DR. CORBET PAYS TRIBUTE TO SPIRIT OF CANADIANS

St. John Doctor, Who Has Done His Bit, Looks Forward to Going Back

Captain Tidy, Who Won Military Cross at "Plug Street," May Command New Battalion—"Ypres, Clear Demonstration of Hell in Its Worst Stages."

Friday, Feb. 25.

It was with great reluctance that Captain F. O. W. Tidy, of the 3rd Canadian battalion, who returned on the Scandinavian, yesterday, related to a Telegraph reporter how he won the military cross that adorned his breast.

"Just for some general work," he answered first; then, "O, just for a little incident;" but when he eventually was persuaded to talk it proved that he, with the assistance of two of his men captured, in broad daylight, a German patrol of three who were sniping from an entrenched position in No Man's Land.

The captain was with the 3rd battalion and was in the trenches in the district from Festubert to Ypres for about ten months and he took part in the engagements at Festubert, Givenchy, Ploegsteert, which the Tommies and Canadians have christened "Plugstreet" for convenience, and several other points.

Capture of Patrol.

It was at "Plugstreet" that the captain performed his meritorious feat, which he spoke of so unconcernedly. Following the "little affair" he was mentioned in despatches and he later received the merited honor which decorated his uniform.

"Well, we captured a German patrol in No Man's Land," he admitted after coaxing, and then he related the details.

"The Germans used to come up and snipe at our trenches. One day in September one of the sentries reported to me that he saw a German in front of the line sniping from an advantageous position. Two of the men and myself went out, down a sap between the lines lines at a point where the enemy's line was about 200 yards away. This sap, you understand, took us under our parapet and clear of the entanglements. Had we gone over the parapet we would never have reached the spot.

"Crawling along on the ground we came upon the German sniping party. Three of them had during the night dug themselves in. I happened to be first. I covered the men with my revolver. They threw up their hands. One of them, thinking that I was alone, aimed his rifle and fired. The bullet, fortunately missed me, but the powder caught me. Before he could fire again one of my party killed him. The other two became prisoners and we took them back of our line.

"What appeared strange to us," the captain went on, "was that although the incident was staged in full view of the German line, there was no action directed against us from there until we were nearly in our own trenches."

The captain said that he had the rifle, helmet and some of the equipment of the German who was killed. He was keeping the articles for souvenirs.

Sergeant Joseph Bruno was the man who saved the captain's life, and for his participation in the incident he is being given the D. C. M. The sergeant was one of those who returned Monday on the Missanabie, and while in St. John he related his story and it was published in the columns of The Telegraph.

Captain Tidy was not wounded. He is returning to his home in Toronto and it is understood that he will raise a battalion of his own.

When this was suggested to him he shook his head and replied: "Well, I can't say just yet. I will have to go to Ottawa first."

Dr. Corbet Home.

Captain Tidy had dinner at the home of Captain Dr. G. G. Corbet, 64 Coburg street. The latter was the only local man who returned on the Scandinavian. He was medical officer in charge and had to go through to Quebec. He expected to leave Quebec to be home on Saturday and he will probably enjoy a few weeks furlough here before resuming his duties.

He had only a short while to visit his home and to see his family before continuing to Quebec so the reporter had only a few brief moments with him. He had been in England since last October as a result of an injury to his knee but when he goes back he will be again on duty in the hospitals at the front.

Captain Corbet was much impressed with the conduct of the Canadian soldiers. Always cheerful, optimistic and full of vivacity, their spirit spurs them on. They never let themselves become depressed. Even in hospital their wounds are a secondry matter. They want to know primarily how things are going, and then "when will I be able to get back to the front."

Captain Corbet left here with Lieut.-Colonel Murray MacLaren, M. D., and was with his hospital during the stay of the troops at Salisbury. Following the removal of the soldiers to France the captain became attached to No. 11 stationary hospital, R.A.M.C., at Rouen, at the rear of the third brigade of artillery. He remained there all summer practically. For six months he was at various points from Le Basse to Kemmel. Afterwards he was with No. 2 general hospital under Lieut.-Colonel Bridges, formerly of Fredericton. In October he suffered an injury to his knee and had to return to England.

