SPRINGHILL MINE FIRE EXTENDS

Force of Employes Combatted Great Blaze in One Slope Several Days.

Springhill, N. S., Nov. 30.—The fire in the Dominion Coal Co.'s mines here which started early in the week has resisted the efforts of many mine workers to combat it.

Today it had extended throughout the slope in which it started. The loss is heavy.

The fire is acting in a manner most contrary. The flames are working down, instead of up. Several volunteers entered the fire zone, equipped with respiratory helmets, and their report upon the condition of affairs may possibly alter the present system of fire fighting.

The water supply of the mining town was nearly exhausted Tuesday. The pumps were run into a nearby pond, and this water is now pouring into the blaze.

The conflagration was driven back over sixty feet, but to oppose this, it has broken out at the seven hundred foot level. Despite the heat, the men reached the eight hundred foot level, a feat which could not be accomplished at any hour on Monday. The fan used to ventilate the mine has been stopped, and this to a certain extent will cut off a large supply of oxygen. Smoke is still emerging in large quantities. The officials from Cape Breton are all on hand, and hold out hope of saving the mine.

Not a minute after they had got over the brow, a small explosion occurred quickly followed by another and more dangerous one. It is now feared that a yet larger explosion will come at any moment. Late yesterday afternoon forty volunteers were called for to aid in bricking off the mouth of the mine.

The west slope is the only remaining portion of the mine in operation. The men employed in the fire stricken section will be transferred to the west and endeavor to increase the output of coal from this remaining portion.

This morning the north slope has gone. The numerous streams of water that were poured on to the flames, however, did nothing but drive the fire back farther. Commencing in the pipe bored it soon made that vicinity untenable and then started in to eat its way down the slope, sweeping each level with its flames and gases. Yesterday, as an explosion was feared, the men fighting below were ordered to ascend.

It is extremely probable that a new slope will be opened in the near future as it is understood that the Dominion Coal officials have been exploiting nearby territory in search of the outcropping coal veins. The horses were all brought up yesterday and every man is up out of danger.

SNEAK THIEF ARRESTED FOR THEFT FROM HOUSE

Robert Riley Charged With Stealing from Brussels Street House—Wm. Wood Charged With Theft of Coat.

Detectives Barrett and Briggs were on the war path last night and in about an hour placed two men behind the bars on the charge of stealing.

At 10.15 o'clock they arrested Robt Riley, who is charged with stealing from Miss L. B. Grover, of 278 Brussels street, a gold wrist watch, gold bracelet, pair pearl prayer beads, four hair pins, box of salve, tube of paste, comb, cake of soap, soap dish, and felt hat. The property is valued at fifty dollars.

Riley is a stranger in the city having, for some days, been taking orders for the British Canadian Publicity Company. The theft was committed yesterday and the officers have recovered the stolen articles.

At 11.30 o'clock last night the detectives arrested William Ward on the charge of stealing an overcoat, the property of F. W. Coombs, manager of the Princess garage, on Princess St. Ward was employed as a chauffeur and the theft is stated to have taken place on or about October 1st.

RUSSIANS START BIG OFFENSIVE

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Roumanians Retire.

ently to prevent the wage dispute between the miners and operators from interfering with the coal supply.

Petrograd, Nov. 29, via London (3.18 p. m.)—A general retirement of the Roumanians from Western Wallachia, under Teutonic pressure, is announced in today's war office statement, which gives the line reached by the Roumanians late on Monday in their retreat, and concedes the capture by the advancing hostile forces of several towns on the Alexandria-Zimnitza front. The statement reads:

"Roumanian front: The Roumanians are retiring from Western Wallachia eastward, under the pressure of the enemy. Towards Monday evening the enemy had reached the line of Darmaneschti (Darmonechti, on the Argesiur River, 80 miles northwest of Bucharest) Dragani, Vataasschti, Kosteshti and Zveru, on the Alexandria-Prunaro, Topor, Veru and Slobodzeia. In the direction of the latter place the enemy has advanced along the Turnpec road to Kulugurena.

"In Dobrudja artillery and rifle fire is proceeding."

Noxious Gases.

"Western front: Last evening the enemy liberated asphyxiating gases against our trenches in the region of the villages Labuzy and Nageria, on the River Shara. Later the enemy took the offensive in this sector, but his attack was repulsed by our fire and by bayonet fighting.

"On River Stokhod, in the region of Little Porsk, our artillery caused an explosion of enemy ammunition depots. Enemy attempts to approach our trenches in the region of Pustomyty were beaten back by our airplanes.

