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ZEPPELIN RAID CAUSES SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE

UNITED STATES TO INVESTIGATE GERMAN "HOAX" STORY GENERAL HUGHES REVIEWS TROOPS AND PRESENTS COLORS

FIFTEEN DEAD AS RESULT OF ZEPPELIN RAID

Same Number Wounded On
English Northeast Coast.

ATTACK MADE IN EVENING

Fires Started By Bombs Poured
From Airship.

PUT OUT BEFORE MORNING

Official Statement Given Out
in London Gives Few
Details.

[Canadian Press.]
London, June 16.—A Zeppelin airship visited the northeast coast of England last evening and dropped bombs, fifteen deaths being reported from the district in question and fifteen persons were wounded. Some fires were started by the projectiles from the Zeppelin, but by this morning they had been overcome. This information was contained in an official announcement made in London today.

[Canadian Press.]
London, June 16.—The latest air raid on the British coast was the most fatal of them all. Zeppelins flew over the northeast coast of England last night. This morning fifteen persons are dead from the attack and fifteen others are wounded. Never before has an air raid on England taken such toll in human life. This is the third air raid in the last over two weeks. May 21 was the date of the attack on London from the clouds, with four persons killed, and on June 6 the east coast of England was the scene of attack, with five fatalities.

Russians Retiring.
In the eastern area of the fighting the Russian forces still are slowly and stubbornly retreating. The latest official report from Petrograd admits the withdrawal of Russian troops across the Galician frontier into Russian territory from Czernowitz, at a point between the Dniester and the Pruth. The same report sets forth that fresh German forces, brought up near Jaroslavl under cover of heavy artillery fire, compelled the Russians to retire for some distance. Continued on Page Four.

WASHINGTON WILL LOOK INTO CHARGE

To Investigate Story That Dr.
Gerhard Was Really
Meyer.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, June 16.—Published charges that Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, for whom the United States arranged a safe conduct with the Allies that he might return to Germany with a personal message from Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, was in reality Dr. Alfred Meyer, chief of the supply department of the German army, who had been secretly in the United States buying munitions of war, are to be investigated by the state department.

Simultaneously, another version of the story—that Dr. Alfred Meyer, while not passing as Meyer-Gerhard, has been in the country and saluted with the former for Christiania, in-cognito, also will be looked into. Bernstorff Vouched for Him.
State department officials and members of the diplomatic corps here recalled that at the personal request of Count von Bernstorff, former Secretary of State Bryan asked the British and French ambassadors for safe conduct for Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, a representative of the German Red Cross, who was returning to Berlin to carry a personal message from the count after the latter's audience with President Wilson in the midst of the diplomatic negotiations with Germany. No question was today, however, had arisen at the department as to whether Meyer-Gerhard might really be Meyer, or if Meyer was in the country secretly buying war supplies.

Up to Department.
At the British and French embassies it was said the development was considered one purely for the state department to determine if it had been imposed upon. At the German embassy all officials were absent. One report, which referred to Dr. Alfred Meyer as purchasing arms here, spoke of an attempt to buy obsolete United States army rifles, and said former Representative Herman Metz had conferred with former Secretary Bryan on the subject. Mr. Bryan said today he had no recollection of any such conversation with Mr. Metz.

Lazy Ministers Roundly Scored By Brandon College President

[Canadian Press.]
Edmonton, June 16.—That many of the methods in vogue in modern theological colleges are unadulterated bunkum, and that some of the ministers of the present day "sleep in" so long they have no time for study, were some of the statements made at the Baptist convention by Dr. H. P. Whidden, president of Brandon College.

SPEED OF LUSITANIA SUPPOSED SUFFICIENT TO DODGE TORPEDOES

Cunard Officials Give Evidence Before the Commission of
Inquiry—Had Not Enough Firemen or Coal To
Use All Boilers.

