russian forces in Poland, operating against the armies of Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

REMOUING LIKELY

Yet it is not believed that Great Britain will recede one whit from her announced intention, but that, if necessary, she will define her bloodless measure and seek to make them effective.

It is argued in London that Germany, without domination of the sea, and starting on an attempted blockade by means of submarines, is quite naturally willing to make concessions regarding her marine war zone in return for Great Britain's relaxing the pressure designed to cut off her supplies.

SEVENTH BATTALION

Wounded—No. 16722—Private Fred Wright, gunshot wound. Next of kin, Mrs. Neilson, 953 River street, Vancouver, B. C.

TWELFTH BATTALION

Death—March 2.—No. 22960, Sergt. Alfred Thomas Underhill at Tidworth, from appendicitis. Next of kin, George Underhill, St. John's road, Hyde, Isle of Wight, England.

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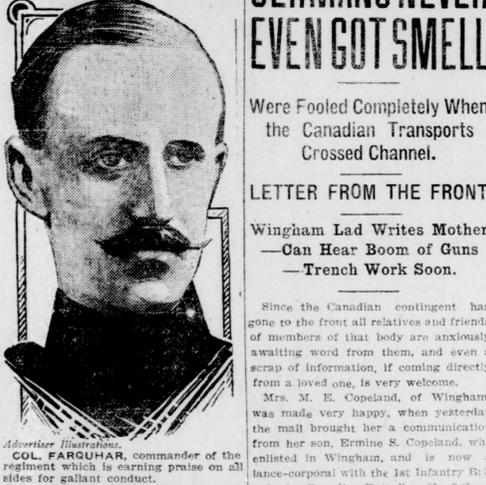
Death—Private Lawrence B. Wakeham, at Nottingham General Hospital, February 18. Next of kin, Mrs. Wakeham, 295 Jarvis street, Toronto.

ENEMY'S FLEET OFF FOR DARDANELLES?

Geneva Paper Says It Has Reliable Information That Submarines, Torpedo Boats and Destroyers Have Left Pola For Mediterranean.

[Canadian Press.] Geneva, via Paris, March 2.—An Austrian fleet, consisting of six Austro-German submarines, accompanied by several torpedo boats and torpedo-boat destroyers, left Pola, the Austrian naval base, at dawn yesterday for the Mediterranean, bound for the Dardanelles, according to the Telegram, which bases its report upon what it characterizes as information received from a reliable source from Trieste by way of Innsbruck. The fleet is said to have been last reported off Corfu.

COMMANDS CANADIANS PRAISED BY FRENCH



GERMANS NEVER EVEN GOT SMELL

Were Fooled Completely When the Canadian Transports Crossed Channel.

LETTER FROM THE FRONT

Wingham Lad Writes Mother — Can Hear Boom of Guns — Trench Work Soon.

Since the Canadian contingent has gone to the front all relatives and friends of members of that body are anxiously awaiting word from them, and even a scrap of information, if coming directly from a loved one, is very welcome.

Mrs. M. E. Copeland, of Wingham, was made very happy, when yesterday the mail brought her a communication from her son, Ermine S. Copeland, who enlisted in Wingham, and is now a lance-corporal with the 1st Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Battalion No. 5 Company, in France. The letter reads:

1st Canadian Contingent, British Expeditionary Force, 1st Infantry Brigade, 1st Battalion, No. 3 Co.

February 13, 1915.

Dear Mother,— It is now six months since I enlisted in Wingham. The letter I now write must be to the point and very brief. No means of location may be given or even mentioned, so you will pardon me if my letter seems blunt.

We landed safely on the continent a few days ago. The Germans never even got a smell of us, as we fooled them completely on our journey across the channel.

BEHIND FIRING LINES. We are now somewhere in France, about 14 miles behind the firing lines, and we can hear the big guns booming quite distinctly, as they are not far from where we are billeted.

A month or so ago the Germans shelled a church and, as usual, the steeple was ruined. The whole structure, which was of antique design, was completely destroyed.

I am feeling fine and in good health, and if I am not detailed here to keep books I will be with the boys in the trenches before long, but we know nothing definite.

Now, mother, don't worry for me. Leave it all to Him who knows best. Your loving son, Ermine S. Copeland.

ENLISTED FOURTEEN MEN

This Number Taken on by 16th A. S. C. Last Night.

BOMBS PEDDLED AS "LUBRICANT"

Dr. Bruce-Smith Warns Convalescent Home To Beware of Agents.

A DIABOLICAL SCHEME

The Provincial Inspector Says When Cans Are Opened Explosive Takes Effect.

