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Miramichi Boy Gives Life For Empire

Pte. Courtney Matchett Dies From Effects of Gas—Pte. Gordon Leslie Seriously Wounded

Another Miramichi family have been called upon to mourn the loss of a beloved son, on the battlefields of freedom in France. Word having been received that Private Courtney Matchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Matchett of Sunny Corner had succumbed to an attack of gas. Private Matchett enlisted with the 132nd Battalion and after a strenuous training at Witley Camp crossed to France, where he has seen much service in the firing line. He was admitted to the Hospital on July 26th suffering from effects of gas and passed away a few days later. He was a faithful member of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church and a general favorite in the community. Much sympathy is expressed to the bereaved relatives.

Pte. Gordon Leslie has been seriously wounded in the arms and legs according to information received by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Leslie on Saturday. "Gordon" was one of the first Newcastle boys to enlist in the present war, going overseas with the "Fighting 25th" and although he has been through all the big battles with this unit it is the first time he has come in contact with a German shell, although he was confined to the hospital for some time for blood-poisoning caused by barbed wire.

K. of C. Drive Starts Next Week

Canada Wide Movement to Raise One Million Dollars For Army Huts

A Canada Wide Drive in the interest of the Knights of Columbus. Hut Fund, will be inaugurated on next month and continued for one week. The amount aimed to be raised in Canada is one million dollars and of this amount \$100,000 has been allotted to the Maritime Provinces.

The total amount raised will be used to build and equip army huts in France, that will serve as homes for Canadians of all classes, creeds and colors. It is not the intention to duplicate work now done by the Y. M. C. A. Each has its own field and they both have special qualifications for doing their own work that the other must necessarily lack. The fact that the United States recognizes the Hebrew Relief Associations, the Y. M. C. A., the K. of C., as well as the Red Cross, shows that each of these has its own work to do.

A meeting in the interest of the Fund for West Northumberland was held in the town hall, last evening. Police Magistrate Lavelle presided and there was a large attendance.

It was decided that the work of organizing the Parishes be proceeded with at once and that subscriptions be solicited by a house to house canvass.

An advertising Committee composed of G. F. McWilliam, Chairman, C. P. McCabe and Fred V. Dalton

THE ALLIED DRIVE GROWS IN MOVEMENT

Upwards of 40,000 Prisoners Taken Since Last Thursday in Picardy Sector--Canadians and Australians Lead The Way

Tuesday

The rapid allied advance has become slower and steeper. The enemy has endeavored to make a stand north of the Vesle and are using big guns and flame projectors. Despite heavy German heavy artillery shelling the Americans still hold Fismes. The tank steamer Lux Blanca was sunk thirty miles off Halifax by a German submarine after a three hour battle. The enemy took some ground from the British along the Bray-Corbis road.

Wednesday

British troops regained all the ground along the Bray-Corbis road lost yesterday. Heavy German counter attacks along the Vesle have been repulsed. The French have occupied the station of Ciry-Salonge and made some progress north of Montdidier. The Diamond Shoals Lightship, off Cape Hatteras was shelled and sunk by an enemy U. Boat. Allied troops have been landed at Vladivostok, Russia. The

was appointed to look after the necessary advertising.

Blasheviki troops have been defeated by Allies near Archangel and are fleeing southward. Louis J. Malvy, former French Minister of the Interior, has been convicted of holding communication with the enemy and sentenced to banishment for five years.

Thursday

Franco-British troops commenced an offensive against the enemy on the Picardy salient between Amiens and Montdidier. The attack is on a large scale on a twenty mile front. The American and French troops renewed their attack against the Crown Prince's army on the Vesle.

Friday

In the attack against the German lines, which began Thursday morning in the Picardy front. The British troops have advanced to a maximum depth of twelve miles and captured 14,000 prisoners. Maricourt has been captured.

Advices from the battle front south of the Somme are that British cavalry, armored cars and tanks, in advance of the infantry, have reached within a mile of the Chaules railway junction, and the fighting

Registration Card Of Newcastle Man

Responsible for His Securing Important Appointment In Toronto

At least one Newcastle man has changed his occupation as the result of the Registration of Man and Woman Power, of Canada on June 22nd last and that man is none other than Mr. Allan Menzies, who for the past three years has been the proprietor of the Waverly Hotel here. Mr. Menzies, who for some years made a study of the manufacture of artificial limbs before going into the hotel business in answer to the question, "What other work can you do as well?" which appeared in the Registration Card, stated that he understood the making of artificial limbs.

Mr. Menzies thought no more of the matter until about two weeks ago, when he received a telegram asking him to go to Halifax, which he did, and was there questioned in regard to his ability, which proved a pleasant surprise to the officials and Mr. Menzies was then asked to go to Toronto to take charge of a branch there, where this work is being carried on, and on Wednesday last, he left to take up his new duties, happy in the thoughts that he is able to serve his country as well at home, as the physically fit are overseas.

continues fiercely along the entire Anglo-French attack front.

The Germans are evacuating their positions in the Lys Valley on the Flanders front.

On the Lys front the British now hold Locon, Lecornet, Maig, Quentin, Le Petit Paquet and Le Sart.