"In the wooded Carpathians our detachments gained possession of a height six versts west of Vorokhta, and took prisoners two officers and 98 men.

"In the region of Wakahka we have taken possession of a hill ten versts southwest of this point, and captured prisoners.

"In the region of Kirlibaba our troops gained possession of a ridge of heights east of Kirlibaba, compelling the enemy to retire from his positions, and capturing eleven officers, 700 men, six machine guns and a bomb mortar. South of Kirlibaba, in the Dovtiano Valley, we captured a ridge of heights along the whole of our front."

Turks Get Busy.

Further advances by the Turkish forces south of Van, in Southern Turkish Armenia, are now announced in today's war office statement. The repulse of a Turkish attack in the Kigi region also is reported in the statement, which follows:

"Caucasus front: In the region east of Kigi the Turks, about a battalion strong, launched an attack on our detachments, but were repulsed.

"South of the town of Van the Turks advanced in the region of the Shushans settlement and Thushansdag mountain."

Germans Repulsed.

London, Nov. 29.—The official communication from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads:

"We repulsed an enemy raid this morning south of Neuve Chapelle, and a hostile bombardment east of Carency also failed. We carried out two successful raids east of Ypres, taking 21 prisoners.

"Hostile artillery was active against Gueudecourt and our front on both banks of the Ancre. We bombarded the enemy lines at Bois De Bizet, north of Armentieres."

French Hold Ground.

Paris, Nov. 29.—The bulletin issued by the war office tonight reads:

"A German attack on one of our small posts at Laflile Morte was repulsed. Grenade fighting and intermittent cannonading occurred on the rest of the front, more actively in the sector of Douaumont and Vaux."

Belgian communication:

"There is nothing particular to report."

Raid on Zeebrugge.

London, Nov. 29.—British naval airplanes made a raid upon the harbor of Zeebrugge yesterday, it was officially announced tonight. The official announcement says:

"Yesterday afternoon an attack was carried out by naval airplanes upon the harbor at Zeebrugge, but owing to the weather results could not be observed. All the machines returned."

Violent Fighting.

Sofia, Nov. 28, via London, Nov. 29—Heavy attacks by Entente forces on the Macedonian front, both in the Monastir region and in the Vardar Valley, were repulsed by German and Bulgarian troops, with extremely heavy losses to the attacking forces, the war office announced today. A particularly desperate attack was made near Lake Doiran, but this, like the others, was sanguinarily halted. The day's fighting is described as the most violent that has occurred on the Macedonian front. The text of the statement follows:

"After violent artillery fire the enemy attacked several times on the front running from Trnova, northwest of Monastir, through Height No. 1248, north of Monastir, Height No. 1050, in the bend of the Cerna and the height near the village of Grunishte. Repeated attacks along the whole front were sanguinarily repulsed by the Bulgarian and German troops, assisted by powerful artillery. The enemy losses were enormous, hundreds of bodies lying before our positions. In front of the sector of one battalion of the 51st Infantry Regiment we counted more than 300 enemy bodies.

Furious Attacks.

"No less furious were the enemy attacks and artillery fire in the Vardar Valley. Here the enemy attacked with desperation our advanced position near Krchteki, near Lake Doiran, but was sanguinarily repulsed, leaving a great number of dead on the battlefield. We captured six machine guns, numerous rifles and other material.

"On the Belaschitsa and Struma fronts there was lively artillery fighting. Here also we counted 125 enemy bodies.

"In a word, this day was the day of the most violent fighting on the Macedonian front."

Huns Take Pitechti.

Berlin, Nov. 29, by wireless to Sayville—Pitechti, in Roumania, sixty-five miles northwest of Bucharest, has been captured by General Von Falkenhayn's troops, the war office announced in tonight's official statement.

An increase in the artillery fire north of the Somme river, in Northern France, near Serre and Sailly-Saillisel, is reported.

On the Monastir front, in Macedonia, there has been no resumption of the fighting. The text of the statement reads:

"It is officially reported that north of the Somme, near Serre and Sailly-Saillisel, there has been lively artillery fighting.

"On the Transylvania east front the Russians have repeated their attacks. Further reports are outstanding. Pitechti has been captured.

"On the Monastir front (Macedonia) quiet prevails."

Italian Statement.

Rome, Nov. 29, via London—"On the whole front there were the usual artillery actions, which became particularly intense in the area east of Gorizia, notwithstanding persistent bad weather," says today's report from the war office.

