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GERMAN ADVANCE NEAR RHEIMS WOULD LENGTHEN FRENCH LINE

Berlin Claims That Germans Have Sanguinarily Repulsed Heavy French Attacks Southwest of Ypres—Tentons Fail in Assault on Courcelles, Which Has Changed Hands Off of Late.

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, June 14.—It may be that the next German drive may come around the left and in the Rheims sector, where there has been little activity for more than a week. An advance here would lengthen the French line. Hitherto Von Hutier, who distinguished himself during the retreat from the Marne in 1914, on the Somme in 1915, in the Masurian district, and then at the Somme again in March last, has been Ludendorff's most consistent ground gainer. He may call next on Buelow.

Von Ardenne writes in the Berliner Tageblatt: "When an opponent like the German command has seized the initiative it is dangerous to try to ascertain his intention definitely. Failure to do so would bring its revenge. In a defensive battle such as Foch now is conducting it is a serious matter for his reserves to abandon the central position before they are sent into action and to mass them on a wing because it is thought that only there will the decisive enemy attack come."

The English Idea.

"Moltke described generals who credit themselves with such infallibility as generals with preconceived ideas and said they could not be taught by war but only by the events themselves. The English command under Haig only thought of the coast and the protection of Calais. For this purpose Haig kept strong English forces near the coast even at a time when Foch should have been placing the defense of the coast above all other considerations. This may cause surprise as well as the fact that the English of the burden of fighting in the first line and placed it on the French troops."

"In the earlier years French generals considered the gradual attrition of the German army as their objective. By his self-sacrifice General Foch seems now to be bringing about the attrition of the French forces."

Berlin Statement.

Berlin, via London, June 14.—Heavy attacks by the French against the Germans between Voormezele and Viestraat, southwest of Ypres, have been sanguinarily repulsed, according to the German official communication issued today. The communication reports only light fighting on the remainder of the western front.

The text of the communication follows: "Southwest of Ypres the French launched violent attacks against our lines between Voormezele and Viestraat. They were repulsed with great slaughter, and 150 prisoners remained in our hands."

"There have been successful counter-attacking engagements in the Kemmel sector. On the remainder of the front the fighting activity revived only intermittently. The increased artillery activity has been kept up on the battlefield."

PIANO RECITAL MUCH ENJOYED

Large Audience in Queen Square Church Delighted With Programme Given by Mrs. Rayworth's Students.

There was a large and appreciative audience in the school of Queen Square Methodist church at evening to enjoy the piano recital given by the pupils of Mrs. Rayworth. The students showed great care in their work and the results of careful training and patient practice were in great evidence. Special mention should be made of the ensemble work which has been made a strong feature of the class. Mrs. Rayworth is a graduate of the Mount Allison Conservatory of Music and the methods followed are along the best lines. After the programme was rendered the pupils enjoyed light refreshments. A silver

collection was taken for patriotic purposes. Those taking part were: Juniors, Mary Roderick, Ross Stuart, Eleanor Holder, Marjorie Bullock, Estelle McLean, Marion Porteous and Kenneth Kierstead; Intermediates, Mary Reid, Josephine McQuade, Marion Henderson, Myrtle Peterson, Margaret and Jessie Robertson; Advanced, Katherine Earle, Evelyn Hanson, Dorothy Nico, Marion Smith, Beattie Forbes and Catherine Robinson.

The singing of God Save the King by Estelle McLean and Eleanor Holder, with Mary Roderick and Ross Stuart at the piano, brought a most enjoyable programme to a close.

DR. SKINNER IMPROVING.

The many friends of Dr. Stewart Skinner, who has been in hospital in England, suffering from an infected finger and breakdown due to heavy work at the front, will be glad to learn that he is better and hopes soon to be able to return to duty.

FIRST SESSION HELD.

Premier Foster has received word from Guy W. Currier of Boston, chairman of the commission appointed to investigate the affairs of the New Brunswick Power Company, that the first session would be held here on or about June 26.

Farmers, Attention

The United Farmers of New Brunswick will hold meetings, for the purpose of organizing, in the following places:

- St. Stephen, Friday, June 14, 2.30 p. m.
- St. George, Friday, June 14, 1.30 p. m.
- Hampton, Saturday, June 15, 2.30 p. m.
- Apohaqui, Saturday, June 15, 7.30 p. m.
- Sussex, Monday, June 17, 7.30 p. m.
- Moncton, Tuesday, June 18, 2.30 p. m.
- Sackville, Tuesday, June 18, 7.30 p. m.

