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RUSSIA BUYING FOUR MILLION RIFLES IN STATES

Contract Totals $80,000,000—Defeat of Enemy in Galicia With Infliction of Heavy Loss — Petrograd Report More Cheerful

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 9—Cleveland and Canton, Ohio, capitalists today closed a contract for $80,000,000 to supply Russia with 4,000,000 rifles.

GERMANS BEATEN IN GALICIA FIGHT

Petrograd, Sept. 9.—The War Office announces:

"On the Riga-Dvinsk front the general situation remains unchanged. German attempts to advance Tuesday in the region of the railway station at Gross Ekau (south of Riga), and Neuhut, were repulsed.

"In the direction of Dvinsk there were only unimportant advance post actions. The fight for the River Lautze continues. In order to occupy a more covered position, our troops removed a little to the right of the Lautze.

"There have been no important changes on the routes toward Vilna. The Germans directed a violent artillery fire, accompanied by asphyxiating gases, against our troops occupying the outlets from the lakes in the region of Novo Trovi. Near the town of Orany, the enemy yesterday made attempts at an offensive.

"From Grodno stubborn German attacks continue in the region of the railway station, at Druskeniki and towards Skidel. In the latter direction, repulsing the enemy, we inflicted on him great losses and took some scores of prisoners.

"South of the Niemen, the enemy delivered extremely stubborn attacks in the region of Wolkowysk, on both sides of the valley leading to Slonim. On the roads from Lutzk to Rovno, there has been no change. In the region of Doubhok and Remenetz we occupied new positions on the Rivers Ikwa and Upper Goryn.

"In Galicia near Tarnopol on Tuesday we achieved a great success against the Germans. The German third guards division and the 46th reserve division, reinforced by an Austrian brigade, with great quantities of heavy and light artillery, according to statements made by prisoners, had been preparing for several days for a decisive attack. This was fixed for the night of Tuesday-Wednesday. Forestalling the enemy, our troops took the offensive and, after a stubborn fight on the River Doljonka, the Germans were completely defeated on Tuesday evening. The enemy left prisoners in our hands more than 200 officers and 8,000 men. We captured thirty guns, fourteen of which were of heavy calibre, many machine guns, gun limbers and other booty.

"After a brief pursuit, our troops occupied their former positions on the river Sereth. The emperor, having received a report of the defeat inflicted upon the enemy, sent an order to express to his valorous troops his joy and thankfulness for their success and the heavy losses inflicted upon the enemy.

"Farther south, in the region of Trembowla, on the 7th, we dislodged the enemy from a series of villages, making prisoners more than forty officers and nearly 2,500 soldiers, together with three guns and a dozen machine guns.

"Between the Dniester and the left bank of the Lower Sereth, the Austrians passed to the offensive in the course of the 7th in the region of the village of Voriatyntze.

"By flank attacks one of our battalions arrested the enemy's offensive and took prisoners eleven officers and over 1,000 Austrians and machine guns.

"The fortunate withdrawal of our armies from the difficult positions before the Vistula, where they were surrounded by the enemy, is beginning to make itself felt now by partial successes."

Grand Duke Leaves

London, Sept 9.—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that Grand Duke Nicholas and his headquarters staff started for the Caucasus last evening. Emperor Nicholas went to the railway station to say farewell to the new viceroy.

A German Twist to It.

London, Sept. 9—The German version of the latest Austrian War Office statement, received here by wireless from Berlin, asserts that twenty Russian officers, 4,400 men and seven machine guns were captured when Austro-Hungarian troops captured Russian positions near the mouth of Sereth River.

The Austrian official statement received last night from Vienna, while chronicling the capture of positions at Szupalka, made no reference to the capture of Russians at that point.

BULGARIA HAS CONCLUDED THE DEAL WITH TURKEY

Premier Says New Territory Will be Occupied Soon

STIRRING ON WESTERN FRONT

Germans Make Violent Attacks But Are Successful at Only One Point — Effective Work by French Air Ships

London, Sept. 9—Premier Radoslavof of Bulgaria, in an interview with the Sofia correspondent of the Post, said that the agreement for the cession of the Dedeaghatch railway to Bulgaria by Turkey has been concluded, and that the occupation of the ceded territory will begin ten days hence, in the presence of Bulgarian and Turkish officials.

