

Victory Crowns Allied Arms on Every Battlefield

New York, Oct. 20.—The Associated Press tonight issued the following: Victory crowns the Allied arms on every battlefield. Northern Belgium is being rapidly cleared of the enemy by British and Belgian forces. Belgians have occupied Zeebrugge and Heyt; have crossed the Ghent-Bruges Canal, and on their left have reached the Dutch front, where 15,000 Germans, cut off from their retreat by the advance northward from Eecloo, are reported to have withdrawn into Holland, where they were interned.

Ghent, it is predicted from British headquarters, will fall at an early date and the French by a swift stroke along an extended line have put their forces within two miles of Tournai. Thielit is in the hands of the French despite stubborn enemy resistance, as well as the high ground round about.

British troops have crossed the Salla River, have reconquered Solesmes and have had hard fighting not only in the section around that town, but at St. Pythet to the east. Here the British have captured more than 2,000 prisoners.

Since the beginning of the operations in Flanders, the Allies have made an advance of more than ten miles over a thirty-six-mile front, clearing all of western Flanders, as well as the coast of the enemy.

Germans Massed to Meet Assault.

Fighting desperately to hold their position to the north and south of Le Cateau, the Germans on a front of forty miles have massed nearly half a million men. Their line is vital to the Germans, but is just as vital to the success of the Allied arms, which are steadily pushing the enemy back and breaking through at strategic points.

The British third army is smashing its way forward to the strategic Valenciennes. Success so far has attended this effort and the turning of this line will prove a source of great danger to vast masses of German troops holding the territory to the north and south.

The American forces operating in conjunction with the British north of Wassigny have advanced to the Sambre-Oise Canal. They occupied Repet, east of St. Souplet, at the point of the bayonet. Wave after wave of machine gunners forced the Americans, who inflicted enormous losses on them.

West of the Meuse American activity was confined to the consolidation of positions captured from the Germans.

Bolesheviki Beaten.

On the front in Russia a severe defeat, with the loss of 1,000 men killed, has been inflicted on the Bolesheviki in the Yelasterburg district by Czech-Slovak and Siberian forces. Three armored trains with eleven locomotives and sixty machine guns were captured by the allied forces.

Germany's reply to President Wilson has been handed to the Swiss minister at Berlin for transmission to the United States, according to unofficial advice reaching Amsterdam from German sources.

In the reply Germany expresses a willingness to evacuate Belgium soil, but believes such a withdrawal would necessarily take several months. It is added that the German government is prepared provisionally to abandon its U-boat campaign.

A Madrid despatch says that Germany has officially notified the Spanish government that the German admiralty has recalled all submarines to their bases.

CONGRESSMAN MEEKER DIED AFTER WEDDING

St. Louis Representative, Divorced, and Dying from Influenza, Married His Secretary

Congressman Jacob E. Meeker died in St. Louis one morning last week, of Spanish influenza, after his marriage on the previous midnight to his private secretary.

Congressman Meeker, a Republican, had served two terms in the House of Representatives from the tenth (St. Louis) district. He was elected in the August primary and was in St. Louis in the interest of his re-election, when he became seriously ill.

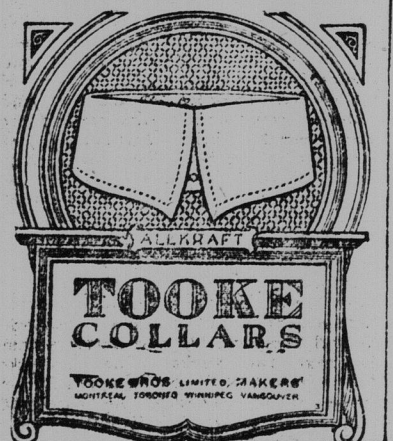
His marriage to Mrs. Alice Redmon, his secretary, followed announcement by his physician that he could not recover. He was divorced from his first wife and left four children. He was forty years old.

Y. M. C. I. BOYS' HIKE.

A very successful and highly enjoyable hike was held Saturday afternoon when J. J. McNamara, physical instructor of the Y. M. C. I., took the school boys' class out to Rockwood Park. The afternoon was ideal and the outing proved a rare treat. A programme of outdoor sports was arranged by Mr. McNamara and the various events were close and soured keen competition. The details of the sports are: 13 yard dash, in four trials, heats, 1st, Walter Hughes; 2nd, John Stevens; 3rd, Leo Rordan. Standing broad jump, 1st, Walter Hughes; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Carried Host Through Streets.

Montreal, Oct. 20.—A religious event, unique in the history of this city, took place today when the priests of the various Catholic churches, unable, owing to the epidemic, to receive the faithful in the churches, paraded the streets with the Sacred Host, thus bringing the mass to the very doors of their parishioners. The approach of the priest and acolytes was heralded by a bell or by the blowing of a bugle, and worshippers then came to the doors of their houses, knelt and received the priest's blessing.