Only Small Party.

The Scandinavian, which had a small passenger list and brought 2,700 packages of mail, docked at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Those on board the ship report a very pleasant voyage across the Atlantic without incident worthy of note.

The Scandinavian brought a small party of military men numbering 22 in all, a number of whom were suffering severely from nervous shock sustained on the western front. Captain Knox-Leet was the officer in charge of the party. He is an Upper Canadian man and was attached to the 60th Reserve Battalion in England, and returns to Canada on duty.

Lieut.-Colonel Peake, a western man, also was in the party. He has been ordered to report to Ottawa for duty, ostensibly to join some battalion now in the course of formation in Canada.

Major Newman, of Kemptville (Ont.), was in the party. He went over to France with the First Canadian Division and had seen considerable fighting on the western front. He was returned to Canada on duty.

With 3rd C. M. R.

Major Morton, of Edmonton (Alta.), went over to the front with the 3rd C. M. R. from Alberta and before its disintegration was second in command of that unit. It will be remembered that the 3rd C. M. R. and the 6th C. M. R. the latter of this province, were broken up when the cavalry brigade was transferred to infantry. He said that the boys were keenly disappointed when the cavalry units were broken up and made into infantry. Many of the boys who had joined the cavalry units went with the prime intention of going into the field as cavalry and they did not mind fighting as infantry so much as the fact that when their unit was broken up they were separated from their pals with whom they had been intimate ever since enlisting. When the change came Major Morton, who had enlisted as a cavalry officer, asked for his discharge, which was granted, and he returned to Canada. With regard to operations on the western front he described it as one "big deadlock." He had no doubt but what the Allies would finally break through the German lines, but offered the opinion that the Germans were still very strong and many men and much effort would be required to dislodge them from their present positions.

"Hell in Its Worst Stage."

Capt. Kidd, of Burditt's Rapids (Ont.), who was in the party, is a hero of Ypres. He was attached to the 2nd Battalion in the First Division. He has been returned to Canada and will take a company command in the 156th Battalion now in course of formation in Ontario.

Ypres, he said, was a clear cut demonstration of hell in its worst stages. Day after day and night after night they fought on during that battle when it seemed that flesh and blood could no longer endure the terrific artillery bombardment brought to bear upon them by the Germans. It was almost by a superhuman effort that the Canadians filled the gap left vacant by the French and kept it filled until the tide turned. And how slowly it turned. He said it would seem they never for a moment thought the day lost, and it was this spirit of optimism, he believed, that kept the Canadian troops intact against the terrible onslaughts of the Hun.

Also in the party was Capt. Pringle, of the 3rd C. M. R.

Captain Gordon, of the C. A. S. C.; Captain Knox, of Montreal, and Lieutenant Davies were also on board.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Douglas Fairweather.

One of Kingston's oldest and most respected residents passed away early on Monday mornig last in the person of Mrs. Douglas Fairweather. She had been ill some time, and about ten weeks ago had a serious fall, which no doubt hastened her end, which came quite peacefully last Monday. She leaves one son, Perry Fairweather, and six daughters, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Chaloner, Mrs. Brunidge, Mrs. Paddock and Miss Ethel Fairweather. The deceased was formerly Miss Wetmore, of Norton, and her husband died some five years ago. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon in the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Kingston, and was largely attended in spite of the stormy weather. The hymns "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "On the Resurrection Morning" were sung during the service which was conducted by Rev. Henry Waterton, rector of Kingston. Mrs. Fairweather was 77 years of age.

Mrs. George Dunham.

Mrs. George Dunham, of Long Reach, died on Friday morning last at the ripe old age of 81 years. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon last in the churchyard of St. James, Long Reach. The service at the house and in the church was taken by the Rev. Henry Waterton, rector of Kingston.

Joshua Hawkins.