GERMANS MAKE VIOLENT ATTACKS

Paris, Sept. 9—The French War Office this afternoon announced:

"In the Artois district there has been fighting with grenades and rifle firing between the trenches in the sectors of Neuville and Soelincourt. There was also fairly spirited cannonading to the south of Arras and in the region of Boye.

"In the Argonne, not far from Fontaine a Charmes, very violent fighting took place during last night. The Germans renewed their attack with great ferocity. With the exception, however, of a section of trench to the east of Yayon De Binarville, our lines everywhere held fast. We took some prisoners and captured a machine gun.

"In the Lorraine district, in the forest of Parroy, there took place advance post engagements in which the advantage rested with us.

"In the Vosges there has been fighting with hand grenades on the heights to the east of Metzeral.

"About fifty shells were thrown down yesterday by French aeroplanes on the railroad station at Challerange.

"During the night of Sept. 8-9, one of our dirigible balloons bombarded the railroad station and certain factories at Nesle, in the department of the Somme."

TWO MORE WOUNDED MEN HERE; THEY WILL HELP IN RECRUITING

Are to Speak at Tonight's Meeting in St. Andrew's Rink—The Campaign Programme

This morning it was learned by Chairman Schofield of the recruiting meeting that there were in town two St. John boys who have been invalided home from the front. During the afternoon these men will be located, and they will speak of their experiences at tonight's big meeting in St. Andrew's Rink. The men are Private Maloney and Private Butler. They arrived in the city by I. C. R. this morning. A telegram had been sent to Mayor Frink and E. A. Schofield advising them of their coming, but it did not reach them in time to meet the soldiers at the depot. Both men are lame from wounds, but are rapidly recovering. They should be heard with interest tonight in their description of their experiences.

The meeting tonight will commence at 8 o'clock, and the chief speakers will include Judge Stewart of Charlottetown, P.E.I., and Sergt. Knight, the Billy Sunday of the king's khaki.

A telegram received last evening from Sir Louis Davies, also of Charlottetown, informed the committee of the eminent islander's inability to be present through sudden and severe illness.

Tomorrow evening in St. Andrew's Rink the special speaker will be Lieut. J. L. Ralston of Halifax, who has been very warmly received in the sister city by the men, from among whom large numbers of recruits are being drawn. There will be other military speakers. Sergt. Knight will also speak at Friday evening's meeting.

THE FUNDS

Contributions for the Canadian patriotic fund have been received by C. B. Allan as follows: Andrew Myles, $5; W. A. Bruce, $5; D. M., $1; S. McDiarmid, $25; F. B. Ellis, monthly, $5; Mrs. F. B. Ellis, monthly, $5.

Subscriptions for August from clerks, St. John post office: Mr. Sears, $4; Mr. Potter, $1; Mr. Woodrow, $2; Mr. Reed, $1; Messrs. Ring, Maxwell, Jenkins, McClaverty, Buckley, Guild, Quinlan, Harrison, McMullin, Rolston, Copp, Clark, Joyce, Murdoch, Lewis, Levine, Lingley, Shea, Murphy, Morrisey, Ferris and Thornton and Miss Perkins, fifty cents each; deficiency, $1; total $30.50.

Letter carriers for August: R. J. O'Brien, O. P. Mullins, T. Killen, E. G. Brittain, F. L. Gigger, C. H. Gardiner, J. McManagle, G. E. Withers, J. C. Bard, J. W. Williamson, F. H. McIntyre, C. J. Gibbons, H. J. Russell, M. H. Morrissey, N. H. Kiley, R. O. Causton, C. W. Magee, M. Macaulay, G. C. Cosman, A. Long, D. Killorn, M. G. Dalton, J. Butler, W. T. Tyner, J. E. Moore, C. F. Rogers, W. T. Dunlop, W. Wood, W. L. Fisher, J. S. Grant, G. Hatfield, E. W. Reardon, $1 each; total $32.

