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C. P. R. Line Hard Hit By Big Storm

No Train From or To Montreal

MANY WASHOUTS IN MAINE

Lines May Not be Ready Before Thursday—In One Place Two Hundred Feet of Track Suspended—Last Night's Train From Here is on Way Back

The Canadian Pacific Railway service between St. John and Montreal has been demoralized by an extremely violent storm which swept Maine state and part of Quebec province late yesterday. With gigantic play of the artillery of the heavens came a deluge of rain which amounted to little less than a cloud-burst, washing out the railroad bed at a dozen points and making it impossible to operate through trains.

Train Returns to City The Montreal train which left here last evening got as far as Greenville Junction in Maine, but could proceed no farther. When the seriousness of the situation became known, it was decided to send the train back to its starting point. It is due to reach here about six o'clock this evening, and passengers who desire to get to Montreal will transfer to the Intercolonial.

Similarly, the train which left Montreal for here was stalled at Megantic and was sent back to Montreal, so that those on board might change to the I. C. R. and resume their journey eastward.

There will be no train out of here for Montreal this evening. The service in New Brunswick is not affected, nor did the storm interfere with the Boston trains.

The Washouts The trouble is centered in the Greenville Junction-Megantic section and is the worst that the C. P. R. has had to face in a long time calling for all the resources and ability of Superintendent Grant and his aides in restoring conditions to normal in the shortest possible time.

At one place from a distance of 200 feet the track is suspended in air, the whole roadbed having been washed away. In another place there is a washout 150 feet long. At still another point a bridge has gone, and so in probably a dozen places the roadbed has been swept away and the sides in some places are so steep that the workmen have been sent out from Farnham, Que., and Brownville Junction, Me., to dig up the roadbed from both ends but several of the smaller washouts have to be overcome before the morning. It is expected that by late afternoon, said Mr. Grant today, before the service can be resumed.

Of course, the main as well as passengers are affected by the disruption of service. It is presumed also that there has been serious damage done to the crops in Maine by the terrific storm.

Telegraph wires are down and there was great difficulty in getting the communication between here and Montreal. The newspaper despatches had not started to arrive at 2 o'clock, and it seemed doubtful if any would be received.

LATER A later report says that the C. P. R. train from Montreal will not likely reach here tomorrow, probably none before Thursday.

Report From Bangor Bangor, Maine, July 31.—A remarkable series of thundershowers, generated in south New England and the middle States, where tempering damage to crops prevailed on Sunday and Monday, swept across Maine today, bringing a deluge that in places continued with brief intermissions for six to ten hours, accompanied by vivid electrical displays.

Of strange part of the visitation in Bangor and vicinity is that with the exception of putting 300 telephone lines out of service, interrupting traffic on one suburban car line by a washout and the uprooting of a few trees, no damage was done. What happened in the surrounding country could not be learned last night, as all out of town telephone lines were out of commission. It appears that the storm gained intensity as it moved east for western Maine cities saw very little of it and in Bangor it was chiefly distinguished by its persistence, the floods of rain, with heavy thunder and sharp lightning continuing from 4 p.m. till long after midnight.

Fredericton, N. B., July 31.—Fredericton is cut off today from communication with Montreal and Canadian points west on account of a cloud burst in the State of Maine last night. It is reported that the heaviest damage to lines of telegraph and railway communication was done by the elements near Kingman, Maine.

ST. JOHN BUILDING WORK

The building statistics for the city for July show four permits issued for new work to a total value of \$7,100, as compared with \$17,870 for July, 1916. The permits issued to date during 1917 show a total value of \$474,250, as compared with \$319,750 for the same period last year, an increase of \$154,500. During July twenty-six permits were issued for repair work. The new permits issued during the month were as follows: T. O. Dales, wooden dwelling, corner Armarthen at D. Duice streets, \$3,000; James J. Doerflinger, wooden dwelling, Millidge avenue, \$2,000; F. E. Williams, wooden warehouse, 5 11 Carlton street, \$1,800; J. L. Lake, remodeling dwelling, 32 Pitt street, \$600.

KILLED GERMAN OFFICER WITH GRIP ON THROAT

Lieut. Col. Guthrie's Encounter At Festubert

STIRRING TALE OF WAR

Westphalian Leader and Present Commander of Kilites in Deadly Combat as Khaki Troops Charge—New York Paper's Account of Incident

In the New York Herald's magazine of the war section, in last Saturday's edition a page is devoted to Lieut. Col. P. A. Guthrie of Fredericton, commander of the Kilites. The Herald writes that Lieut. Col. Guthrie would not talk for publication but that Charles K. Howard, representative of the Canadian Government Railway and his close friend and executor, has given the story to the Herald. The following is an extract:

"On a night in the battle of Festubert the Tenth Canadians went over the trenches. The flares from the machine guns made the line as light as day. A piece of the German trenches was taken. The only thing that the colonel of this portion of the scrap recalled were some tears in the legs from barbed wire entanglements, through the fog of the night a half of an hour two-thirds of his battalion. The piece that was taken must be the reinforcement of the Tenth. These were a little slow in arriving. A captain held one end of the line while the colonel leading his men down the trenches, with his bombers cleared out another section. The German line began to give slowly. Step by step, they were back around the traverses toward Givency.