[Canadian Press.]
London, June 16.—The inquiry into the sinking of the Lusitania was resumed today, with the examination of Alfred A. Booth, chairman of the board of the Cunard Steamship Company. The Attorney-General, Sir Edward Carson, asked Mr. Booth why it was that the Lusitania was economizing by using only nineteen of her twenty-five boilers at the time she was torpedoed. "So far as submarines are concerned, there is no difference between 21 and 24.5 knots," Mr. Booth replied. "The Lusitania was proceeding when attacked, and twenty-one knots. Mr. Booth replied that no steamer making more than fourteen knots was known to have been struck by a torpedo, from a submarine until the Lusitania was hit. No wireless instructions. The witness said that the Cunard Line Company was unable to communicate with the vessel by wireless except through the admiralty, and therefore had given no wireless instructions to Capt. Turner. General instructions given previously covered the closing of the watertight compartments, the swinging out of boats on entering the danger zone, and an order not to slow down to take on a pilot or to lie off to Capt. Turner's discretion to arrange the time of the vessel's arrival. He said that all he knew relative to warnings issued to intending passengers was that he had read in English newspapers, having received no dispatch on this subject from the New York office of the company. What is "Schedule." Mr. Booth was cross-examined by an attorney representing survivors as to whether the company "took any steps to prevent the Lusitania from doing what she did do, that is, entering the war zone on schedule." Witness replied he did not know what schedule time meant, but Capt. Turner Continued on Page Four.

Mayor Stevenson Is No Tool of "Brute Force" Element in London

Does Not Jump To Find Jobs For Ward Healers, But Wants It Understood That He Is
Not Afraid of "Kaiser-Canadians."

Mayor H. A. Stevenson lays no claim to being a genius, nor does he try to wield the mailed fist. But as the chief executive of the city, who was elected by one of the largest majorities ever given a mayor in London, he is out against petty grafting and job-hunting. He does not strive to rule London on the policy of brute force. Most people in London want to live peaceably, and there is only one clique that strives to apply doctrines at present obnoxious to the London people. The mayor wants it understood he is no Kaiser-Canadian. With this element Mayor Stevenson has dealt fairly and without fear or favor. Their "spies" are repeatedly on his trail, and his whole life as mayor is a fight against the insidious influences that have controlled and still seek to control the life of every public man in London.

Now, because the Mayor of London has turned down their job-hunting "ward healers," who seek positions with the city rather because of incompetence to get anything else to do, than any ability to hold a position, he has been made the object of brutal attack.

NO JOBS FOR RELATIVES.
Mayor Stevenson does not believe in loading up municipal offices with his friends or relatives. He has placed upon the heads of departments the responsibility for all appointments. Every day he is button-holed by those who seek places for friends or relatives, and every day he refers the seekers after office to the responsible heads of departments. As a result they are whining. A desperate attempt is made to saddle the responsibility for the present heavy tax rate upon the present mayor. Anyone who will take the trouble to ask the city treasurer the amount of the over-drafts received from last year's administration, will find that the mayor of this year has been up against the most difficult problem with which a chief magistrate of the city was ever faced.

A MILLSTONE ON CITY'S NECK.
He has had little chance to make any movement toward constructive works he has in mind, because of the millstone of taxation hung around the city's neck by incompetents, and those worse than incompetents—the wild cat financiers who have added many mills to the tax rate by permitting heavy over-drafts to be saddled on the city and have allowed the electrification project to become a heavy charge against the ratepayers, by borrowing money for which there was no authority to the extent of almost a million dollars. Those who are responsible for the unsold debentures of the London and Port Stanley Railway know what the city of London has been reaping through a policy of deceit, treachery and the applications of blind brute force in the administration of the affairs of the city.

NOT A "HIGH TAXES" MAYOR.
No act of the present mayor or his "incompetent" supporters, as they are called by the "high taxes" organ, can be presented against H. A. Stevenson. He has had great difficulty in keeping the tax rate where it is at present. What expenditure of his has caused one mill to be placed on the tax rate? Every dollar of wasteful expenditure may be laid at the door of those who now seek to throw the blame upon him.