Mr. C. L. Smith, President of United Farmers of New Brunswick and N. McKenna, Secretary of Canadian Council of Agriculture, of Winnipeg, will address these meetings.

SCENE OF RECENT GREAT FIRE



PULL VIEW OF CONTINUING FROM THE PAVILION, GALAXY BUILDING

NOVA SCOTIA METHODISTS VISIT N. B. CONFERENCE

Happy Occasion At Sackville—Delegates Elected To General Conference Include Edwin R. Machum, J. Willard Smith, Chief Justice McKeown, Hon. Joseph Wood, Rev. George Steel, Rev. Neil McLaughlin, Rev. W. H. Barraclough and Rev. Thomas Hicks—Mt. Allison Regents.

Special to The Standard.

Sackville, June 14.—Two splendid addresses were delivered to the annual Methodist conference on Thursday evening, the one by the honored president of Mount Allison University, Rev. B. C. Borden, the other by the eloquent, energetic and talented general secretary of education, Rev. J. W. Graham of Toronto.

Dr. Borden spoke of the splendid record of Mount Allison of its magnificent response to the call of the Empire, of the five hundred and more of Mount Allison's sons who had enlisted, of the thousands of graduates who were today adorning the ranks of every profession and many walks of life in every province of the Dominion. He made a strong appeal for a liberal support of the institution under his charge.

Dr. Graham was in a happy frame and in humorous and eloquent phrases presented the claims of his great department. The Methodist church is possessed of educational institutions in practically every province in the Dominion, and is doing a noble work in training the future leaders of the nation.

Yesterday's Session.

The conference reassembled at nine in the morning, the President, Rev. G. M. Young, in the chair. Business of a routine character occupied the attention of the conference and at ten o'clock it divided into ministerial and lay electoral groups for the purpose of electing delegates to the forthcoming general conference. This business fully occupied the morning. The conference resumed its sessions at two, President Young presiding. Delegates were appointed to a committee to confer with a similar committee from the Nova Scotia conference on matters of finance, sustentation fund, etc. The president, Rev. G. M. Young, Revs. Chas. Flemming, Thomas Marshall and W. H. Barraclough, and Messrs. J. M. Lement, E. R. Machum and E. H. Beers. The report of the lay electoral conference was received.

Lay Delegates.

The following laymen are elected to represent the New Brunswick conference and the conference of the general conference—James Palmer, Sackville; Edmund T. Higgs, Charlottetown; W. E. Snowball, Chatham, N. B.; Edwin R. Machum, St. John; J. Willard Smith, St. John; Hon. Chief Justice H. A. McKeown, St. John; Howard Rogers, Fredericton; John A. Lindsay, Woodstock; Alternates, J. Hunter White, St. John; T. Henry Smith, Tyrone, P. E. I.; John J. Weddell, Fredericton. The committee on general conference legislation recommended that the conference do not concur in the proposal to divide the department of social service and evangelism into two departments with separate secretaries.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF ROTHSAY COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

3.15 p. m.—College Sunday Service. Preacher: Rev. H. B. Dobbie, M. A., rector of Christ's church, Amherst, N. S. The service will be held in St. Paul's church, Rothsay, at 3.15 p. m. on Sunday, June 16. Rev. Canon A. W. Daniel, rector.

Wednesday, June 19th. 2.30 p. m.—Profraternities. 3.00 p. m.—Final Athletics. 4.00 p. m.—Presentation of prizes, at which the Lord Bishop of Fredericton will preside.

Friends of the school are cordially invited to be present and are asked to accept this notice in lieu of formal invitations.

Church Finances.

The conference will memorialize the general conference to adopt the budget system of church finance. This, if adopted, will provide for one appeal being made on behalf of collective funds with the possible exception of the missionary fund, preventing many appeals to separate congregations. This will mean that all the business would be transacted in general session. In the minds of many this will increase the interest of the lay in the work of the conference.

Mount Allison Regents.