Belgian Fund

A contribution of $4 has been received by Mayor Frink for the Belgian relief fund from Oscar F. Price.

For Soldiers' Comforts

Mrs. E. E. Church, treasurer of the Soldiers' Comforts' Association, acknowledges the following:—August Bridge of the Renforth Outing Association, $28; Renforth Winter Sewing Circle, $30; collected by Miss Myrtle A. Porter, Hillandale, for August, $5; Dr. Broadbridge, Boston, per Mrs. Geo. McAvity, $5; Mrs. Geo. McAvity, three yards cents collected at pie social at Welsford, $1.08; eight yards cents collected by Mabel Currie, Rita Brittain, Florence Murray, Ethel Murray, George Murray, John McCready, Kenneth Rolston, Ronald Rolston, $7.60.

For Belgian Orphans.

The following additional subscriptions have been received by Daniel Mullin, K. C., Belgian Consul, for the Belgian Orphan Fund and deposited to the credit of the fund in the Union Bank of Canada, here.

Previously acknowledged, $745.92; J. J. S., Rothesay, 50c.; proceeds of children's bazaar, held at 168 Rockland Road, per Florence Naves, Geraldine Mitchell and Evelyn Murphy, $5.11.

Prisoners' Fund

Mrs. Richard O'Brien, in behalf of the Women's Canadian Club, reports for the fund for Canadian war prisoners in Germany, the following donations: Previously acknowledged, $175; Mrs. J. S. MacLaren and Mrs. A. Chipman Smith, $2 each.

For Tobacco

Donations to the Overseas Tobacco Fund received today by Postmaster Sears included $2 from W. A. Quinton, Lancaster; and the following donations from Young's Cove Road: Miss Sella M. Wiggins, $1; E. W. H. Fairweather and Wm. Kelly, 50c. each; Mrs. W. S. Snodgrass, Miss Minnie Smith, Ellis C. Snodgrass and Mrs. B. H. Smith, 25c. each; and from Dixon, N. B., Dr. T. J. O. Earle, $1, and 25c. each from Mrs. J. A. Dixon, Miss Lulu Dixon, and Mrs. Charles Tower, collected by the postmaster at Dixon.

ONE COUNTY HAS GIVEN NEARLY 1,000

Cumberland, N. S., Has a Fine Record in Recruiting

LOCAL NEWS OF THE WAR

Wounded Newcastle Man Formerly of 62nd Fusiliers—Two St. John Men Enlist in Fredericton —Word From the Front

Amherst News says:—Major Fillmore reports that recruiting conditions are brisk. Thirty-six recruits signed for overseas service last week, and a dozen to home service. Cumberland has now recruited for all services more than 950 men. With respect to population, we doubt very much if there are many counties in Canada that can make a better showing. It is expected that following the close of the harvest season there will be a large number of recruits come in from the rural sections.

Newcastle Man Wounded

Letters have been received by Mrs. McCallum, Newcastle, one from her brother, Sergt. Robet, F. Manderson, who was recently wounded, and the other from the Hon. Miss Norah Dawnay, daughter of Lord Dawnay, in whose hospital in England Sergt. Manderson is convalescing. Sergt. Manderson is a well known Newcastle boy, who enlisted with the 62nd Fusiliers of St. John, but who is now attached to the 10th Battalion. Besides this brother, Mrs. McCallum also has a son, Wilfrid McCallum, serving at the front.

It is a Privilege

An officer of the 25th Battalion, writing to the Halifax Chronicle from England, says:

"It means something to be a Canadian here now. If only the thousands of men at home who might well be training for the front could realize how the maple leaf has been respected since Langemarck, St. Julien, Festubert, Givenchy and all the other bloody combats around Ypres demonstrated the fighting ability of the Canuck, there would be no recruiting problem at home. It is a privilege to be a Canadian soldier in Britain now."

Field Kitchens

An officer of the 28th Battalion writing from England:

"The battalion has done a great deal of long marching, as will be apparent from this article, and in the last two months the field kitchens presented us by the people of Nova Scotia through the agency of The Morning Chronicle, have proved invaluable. Only one other battalion in the 5th Brigade has a similar outfit and the Twenty-fifth's kitchens are generally regarded as the best.