Friday, Feb. 25.

The death of Joshua Hawkins took place at the General Public Hospital yesterday morning, at 7 o'clock. The deceased had been at the institution since December. He was a native of Beaver Harbor, where he conducted a fishery business. The late Mr. Hawkins was in his 52nd year, and leaves a wife and nine children at Beaver Harbor. He was a member of the Baptist church at Pennfield. The body will be taken on the N. B. Southern train, this morning, to Beaver Harbor, where interment will be made.

Miss Mary McFarlane.

St. Stephen, Feb. 24—The community was shocked Wednesday evening when they heard of the death of Miss Mary McFarlane of Milltown (N. B.) Miss McFarlane was taken to the Carney Hospital, Boston, for examination about two months ago. The examination proved that her case was hopeless and she returned without an operation. Since this time she has steadily failed. She was about forty years of age and leaves her mother, Mrs. Walter McFarlane, her brother John and her sister Emma. For many years previous to her death she was head bookkeeper in the office of the weave room of the St. Croix cotton mill. Her numerous friends extend their sympathy to the bereaved family. Funeral will take place from St. Stephen's church, Milltown. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Annie Logan.

Friday, Feb. 25.

Many will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Annie Logan, of this city, widow of Samuel Logan, and daughter of the late John Tudor, formerly of Millidgeville. She was sixty-five years old and is survived by one son, Pte. James Logan of the 26th Battalion; three daughters, two sisters and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Margaret Shannon.

St. Stephen, Feb. 24—The friends of Mrs. Margaret Shannon were grieved to learn of her death which occurred at her home in Milltown (N. B.) on Wednesday evening. Two years ago Mrs. Shannon underwent an operation at Chipman Memorial Hospital from which she recovered. About five weeks ago she became afflicted with congestion of the brain which caused her death. She was sixty-three years of age and is survived by her sons Edward, who is in Washington state, and Frederick of Boston, and by her daughter, Mrs. James Harrigan of Upper Mills; Mrs. Cartherine Morris of Boston, and Miss Sua Shannon at home. Mrs. Shannon was widely known and much esteemed. Funeral Friday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Stephen's church. Interment Catholic cemetery.

Wilfred McGuire.

Saturday, Feb. 26.

Wilfred McGuire, an esteemed and popular young man, died yesterday at his home, 21 Dorchester street, after an illness of more than a year. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGuire, and was in his twenty-third year. Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers, Arthur, sales manager of the Canada Cement Company, with headquarters in Calgary; Harold, manager of the Imperial Tobacco Company's branch in this city; Leonard, a student at Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax; Harry, a student in St. Mary's Redemptorist Preparatory College in North East, Pennsylvania; and Austin, a student in St. Franvis Xaxier College in Antigonish, also two sisters, Marie and Helen at home.

Mr. McGuire was for some years a member of the Y. M. S. of St. Joseph and took an active interest in their work on the athletic field, in debates and at social functions. His bright, cheery manner won for him a host of friends and news of his death will be heard with regret by all.

In commercial life he was well known and respected, and while engaged in his occupations in the city, proved to be a competent young man who bade fair to become a success in business. Many friends will deeply sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

Mrs. Hannah M. Quinn.

Word has reached the city of the death of Hannah M., widow of Henry J. Quinn, and a former resident of St. John, which occurred last Monday at her late residence, in Allston (Mass.) She was 88 years of age. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. M. C. Campbell, of Allston; Mrs. H. D. Baltazar, of Allston; Mrs. M. F. Phinney, of Dorchester; Mrs. W. H. Carnall, formerly of St. John, and Mrs. R. A. Holt, of St. John. The funeral took place on Wednesday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Baltazar, Allston.

Dennis Griffith.

Saturday, Feb. 26.