The following are nominated as members of the board of regents of Mount Allison University and the general conference is asked to ratify the nominations: Revs. Geo. M. Young, Herbert E. Thomas and George A. Ross and Dr. J. M. Palmer, R. C. Tait and George E. Hughes. The names of all ministers and probationers who have been or are now in overseas service are printed in the following list of conference in the form of an honor roll with their rank and arm of service indicated. The ministerial electoral group has elected the following ministers as delegates to the general conference: Rev. Geo. M. Young, Fredericton; Rev. George Steel, St. John; Rev. Herbert Thomas, Sackville; Rev. Neil McLaughlin, St. John; Rev. Thomas Hicks, St. Andrews; Rev. F. A. Wightman, Woodstock; Rev. W. H. Barraclough, Moncton; and George A. Ross, Bathurst.

N. S. Conference Welcomed.

The unusual feature of the annual conference was the welcoming of Nova Scotia delegates in joint session. The Nova Scotia brethren arrived by automobiles from Amherst one hundred strong. Many were the friends of old acquaintances and the pledges of a deeper friendship. The discussions in the united conferences were on matters of common interest, the book room at Halifax, the church paper, the Wesleyan, published jointly by the conferences and the superannuated ministers fund. The president of the N. B. and P. E. I. conference, Rev. George M. Young, in his usual felicitous manner warmly greeted the members of the sister conference. It was a thing to make the heart glad to hear the great congregation of several hundred male voices sing, Bless Be the Tie that Binds our Hearts in Christian Love. Rev. A. G. Borden, of Kentville, and Rev. F. A. Wightman, Woodstock, offered the opening prayer.

Joint Conference.

The joint conference organized with Rev. George Wightman, president of the Nova Scotia conference in the chair, and Rev. E. E. Styles, secretary of the New Brunswick conference, to state the records. The programme included an address by the Rev. D. W. Johnson, editor of the church paper, the Wesleyan. And a report of the book room by the book steward, Mr. F. W. Mosher. The Methodists have published a religious paper in the maritime provinces since 1858, and today possess in the Toronto book room one of the largest publishing houses in America. The reports showed these institutions to be in a flourishing condition. The discussion of the future of the superannuated fund occupied the balance of the session.

The conference adjourned at five o'clock to visit the hospital of the Mount Allison college. The

RESTA RACES MILE WITH FLYING CAR IN FLAMES

The most spectacular event of the recent auto racing at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., was the firing of Resta's car in the Harkness Handicap. Resta was well up with the leaders when he had been going at well over 100 miles an hour. One official observer caught him at slightly less than 120 miles an hour on one round. His car was showing itself a real car, as its driver always has been a real driver. Suddenly, on the twentieth round just as the car, No. 1, was taking the turn to get into the home stretch, there was a burst of flame from the very front of the machine. The crowd sent up its roar of apprehension, even of stark fear. Resta was still coming on at maddening speed. What was the matter? Didn't he see it? A few moments could be distinguished through the haze of the "Stop! Stop! Your car's on fire!" The trail of flame, forced back by the wind, was like a giant torch at the side of the car. Those who remembered the dreadful fate of Harry Grant at the same track a few years ago were wild with apprehension.

Resta Didn't Know It.

But the difficulty that had caused the fire also caused the car to slow up. It came on into the pits opposite the press box and a corps of volunteers were after the blazing hood in a jiffy. Then, and not till then, did Resta realize what his danger had been. Almost by a miracle he had escaped, and furthermore the fire extinguishers did their work in such quick order that there was no longer chance of an explosion. Resta got out and looked the machine over. A flaw in the crank case had shown itself. He was out of the race.

For Chevrolet, the most popular driver at the track if the voice of the crowd counts for anything, there was even worse luck. The rank lady and his car hold in the racing world was shown by their being placed at scratch, with De Palma, the next nearest competitor, having a start of 61 seconds on Chevrolet and the others going up as high as three, four and five minutes. Chevrolet counted these handicaps as nothing when he finally got into the track. He went out under De Palma, and neck and neck, these two whirled around the two-mile course at dizzying speed. Then, suddenly, on the fifteenth lap, Chevrolet's car was seen to sag at one side. He pulled into the pits, the left rear tire flat. He went on again undismayed, after a new tire had been placed. Again he limped into the pits with a flat tire on the twenty-eighth lap. Once more he went after the leaders. Once more he came back with a bad tire.

The Futurity Handicap of ten miles was won by Chevrolet with Eddie Hearne second in 5.57 4/5.