"On the Carso the work of consolidation is being prosecuted vigorously. An effective barrage fire and the activities of raiding forces impeded operations of the enemy in his lines."

Roumania.

Bucharest, Nov. 29, via London (4.16 p. m.)—An official statement issued today by the Roumanian war office says:

"Northern and northwestern fronts: There have been intense artillery bombardments over the whole front. An enemy attack in the Prahova Valley has been repulsed.

"Western front: The situation is unchanged.

"Southern front: There has been rifle firing along the Danube, especially in the direction of Olyenitsa.

"Dobrudja front: The situation is unchanged."

Serbians Win Trenches.

Saloniki, via London, Nov. 29.—The communication from Serbian headquarters issued today reads:

"Artillery fighting and isolated engagements occurred Tuesday along the whole front. In the region of Grunishte we carried several trenches, which were filled with dead. We captured some prisoners and a fairly large quantity of munitions.

"Our aviators bombarded important military objects at Prilep."

Another Tag Day.

The West Side Soldiers' Comfort Association will hold a tag day on Tuesday, December 5. The proceeds will be used to buy socks, mittens, smokes and other comforts for the boys at the front. The same evening a bean supper will be held in the 'Prentice Boys' Hall. Tea will be served from 5 to 8. Tickets for supper are 15c. We earnestly request the West Side people to help us in this most deserving cause. Mrs. A. W. Frazer, president.

CHANCELLOR REMEMBERS AUG. NIGHT

London, Nov. 29—Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, is quoted in a Berlin telegram transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam corespondent as saying to the crowd which gathered before his residence to congratulate him on his birthday:

"Your sincere words of friendly feeling are only an expression of the boundless devotion and love for our people which unites us all and with God's help protects us against death and evil. You have heard the earnest call recently addressed to the people, namely, the call to work, so that our fighting men shall not lack arms, as the people at home do not lack what they need.

"This war service and the auxiliary service must today be our sole care. We must and shall answer the call.

"The spirit of the exciting August night which you have just recalled is still alive. Therefore we shall vigorously support the burden of the time which weighs on our land and our people.

"When we think of our sons and our brothers who are fighting, bleeding and dying on the battle field we are thinking of the holy wrath within us and of the fatherland which no one can crush as long as the German people lives."

CAMPOBELLO.

Campobello, Nov. 28—Mr. G. M. Byron and Mr. W. Roberts, mill operator made a very successful business trip to St. John on Monday last, returning on Wednesday.

The rectory has recently undergone extensive additions and repairs which are nearly completed and add much to its appearance as well as to the comfort of its inmates, Rev. G. E. Tobin and family.

Mrs. Ira Colwell and daughter, Inez, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Thurber.

Among those to spend Saturday at St. Andrews were J. J. Alexander, Esq. and Miss Annie Batson.

The Red Cross Society was entertained on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Lemuel Vennell.

Mrs. James Brown, postmistress of the Wilson's Beach district, who was successfully operated upon at Lubec, Me., last week, is convalescing.

Miss Mildred Brown, who has been sick at that place also, has so far recovered as to return home.

Miss Margarette Calder spent the past week with relatives at St. Andrews, also Capt. Shepherd Mitchell spent the past few days with his daughter, Miss Anna Mitchell, of St. Andrews.

Miss Maude Kelley is the present guest of Mrs. Ethel Byron.

Mr. Robert Billings of St. Andrews made a business trip to the island last week.

Mr. Thomas Daggett of steamer Gov. Cobb spent a few days of last week at his home here, preparatory for his departure to Florida, where he will be employed during the winter months.

Mr. L. E. Calder visited relatives at Lubec, Me., on Thursday last.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Nov. 28—John P. Sullivan of Barnaby met with a serious accident Saturday afternoon. He is a carpenter and rode over to Mrs. Mary Ann Foley's of the same village, to do some repair work, tying his horse in Mrs. Foley's stable alongside hers. The two animals began kicking and Mr. Sullivan ran out to see what was the matter, but before he got to them they had stopped. He bent down to examine the injuries they had inflicted on each other, when his own horse, startled, kicked him in the face, smashing his nose bones, and breaking the left cheek bone in one place and the upper jaw in two places. Falling back he sprained his elbow and wrist, but was not, strange to say, rendered unconscious. He was hurried to Newcastle by the first freight train and is being attended by Dr. Desmond at the Union Hotel.

Ray Hare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hare, has been wounded. He is in the 26th Battalion.