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Special Lookout For Smallpox Suspects During August

Fredericton, July 31.—The provincial authorities are preparing to keep a sharp lookout for smallpox suspects from Maine during August both along the border and at the pleasure terminals at St. John. Next month is expected to be a particularly dangerous month on account of the pulp peeling season ending early in it and the migration of men who have been engaged at the pulp camps.

CENSORSHIP MORE STRICT IN STATES

New List of Press Regulations—No Mention of Arrival of American Troops in Europe

Washington, July 31.—A new list of press regulations making material changes in the voluntary censorship rules under which the American newspapers have been operating was promulgated last night by the committee of public information. The new regulations contain the first general request that there be no published mention of the arrival of American troops at European ports, replacing in the old rules for use of any cable dispatches passed by European censors. Other sections of the old regulations are made more severe by specific stipulations in place of the more general language employed in the rules in force until now. Information regarding the government policies might reveal military movements or policies is described in detail.

F. H. DAVIS SUFFERS FROM GAS POISONING

Former Street Car Conductor St. John in Casualty List

Mrs. Margaret Davis, of 173 Main street, received a telegram from Ottawa this morning informing her that her husband, Gunnar F. H. Davis, had been admitted to a field ambulance on July 17, suffering from gas poisoning. Gunnar Davis, a St. John native, was in the service of the British army in France. He was transferred to another unit. He was on the firing line for one year, and during that time occupied himself with the construction of gas masks. Prior to coming to St. John, he was a conductor with the St. John Railway Company.

PROBATE COURT

In the matter of the estate of Robert H. Armstrong, late of the parish of Lancaster, contractor, application for letters of administration has been made by Susan Reed, widow of the deceased. The court has ordered to issue, returnable on September 10, at 11 a. m., to show cause, if any, why letters of administration should not be granted to her. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford are proctors.

FIVE DAYS IN OPEN BOAT WITHOUT FOOD

Bert Shankle, of Gloucester, a member of the crew of the American schooner Heurietta, arrived at Halifax the other day from Sydney, where he was landed by the Newfoundland schooner Roma H. On Friday of the previous week, Shankle became lost in the fog on the Quere banks, and for five days and nights he floated alone in his small boat at the mercy of the waves. He had but one quart of water. He sighted several very rough and there was danger of the boat being swamped.

MRS. J. H. SCAMMELL DEAD

There was recalled in the city this morning news of the death of Mrs. Isabel N. Scammell, widow of Dr. J. H. Scammell, which occurred in Newcastle, N. B. Mrs. Scammell had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wilson, of Derby, N. B., when she contracted typhoid fever and was sent to the hospital in Newcastle. She was formerly Miss Murdock, daughter of Rev. Mr. Murdoch, a Presbyterian minister from upper Canada. She is survived by three children and one brother and one sister.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stur, director of meteorological service. Fair and Warm. Maritime probabilities—Southwest and west winds, warm, with local showers, chiefly in the eastern portions. Wednesday, moderate westerly winds, fair and warm.

Only Half Holiday Saturday

GERMANY BEATEN, ONLY HANGING ON, SAYS GEN. MAURICE

Reduced to Pitiful State of Military Helplessness, He Declares

Reviews Three Years' War—Director of British Operations Shows How Kaiser's Strategists Have Been Balked

London, July 31.—America's entrance into the war is the most important development of the third year of the great conflict, in the opinion of Major Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British War Office. "Today," General Maurice said, "Germany, whose whole government is bent on prosecuting a vigorous offensive, is reduced to a pitiful state of military helplessness in which she is barely able to hang on, in the hope that her submarines will force the people of the Entente Powers to demand peace at a time when Germany has the 'big pawns' with which to make a bargain."

"Speaking from the military point of view," said General Maurice, "the greatest event of the third year of the war is the fact that the American people have joined us. Up to the present, France and Russia always have been able to say to their people that the English power had not yet been developed to the full extent and that, when England's full weight was in the field, the pressure on the French and Russians would be somewhat lessened. That still is true, but only to a limited extent. Even if England getting near the point where she must say that she cannot extend her work much further in France. Meanwhile, the pressure on the continental countries is becoming greater and greater and the French are in real need of more and more support. The pressure on the same is true, and probably in far greater measure, in enemy quarters."

"But the whole lesson of the three years of warfare is to emphasize the military maxim that the man with the will has got the whole power of the United States to draw upon. The United States is today the general reserve of the Entente. With that reserve intact, we may look the fourth year in the face with entire confidence."

DENMARK EXPELS SPIES

Copenhagen, July 31.—A local newspaper says that the men recently arrested here for espionage, Sten and Gunnar Wested, alias Wilhelm, who used his ostensible position as correspondent of the Hamburg Fremdenblatt to report ship movements to German submarines, probably will be expelled from Denmark. Such procedure has been frequently employed in similar cases.

