

84th Battalion Leaves To-morrow For Toronto Another Furious Assault Was Made on Verdun U. S. Sending a Second Expedition to Mexico

GREAT NEW ATTACK ON VERDUN LAUNCHED BY THE GERMAN FORCES

Whole Army Corps Tried to Smash Its Way Through Between Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill—Heavy Fighting Also East of the Meuse.

FRENCH HOLDING ENEMY OFF

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, May 8.—After 77 days of battle, the Germans are making a new attack before Verdun with another formidable army. Fighting almost equaling in violence that of the beginning of March is in progress on both banks of the Meuse.

The principal effort of the Germans is being directed against Dead Man Hill. Following the Napoleonic policy of attempting to turn what cannot be carried by frontal attack the Germans, with a whole army corps, made the assault by way of the ravine between Hill 304 and Dead Man Hill, seeking to crush in the French line along a front of one and one-half miles. The ground there is favorable for the attack and the French commander, aware of the weakness of the position, placed one of his best troops there.

This corps disposed of the initial attack without ceding any important ground, but the battle is still raging and according to the latest advices the result will not be known until some time to-day.

East of the Meuse the Germans delivered four attacks on a front of 2,000 yards, each advance being made by a different Prussian regiment. The fighting there is as fierce as on the other side of the river and as inconclusive.

General Nivelle, whose promotion to the command at Verdun put him in charge at such a critical time, is a man of sixty. He comes from Tulle, in the Correze department. General Nivelle is one of the discoverers of the war. At the outbreak of the war he was in command of the Fifth regiment of artillery. General Lofre soon singled him out for a leading role. He was promoted to be a general of brigade on October 24, 1914, and shortly after was placed in command of the sixty first infantry division. On December 23, 1915, he received his three stars and at the same time was appointed commander of the third army corps.

Fighting of great violence continued last night on the Verdun front. Furious German attacks near Hill 304 were broken by the French, the War Office announced to-day.

The losses of the Germans are described as extremely heavy. The French attacked east of Hill 304 and drove the Germans from a communication trench which they penetrated yesterday.

East of the Meuse there was a series of night engagements. The Germans were driven from a trench south of Haudromont, which they occupied yesterday and thirty men, including two officers were captured.

The offensive movement yesterday covered a front of two kilometres between Haudromont-wood and Fort Douaumont, costing the Germans important losses.

MACHINERY WORKS IN QUEBEC BURNED

Eight Hundred Men at Montmagny Thrown Out of Work by Bad Fire.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Quebec, May 8.—The General Car Machinery Works at Montmagny, which employed some eight hundred men, were destroyed by fire last night. The cause of the fire is unknown, but the fact that one or two explosions were heard just about the time the blaze started at 10.40, has given rise to rumors of it being the work of an incendiary.

Much excitement developed when the fire broke out and the townsmen fought the blaze as best they could, having only two hose pipes at their command. Assistance was sent by the Quebec and Lewis fire brigades.

Mr McAdoo, back from South America, urges completion of railroad line to South America.

GIVES PRAISE FOR BRANTFORD TRIO OF OFFICERS

Sergt. Jim Mounce, Who Returned Home Saturday, Says Enemy Beaten.

NOT A 25TH MAN KILLED

Messrs. Colquhoun, Jones and Miller Three Splendid Men.

Sergt. Jim Mounce, former County Constable, and who enlisted and went abroad with the first contingent, arrived home Saturday night on a week's furlough. Notice of his arrival did not reach any civic authorities until 6 o'clock, and as a result only an informal reception could be held. A number of members of the soldiers' aid commission were on hand and met him, intending to take him home, but "Jim's" friends were on hand with a cab and drove him off in triumph.

Sergt. Mounce "Still in the ring," said Sergeant Mounce, when asked how he felt. "It takes more than a German to kill a 25th man; they haven't done it yet. That's a fact, not one of the good old Brant Dragoons has gone under yet. Belgium is a fine place; the climate is first rate. There's not a man in the place who is seriously sick. And treatment—everything of the best. We get good food, and plenty of it; clothes too. We don't need half the socks that are sent over to us.

"Do I think the Allies will win? I know that they've won already. We've got the Germans licked to a standstill, and they know it. It's only their pig-headed conceit which won't let them admit it. They take shelter behind towns that shelter women and children, knowing that we won't fire on them then. That's why they have not been battered to pieces long ago. But they have no scruples of that sort; they'll fire on unfortified towns and kill non-combatants just out of sheer brutality. If they're driven back through a town, they raze the place to the ground to prevent us from getting provisions or anything there.