The Newcastle Curling Club held a reorganization meeting ast night. A letter was read from Sydney club, accepting the challenge for the McLellan cup, two rinks to play on each side. The fee was fixed at $5.00. Following officers were elected: Judge J. R. Lawlor, president; R. Waldo Crocker, vice-president; Rev. S. J. Macarthur, chaplain; John E. T. Lindon, secretary; Gilmour G. Stothart, treasurer. Managing committee, William Ferguson, Charles Sargeant, Sr., Perley Russell, Charles J. Morrissy and Harry W. Harrison.

The Methodist pulpit Sunday was very acceptably filled by Rev. H. L. Eisenor of Mount Allison University. Rev. Dr. C. W. Squires is rapidly improving and may be able to preach Sunday week.

DIED.

RITCHIE.—At McLaren's Beach, St. John, on November twenty-eighth, Grace Helen, wife of A. Chipman Ritchie, and daughter of the late Wm. and Annie Ewing.

Funeral service at St. Paul's (Valley) Church, on Thursday, 30th inst., at three p. m.

CANADIAN SOLDIER MURDERED

London, Nov. 29 (Montreal Gazette cable).—The street tragedy in which Private Alfred Williams, of Toronto, who had just arrived from France on leave, was the victim on Sunday night came up today in the Bow street police court when William Robinson was charged with the wilful murder of Williams. The defendant, who is a resident of Drury Lane, was discharged from the imperial army after being wounded. He was picked out as the man who struck the fatal blow by a woman who witnessed the quarrel. So far this woman is the only direct witness who has been located by the London police.

The accused, who was remanded, for a week, had been drinking with the Canadian soldier and then quarrelled with him in the bar. At closing hour, nine o'clock, when they were turned into the street, the dispute developed into a fist fight. Williams was struck with a bottle and he died from the loss of blood resulting from the partial severance of the jugular vein.

No representative of the Canadian military authorities was in court today. In fact they are not yet officially cognizant of the tragedy.

FORMER DORCHESTER MAN KILLED IN ACTION

Lieut. Roy Wood of Vancouver, formerly of Dorchester, has been killed in action. Lieut. Wood was the eldest son of Rev. James Wood, formerly rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Dorchester.

PENNFIELD

Pennfield, Nov. 26.—A very successful concert, box supper and dance was held in the Orange Hall here last Wednesday evening.

Mr. W. Crawford of St. John has returned home after spending a few days the guest of Miss Elthea McDonald.

Miss Lillian McKay who is attending the St. George High School spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Cooper and R. L. Brittain were the guests of H. C. McKay one day this week.

Miss Leonore Beatteay of St. John is the guest of Miss Zena Cawley.

Mr. Harold McKay of L'Etang is the guest of friends here.

Mr. Earl McKay returned home after spending a few days at McAdam Junction.

Miss Dorothy Thompson spent a day in St. Stephen last week.

Mrs. Isaac Young was the guest of Mrs. Blair Ferris last week.

Mrs. H .C. McKay is spending a few days in St. John.

Pte. Raymond Hawkins is spending a few days at his home here.

Miss Florence Hawkins returned home after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Beach at Honey Dale.

Mr. Willard Cawley spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. Willie Marshall is the guest of friends here.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Thomas Rathburn and daughter, Miss Ira, returned home yesterday morning after a vacation spent in the United States.

Mrs. I. A. Currie, who has been visiting her son, George W. Currie, Queen street, left for Woolville yesterday morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Colin W. Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hopkins, Yarmouth, are in the city on a visit to friends.

Mrs. D. R. MacKintosh and Mrs. A. Wells, St. Leonards, are visiting friends here.

Miss Constance Carney, of New York, who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Maher, Golding street, has returned home.

W. J. Olive, Montreal, is in the city, called here because of the illness of his brother, I. J. Olive.

Hon. Senator James Domville observed the 74th anniversary of his birthday yesterday.

E. W. Seeley and F. J. Williams of Moncton were guests of the Victoria yesterday.

Thomas Harding of Welsford and W. S. Harding of Hammond River were guests of the Victoria yesterday.

G. T. Phillips of Bath was at the Victoria yesterday.

M. J. Conway of Hampton was in the city last night.

A. Fraser, superintenrent of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co., left for Halifax last evening.

PIPER CROMWELL OF KILTIES GETS WATCH.

Piper Charles Cromwell, of St. John, of the 236th Kilties Battalion, was made glad last evening by the presentation of a beautiful gold monogram wrist watch, the gift of his former employer, Captain H. B. Butler. Piper Cromwell was for several years attached to the marine signalling service. He is one of the most popular young men in the city.

