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## BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP HITS MINE; IS SINKING

Beached on English Coast  
—Left New York on Nov.  
24 for Falmouth.

London, Dec. 17.—The Belgian Relief Committee's steamer Levenpool from New York for Rotterdam has been beached on the English east coast in a sinking condition as a result of striking a mine.

The Levenpool, a British steamer of 4,844 gross tons and 376 feet long, was built in 1911, and is owned in West Hartlepool. She sailed from New York, November 24, arrived at Falmouth on December 11, and was to proceed thence to Rotterdam.

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pey; A Walsh, Victoria; H Fuller, Ottawa; F Martin, F B Casey, Montreal; S Mitchell, Toronto; N A Eve, London; O Gardner, Hamilton; S H Hume, D Rose, J Eva, Kingston; G J Sester, St. William; P Bishop, London; E B Cross, A Sprout D Allen, H Mercer, Toronto; W A Roe, Montreal; T J Giles, Sgt Edwards, F Jacob, S W Page, L S MacKil, Major D M Laughlin, J H Egbert, S G Fomplins, S H Wright, Calgary; H G Brown, Capt. Rosenstath; C Elliott, London; Mr and Mrs R S Gourley, W T Hamilton, M D, Toronto; C A Evans, E L Phillips, A G Watson, Lt Col Hamilton Gray, L N Fuller, Halifax; W G Mohr, New York; E K Watson, Montreal; L W E Browne, England; H E James, G W Slipp, Ottawa; Mr and Mrs A D White, Sussex; A F Bentley, St. Martin; H L Williams, England; G Bouthellier, Winnipeg; W W Burns, R C K Staples, L Mitchell, Sgt Arden, Sgt Howe, Sgt Allen; Fie Brown, Pte Asherman, Pte Emery, C A D C; J I Bennett, P D Gordon, H S G Lindsay, W I Strong, Mrs W I Strong, Montreal; F G Lally, Boston; C C Jones, Fredericton; M A Griffith, Rivers; Mr and Mrs T S Albright, Calgary; J C Creelman, Ottawa; E G Evans, Moncton; Lt L S Jones, Winnipeg; G B Villot, Mrs L N Bourque, A L Bourque, Moncton; W S Ware, Toronto; L B Archibald, Turro; P G Smith, Mrs H B Conn, Mrs F L Porter, Montreal.

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his parishioners was liberated by the British troops in the recent battle of Loos, affirms: "The first measure of the Germans was to shoot seven civilians, among whom were two men 80 years old and one 70; the others were from 22 to 40. Four of the men were farmers; the reason for their execution was never made clear; what they did was simply this: they went out to feed their cows one night and while doing so were caught by the German sentinels and held as prisoners until shot."

"These four were buried in the Rue Houlluch, in grave dug by a miner that the Germans had left all night tied to a tree before forcing him to do the work. The two other victims were buried in a ditch in holes dug by the same miner."

"The majority of the population remaining in Loos at the time were women, children, a few old men and six or seven strong men, besides a dozen or so of invalids. The men who were strong enough to work were employed by the Germans in dismantling all the machinery of the mines, taking off the copper and loading it upon cars. The moment of their arrival in Loos the Germans called upon me and demanded at the point of a revolver where the Mayor and his assistants were. When I told them that all the authorities of the town had left they said:

"You shall be the sole authority here; you shall be Mayor."

Abbe Held Responsible  
"I replied that my religious functions in the eyes of the French law were incompatible with municipal responsibility. They declared that it did not matter and that they should hold me responsible for all that might happen in the village; for any discovery of concealed arms, for any telephone that might have been hidden, for any luminous signals, etc."

"I had no choice but to accept the dangerous honor and I have done what I could for my compatriots during the period of occupation, with two German soldiers at my door with fixed bayonets all the time, acting as sentinels. I was unable to go out more than three times a week, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, to visit the population, accompanied by a German interpreter."

"A short time after the Germans arrived they notified me that a contribution of war of 7,000 francs (1,350) had been levied upon the town of Loos. Since the population remaining in the town was mostly of the poorer class I had no idea where I could raise such a sum. We finally decided to make it up from portions of the relief allowance made by the director of the mines of Lens to the women of mobilized miners. We finished paying the 7,000 francs Aug. 14, 1915."