There is a quiet and widespread scheme afoot in the Dominion for the destroying or damaging of public institutions and factories, and presumably many lives. Well? This is the question that is occupying the minds of a number of London citizens at the present time. And that the provincial authorities have been warned of some such dastardly intent on the part of a person or persons yet unknown, seems to be proved by the following letter, received by yesterday by the superintendent of the Convalescent Home, 444 York street, from Dr. R. W. Bruce-Smith, provincial inspector of institutions and factories:

"Sir—I am instructed to advise you that notification has been received from high authority that agents have been instructed to call on engineers and plumbers at different institutions and factories throughout the Dominion of Canada, asking the institution or firm to try a lubricant of which they will leave a sample in a box. It is reported that this box, when it is opened, will explode with great power, and do damage to persons and buildings, as instead of being a lubricant it contains a very high and powerful explosive."

So far as is known, the agents spoken of have not been working in this city. A number of citizens are fearing the possibility of such a canvass, not only to institutions and factories, but to such public buildings as theatres and churches. The question is, what hidden power stands behind this scheme of scattering abroad such a deadly "lubricant"?

SHOWS AMERICANS READY TO TAKE SIDE OF CANADA IN WAR

United States Man Was Insulted, So Proves Staff Americans Are Made Of.

An American, who recently claimed to have been insulted by a Londoner, and who sent a letter couched in most dignified language to uphold the honor of his native land, has offered to enlist in Canada's army in order to show that Americans are ready to take the side of the oppressed.

The Londoner and the American, who are good friends, got into a friendly argument over the attitude of the United States in the present war. The Londoner thought the United States should pay protested against the violation of Belgian neutrality, and he was quite emphatic. The American, on thinking over what had been said, took the state-ments as an insult, and his letter to his friend practically amounted to a challenge.

Since then the American has shown the good stuff that is in him by interviewing the officers at headquarters and offering his services. If the matter can be arranged, he will no doubt be enlisted. The spirit of his action was warmly applauded by his Canadian friends who regretted that any unpleasantness had occurred.

MAJOR HIGGINBOTTOM UNDERGOES OPERATION

Toronto Officer, Invalided From France, Is in Shorncliffe Hospital.

[Special Cable to the Advertiser.] London, March 2.—Major George Higginbottom, Queen's Own, Toronto, recently invalided from France to the Canadian Hospital at Shorncliffe, was operated on today for abdominal trouble by Col.-Surgeon Donald Armour, assisted by Drs. Stewart and Walker, of the hospital staff. Dr. Armour tonight says the patient's condition is as good as expected.

49,000 TURK PRISONERS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

[Canadian Press.] Petrograd, March 2.—Official returns show that up to February 12, 49,000 Turkish prisoners, including 27 officers, had passed through the Russian lines since the war with Turkey began, on their way to the interior of Russia.

Thirteen Feet of Fighting Canucks



Jack D. McColl and his brother Bruce, two sons of Mrs. McColl, proprietress of the Franklin House, Parkhill, and nephews of Mrs. Harrison, wife of the proprietor of the Hotel Harrison in this city. Jack, the older boy, is 23 and stands 6 feet 2 inches, while Bruce, who is only just 18, overtops his brother by an inch and a half. Both boys are with the first Canadian contingent as members of the 48th Highlanders. Bruce originally enlisted in one of the ammunition trains, but secured a transfer after arriving in England. The last word heard from the boys was a week before the contingent left Salisbury.

SOME FIRMS MADE "CHANT OF HATE" NO. 2 HAS COME DOWN SAMPLE BOOT

Evidence in Inquiry Shows Speed of Manufacture Was Essential.

BRITISH BOOTS TOO HEAVY

Some Inspected Last Year Were So Criticized For Canadian Use.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, March 2.—H. W. Brown, director of contracts for the militia department, was again on the witness-stand at this morning's session of the parliamentary boot commission.

Testifying as to further orders for boots given besides those to which reference was made yesterday, he stated that, in the contract, 40,000 leather boots, out of an order of 40,000 on October 29, 20 and 21, and November 5, had been made under the departmental sample, and that all he knew was that a very short date of delivery had been given him. In these later orders, a storm call had been asked for in every case, and, he understood, had been furnished.

Mr. Brown was asked what urgency there was in regard to these orders, and stated that all he knew was that a very short date of delivery had been given him. In these later orders, a storm call had been asked for in every case, and, he understood, had been furnished.

Mr. Brown stated that out of 175,000 pairs of boots ordered altogether, 5,000 pairs had been ordered in Winnipeg by Acting Minister J. D. Hazen, that, besides these, 13,228 pairs furnished by the Hart, John McPherson and Amherst shoe companies had been sent direct to Valcartier with instructions that the total number of pairs inspected outside the factory had been 91,199, and that 2,008 pairs of boots in all had been rejected.

It was decided to procure copies of the reports of different regimental boards on the boots furnished. The Calgary board had found, for instance, that 29 pairs had been defective, the stitching of the soles having become loose, the leather being poor and porous, causing wet feet and sickness.

British Boot Too Heavy. It was disclosed in Mr. Brown's further evidence that there had been no meeting of a departmental committee (Continued on Page Three).