Saturday

The number of prisoners taken from the Germans in the fighting in Picardy has increased to twenty-four thousand.

The important town of Montdidier, which was approximately at the apex of the German salient south of the Somme, has been captured by the Allies.

Commander Behringer, the man who sank the Lusitania was destroyed together by his submarine in September 1917 by a British Mine according to German reports just published.

The British Consul in Russia has been arrested by the Bolsheviks, who have also forwarded an ultimatum to Japan.

Sunday

The wings of the salient which the Allies have driven into the German positions in the Somme area have crumbled away and with them the entire enemy defense in the Montdidier salient has collapsed. The Allied push has now become a straight ahead drive in which the divisions of the Crown Prince and those of Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria are fleeing headlong for safety to the line of the Somme and the Vesle and Noyon Canal. Between the Ancre and the Oise, the Allies have driven a hole in the German line with a width of fifty miles.

Monday

Allied forces now have pushed fully fifteen miles into enemy territory from the original line. According to latest reports, they have passed both Chaules and Roye. Before the Allied offensive comes to a halt, many more German prisoners and guns are likely to be taken. The total number now is more than 40,000 prisoners and 500 cannon.

Chaules, the important railway town in the heart of the Somme battlefield, and the key to the southern line of the German salient, has been captured by Australian and Canadian troops.

Nine fishing schooners were sunk off George's Bank Sunday by a German submarine.

A military unit of four thousand men will be sent from Canada to Russia to assist the Czech-Slovaks.

Tuesday

The French launched an attack this morning on the southern part of the Picardy battlefield and at noon were making progress in the Oise valley.

German trenches in the bend of the river west of Bailly have been occupied by the French.

The village of L'Econville has been captured and further ground has been gained north of the St. Claude farm.

Loggieville Boy Killed in France

Pte. Clarence Tait Makes Supreme Sacrifice—Loggieville Personal

Loggieville, Aug. 10 — A gloom cast over our town this week, caused by the tidings which reached here on Wednesday afternoon, of the death in action of Pte. Clarence Tait, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Tait of this place, who has been in the country's service for something less than a year. He enlisted with the Killis Battalion in August, going overseas in November, and into the trenches in March. Clarence was a young man of great promise, and a general favorite with his companions. He manifested in his life the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. His letters to his home folks always sounded a note of cheer. He was 24 years of age, and is survived by his mother, father, four sisters, Mrs. Wilfred Daley of Stonehaven; Miss Mildred Tait, 11 N. of Bothurst, and Pearl and Jennie at home, and one brother, Pte. Willie Tait at Camp Sussex. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the community as they mourn the loss of the brave young hero, who so willingly made the supreme sacrifice.

Pte. Jack Johnstone and Pte. Willie Tait of Camp Sussex are spending a few days at their homes here.

Johnson March's many friends are sorry to learn of his illness. He was taken to the Chatham hospital this week, for an appendicitis operation.

Miss Fillmore of Sackville is the guest of Miss Hazel Johnstone.

Miss J. McDonald is visiting at the home of her uncle, Dr. McKenzie.

Rev. F. W. Thompson, who has been given a month's vacation, left town on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Will Stymiest of Newcastle is visiting at the home of Mrs. Dickie.

The evening of the 9th inst was the date chosen to complete the postponed picnic races of the 30th.

A large crowd of men, women and children assembled on the racing grounds about 6.30, and two hours were pleasantly spent. Thirty five or forty prizes were awarded, after which the Sunday School scholars were treated to candy. The gathering broke up with the singing of the National Anthem.

Miss Lou Mesereau of Chatham and Mrs. Wm Mesereau of U. S. A visited friends here during the past week.

Miss Louise Walls, accompanied by her friend Miss Asquith spent the past week at the home of Mrs. Asa Walls, Rockheads, and visited friends in town, previous to her return to Ottawa.

Mrs. Frank Godfrey, spent the past week in town, at the home of James McLean. Frank's many friends are glad to learn of his improved health.

Mrs. Alex Dickson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Loggie, recently went to Bay du Vin, to be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Williston for a time.

Miss Lou Manderson has returned to hospital work in Bath, Maine.

Miss Evelyn Heitrich who visited Miss Bertie Demsey for the past week, has returned to her home down river.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Knox Church on the morning of the 4th inst. The service was attended by a large congregation. The pastor was assisted by Rev. A. V. Morahan of Sussex. The service throughout was a most impressive one. The choir rendered nicely the anthem "This is My Commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you". At the evening service a grand sermon was preached by the visiting pastor, who also sang in beautiful voice the solo "Face to Face".

At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Orange Lodge of this place the following letter of sympathy was drawn up and forwarded:—

Loggieville, N. B., July 26th 1918

Miss Zena Walls:— Dear Sister: We, the members of L. O. B. A. No 145 wish to extend to you our heartfelt sympathy in your loss of a kind and loving uncle, one that was more than an uncle to you, more like a brother or father. You will miss him as a counsellor and adviser, but you must bear the loss with fortitude and patience, knowing that He who rules the universe knows all things, and directs

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