"It means a great deal for the comfort of the men to be able to give them a hot meal whenever a halt comes on the march, and the generous efforts of Nova Scotia could not have been directed towards a better object than providing the regiment with these kitchens. They have given excellent service. The battalion eventually is also to be issued with imperial kitchens, but it has not received them yet, and if the gift of Nova Scotia had done nothing more than provide for the comfort of the men in the last two months, it would have been well worth the effort and money subscribed."

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STATE DEPARTMENT TAKES UP MATTER OF PLACING OF BOMBS ON BRITISH SHIPS

New York, Sept. 9.—It was learned yesterday that Secretary of State Lansing had taken up with Governor Whitman the matter of the placing of bombs on British ships sailing from this port, and that the governor asked the mayor to see that every possible preventive measure was taken, as the name of the state was at stake.

Governor Whitman's letter to Mayor Mitchell was written on August 31. He said that Secretary Lansing had written him with reference to the matter and had enclosed three notes and a memorandum from the British embassy, a note from the French embassy and a dispatch from the Amsterdam consul at Havre, all dealing with specific instances of the concealing of bombs or other explosives on ships with "a malicious purpose to destroy them and the lives of persons on board."

ST. JOHN MAN'S COUSIN LOST WITH THE HESPERIAN

Miss Carberry of St. Johns, Nfld., who was drowned a few days ago when the steamer Hesperian was sunk by a German torpedo, was a cousin of James Powers, conductor with the St. John Railway Company.

Zeppelins, In Latest Raid, Nearer To Heart of London

London, Sept. 9—The raid of Zeppelins last night is described by the Pall Mall Gazette as "Londoners' first glimpse of the war at close quarters."

The Evening Standard speaks of the coolness shown everywhere, but warns the public against "the noticeably widespread and dangerous disposition to regard the affair as a species of spectacle."

Guarded references indicate that the Zeppelins approached the heart of the city more closely than on previous occasions.

Twenty persons were killed and eighty-six injured in last night's raid.

MILLIONAIRE WIDOW MURDERED; FORTUNE IN JEWELS STOLEN

Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols Strangled in Home and Gems Taken—Thieves Fail to Get Quarter Million in Strong Box

New York, Sept. 9—Half the police detectives in New York were at work today trying to find who murdered Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, a wealthy widow, and robbed her house of a small fortune in jewels.

Mrs. Nichols, after a desperate struggle, was strangled to death about nine o'clock last night in her home in East Seventy-Ninth street, just off Fifth avenue, in the heart of the millionaire residence district.

The murderers stripped diamond rings from the woman's fingers and tore valuable jewels from her ears. It was reported that they carried away a strong box containing jewels worth several hundred thousand dollars. Regarding this phase of the crime, however, the police are reticent and no definite announcement has been made as to the value of the booty. It was known, however, that Mrs. Nichols' collection of jewels was worth nearly half a million dollars, and the key to the casket that contained them was missing from the place where she always had worn it, on a ribbon around her neck.

The murdered woman was the widow of James E. Nichols, one of the founders of the wholesale grocery house of Austin, Nichols & Company. She was sixty years of age. When her husband died, a year ago, he left her property valued at nearly $2,000,000.

LATER

Ownry Talas, a Russian Fin, for two and one-half months a hall boy in the home of Mrs. Nichols, was arrested today after he had confessed, the police assert, to having played a part in the crime. It is now thought Mrs. Nichols died of fright and not of strangulation. The burglars got about $10,000 worth of jewels, but failed to rifle the strong box.

WILFUL MURDER IS THE CHARGE AGAINST SLAYER OF JAURES

Paris, Sept. 9—Examining Magistrate Drioux yesterday concluded his investigation into the circumstances attending the death of Jean Leon Jaures, a French Socialist leader, who was assassinated on July 31, 1914, by Raoul Villain. The magistrate sent Villain up for trial on the charge of wilful murder.

M. Jaures was shot and killed by Villain while dining in a Paris restaurant. The assassin said he had committed the act because Jaures had betrayed the country in leading a campaign against the three year military law.