The death of Dennis Griffith, a well known and respected citizen, occurred yesterday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Bart O'Brien, 7 Long Wharf. He was a resident of the North End for sixty-four years. He leaves one son, Edward, of this city, and seven daughters, Mrs. Devenne, of this city; Mrs. Mary McKinnon, Mrs. Daniel Gillis, of Fairville; Mrs. Fred McCandly and Mrs. Louis Myles, both of Boston; Mrs. P. O'Brien and Mrs. Bart O'Brien, both of this city.

Elizabeth Martin Loft.

One of the oldest and most famous of the Six Nations Indian women, Elizabeth Martin, wife of William K. Loft, of Brantford, Ontario, is dead there, in her eightieth year. She was the aunt of Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess, and the sister of Dr. Oronhyatekha, who was instrumental in the founding of the Independent Order of Foresters. She was the daughter of Chief Martin, and her husband is a grandson of Captain Joseph Brant, the famous Indian chief, after whom Brant county and Brantford were named. On the trip on which Chief Brant selected the Grand River lands as the new home for the Six Nations Indians he was accompanied by Mrs. Loft's grandfather. Mrs. Loft was prominent as a vocalist in her earlier days, being a member of the noted Martin Quartet, and having toured the country with that organization.

James S. Lyons.

Monday, Feb. 28.

Much regret was occasioned yesterday among the people of Westfield and vicinity by the death of James S. Lyons, which occurred in the morning at his home, Ononette, following a week's illness of pneumonia. He was only thirty-two years of age and was well and very favorably known throughout the community. He leaves besides his wife three children, the oldest of whom is nine years. He also leaves two brothers—William and Edward.

Edward J. Boone.

The death of Edward John Boone, occurred on Sunday at his home, 53 Somerset street, after a short illness. He was a former resident of Conception Bay (Nfld.), where his father and borther still reside. Mr. Boone was 43 years of age and had a large circle of friends in this city. He is survived by a sorrowing wife and four small children.

Mrs. Joseph W. Wortman.

Monday, Feb. 28.

The death of Mrs. Joseph W. Wortman of Shediac, news of which was received by telephone yesterday, came as a great shock to relatives and many friends here. Mrs. Wortman had been in St. John on a visit to her mother, and left Friday evening to return to her home, being then apparently in her usual good health. A message from her husband Saturday morning conveyed the announcement that she had passed away without warning, heart trouble being the cause of death. Mrs. Wortman was formerly Miss Jennie Nevins, of this city, and had a wide circle of friends here, who will learn of her death with deep regret and with sincere sympathy for the bereaved family; she is survived by her husband, who is assistant auditor in the traffic department of the I. C. R. general offices in Moncton; one daughter, Miss Bessie; her mother, Mrs. Charles Nevins of Douglas avenue; one sister, Miss Lizzie Nevins, at home, and one brother, Charles T. Nevins of this city.

Mrs. Mary A. Harrington.

The death of Mrs. Mary A. Harrington, wife of John Harrington, occurred last Saturday afternoon at her home, 9 Long wharf. She was ill only a short time. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Charles, and four daughters, Mrs. Bernard Walsh, Mrs. Michael Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Robert MacKenzie and Miss Nora, all of this city—; also one sister, Mrs. Andrew O'Hara, of Fredericton (N. B.)

Death of a Child.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Zephir Lariviere will sympathize with them in the sad loss of their infant son, John Joseph, which occurred at their home, 42 Mill street, on Sunday. The child was only one year and seven months old.

WEDDINGS

Gillespie-Grearson.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Grearson, St. George, on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 2 o'clock, when their eldest daughter, Helen, was united in marriage to Roy McLeod Gillespie, of Cayley (Alta.) The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. V. Buchanan, of St. George. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, looked charming in ivory satin with pearl trimmings, wore a Juliet cap and veil with orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of cream roses. Little Miss Edith Grearson, sister of the bride, acted as flower girl. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Edna O'Brien. After the ceremony, lunchcon was served. The bride's traveling suit was navy blue tailored with hat to match and mink furs. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents, including cut glass and silver and several checks. The groom's present to the bride was a necklace of pearls and amethysts. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie will first go to Ontario, where a reception will be given them by the groom's parents, after which they will take an extended trip through the western states before going to their future home in Cayley (Alta.) They have the best wishes of many friends.