DASH AWAY AND SPEND.
The newspaper which supports the doctrine of "dash away and spend" in this city, last night had the following to say: "Never in the history of London have the taxes been so high, and this despite the fact that the taxable assessment is \$5,000,000 greater than it was a year ago. A feeble attempt is being made by the mayor and his supporters to place the blame for the high rate on the previous councils, but the fact remains that had there been a MAN in the mayor's chair, the expenditures would have been kept down and the people's pocketbooks would not have been plundered."

A BETRAYAL OF THE CITY.
Were it not such pathetic humor it would be to laugh. This is the newspaper that without a word of protest praised the wild policy of extravagance of the last few years which culminated in over-drafts for the present year of more than \$100,000, which had to be paid out of current revenue, a matter of at least three mills on the tax rate. The newspaper that made the above assertion is the mouthpiece of the apostles of brute force. It has been treacherous to the citizens of London in that it has deceived them on many occasions, as it seeks to deceive them in the above paragraph. May London be delivered from such evil influences as those which seek to dash the present mayor to pieces and to place the city again in the hands of those who have its financial life blood upon their fingers at the present time.

Eighty Battle.
Dangerously Wounded—Lance Corp. Robert Chesley Courtice, Brandon, Man.
Wounded—Capt. Lionel S. Dear, Up-ton Lovel, England.
PTE. ALLAN CURRIE
REPORTED WOUNDED
Son of Wilton Grove Man Among
Casualties.
Pte. Allan Currie of Wilton Grove, son of John Currie of Belmont, has been wounded in action, according to official word received by his relatives today. Private letters to relatives at Wilton Grove recently contain information that Pte. Currie has been sent to an English hospital. He is not supposed to be seriously wounded. He enlisted in the first contingent and had served recently in the 5th Battalion in France.

MR. GUY OPEN TO CONVICTION

New General Traffic Manager
of L. & P. S. R. Was Op-
posed to Electrification—
Admits Grand Trunk With-
drawal A Serious Matter.

W. M. Guy, for some years chief clerk of the Pere Marquette in this city, has accepted the position of general traffic manager of the London and Port Stanley Railway. He has also been accepted by the railway, and the deal is closed. In view of the fact that Mr. Guy was known to be ardently opposed to the electrification of the road at the time when the Pere Marquette was opposing the project and before the Pere Marquette was given the contract for re-building the road, The Advertiser called Mr. Guy, who is known to be one of London's most genial citizens, and asked him about his present views. Open to Conviction. "What do you think of the prospects?" was questioned. "I think they are all right," said Mr. Guy. "But you opposed electrification some time ago?" it was suggested. "Yes; but a man is always open to conviction," said he. "And are your doubts all removed?" "Well, it may be a little early to make any statement, but I don't see why we can't make it go," was his reply. "What about the business of the Grand Trunk?" "Well, if we lose that it might be hard to replace it all," said Mr. Guy. "Mr. Guy said he would be pleased to talk of the prospects of the road at any time. The Pere Marquette has announced that it is soon to retire from the local field, giving its business to the L. & P. S. R.

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GEN. HUGHES WELL PLEASED BY UNITS

Gen. Hughes and Invalided Officers



Admiral Illustrations.
Capt. Danesroux of 48th Highlander s. and Major Kircaldy, who were wounded in France, accompanied Gen. Hughes to the city today.

COLORS GIVEN TO 34TH BATT.

Gen. Hughes Presents Flags
To Be Carried To
Battle.

MANY VISITORS ARE HERE

Special Rates Bring Thou-
sands From Guelph and
Other Points.

After they had been dedicated by Capt. H. D. Peacock, chaplain of both brigades in camp, the battalion colors of the 34th were officially presented to the battalion by Major-General Sam Hughes in the presence of all the overseas troops and thousands of citizens and out-of-town visitors in Victoria Park this afternoon.

Before Monument.
The 33rd and 34th Battalions of infantry and the 7th C. M. R., which paraded in front of the monument, were lined up before the soldiers' monument, from which the presentation was made. City officials, prominent out-of-town guests and the divisional officers were there, as well as representatives of the Red Cross Society, the Daughters of the Empire, the Women's Canadian Club and similar organizations.

