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Joffre And Viviani In Paris Tonight

Few Knew That French Mission Had Left States SAILED FROM NEW YORK

Secret Loyalty Kept by These Informed—Distinguished Visitors After Tour Made Farewell Visit to President and Sped Away Again

Paris, May 23.—Marshal Joffre and Premier Viviani arrived here last night on their return from America. They reached Brest at midnight and are due in Paris tonight. Washington, May 23.—Former Premier Viviani, Marshal Joffre and the French mission sailed from New York on May 5, unknown except to a few officials and many American newspapers, which usually kept the secret, so that the distinguished guests of the nation might not be unnecessarily endangered by German submarines. The party slipped away on the same steamer which routed them over, and conveyed by a French warship. The French commissioners generally were supposed to be still in Washington, and up to yesterday no indications to visit various sections of the country were received.

On May 14 the mission returned to Washington on special trains after their remarkable tour of cities in the United States and Canada. It was presumed they were returning here to take up their conference on the conduct of the war, but they really returned to make a farewell visit to the president. Up to that time there had not been even an intimation that the visitors were to leave soon. Their special train was held in sitting and late that afternoon, in accordance with carefully laid plans, the mission sped away again, doubling back the route it had covered earlier the same day, and reaching New York before midnight.

Flugs were ready and the Frenchmen were taken to the liner waiting for them in mid-stream. The ship sailed out through the harbor guards in the early hours of Tuesday morning, and it was not until the plans were laid that it was generally supposed in New York that the liner and her convoy were sailing for Hampton Roads to take on the French party at the same place where they arrived on coming to the United States. The ships, however, were laying their course across the Atlantic through the dangers of the submarine zone, for first.

BETTER HOME GIVES NEWS OF CAPTURE OF CITY OF BAGDAD

New Brunswick Doctor In First Regiment to Cross River In Attack on Ancient City

Fredericton, N. B., May 23.—Dr. W. V. Coffin, formerly of Bathurst, who is serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps under General Maude in his campaign against the Turks has been heard from again. Recent letters received by Mrs. Coffin, now residing with her father, George F. Burden, ex-M. P. of St. John's, were written in Bagdad under date of March 1. He gives an interesting description of the fighting which preceded the capture of Bagdad by the allies.

He says that the English regiment of which he is medical officer was the first to cross the river, doing so after two regiments had been driven back, any of the Turks on first approach of British troops threw away their rifles and ran, but eventually they made a stand and fought like devils. Many were actually mowed down by the British, as some is described by the doctor as perfect shambles.

He says Bagdad is a fine city. It has hotels, and public buildings where people are very polite and salute everybody. He says he has had some very thrilling experiences and many close calls, but is well satisfied with his lot. One engagement the assistant of the regiment was shot down alongside of him and expired in a few minutes. He says the British capture a great many prisoners in the fighting around Bagdad. A. L. Duplissier, of Fredericton Junction, has been gazetted as a coroner. J. Clark & Sons, Limited, of this city, are seeking authority to increase their capital stock from \$100,000 to \$160,000.

ACCEPTS CALL TO BATH BAPTIST CHURCH

Motion, N. B., May 23.—Rev. C. O. Cowell, suburban Baptist pastor, has accepted an unanimous call to the Baptist church in Bath, N. B. He has been six years pastor of Lewisville and other churches. He will move to Bath in June. Orville B. Dolson, I. C. R. baggage master, has received a telegram stating that his sister, Miss Elizabeth Dolson, died in Toronto yesterday. He left last evening for Toronto to attend the funeral. E. W. Killam, recently appointed high sheriff of Westmorland, was sworn in at office today by W. A. McDougall.

More Gallant Local Lads Are Home From War

Pte. J. J. Flood's Speech Restored by Noted Surgeon VISITED BY KING AND QUEEN

Pte. Howard Fish Plans Big Surprise For Mother But Finds On Arrival at House She Has Moved to Toronto—Pte. Pitt, First of 115th to be Wounded

Pte. John J. Flood of 57 Celebration street, arrived home this morning from the front after serving for several months with the Canadian forces in France. Since his departure from home with the 115th Battalion he has gone through some hazardous experiences. That he is able to speak today is due to the skill of a famous surgeon.

Soon after arriving in England Private Flood was transferred into a well-known Nova Scotia battalion then in France. He was with them a short time when a huge shell dropped close to where he and some companions were stationed; two were blown to pieces and he was buried in a large hole. Commanded by his assistance and dug him out of the mud and stones and placed him in the care of stretcher bearers and he remained unconscious in hospital for several hours as a result of shock. Later after returning to his quarters he was physically shocked and this time so severely that for thirteen weeks he was unable to speak and attending physicians were unable to do anything for him. A friend induced him to visit a specialist in Kent, England, and after receiving treatment he was able to converse with an difficulty and did not take any more attacks such as he had previously been subjected to.