STATE TO HONOR THE HOOZIER POET

Indianapolis, Sept. 9—Governor Samuel Ralston has proclaimed October 7 as "Riley Day," and urges the people of the state to set aside the day to honor James Whitcomb Riley, the poet, whom Governor Ralston calls "Indiana's most beloved citizen." Mr. Riley will be sixty-six years old on October 7.

DIRECTUM I TO GO AFTER TRACK RECORD

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 9—The novelty on today's card at Charter Oak track will be the attempt of Directum I, the world's champion pacer, to lower the track record of two minutes flat, made by Star Pointer in 1899. Tommy Murphy will hold the reins over the pacer. The track is in good shape.

POLITICAL "BOSS" OF BRAZIL ASSASSINATED

Rio Janeiro, Sept. 9—The assassination of Senator Pinheiro Machado has caused a sensation throughout Brazil. A Spaniard is charged with his murder.

Machado frequently was referred to as the political "boss" of Brazil.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, Sept. 9.—George Shaw, an employe in the Victoria mill, is under arrest, charged with theft of $37 from Clarence Kennedy and $3 from Lester Tufts. He was remanded until Tuesday.

John D. Palmer has disposed of his dwelling house in George street to Robert Arnold.

Eight recruits were enlisted by Major Day at Taymouth last night and two at Douglas Boom. They will join the 64th. The board of trade last evening discussed a report that box rent in the new post office is to be given a boost. Secretary Campbell was instructed to communicate with the authorities. Although the contractors handed over the new building in May, it is not yet ready for occupancy.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Sept. 9.—The opening, which ranged from 1 1-8 to 1¼ to 1-8 advance with September at 93 7-8 to 94 and December at 90¼ to 90 3-4, was followed by a slight rally and then a fresh decline.

Underwriters' Association.

Toronto, Sept. 9—At the annual convention of the Underwriters' Association of Canada in session here, Secretary W. L. Reid, of Ottawa, reported twenty-eight organizations connected with the association and a total membership of 790, a slight decrease due to the removal of members gone to the front.

TAKES THE VEIL

Miss Mary Howard, formerly of North End has been received into the order of the Sisters of Charity, in Emmetsburg, Md., where she recently took her final vows. She has filled her novitiate of five years and in future will be known as Sister Mary Constantia. She has many friends in St. John. It is probable that the new sister will be stationed in Philadelphia.

THE RECRUITS

Nine volunteers were accepted and finally signed for service with the 64th this morning. Even more than this number are looked for tonight after the recruiting rally in St. Andrew's rink.

SIR WILFRID UNDER OPERATION TODAY; ALL IS SUCCESSFUL

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—An operation for abscess on the lower jaw was performed upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning Despite his years, Sir Wilfrid stood the anaesthetic well and the operation was completed successfully in an hour. Sir Wilfrid came out of the ether well and should recover within a few days.

TRADES UNION CONGRESS ON RECRUITING AND THE WAR

Bristol, England, Sept. 9—The Trades Union Congress adopted, virtually without opposition, at today's session, a resolution presented by the railway clerks union on the subject of recruiting. The congress resolved:

"That this congress, being convinced that the issues involved in the present European war are of transcendant importance to the democracies of this and other countries, hereby records its approval of the action of the parliamentary labor party in co-operating with the other political parties in the national recruiting campaign."

One speaker said that if, when "dear Brother Fritz" invaded Belgium, the British government had not decided to resist this move, the men and women of Britain would have forced it to do so.

THE ARABIC AND THE HESPERIAN

Washington, Sept. 9—Germany's note explaining the sinking of the Arabic, with the loss of American lives, was awaited today by administration officials. They declined to comment on versions of its text contained in Berlin despatches. The note, which was handed by the foreign office to Ambassador Gerard on Tuesday, was understood to ascribe the destruction of the liner by a submarine to self defence, express regret over the loss of American lives, and to propose to refer to The Hague questions of reparation and compensation.