The latest addition to the string of Al Collins, who is training at Hillcrest Park, Toronto, is a two-year-old by the Saxon, 2.29 1/4, out of Margaret.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 26th July, 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, 6 times per week on the Bloomfield Station Rural Route No. 1, from the 1st October next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Bloomfield Station and Hampton Station and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector.

H. W. WOODS, Post Office Inspector, St. John, N. B., June 13, 1918.

A DANGEROUS LUNATIC IS AT LARGE IN C. B.

He Holds Up Mails, Attacks Church With Rifle and Steals Hat From Constable.

Sydney, N. S., June 14.—Although he is not now interfering with the mails, John Campbell, the alleged lunatic at Big Pond is still at large and carries a rifle constantly. He appeared in church with his rifle and wearing a constable's hat which had been lost during the retreat on the second attempt to arrest him. The constables in charge have not stated when they will again visit Big Pond, although they planned to do so today. Campbell first broke into the mailbag on May 31, when he refused to allow the mail carrier to pass, a rifle in his hands adding emphasis to his order. He is said to have been in asylums both in Washington and here and it was in order to "get back" at the government for putting him in the local asylum that he prevented the mails from going through.

WILSON SAYS U. S. WILL KEEP IT UP

Will Continue To Send Men and Material—Asquith Declares British Still Confident

Washington, June 14.—The purpose of the United States to send men and material to France until "any temporary inequality of force is entirely overcome" was reiterated by President Wilson today in replying to a message from President Poincaré on the anniversary of the landing of the first American troops in Europe.

London, June 14.—Speaking at a luncheon of the Admiralty Club today former Premier Asquith said there was no use in cloaking the fact, or minimizing its gravity, that the Allies had reached a most critical period in the fortunes of war. But nothing that had happened on the western front since the last week of March, he added, would in the slightest degree weaken British allegiance to the great purpose for which the British people were fighting or their determination to press on to the final accomplishment of their aims.

BOSTON MAN REFUSES TO BECOME EARL

Hon. George Alexander Phillips Haldane Duncan Doesn't Want To Be Earl of Camperdown.

London, June 14.—Hon. George Alexander Phillips Haldane-Duncan, of Boston, Mass., has definitely refused to accept the earldom of Camperdown in any way from the estate of the late Earl of Camperdown, his only brother, it is disclosed in the publication of the latter's will here today. In consequence the estate has been bequeathed to more distant relatives.

The directors of the Central Maine Fair have put the Waterville track at the fairgrounds in shape for use and among those now training their stables there are A. E. Richardson, Ed Fisher and Ralph Burhill.

PERSONALS

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RAINCOATS

As the past few days show the weather in this locality is never so certain as to do away with the necessity of a protecting Raincoat.

Here are two special values in tweed surface rubber proofed raincoats in several colors and patterns at \$9 and \$11. Needless to say they cannot be repeated.

Other qualities from \$7.25 to \$20.

Better secure yours before the next rain.

Gilmour's, 68 King St. Open Friday evenings Close Saturday at one.

DIED.

KEEFFE—In this city on the 14th inst., John Keefe, leaving a wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn. Funeral from his late residence, 70 Leinster street on Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

RYAN—At her parents' residence, 24 Horsfield street, St. John, on the 14th inst., Marjorie Evelyn Ryan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilford Ryan, aged 12 years. Funeral on Saturday from Trinity Church. Service at 2.30 o'clock.

QUIGLEY—In this city, on June 13, Dr. R. F. Quigley, Barrister-at-law, died on Sunday afternoon from the residence of his sisters, New-castle, N. B.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

June—Phases of the Moon.
Last Quarter, 2nd 1h. 20m. a.m.
New Moon, 8th 7h. 3m. p.m.
First Quarter, 16th 10h. 13m. a.m.
Full Moon, 24th 7h. 38m. a.m.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, for the most part fair; stationary or a little higher temperature. Northern New England—Fair Saturday and Sunday. Moderate west winds.

ST. JOHN LADY CHOSEN

Brantford, Ont., June 14.—Mrs. Sandford of Hamilton was elected president of the National Council of Women tonight over Mrs. L. A. Hamilton of Toronto. The fight was a stiff one. Mrs. D. McLean of St. John was elected vice-president for New Brunswick. Reporters were barred from the session.

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