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## Heroic Act of J. Norton Griffiths

How Courtenay Bay Work Contractor Destroyed Roumanian Oil Wells Under Noses of German Troops

(London Chronicle)  
A dramatic story of how the Roumanian oil-wells were destroyed was related yesterday by Watson Rutherford, M.P., at the meeting of the Roumanian Consolidated Oilfields, Ltd. He also made the welcome disclosure that despite the feverish exertions of German engineers, the enemy had not yet found a means for the outlet and exportation of the oil.

The Roumanian outlook for centuries to come was one of the more assured, said Mr. Rutherford. The destruction of the petroleum works was so complete that, in spite of the feverish exertions of the German engineers, little petroleum had been taken out, and that could not be successfully used until means were found for refining and storing it.

Only 40,000 Russians—and those a month late—came to the aid of the Roumanians instead of the promised 200,000; this was due to the bureaucratic corruption of the Russian government of that date.

Sir J. Norton Griffiths' mission to destroy the oilfields was an inspiration of intelligence. Hundreds of thousands of tons worth millions of pounds and priceless to the enemy, were destroyed under the very noses of the German troops and within a few hours of their patrols—in more than one case within a few minutes.

The means of getting the petroleum and using it were also destroyed. The wells were smashed up beyond hope of being worked. Derricks and refineries were burnt and blown up, machinery was smashed to atoms, pipe lines were cut, tanks exploded and buildings knocked down. Their claim against the British government amounted to £12,707,24.

Mr. Rutherford's description of the destruction was supplemented by a report which stated that the Roumanian official plan of destruction would not have prevented the Germans from reopening the wells, and Colonel Norton Griffiths complained that he was getting no practical help from the authorities.

Risk to Volunteers  
The risk to volunteers to wreck the wells being shot if not in uniform, should the enemy capture them, caused Colonel Norton Griffith to give temporary commissions in the British army to three of the company's officials. These had since been decorated, Captain Mas-

terson with the D. S. O. and Lieutenants Hayward and Simpson with the M.C.

When 40,000 tons of oil were burned at Moreni the conflagration "formed a black pall overhead, and it was almost as dark as night, the only light being a lurid glow from the burning oil through the fog of smoke." The wells had also caught fire and the whole field was blazing.

At the Astras works the party were cautioned that the power house was full of gas, and might explode at any moment. Col. Norton Griffiths would not hear of the word "danger," and took a lighted fuse of hay, entered the building, and set fire to the oil, which had been pumped into the basement. The gas, at that time was so strong as to asphyxiate anyone after a few minutes. It was a miracle that no one was killed. Col. Norton Griffiths was only slightly burned. Included amongst the tanks fired was the largest one in Europe. It collapsed quietly.

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## RECENT WEDDINGS

St. George, Oct. 10—A double wedding took place at the rectory on Wednesday, Oct. 10, when Rev. J. W. Spencer, pastor of St. Mark's, united in matrimony Mary K. Lowery and Helen H. Thomas, of St. Patrick, and Helen May Lowery, of Lake Megantic (Que.), and Clarence S. Holt, of St. Patrick. The young ladies are cousins. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends.

The wedding of Miss Annie Elizabeth McKnight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McKnight, of Apohaqui, and Alexander Clarke Moore, of Mechanic, was solemnized in Apohaqui on Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. Saunders.

Miss Nevell M. Mawhinney of Mace's Bay and Berton H. Williamson of St. John were united in marriage yesterday afternoon by Rev. F. H. Wentworth. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Williamson left by automobile for Mace's Bay and, on their return, will reside at 202 Union street, city.

Leonard L. Wright, of Upper Golden Grove and Bertha M. Ingram of St. John, were united in marriage yesterday at the home of Andrew Foster, 103 Millidge avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. H. Nobles. They will make their future home in Upper Golden Grove.

## DEATH OF DR. LEANDER J. CROOKER OF AUGUSTA.

Well Known Maine Physician Dead at Age of 80 Years; Came of Long Line of Doctors.

(Bangor Commercial).  
Dr. Leander J. Crooker, one of Maine's best known physicians and surgeons, passed away Tuesday at his home in Augusta at the age of 80 years. He had been in continuous practice sixty-one years, forty-seven years of which was spent in Augusta. "He came of a family of doctors and achieved distinction in his profession."

Dr. Crooker was born in Wiscasset, the son of Dr. Sabra Crooker and Pamela Durland Crooker of Brookfield, Nova Scotia. He went to Nova Scotia when a young man but later returned to the states and secured his medical education. He located in Vassalboro in 1857 and married Clara B. Tashell of Vassalboro the following year. His older brother, Dr. Aaron P. Crooker of Belgrade, died in 1861 and he moved to Belgrade and took his brother's practice. In 1869 he went to Boston, opened an office on Court street and that year took a second course of medical lectures at Harvard Medical.

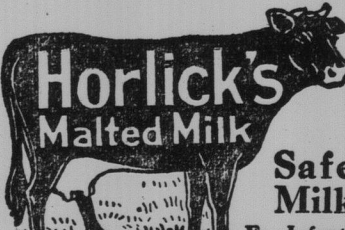
In 1870 he came to Augusta and entered into partnership with Dr. George E. Brickett. After two years he began an office of his own and continued to practice up to the time of his last illness.

Dr. Crooker interested himself in public affairs and for years was active in politics, always having been a Democrat. It was in 1876 he bought a point of land on the Maine coast, then known as "Lincoln's Neck." This he re-named Ocean Point. He gave away ten lots on the condition that they be built on within a year. Thus he started Ocean Point and it is largely due to his efforts that the place became the popular summer resort it now is.

Surviving relatives are a son, Dr. L. J. Crooker, Jr., a niece, Miss F. Adeline Wright; a nephew, Hiram L. Pishon, Augusta; a brother, Dr. P. A. Crooker, Washington, Me.; and a sister, Mrs. Adeline L. Foster, Berwick, N. S.

The direct line of descent of a singularly "medical" family reads: 1—Abner Crooker, Pambroke, Mass., a private in the Revolution was taken from the ranks to help care for sick and wounded because he was "particularly apt at such work." His son Sebra (2) was a farmer in Wiscasset and called a "natural homoeopath." His sons were (3) William Curtis Crooker, (4) Dr. Sebra Crooker of Nova Scotia, a traveling "cancer doctor." His sons were (5) Dr. Aaron Potter Crooker of Belgrade, Me.; (6) Dr. P. A. Crooker of Washington, Me.; (7) Dr. Leander J. Crooker of Augusta, Me. His son (8) Leander J. Crooker, Jr., of Augusta.

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.25 Stevens .....	80c, \$1.00	.44 Long .....	\$1.79
.30 Short .....	64c.	.46 Short .....	\$1.79
.30 Long .....	75c.	.56-46 Spencer, sporting .....	\$1.43
.32 Short .....	57c, 72c.	.56-52 Spencer, Carbine .....	\$1.43
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16 gauge, B B to S G Shot .....	per 100	3.75
16 gauge, Ball .....	per 100	3.80
20 gauge, No. 1 to No. 10 Shot .....	per 100	3.40
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10 gauge, Ball .....	per 100	5.20	
12 gauge, No. 1 to No. 10 Shot .....	per 100	4.55	
12 gauge, B B to S G .....	per 100	4.55	
12 gauge, Ball .....	per 100	4.75	
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20 gauge, B B to S G Shot .....	per 100	4.00	

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