URGES NEW ENGLAND TO SAVE VEGETABLES

Secretary Houston Also Learns of Big Surplus of Perishable Fruits

Washington, July 30.—Reports from twenty-four states, showing enormous quantities of perishable fruit and vegetables threatened with loss, prompted the issuance of a statement by Secretary Houston Monday, urging the women of the country to respond immediately to President Wilson's appeal to save products. The states particularly affected include Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

FUNERAL OF MAJOR F. CAVERHILL JONES

The funeral of Major Fred Caverhill Jones, of the 115th Battalion took place this afternoon. Major Jones was buried with full military honors. A firing party from No. 9 Siege Battery, under command of Captain Bennett, attended. Brigadier-General H. E. McLean and Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Powell and members of the staff of the New Brunswick command walked in a body. The pall bearers were: Major L. Peters, 115th battalion; Major J. S. Frost, 62nd battalion; Major Markham, 6th C.M.B.; Captain May, 26th battalion; and Major Watson, No. 9 Siege Battery.

KAISER'S SON-IN-LAW ILL

Duke of Brunswick Leaves Western Front for a Long Rest

Amsterdam, July 31.—The Duke of Brunswick, son-in-law of the German Emperor, has arrived at Gmunden, Upper Austria, to undergo treatment for nervous breakdown, according to a report from Vienna. The duke, who has held a command on the western front, has been ordered to take a long rest, probably for several months.

So Reads Proclamation of Mayor Hayes

ANNIVERSARY OF WAR

Church Services at Two O'Clock and Public Exercises in King Square About 3.30—Lieutenant Governor Ganong, Premier Foster, Mayor Hayes and Dr. J. B. M. Baxter to Speak

As the public exercises in observance of the third anniversary of the declaration of war by the empire are to take place in the afternoon, the official proclamation issued by Mayor Hayes calls upon the citizens to observe the afternoon only, as a public holiday. The first suggestion was that the whole day should be observed as a civic holiday but this has been found unnecessary and the afternoon only is specified in the proclamation.

The hour for the service of intercession in Trinity church, which will be attended by the returned soldiers, the mayor and commissioners, has been fixed for two o'clock and it is expected that the other churches will conform to this arrangement.

After the church services, probably about 3.30 o'clock, the public exercises will be held in King square. Commissioner Russell is arranging for the erection of a stand for the speakers in the middle of the square, facing the head of King street. The speakers will include the lieutenant-governor, Hon. G. W. Ganong; the premier, Hon. W. E. Foster; the mayor, R. T. Hayes; and the city solicitor, Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, M. P. P.

The occasion will be marked by the presentation of certificates of appreciation from the civic corporation to the returned soldiers. The Temple band has been engaged by Commissioner Pither to provide music for the afternoon.

FIVE BUILDINGS ON LOGGIE FARM DESTROYED BY FIRE

Outbreak in Early Morning—Considerable Amount of Hay and Farm Implements Lost

Chatham, July 31.—Fire destroyed five buildings of the A. & R. Loggie Co.'s farm at Loggieville early this morning. The fire broke out in the main barn, was first seen at midnight. It quickly spread to the other buildings. The fire raged for about three hours and the refection could be seen for miles. A considerable amount of hay and farming implements were destroyed and the loss is heavy. The origin of the fire is not known.

ANOTHER FINE OF \$200 IN A LIQUOR CASE

Bernst Hove, before the police court yesterday morning on charges of drunkenness and having liquor illegally in his possession and sent down stairs in the magistrate, as he became impatient in court, was brought back this morning and fined \$200 for drunkenness and an additional \$200 for having a bottle of liquor in his possession.

THE ARSON CASE TRIAL

This morning in the case against Joseph O'Brien and John Hughes, who are under arrest on suspicion of having set fire to a summer cottage owned by William J. Crawford and situated on the Loch Lomond road, only two witnesses were examined. Anthony Proffitt and Frank Donohy. The former was on the stand from ten o'clock until nearly twelve and the latter was under examination until one o'clock when recess was called until this afternoon. During the direct and cross examination of these witnesses no new evidence was brought out.

BANK MANAGER GOES TO FRONT AS PRIVATE

Renfrew, Ont., July 31.—Charles H. C. Greenlee, for several years manager of the Renfrew branch of the Bank of Ottawa, has resigned to go to Europe as a private in a railway construction battalion. His position here will be taken by E. Rowan Legge, manager of the Smith's Falls branch of the same bank.

ANOTHER OUTING

Members of the St. John Power Boat Club intend holding another evening excursion up river for the sick and convalescing soldiers. The party will leave their moorings at Marble Cove at seven o'clock, and will proceed up river for some distance. The party will then land and supper will be served. Dancing and other amusements will be enjoyed prior to the return trip to the city. This will be the third excursion held by the club members for the benefit of returned soldiers.