While in a hospital in England Private Flood was visited by King George and Queen Mary and they had been very sympathetic when they learned of his affliction. The people of England were very anxious to hear from him and he said they would do almost anything for a Canadian wounded soldier.

Private Flood, upon his arrival in Halifax, underwent an examination and has been granted a furlough as being physically unfit for future service.

Among the returned soldiers to reach the city this morning was Pte. Harold Fish, a member of the 115th Battalion. Pte. Fish experienced keen disappointment on his first time home in almost three years. Stealing notices into the house at an early hour this morning with the intention of giving his mother a great surprise, he had been told that his mother would be waiting for him and he had been told that his mother would be waiting for him and he had been told that his mother would be waiting for him.

Pte. Fish was among the first of the 115th boys to enter the city and he has been told that his mother would be waiting for him and he had been told that his mother would be waiting for him.

Pte. Fish is suffering at present from the results of an operation and also from being shell shocked.

Pte. James Pitt, son of the late James Pitt, ex-park policeman, arrived home from the front this morning. Private Pitt's stay in France was only short, for he had no sooner arrived at the front when a bomb from the German lines came hurtling over and exploded within a short distance of him. All his fingers were blown off his right hand. Private Pitt spent several months in military hospitals. He will be of no further service at the front, and the course of a few days will receive his discharge.

The boys who arrived in the city early this morning from the front were met at the station by Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers Aid Society. Mr. Robinson took them to breakfast and saw that all their baggage was looked after and delivered to their homes.

COACHMEN ASK MORE FOR ATTENDANCE AT FUNERALS

At a recent meeting of coach owners by this city it was decided to increase by \$1 the prices for attending funerals. The increase applies to the city and vicinity in the vicinity of the city. The question of increase in cab hire to and from the station or to and from places and about town, was also discussed. At the time it was decided to advance these charges, but there is some opposition among the coachmen themselves. The question will be further dealt with at a future meeting.

IMPERIAL REGIME IN GERMANY THREATENED

Things Going Badly And Collapse of Edifice is Predicted by Recalled Cuban Minister to Berlin

Geneva, May 23, via Paris.—Things are going badly in Germany and the imperial regime is threatened, according to Dr. Aristides Aguiro, recalled Cuban minister to Berlin, who has arrived here on his way to France. Doctor Aguiro said:

"I bring good news. I have been fourteen years in Berlin and you can easily realize that I have been able thoroughly to study the character of our enemies. Things are going badly on the other side of the Rhine. The facade of the imperial edifice seems solid enough from abroad, but in reality there are cracks in it."

The Cuban and Guatemalan ministers left Berlin together. They were accompanied by a German colonel who never left them out of his sight and they were not allowed to leave their train at any station on the way to the frontier. Their meat and bread cards were taken away from them. Doctor Aguiro declared that there was no prospect of immediate improvement in the food situation in Germany. He said that no help could be expected from the occupied parts of Roumania as the lack of man power made a cultivation of the fields impossible.

ST. JOHN MAN WAS ON NAVAL CRAFT BLOWN UP BY MINE

Joseph Barlow of Carleton Seven Months on a Mine Sweeper—Home to Recuperate

After spending seven months in the arduous and dangerous work of mine-sweeping, Joseph Barlow of West St. John has returned home to recuperate from injuries received when a craft was blown up by a mine. There are few branches of the service in which more danger is crowded into a smaller space of time than in this work. But Mr. Barlow thrived on it for more than half a year before disaster overtook him. It was a mine such as they were sent out to destroy that did the mischief. The mine was exploded in the bows of the craft and it was blown up by a mine. There are few branches of the service in which more danger is crowded into a smaller space of time than in this work. But Mr. Barlow thrived on it for more than half a year before disaster overtook him. It was a mine such as they were sent out to destroy that did the mischief. The mine was exploded in the bows of the craft and it was blown up by a mine.

THE HOLIDAY

Weather Man Not Very Pleased In Predictions—The Schools

How the holiday will be spent now depends largely upon the weather conditions, and the prospects at present are not very favorable. Many plans have been made for tomorrow but, as most of them depend upon the weather, the makers are now wondering if it will be possible to carry all these plans or any of them into execution.