O'Blenis-MacDougall.

Salisbury, N. B., Feb. 24—The marriage took place at the United Baptist parsonage on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 23, of Miss Hallie C. MacDougall, daughter of John C. MacDougall, of Moncton, and Herbert W. O'Blenes, son of George H. O'Blenes, of Fredericton Road, Salisbury. Rev. Norman A. MacNeill, B. A., B. D., pastor of the Salisbury United Baptist church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. O'Blenes will reside in Moncton, where Mr. O'Blenes is on the factory staff of the New Brunswick Wire Fence Company.

Reid-Waycock.

The wedding of Frank Duffs Reid of St. John to Miss Aldytha May Waycock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waycock, also of this city, took place Thursday at the home of Rev. T. J. Deinstadt, who performed the ceremony. The bride, who was gowned in Alice blue silk and wore a white hat wit white plumes, was attended by Miss Ella Hazel Reid. Frank H. Mason acted as groomsman.

Gillespie-Grearson.

The wedding of S. Nellna Grearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Grearson, and Roy M. Gillespie of Cayley, Alta., took place yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Buchanan of Secona Falls, who baptized the bride, performed the ceremony at the bride's home and a large number of relatives and friends were present. The happy pair left in the afternoon train for their western home and were given a rousing send off at the station.

EXPLOSION CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE AT BIG WOBURN PLANT

Woburn, Mass., Feb. 29—The trinitrotoluol building of the New England Chemical Company blew up with a terrific explosion early today. The trinitrotoluol stored in that section of the great chemical plant is said to be one of the most powerful explosives used in the manufacture of war munitions. The plant was located in a remote section of North Woburn, away from the residental quarter, but nineteen other buildings where heavy war orders were being filled were located nearby. Among these structures were those of the Merrimack Chemical Company. So great was the confusion immediately following the explosion that it was not known whether there was any loss of life.

Young Men Await Call to Service Under Derby Bill

London, Feb. 29—Although single men have only two days more for voluntary attestation, the reports indicate that there was no rush of recruits for enlistment yesterday.

Attestation has proceeded steadily since the military service act was passed, and it is understood that close to 65 per cent of the single men not accounted for when Lord Derby made his report have since joined the colors.

OTTAWA COMES BACK, TRIMS WANDERERS, 6-2.

Ottawa, Feb. 28—The Ottawas came back to form tonight and defeated the Montreal Wanderers by six goals to two, after a great N.H.A. game at the arena. It took place on a fast sheet of ice, and drew a crowd of about 5,000 people.

NORWAY SPENDING MONEY TO MAINTAIN HER NEUTRALITY.

Christiania, via London, Feb. 29—The Norwegian government has introduced in parliament a credit bill for 10,000,000 kroner to be used in continuing the maintenance of the country's neutrality.

TWO N. S. MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Feb. 28—Two maritime province men figure in the midnight casualty list. One William D. McLeod formerly of Big Bras D'Or (C. B.), of the 25th battalion, is reported "wounded", and Lance Corp. George W. Westhaver, of Waterville, Kings county (N. S.), attached to the Sixth C. M. R., is reported "dangerously ill."

Tonight's casualty list received from the front by Major-General Sir Sam Hughes announces the death in action of Captain A. J. Matthews, of the 27th Battalion. The late officer is a son of George Matthews, the well-known meat packer, and was one of the partners in the business. He lived formerly in Lindsay and in the maritime provinces before goin gto Winnipeg. He is survived by a widow, now residing in the latter city.

His was the only fatality reported in tonight's list. The casualties are still keeping down to the normal daily average, indicating that the German offensive has not yet reached the British and Canadian lines.

The list is as follows:

THIRD BATTALION.

Killed in Action—Wellesley Gunn, England; Christopher J. Choldcroft, England.

FIFTH BATTALION.

Wounded—Ernest Goble, Scotland.