**Almost Died of Hunger**  
"During the long months that we lived under German domination our life was most difficult; provisions became rarer and rarer, until at the beginning of May we were on the point of dying of hunger. Each person had to live six days on the half of a loaf of bread weighing three pounds. The situation was desperate."

"I succeeded in collecting quietly a few bushels of wheat that remained in

## Old Men of 80 Shot Down When the Huns Took Loos-en-Gohelle

Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas de Calais, France, (Correspondence).—Three hundred only of the 5,000 inhabitants of Loos-en-Gohelle were still in the town when the Germans took it in October, last year. A hundred of them escaped through the French lines, the rest lived just 10 days short of a year under foreign domination and under the direct administration of Abbe Campagne, the parish priest, made Mayor in spite of himself by the German Kommandatur.

During all that time the town received an average of 100 shells a day. Loos-en-Gohelle, which should not be confused with Loos in the Department du Nord, near Lille, was on the line of the great race between the Germans and the Allies toward the road to Calais and the sea last year. The Germans came Oct. 4, followed by four regiments of the Prussian guard. A battalion of French infantry sent against them four days later was obliged to retire before superior numbers, after a violent fight. The Germans then began to fortify the position and occupied it in force.

Abbe Campagne, who with 200 of Lee and daughter, McAdam; Chas H Perkins, Boston, Mass; A Keith and wife, Sussex; S Wright, Halifax; J D Medcalf, Montreal; George H Williams, Toronto; R M Desmond, Hampton; E Cummings, Montreal; E L Price, South Hampton; H A Hartford, Springhill; E P Lawrence, Halifax; W P Lovell, Fredericton.

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the neighboring granaries, and my parishioners ground it in their coffee mills. We lived on this until the American Relief Commission finally came to our aid. Later, I was called to Loos, with the Mayors of the different towns of the region, who had arranged to supply us with 190 grains of flour, sufficient to make 250 grains of bread (nine ounces), per day, per head.

"Our difficulties, however, were not at an end; as soon as it became known that we had flour with which to make good bread, we were obliged to defend our impoverished bakery, in the farm house of Mme Potie, against the German soldiers. We finally secured from the Kommandatur a sign: 'Civilian bakery; entrance prohibited to soldiers.'"

"During the bombardments the worst hours were from 10 in the morning until noon and from 4 in the afternoon until sunset. After the intensive bombardment of May 8, we were obliged to remove the bakery to a cellar, where we lived practically underground from that time until began such a commencing as we, who had been within the sound of bursting shells a year, had not conceived possible."

"The sound of that cannonading, however, was agreeable to our ears because it was not difficult for us to infer from it that the French or British were forcing the attack and that our delivery was no doubt near."

**RESIGNATION HAD ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED**

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.—In connection with the report from London quoting J. H. Turner as saying his appointment as agent general for British Columbia was for life, and intimating that arrangements had yet to be made regarding his resignation, it was today stated at the premier's office that Turner's resignation had been already received in Victoria, both by cable and

letter, to take effect December 31st. Since his resignation was received Mr. Turner has called, suggesting certain modifications in the terms and additional assurance in respect to members of his family, which will be considered in due course. It is quite true that Mr. Turner's appointment was by statute, passed by the legislature, and the transaction guaranteeing his superannuation allowance will be approved in the same manner.

**HON. W. H. MONTAGUE'S ESTATE VALUED AT \$107,785.**

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—The late Hon. W. H. Montagu, minister of public works in the Roblin cabinet, left effects and property valued at \$107,782.63 according to his will, which was filed for probate today.

Only a comparatively small sum is in liquidable assets. The beneficiaries are the widow, sons and daughters.

**REPORT OF KITCHENER'S ENGAGEMENT DENIED**

London, Dec. 17.—It was officially announced tonight by the private secretary to Earl Kitchener, British secretary of war, that the report of the engagement of Earl Kitchener to the Dowager Countess of Minto was untrue. The announcement says: "The report is absolutely untrue, and without any foundation."

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