Special excursions from Guelph, Preston and other towns from the district in which the 34th Battalion was raised, brought in thousands who witnessed the color presentation and the manoeuvres that succeeded them.

Gen. Hughes was to leave immediately after the presentation, going by special train to the mobilization camp at Niagara. On the Lake.

As announced before, the colors that were handed over to the 34th were those presented to the battalion by C. E. Fraser, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Guelph, and one of the firm's friends and admirers not only of the battalion commander, Lieut.-Col. A. J. Oliver, but of the whole battalion as well.

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Urges Necessity For Ginger
Upon Soldiers in the
Camp.

SEES BAYONET DRILL

Orders Test of the Virtues of
Anti-Chlorine Device
Offered.

TALKS TO THE OFFICERS

Need of Vim in Movements
Emphasized By Chief of
Volunteers.

An inspection of all overseas troops in London was made this morning by Major-General Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence. The general arrived at 11:15, and was immediately taken to the mobilization camp at Carling's Heights. There the 7th Canadian Mounted Rifles, 23rd and 24th Battalions of infantry swung past in troops and columns of platoons respectively, as the general and his aides, the headquarters staff and several civilian members of the general's party took up their position at the reviewing post on the parade grounds.

All corps made a good showing, and the general complimented the officers on their appearance afterwards.

Wounded Officers Here.
With the general came Capt. Danesroux, 48th Highlander s., Toronto, and Major Kircaldy, two Canadian officers of the first contingent who were wounded in the fighting at St. Julien. Capt. Danesroux, who was promoted by the general this week, was wounded in the head, and the bandage around the neck still added a grim touch to the realities of war to the general review. Col. Duff, P. S. Scott, M.P., and M. A. Secord, all of Galt, joined the general's party there and came to London with him. They joined with the officers of the general staff and Sir Adam Beck, who was out in full uniform. Gen. Hughes introduced the wounded officers, who acted as his aides, to Lady Beck. The inspection was the first official act of the general, who is here to present the battalion colors to the 34th Battalion.

As soon as the inspection was completed the minister of militia ordered the officers brought together, and gave them a general lecture on the necessity of ginger on parades, the use of bayonet exercises, the necessity of knowing how to shoot, and a few other things.

See Bayonet Drill.
Then he bayoneted a platoon of the 34th put on a bayonet fighting exercise, under Sergeant Scott's command. The general then went through the orderly office of the 23rd Battalion, heard Paul Newman of Toronto explain the virtues of his respirator guaranteed to last the war, made arrangements to have Major A. V. Beecher, medical officer of the 33rd, make an official test of the same and had lunch at 1 o'clock. Gen. Shannon and the officers of the divisional staff.

A Slight Confusion.
There was a slight mixup in the arrangements made for the general. Col. Shannon and other officers of the divisional staff, who were at the C. P. R. station, were notified that the general had left his private car at Guelph street, and had gone to the camp. The officers immediately left the station, in which the train pulled in. The minister of militia was still on board. There was a hurried return of the divisional cars and the general was hustled to the camp.

The General Review.
The general review of the troops was the first consideration, and it was put through as quickly as possible. (Continued From Page Three.)

CHICAGO STREET CAR STRIKE CALLED OFF

Will Settle Trouble by Arbitration—Cars to Operate
at Once.

Chicago, June 16.—The strike of 14,000 street car men was called off shortly after 5 o'clock today. All points at issue will be settled by arbitration. Operation of cars on all lines was to be resumed as quickly as the striking men could be notified.

The end of the strike, which has tied up electric transportation for two days, came with the selection of Mayor William Hale Thompson as the third member of a board of arbitration, the main question at issue. The plan decided upon stipulates that all questions at issue will be heard without any advance concessions having been made. Announcement of a settlement came too late to start cars for the rush hours early today, and the great armies of workers were obliged to again depend on the thousands of motor buses, moving trucks, ice wagons and railroad suburban trains for transportation.

Officials of the traction systems telegraphed to eastern labor agencies not to employ any more men as strike-breakers.