"All the Brantford men over there are first rate. We've had a good many officers changed since we first went

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ANOTHER NOTE

Washington, May 8.—A note to Germany has practically been completed and probably will go forward to Berlin to-day. It will be made public soon afterward. It is understood it will be brief, informing Germany that as long as the new instructions to submarine commanders are observed, diplomatic relations will be continued, but that the United States cannot allow Germany to dictate its negotiations with Great Britain.

YOUNG BOY KILLED TRYING TO BOARD TRAIN

Fred Tapley, 13 Years Old, Victim of Sad Occurrence Yesterday.

In an attempt to swing himself aboard a moving train, 13-year-old Fred Tapley, was yesterday flung beneath the wheels and instantly killed before the eyes of several comrades. The accident occurred about 3.30 yesterday afternoon, when a party of four or five lads were making their way along the G.T.R. tracks just outside the city limits, near the School for the Blind, where the overhead bridge crosses the tracks. Fred, a youngster, and young Tapley made an attempt to grip the coupling pin between the two last cars, but by the speed of the train was swung beneath the wheels and badly mangled, death resulting instantly. A doctor was hurriedly summoned to the scene, but nothing could be done.

The lad's home was on Herbert St., Grandview.

Casement's Trial

Sir Roger Will Get His Preliminary Hearing Wednesday.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, May 8.—Sir Roger Casement, who was arrested on the west coast of Ireland after he had landed from a German ship with the intention of heading the Sinn Fein revolt, will probably be given a preliminary hearing before a police magistrate on Wednesday. At that time he will be formally charged with high treason and remanded at trial before the lord chief justice and a jury.

Charles E. Pearson, hotel proprietor, of Fort Plain, N. Y., committed suicide by poison.

RUSSIA'S FORMER WAR MINISTER IS A PRISONER

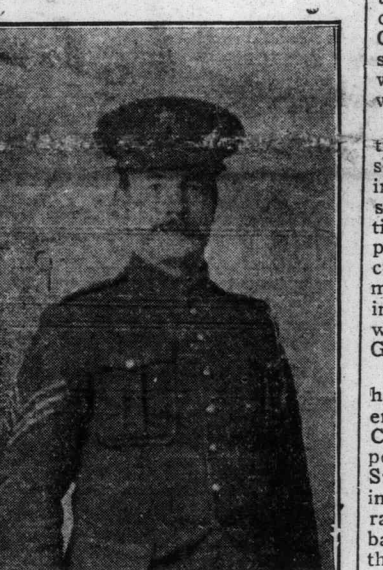
Exact Nature of Charge Against Him is Not Known.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, May 8.—The morning newspapers to-day publish long accounts concerning the arrest of Gen. W. A. Soukhomlinoff, former Russian minister of war, who is a prisoner in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul in Petrograd. The exact nature of the charge against him is not known. The arrest was made by a large number of officials of the public prosecutor's department, accompanied by police whose appearance at the general's home took the ex-minister by surprise.

After preliminary examination, the authorities searched the home of the general and seized four chests full of documents. General Soukhomlinoff submitted to arrest quietly, saying that he was acting in obedience to law.

A diary seized by the authorities indicates that the general had been living very frugally in order to save money for his wife, who is much younger than he.



ANOTHER PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IS TO BE SENT INTO MEXICO

Raid by Villa Bandits Yesterday in Texas Makes Americans Rush Soldiers to the District Attacked. COMPLICATES MATTERS

the Big Bend section of northern Coahuila, a state in which General Carranza asserted his soldiers had full control. The apparent ease with which the raid was conducted, gave rise to fears that it might be duplicated at a number of other localities where conditions are similar.

Washington, May 8.—Secretary of War Baker stated to-day that the war department considers the agreement under which the army began pursuit of Villa bandits still in operation and that under its terms General Funston will take any steps necessary to pursue the band which yesterday raided the Big Bend county, without further instructions.

Secretary of War Baker on his return from Cleveland to-day, was prepared to act on General Funston's report that three American soldiers and two civilians had been killed in another raid by Mexican bandits at Glenn Springs and Boquillas, Texas, similar to the Columbus massacre, which precipitated the American invasion of Mexico.

Hurried despatch of additional troops to the raided district and possibly another punitive expedition were in preparation. Army officers considered it possible, though not entirely probable, that Villa might have participated in the attack which occurred Friday night. Indications that more than 500 outlaws might be hiding in the hills south of the border were suggested in a message from General Funston.