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED, SNOW. Toronto, March 2.—5 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; clearing; increasing easterly winds and becoming unsettled, followed by snow.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 5 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria..... 49..... 12..... Cloudy. Calgary..... 34..... 12..... Cloudy. Winnipeg..... 32..... 6..... Clear. Port Arthur..... 27..... 6..... Clear. Toronto..... 27..... 12..... Clear. Ottawa..... 28..... 12..... Cloudy. Montreal..... 34..... 4..... Clear. Quebec..... 28..... 12..... Cloudy. Father Point..... 18..... 12..... Snow.

Minus (—) means below zero. The cold wave is now centred over Lake Superior, while a depression now situated in Texas will likely move toward the Great Lakes. Fair, cold weather prevails in Canada.

RUSSIANS CUT TURK ROUTE TO CAUCASUS

Driving Enemy Before Them, They Reach River Khopchas and Isolate Much Territory — Warships Help by Clearing Shores of Turkish Troops.

[Canadian Press.] Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, March 2.—Via Petrograd and London, 1.45 p.m.—The Russian army of the Caucasus, driving the Turkish forces before it, has reached the River Khopchas, the estuary of the Tchoruk, in Armenia. This advance by the Russians cuts the route of Turkish reinforcements and supplies from Constantinople to the Caucasian frontier, through Kiopha, Turkish Armenia, and isolates a large section of Turkish territory.

The isolated section includes the districts of Ardahan, Ardahan, Olti and Sarikamish. The Russian forces advanced from Batumi, on the Black Sea, near the Turkish border, and were opposed by the Turks at every step. They were assisted by Russian warships, which cleared the shore of Turkish forces and cut off successively several avenues of Turkish communications by sea, until only the Khopha route remained.

After a battle of three days this last route was closed effectively.

MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN QUEBEC

Firemen Delayed By Storm-Crippled State of Alarm System.

[Canadian Press.] Quebec, March 2.—Four persons perished early today when fire broke out in a dwelling house in Saint Sauveur ward, partly destroying a two-story building and burning to death Mrs. Arthur Talbot, 35, and three of her children. All the victims were trapped by the flames and burned beyond recognition.

In one way, the severe storm that swept the district last week is responsible for the tragedy, for the crippled alarm system prevented the firemen from reaching the scene of the fire in time to rescue the family. In the blaze the lives of fourteen persons were endangered, for two families occupied the place.

The fire was quickly subdued, however, when the firemen reached the scene, but in the charred ruins of the house they found the carbonized bodies. The coroner will hold an inquest Wednesday.

WELL DESERVED REBUKE NINE BATTLESHIPS FAR DOWN STRAITS

Six British—Turkish Garrison Scattered.

BANKS LEAVING CAPITAL

Turks Realize Situation and Prepare Defences—Desertions Numerous.

[Canadian Press.] Athens, March 2.—Nine battleships took part in yesterday's bombardment of the forts in the Dardanelles. Six of them were British and three French. The situation advanced to within two miles of Chankalei, at the narrowest point in the straits.

Detachments of the Allies' troops, which were landed at Kum Kaleh, on the Asiatic side, near the Turkish garrison, which was scattered easily. The telegraph station on Desali Island, near the straits has been demolished.

A dispatch from Athens received Tuesday said the allied fleets had destroyed the batteries at Chankalei (Port Sultan).

BRANTFORD STORE GUTTED BY BLAZE

Fire Started in Furnace and Spread Quickly—Damage Nearly \$200,000.

[Canadian Press.] Brantford, March 2.—Fire starting in the basement of the E. E. Crompton & Co. four-story brick departmental store about 11:20 this morning, swept up through the whole store as a result the building is gutted completely, with a loss estimated at \$175,000 to \$200,000, covered by insurance.

The blaze started in the furnace, though how is not known. Within 15 minutes it had spread to the roof at the back gate way and fell in. Every possible line of hose, all the firemen, police, soldiers and many volunteer firemen and citizens are now fighting the blaze which is being confined to the one block.

Strong Wind. There was a strong west wind at the time of the blaze, and this greatly fanned the flames, but it drove the fire towards the end of the block facing the street, and not towards the adjoining buildings. The building is a total loss with all the contents.

It is not thought that any lives were lost, despite the incredible swiftness of the blaze.

Major A. H. Gault Wounded in Arm

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, March 2.—Private advice has been received here that Major A. Hamilton Gault, who raised the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, was wounded in the arm while fighting with his regiment in France.

REMOVAL CONFIRMED

London, March 2.—Telegrams received today by diplomats in London confirm the report that the Ottoman Bank and the German Bank of Constantinople are transferring their effects to Koniah, Asia-Minor, and that the archives of the Turkish Government are being removed to that point.

BOMB THROWERS MAY GET 25-YEAR SENTENCE

New York, March 2.—In handing to the grand jury today the case of Frank Albano and John Carbone, who are accused of placing bombs in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday, District Attorney Perkins will ask for their indictment under a section of the penal code designating as a felony the acts of persons who attempt to explode explosives in any building with the intent to destroy, although no damage is done. The penalty upon conviction may be 25 years in state prison.