Q.—Why is a watch like a river?

A.—Because it doesn't run long without winding.

OLD D.A.R. AGENT MARRIED 50 YEARS

Boston, Nov. 29.—Joseph P. Edwards, past grand master of Oddfellows of Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Edwards have just observed their gold wedding anniversary. A largely attended reception was held in the parish house of St. James' Episcopal church, Somerville. The Oddfellows lodges of Annapolis and Middleton, N. S., sent purses of gold. Among those present were three of their children, Harry L. Edwards of Caledonia, N. S.; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Crowe and Mrs. Janet I. Buckler, both of Middleton.

Mr. Edwards was formerly D. A. R. station agent at Annapolis. He came to Somerville from Annapolis last April.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were married at Windsor, N. S.

SCARED PUSSY

Mrs. Tabitha Feline has added new honors and new distinction to the cat family.

She has succeeded in disarranging the schedule of electric cars of the Cumberland County Power & Light Co.; she has been run over; she has been left for dead.

She is still alive and kicking and, so far as known, is still possessed of eight of her original nine lives. The ninth one was lost in the mix-up referred to in the previous paragraph.

What Mrs. Tabitha, affectionately known as Tabby, did, all happened out on St. John street Wednesday and the men of the C. C. P. & L. Co. have not yet ceased to talk about it.

The first seen of Mrs. Feline was when Motorman Fred Buck running a Grand Trunk car, noticed her bolting from one side of St. John street towards the car he was driving. A dog was in pursuit and Tabitha was running with the speed that only fear can engender. At the time, the car was in front of the Maine Central offices.

Buck pounded his gong as he saw that the cat was headed his way. But it made no difference. Tabby was bound to get away from that dog and she dove under the car.

Then it was discovered that she didn't come out the other side. Things looked strange.

Motor Buck brought his conveyance to a standstill. Conductor Greeley rushed forward to know what was up.

"We've killed a cat," said Buck.

"Ugh," said Greeley and shivered.

Then the two carmen got under the car and looked for the remains. The remains, as it happened, were very much alive for Tabitha was serenely perched on the top of the motorbox just below the floor of the car.

"Come, kitty," said Buck.

"Nice kitty," said Greeley.

But kitty wouldn't budge. She thought the dog was still around.

"Grab 'er, Fred," said Greeley.

"After you, Bert," said Buck.

"We will both grab together," the men said.

They did, but Tabby was not to be grabbed. She could not be reached for all the motorman and conductor crawled under the car and stretched their arms to the utmost.

While this was going on a Saco car in charge of Motorman Frank Roderick and Conductor Dennis Flint, Jr., came up in the rear of the Grand Trunk car. Passengers from this and the first car gathered around to see just what was up.

They offered 57 varieties of advice.

"Can't do it," said Buck pantingly.

Then the crew of the Grand Trunk car decided they would have to raise the trap door in the floor of the car.

They did so. Mrs. Tabitha Feline was seen comfortably perched on the motorbox beneath the opening. Motorman Buck grabbed her, took her in his arms, and carried her to the sidewalk, apparently out of harm's way.

Greeley yanked the cord and the Grand Trunk car started ahead.

The Saco car in the rear started.

It was right then that Mrs. Tabitha started things all over again.

She charged from the sidewalk and went for the Saco car. There, before the motorman or anyone else could do anything, she took refuge on the top of the motorbox beneath the floor.

Both Motorman Roderick and Conductor Flint tried to reach her. It was no use, she could not be reached and there were many passengers in the car.

"These cars are already seven minutes late," said one of the officials of the road who happened to be on the Saco car. "This system can't be held up for a cat. Go ahead."

Conductor Flint gave the signal, Motorman Roderick started the power and the car was off, with Mrs. Tabitha left to her fate on the motorbox.

The official and the crew looked back. Tabby was lying still and cold in the road.

When the St. John street car barn was reached, the death of the cat and the events leading up to it were reported.

"Have someone go back and clean up the mess," said the official.

A man with a shovel was despatched.

He arrived at the scene. There was no cat around.

"Where's the cat that was run over?" asked the man of a woman who was near at hand.

"She?" replied the woman. "Oh, she just got up and walked off. She lost only one of her nine lives."—Lewiston Press.

Myrtle Gonzales has been engaged with Val Paul to appear exclusively in Bluebird Photoplays under the direction of Lynn Reynolds. This trio has produced "The End of the Rainbow."

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