Officials hoped the new raid would help to hasten the signing by General Obregon, war minister for the Carranza Government of the proposed agreement under which United States troops might continue to stay in Mexico and co-operate with Carranza soldiers in hunting Mexican bandits. General Scott intimated that the agreement might be ratified soon. This was thought particularly desirable considering that the latest assault on American towns came from

the Big Bend section of northern Coahuila, a state in which General Carranza asserted his soldiers had full control. The apparent ease with which the raid was conducted, gave rise to fears that it might be duplicated at a number of other localities where conditions are similar.

Waterous Engine Works Makes Statement; Did Not Dismiss the Shell Makers

The Men Left Work of Their Own Accord, Says the Statement, Because of Dissatisfaction With Treatment From Foreman, an Expert Munition Man—Foreman Must Treat Men Fairly, or He Will be Dismissed.

The Waterous Engine Works, over the signature of C. H. Waterous, manager, issued at noon to-day the following statement regarding the trouble between the company and some of the employees which developed last week.

To the Editor Courier, City:
Dear Sir,—We have learned it is being stated that we discharged our shell workers. This we wish to deny. The men left their work of their own accord. After several days' absence they asked for their pay, and this was given them, but they were not discharged. We hoped and believed that the majority, at least, would return to work, and their places are still open for them.

The foreman, or whose treatment they complain, is an expert British munition man, with a large experience, and came to us with first-class references. His expert knowledge has been of great assistance to us in our munition work. The foreman to be efficient in this department must have this expert knowledge, therefore we employ him in this position. In our opinion it would be unwise to let him leave the work here at present.

We make it a rule to treat our men with consideration, and to insist on their receiving fair treatment from their foreman, and others in charge, and this rule we will continue to enforce. Therefore, if the foreman in question does not in the future treat the men fairly and reasonably, we will dispense with his services.

Yours truly,
The Waterous Engine Works Co. Ltd.
C. H. Waterous, Manager.

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CONCILIATION BOARD

Is Asked For by Street Railway Employees.

Consider This the Only Step to be Taken With Regard to More Pay.

Local Division 585 of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway employees (the Brantford division) have asked the Department of Labor for a Board of Conciliation in connection with their requests.

It will be remembered that they asked for an advance in wages to 20 cents per hour for first year men, 22 cents for second year men, and 24 cents thereafter.

The Commissioners finally offered 19 1/2c, 21c, and 22 cents. The local members have not yet made their answer to this proposition. They do not consider the figures high enough in comparison with roads in other places. For instance, Toronto, 27 1/2c per flat hour, free suits and two weeks holidays with pay.

Hamilton, 22c, 24c and 28c per hour.

The men say that they consider the municipality should be model employers of labor, and they hope to get their requests granted by the Conciliation Board.

They further say that they have shown a spirit of patience, and do not wish to inconvenience the public in any way, but having used every resource without result, they consider the present move to be one in simple justice to themselves.

The Act provides that when a Conciliation Board is asked for, the men name one member, and they have decided upon Ald. Joe Gibbons of Toronto.

84TH BATTALION WILL LEAVE HERE SOMETIME TOMORROW

Will Proceed to Toronto; Arrangements Being Made to Give Them a Magnificent Farewell—Lt. Col. Stewart Thanks the City For its Hospitality.

The 84th Battalion will leave Brantford to-morrow.

This has been given out definitely. The men will parade to the station, and it is expected that a civic farewell will be given them, as well as a tremendous and hearty send-off by thousands of citizens.

Lt.-Col. Stewart, the C.O. of the 84th, sends his thanks to the city for treatment received by his men through the following letter to the Courier:

"As the 84th Overseas Battalion will be leaving Brantford to-morrow, I would like, through your paper, to express myself as to the treatment that this battalion has received since arriving at Brantford early in November last.

"It has been the aim of the officers and men of the Battalion to so conduct themselves while in residence here, that the City of Brantford would have no cause to regret our sojourn.

We leave your city with a good deal of regret, and I would like to present my compliments to the citizens for their kindness in every way to everyone connected with the corps. It has been a pleasure to have lived in Brantford for the past six months, and friendships have been made which will last very many years. I can only say how deeply I appreciate everything that has been done to make us feel at home, and to offer on behalf of myself, the officers, N.C.O.'s and men, our deep appreciation of the kindly reception and the many kindnesses and favors bestowed upon us.

"As it is impossible to thank the City of Brantford and citizens generally in a personal way, I hope you will not mind my using the Courier as a medium of extending to all my heart-felt wishes."
W. T. STEWART,
Lt.-Col. C.O. 84th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.

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