EIGHTH BATTALION.

Wounded—George H. Garner, England.

TWELFTH BATTALION.

Seriously Ill—Frederick S. Pitts, Padlock (Sask.)

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.

Previously Reported Missing; Now Killed in Action—Cyril Henderson, England; N. W. MacDonald, Scotland.

SIXTEENTH BATTALION.

Seriously Ill—Joseph McFadden, Scotland.

TWENTIETH BATTALION.

Accidentally Wounded—William L. Burton, England.

TWENTY-FIRST BATTALION.

Wounded—George Wright, Marmora (Ont.)

TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION.

Killed in Action—Lance Corporal Omer Dubois, Three Rivers (Que.)

Wounded—Arthur Marquis, Lachine (Que.)

TWENTY-FIFTH BATTALION.

Wounded—

WILLIAM D. McLEOD, BIG BRAS D'OR (C.B.)

TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION.

Seriously Wounded—Corporal Edgar Rayboald, England.

FORTY-SECOND BATTALION.

Seriously Ill—John A. Wright, Owen Sound (Ont.); John Miller Emerson, Thomasburg (Ont.)

FIFTY-SECOND BATTALION.

Seriously Ill—Lance Corporal Henry Matheson, Scotland.

FIFTY-EIGHTH BATTALION.

Died—Wilfrid T. Skinner, England.

ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT.

Wounded, but Again on Duty—Ernest Mason, England.

FIRST CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES.

Wounded—Sydney Gordon Chalk, England.

SIXTH CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES.

Dangerously Ill—Lance Corporal George W. Westhaver, Waterville, Kings county (N. S.)

NO. SIX HOWITZER BRIGADE.

Slightly Wounded—Dr. Stanley F. Hammont, Washington (D. C.); Gunner John Tabrett, Lachine (Que.)

SIXTH FIELD COMPANY, SECOND CANADIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

Wounded—Lieut. R. M. Calvin, Kingston (Ont.)

THIRD PIONEER BATTALION.

Seriously Ill—John Todd, England.

DOMINION FRANCHISE FOR WOMEN REJECTED

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it, this, despite the answer given by the prime minister to a delegation in Toronto some time ago to the effect that the question was a provincial one.

The prime minister in a very brief speech made little attempt to reconcile his former attitude with his present attitude, but declared that it would not be right for the women of one province to have a vote on Dominion elections while the women of another had not. The government would be ready to consider Dominion women's franchise when there was any wide demand for it. Sir Robert said that the whole question of the franchise would be taken into consideration by the government and with it the question of granting the franchise to women. There the matter stands.

"ADVANCE, NO MATTER WHAT LOSSES MAY BE"

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Germans broke the Russian lines and the defense collapsed. In the Dunajec battle the Germans fired 700,000 shells in four hours, and the correspondent declares that the Verdun bombardment is equally violent, having already completely changed the very appearance of the countryside.

Nevertheless, the Daily Mail's writer believes the situation is now well in hand, except for the danger of a German attempt at some new form of attack, such as by aircraft or gas.

CEDAR HILL DIRECTORS.

The annual meeting of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Company was held last night. The reports of the various officers were read, which showed that there had been experienced a very successful year. The old board of directors was re-elected for the ensuing year as follows: A. C. Gregory, George W Mullin, H. W. T. Allingham, M. D. Brown, M. J. Doney, William Stout and George Chamberlin.