Assurances previously had been expressed by Ambassador Von Bernstorff that full satisfaction would be given in connection with the destruction of the Arabic. While some officials thought the submarine commander's explanation appeared unconvincing, it was made known that judgment would not be passed until the official text of the note had been received here.

The Hesperian.

Investigation of the sinking of the Allan liner Hesperian continued today. Ambassador Gerard had been instructed to report any information available in Berlin, and efforts were directed to clearing up reports that an American named Wolff, a member of the crew, perished. Officials are preserving an open mind. All reports from London assert that the ship was torpedoed, but belief still prevails in naval circles in Washington that she encountered a mine.

GERMAN GOES TO PRISON.

New York, Sept. 9—Gustav Stahl, a German reservist, who swore he saw four guns on the Lusitania just before she sailed from here, on her last trip, but later admitted his affidavit was false, and entered a plea of guilty of perjury, was today sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment and to pay a fine of $1.

VOLUNTEERS FROM BANK

A lengthy list of employes of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is given in an interesting booklet bearing upon the war as having volunteered for service with the colors. In the honor roll are Captain DeFollot of St. John, who died of wounds, and Lieut. W. N. Galaugher of Chatham, killed in action, while other volunteers from these parts have been: H. G. Raymond of Bloomfield, N. B., formerly accountant here; J. A. Brice of St. John; J. L. Annett of Campbellton; S. Taylor of Fredericton, and R. H. Macpherson of Amherst.

PEN PICTURE INDICATES END NEAR IN TURKEY

Rome, Sept. 9—The Corriere d'Italia has received a letter from Athens, in which it is stated that the total losses of the Turks in the Dardanelles are estimated at 250,000 men. Armenian refugees relate that 70,000 Armenians have been massacred, including several deputies of the Turkish parliament.

Everyone in Constantinople knows that the bankruptcy of Turkey is imminent. Agents and functionaries of the police are devoting themselves entirely to plundering. German officers are becoming alarmed and discouraged, and are demanding that they be sent back to Germany to fight for their native land.

RETAIL MERCHANTS' SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON THE ASSESSMENT

Mr. Cameron Before the Commission at Yesterday Afternoon's Session

Among the witnesses before the assessment commission yesterday afternoon was N. C. Cameron, provincial secretary for New Brunswick of the Retail Merchants Association, who discussed with the commissioners the problems of taxation in connection with business houses.

Mr. Cameron said that his personal views were that the present personalty tax on stock is very unjust as the honest merchant has to pay a larger proportion than one who evades a correct valuation of his stock. To avoid this he recommended a system of business assessment based upon the value of the premises occupied so that all places of business would be dealt with alike.

Another recommendation made by Mr. Cameron was to the effect that provision be made to allow the assessors to fix an assessment at any time of the year on a business starting up as a merchant often would enter into occupation of premises after the assessment has been made up, continue for months and then discontinue before the next assessment was made, thereby escaping the payment of any taxes to which the city should be entitled.

Mr. Cameron suggested also that it would be better if the assessment laws were made and controlled by the province instead of by each community, thus taking them away from local influences.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Phelix and Pherdinand

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—Light scattered showers have occurred in the western provinces and local thunder storms in Ontario and Quebec. The weather is cool in the west; elsewhere, quite warm.

Fair and Warm.

Maritime — Moderate winds, local showers, but mostly fair and warm today and on Friday.

New England forecasts—Generally fair tonight and Friday; light to moderate variable.

REAL CANVAS FOR PATRIOTIC AUCTION TO BEGIN SEPT. 20

Meantime People Are Asked to Think it Over and Decide What They Can Give

Although it would be possible for active canvassing to be started at once by the Daughters of the Empire, the Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus and the Rotary Club in the interests of the Patriotic Auction, it has been decided that the thorough campaign of soliciting will not be begun until Sept. 20. This will permit citizens to familiarize themselves with the object of the auction, its magnitude, and the necessity of all persons contributing to its success, for the $50,000 which it is hoped to secure is to be devoted to the Patriotic Fund.