The twenty-fourth always has been one of the most highly prized of the annual holidays, chiefly because it is the first opportunity most people get to take advantage of the spring time attractions of out-of-doors. In other years it was chiefly noted for the casualties caused by fire-crackers and the tall stories the fishermen told when they got home. Nowadays the firecracker has been practically abolished and the small boy has to find a quieter method of expressing his patriotism or his delight at escaping school, and the fishermen's year is turning his thoughts towards the potato patch rather than to the purling brook.

Few holiday attractions have been planned for tomorrow, war conditions being responsible for a lack of interest in the diversions which formerly proved so popular. Several excursions on the river are among the features and the railways are offering special advantages to those who wish to get out of town. The real interest of the day was to have centred around the planting operation.

Placid and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT

Maxim Says He Can Make Ships Immune From U-Boat Danger

Inventor Declares He Has Perfected Device

Government Test Coming

Invention Practical For Every Type of Vessel—Solid Material Encircling Hull—Fresh Sailing Ship Has Successful Fight With Submarine

New York, May 23.—Hudson Max announced yesterday that he had invented and perfected a device which will make ships immune from the dangers of the submarine. He said that torpedoes, even when fired at close range and striking their targets, would explode harmlessly against the hulls of their intended victims.

The inventor made the announcement at a luncheon given in Brooklyn. He asserted that the invention soon will be demonstrated by the government, which already had been advised of the details. "The invention is practical for every type of vessel," he said, "it can be applied within a few months at a comparatively cheap price to the hulls of ships already constructed. The only change necessary in vessels already built is a slight enlargement in their beams. My device is of solid material and encircles the entire hull of ship from the bow to the stern. It is no screen or net, manner resembles either a case or French Sailing Vessel's Fight

Paris, May 23.—An official communication says: "A large French two-masted sailing ship was attacked by a submarine at the entrance to the Channel on the night of May 16. It was hit by several shells in the hull and rigging but repulsed vigorously aiming at the flashes of the boat's guns with such success that the submarine ceased to fire after the first few shots from the sailor. The ship arrived at a French port five days later for repairs."

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

National League—Chicago at New York, rain, 8:30 p. m.; Cincinnati at Philadelphia, cloudy, 8:30 p. m.; Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, rain, 8:30 p. m.; St. Louis at Boston, rain, 8:15 p. m.; American League—Washington at Chicago, clear, 7 p. m.; Philadelphia at Detroit, clear, cold, 8:15 p. m.; New York at Cleveland, cloudy, 8 p. m.; Boston at St. Louis, clear, 8:30 p. m.; International League—Buffalo at Toronto, cloudy, 8:15 p. m.; Rochester at Montreal, rain, 8 p. m. Other clubs not scheduled.

WILL BEGIN SOON TO SHIP FROZEN FISH TO EUROPE

Boston, May 23.—Several thousand boxes of frozen fish will be carried to Europe on a steamer which is expected to arrive here within a few days. This will be the first consignment of an order for 14,000,000 pounds recently placed by the British government for the use of the British and French armies.

DANIELS URGES BAN ON LIQUOR TO THE SAILORS

U. S. Secretary of the Navy Daniels addressed a letter to Speaker Clark Monday urging that legislation prohibiting the sale of intoxicating beverages to soldiers, incorporated in the army bill, be extended to cover the navy.

LECTURE ENJOINED

A large number of people were present at a lecture delivered last evening in the Sunday school room of Victoria street Baptist church by Rev. W. H. Barraclough. The lecture, which was given under the auspices of the missionary society of the church, was on the life of David Livingstone, and the speaker also touched on German East Africa. At the conclusion of his discourse he was tendered a hearty vote of thanks. The proceeds are to be donated toward the missionary fund of the church.

SUSPECTED OF THEFT

Peter Petuff, said to be a Bulgarian, was arrested this morning by Detectives Briggs and Duncan on charge of theft of several bags from the Atlantic Sugar Refinery, where the accused is employed. A clerk from the refinery visited police headquarters this morning identified the bags. They are said to be valued at \$8 each. The theft, it is said, includes a large number.

DEATH OF CHILD

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson of 27 Gilbert's Lane, sympathize with them in the death of their infant son, Alfred Edward, who died yesterday.

GERMANS AGAIN DEPORTING THE BELGIANS

Have, May 23.—The Germans have resumed the deportation of Belgians, according to information received by the Belgian government. Three thousand persons are reported to have been deported from the suburbs of Brussels since the beginning of May.

The deportation of Belgians was reported to have ceased last month, owing to the representation made to Berlin by Pope Benedict and protests from some of the German socialists.