NUMBER OF RECRUITS FROM THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS IN CANADA UP TO FEBRUARY 15

The following tabulated form shows the number of recruits obtained for the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in the several divisions and districts in Canada as on February 15, 1916:

	Number of Recruits to Jan 31, 1916.	Number of Recuits Jan. 31 to Feb. 15, 1916.	Total to Feb. 15, 1916.
1st Division (London and western Ontario)	20,020	1,200	21,220
2nd Division (Toronto and central Ontario)	52,111	4,512	56,623
3rd Division (Kingston and eastern Ontario)	24,447	1,888	26,335
4th Division (Montreal, upper Quebec)	21,557	712	22,269
5th Division (Quebec, lower Quebec)	4,717	263	4,980
6th (maritime provinces	22,691	859	23,550
Military District No. 10 (Man. and Sask.)	45,879	2,271	48,150
Military District No. 11 (British Columbia)	22,611	956	23,567
Military District No. 13 (Alberta)	21,836	941	22,777
Total	235,869	13,602	249,471

HAND-TO-HAND, GALLANT FRENCH HOLD TRENCHES

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with patriotic abnegation the new sacrifice which is imposed."

Day's Official Report.

Paris, Feb. 28—The text of the communication on the progress of hostilities, given out by the French war office this afternoon, reads as follows:

"In Belgium, our batteries have bombarded German organizations located opposite Steenstratt.

"In Champagne, in the region of the Navarin farm, to the north of Sousin, the enemy was successful by a surprise attack, in occupying certain trenches of our advanced line, they also took a supporting trench.

"In the region to the north of Verdun the bombardment has continued with intensity particularly in the central sectors and on our right. There has been no further attacks on the Cote Du Poivre.

"Yesterday evening German forces made several attempts to occupy the village of Douaumont. Their efforts were broken by the resistance of our troops, who withstood the most furious assaults.

"There is no change in the situation at the fort of Douaumont, which still remains closely encircled. The fighting is less spirited.

"On the plateaus to the north of the village of Vuax, in the Woevre district, the enemy last evening and last night assumed an attitude of great activity. The railroad station at Eix, captured several times by the attacks and counter attacks of the two opposing forces now remains in our possession.

"All the attacks against Hill No. 255 to the southeast of Eix were futile, failing to dislodge our troops. Further to the south, a German attack against Manheulles resulted in complete failure. Our artillery is combating with energy the bombardment of the enemy along all this front.

"In the Vosges we have bombarded several German barracks in the region of Ban De Sapt."

French Premier's Story.

Paris, Feb. 27—(Delayed)—Impetuous counter-attacks by French troops north of Verdun, in which the Germans were thrown back from many positions conquered by them during the first four days of the battle, according to reports from the front, are considered as inaugurating a second phase of the great action under conditions most favorable to the defenders. Premier Briand told representatives of the press today how the tide was turned.

"Caught between two barring fires," he said, "covered with shrapnel from all sides, attacked by our fresh divisions surging upon the field of battle at an unexpected moment, the Germans saw their efforts stopped short. The struggle was a titanic one. Our heroic troops went into the melee frantically. Our light and heavy artillery dug sanguinary furrows in the compact ranks of the Germans.

"Finally exhausted, their ranks decimated, the German armies recoiled under our furious counter attacks. We have regained the advantage. Installed upon formidable positions, our heroic soldiers remained masters of the field of battle."

GERMAN NOTE TO U. S. FEATURED BY MIS-STATEMENTS

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sented today it may take occasion to point out the erroneous construction placed upon several of these expressions.

The communication from Germany probably will be considered by President Wilson and his cabinet tomorrow, and official indication regarding it is expected soon thereafter.

Rotterdam's Mail Held Up.

London, Feb. 28, 11.15 p.m.—The British authorites at Falmouth took off there the mail of the Holland-American line steamer Rotterdam, which sailed from Rotterdam, Feb. 25, for New York, according to Reuters correspondent at The Hague. The Rotterdam cleared from Falmouth Feb. 26, for her westward voyage.

Dyestuffs Allowed to Pass.

Washington, Feb. 28—Great Britian will permit the shipment of two cargoes of dyestuffs valued at $5,000,000 from Rotterdam to the United States. Ambassador Page at London has advised the state department, and officials here are hopeful that Germany will make an exception to its embargo by granting permission for their exportation.

Ambassador Page said that the British foreign office had given him assurances that the cargoes would not be interfered with.