In the meantime, all people will have an opportunity to dwell upon what form their donation will take. Everyone will be given a chance to contribute. The organization perfected is so effective that every part of the city will be canvassed, and thus all citizens must expect a call from the solicitors. What donations have been given up to the present have been for the most part for office material requisite for the preliminaries of the big campaign to be launched on Sept. 20, when the canvassers will start upon their rounds.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Jeremiah Kennedy took place at half past eight o'clock this morning from his late residence, Brussels street, to the Cathedral where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Bourgeois. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of David P. Courtenay took place from his parents' residence, Moore street, this afternoon. Burial services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim, and interment took place in Fernhill.

The funeral of Francis E. Thompson took place from his parents' residence, Brunswick street. Following burial services interment took place in the Methodist Church burying grounds.

DRISCOLL-O'BRIEN

The wedding of William Andrew Driscoll to Miss Marion O'Brien took place at a quarter to six o'clock this morning in the Cathedral. Rev. M. P. Howland officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Duffy, while John O'Brien supported the groom. The ceremony was witnessed only by close friends and relatives. After a wedding breakfast at the bride's home Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll left on a trip through Nova Scotia. They will reside in St. John.

PRESENTATION TO SOLDIER

Abram Ricker, who left this morning for Valcartier to rejoin the 55th battalion, was made the recipient of a valuable memento by the St. John Ice Co., with whom he was formerly employed, and other friends. The presentation was made by Percy Linkletter.

PROSPECTS FOR WINTER WORK FOR MEN OF CITY WATER DEPARTMENT NOT BRIGHT

There is still sufficient work in the water and sewerage department for all the regular workmen, with the undertakings in progress at present, but the prospects for work for the men during the coming winter are declared not good. For several years the commissioner has been able to keep his crews together, to the advantage of the city as well as the men, but war economies will probably make this impossible this year.

At present the men are engaged in laying the new sewers in Chesley street and Douglas avenue and in completing the connections between the thirty six twenty four and twelve inch mains in the Marsh road. The commissioner expects to commence the work of cleaning the mains leading to the city this month. The work should be completed before the cold weather sets in.

GERMANS SPENDING THOUSANDS MONTHLY IN STATES SCATTERING "NEWS"

New York, Sept. 9—The New York Times says:—The German summer embassy at Cedarhurst, L. I., is used as the clearing house for the German overseas news service which disseminates German war news to neutral countries. An official connected with the embassy admitted this yesterday. According to this informant, J. Schmidt, treasurer of the German embassy, is the head of the clearing house, which is maintained at a monthly cost of from $25,000 to $30,000.

"Four expert telegraphers are kept busy day and night sending out German news wherever it will do good," this official said. It is one of the greatest systems ever devised by Germans in this country. The news is received at Tuckerton and Sayville. Every corner where Germans are domiciled is covered by this news service, even China, South and Central America and Mexico.

The telegraph companies have put in special wires and assigned expert operators to handle the news. Direct wires run to the Tuckerton and Sayville wireless stations.

BERNHARDI GOES TO FRONT

Berlin via London, Sept. 9—General Friedrich A. J. Von Bernhardi has been assigned to a field command at his own request. He is the author of "Germany and the next war," written in 1912, in which he forecasted many of the main features of the present campaigns.

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN

Many friends will regret the death of a popular young St. John man, Ralph Stanley Crawford, which occurred this morning after a short illness at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Crawford, 26 Pitt street. He was eighteen years of age, was a talented musician and for the last year or so had been organist in St. Luke's church. Besides his parents, the young man is survived by four brothers, Allan G. Crawford, Winnipeg; Harold S. of Boston; Roy E., of this city, and Donald W. at home. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his parent's home and to Trinity church.

ARCHIBALD'S PASSPORTS CANCELLED; LIKELY WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Washington, Sept. 9.—Secretary of State Lansing has cancelled the passports of James J. F. Archibald, an American correspondent, on whom British secret service men found communications from Dr. Constanin Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador, to his foreign office on the subject of fomenting strikes in American munition plants.

Archibald now is at Rotterdam and American minister Van Dyke has been instructed to issue an emergency passport to permit his return to the United States, when the department of justice probably will be called on to decide if he has violated any law of the United States in acting as a messenger for one of the European belligerents.