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U. S. ADMIRAL PICTURES AMERICA'S NAVY AS GREATEST

Washington, Feb. 28—The navy general board's conception of the needs of the United States as a naval power were outlined to the house naval committee today by Rear Admiral Knight, president of the War Navy College.

In formulating the policy that the navy should equal the strongest afloat by 1925, he said, the board had in mind the establishment of two fleets, one in the Pacific powerful to overcome any enemy there and the other in the Atlantic, where it would be exceeded in strength only by the British fleet.

SCHOONER BOUND TO ST. JOHN SINKS IN CAPE COD CANAL

The Helen G. King, with Coal for R. P. & W. F. Starr, Ran on Rocks and Now Blocks Passage.

The two-masted schooner Helen G. King, bound from Perth Amboy to this port with coal for R. P. & W. F. Starr sank on Sunday at noon in the Cape Cod Canal, about a mile west of Bourndale, and until the craft is raised the canal is likely to be out of commission.

A telegram reached the city yesterday announcing that the schooner was ashore at Cape Cod and additional information was furnished from other sources. The schooner, it is said, became unmanageable on account of an accident to her steering gear and ran on the rocks at the north side of the canal, going down in a few minutes. She lies diagonally across the ditch with only her stern out of water. The crew of four got off without difficulty.

The schooner is 126 tons and was formerly one of the fleet of Stetson, Cutler & Co. here. About a year ago she was sold to outside interests. She sailed from Perth Amboy on February 21, with about 280 tons of hard coal. She was due here in a few days.

Further advice was expected from the master this morning and in all probability arrangements will be made for the removal of the wreck.

PURCHASING HOME AS CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Aid Society Active in Prosecution of Work—Ask for Clearer Definition of Truant Officer's Position.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the Children's Aid Society held last night in the Y. M. C. A. parlors, the most important matter before the board was the report of the advisability of securing a house to be used as a detention home for neglected children. A. M. Belding, the president, was in the chair, and the secretary, Rev. W. R. Robinson, was also present. The special committee recommended the purchase of the house at 110 Elliott Row, as suitable for a detention home for the society. T. H. Estabrooks, Sheriff Wilson and J. King Kelley, K.C., were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements with a view to securing the house recommended.

Rev. W. R. Robinson was appointed a committee to interview the Board of Education relative to the status of children of school age, but who are not now in school, and to ask the body to define for the society the powers of the Truant Officer under the act in this connection. A. M. Belding, J. King Kelley, K.C., and Rev. G. F. Scovil, were appointed a committee to wait upon the attorney-general and urge upon him the appointment of a provincial superintendent of neglected children under the Aid Society. The whole province, in the opinion of the society, should be well organized and although children may leave the city for other parts of the province, they are only changing their location and not their conditions, thus the activities and aims of the society affects directly the whole province.

In the matter of several young children now in the custody of the police, the secretary was instructed to co-operate with the police in their care on behalf of the society and in conjunction with the agent of the society. C. D. Howard was re-engaged as agent of the society until the first of May next.

ASHORE WITH COAL.

A telegram was recived yesterday afternoon by R. P. &W. F. Starr stating that the schooner Helen G. King, which has a cargo of coal for that firm from Perth Amboy, was aground at Cape Cod. No further details were obtained and it could not therefore be ascertained whether her condition is dangerous. The Helen G. King, which is 126 tons, was formerly one of the Stetson, Cutler & Company fleet, but was sold last year to outside interests. The schooner sailed from Perth Amboy on February 21 with about 280 tons of hard coal. Shipping people about the harbor infer from the tone of the telegram that the situation is not serious. It is believed probable that she ran on a shoal and that it would not be impossible to refloat her.

FORGERY CHARGED.

Raoul Goyette, a private of the 69th Battalion, was given in charge yesterday by his commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel Dansereau charged with forgery. It is alleged that Goyette raised a check, with which he had been paid, from $5 to $15. The offence is alleged to have taken place last Friday. The prisoner is but eighteen years of age. He was brought to headquarters yesterday by the military police and handed over to the local authorities.