An Appeal to the Citizenship of St. John

Up to the front-line trenches
Where the brunt of the fighting falls
And back to the last cantonment
Where the summoning bugle calls;
Wherever there's need of a brother
To carry the fighting tune,
In the war of men and angels
Go the men of the Great Triune.

—Bliss Carman

Men of St. John!

Supporters of the Great Triune of Nations fighting for the liberty of the world! The "summoning bugle" calls you TODAY to a fresh consecration of your effort and material resources on behalf of the soldiers of Canada who are playing "the fighting tune" so well on Europe's blood-sodden fields.

Nobly have you responded in MANHOOD and in MONEY in the past, and you will not fail your country nor its soldiers in the appeal that the Government of Canada now makes to you.

Money is urgently needed to carry on the war endeavors of the nation and to secure that lasting peace that is so much to be desired.

The old Loyalist City of St. John with the outlying parishes in the County, is being asked to subscribe FIVE MILLION DOLLARS to the Victory Loan—not alone because it is a good commercial investment, nor because it will encourage the building of ships here, nor because it will stimulate and stabilize industry and commerce, nor because it will add to the traffic and prestige of the Winter Port of St. John, BUT BECAUSE IT WILL AID IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CANADA'S GALLANT SOLDIERS—because it will provide them with food and clothing and medical attendance, with ammunition for their defence and progress and with other necessary war supplies.

As holders of the "supporting line" you realize the immensity of the obligation resting upon you.

Bayonets and Victory Bonds must work together until Victory has been attained, until the Harvesting of Huns has been completed and the world is freed forever from the curse of militarism and autocracy.

Canada—St. John—must "carry on" until the final day of triumph, and upon you, Men of St. John, is laid the obligation of assisting to the fullest extent of your financial ability.

Women of St. John!

You have not failed your country or its soldiers in the past, you will not fail them now in the supreme test.

Four years of untiring and loyal devotion to Britain's cause, of unselfish service and sacrifice on behalf of Canada's gallant soldier-boys, have elevated the womanhood of Canada and of St. John to a degree just a little lower than the angels. Through your gentle and loving ministrations to the soldiers the city has gained a reputation for patriotic service that its citizens may well be proud of.

In the present appeal on behalf of the Victory Loan another door of opportunity is opened to Canadian womanhood, a door of service that all can enter.

Through your influence in your homes, in your patriotic organizations, in your leagues and church guilds, and through your pocket-books you can do much to popularize and promote the VICTORY LOAN.

Keep the home fires burning, Women of St. John, but see to it that you also keep aflame the unconquerable spirit of the soldiers of Canada. This is the duty that lies before you.

Boys and Girls of St. John!

You who are just budding into manhood and womanhood—you who in a few short years will be carrying the torch that your fathers and mothers have so long been carrying, you for whose protection and liberty in the years to come the soldiers of Canada are fighting and dying today, to YOU the call of empire service comes, as to your elders.

YOU can help in this hour of nation testing. YOU can help your native city to win its honor flag with its attendant crowns. How! By manifesting a lively interest in the appeal that the government is making—by learning what the objects of the Victory Loan are—by talking about it in your homes and your schools—by urging it upon your parents—by helping where possible in the campaign and by saving up your pocket money for investment in a VICTORY BOND.

As the brave Canadian Lads pressed on to Cambrai singing songs of Victory, those at home must also press onward to Victory, with the "fighting tune" in their mouths.

"Forward, St. John" Let this be the watchword while the VICTORY LOAN Campaign is on.

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DEMANDS PENALTY ON FUE

Legal to Punish Guilty Individuals, Says Sir F. E. Smith

London, Oct. 21.—Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney-general, in the preface to a new edition of his book on international law, after dealing with Germany's defiance of that law, says that the future of civilization requires that

the authority of public law must be asserted with a punishment so memorable, because so dreadful, that the offenses will not be repeated.

For the correction of specific infractions, he adds, international law does not exclude the infliction of guilty individuals, however highly placed. Material injuries may be made good by the payment of a pecuniary indemnity and if it be objected that an impoverished nation has no money with which to make good the consequences of its crimes it may be answered that the claims of the

guilty nation to be paid interest on money supplied for the purpose of those crimes may be justly postponed for the compensation of the victims. The doctrines of international law afford abundant warrant and precedent for both these standpoints.

The assumption that the Central Powers will be represented at a peace conference in the sense that the Allies are represented would seem to require very considerable qualification, the attorney-general says. The Central Powers, he suggests, should be present in the later

stages, to hear, but not to contribute, to the decisions of the Allies.

ONE ARREST MADE; BOY MAY RECOVER

George Rogers, the thirteen-year-old lad of Barnesville, Kings county, who was shot on Tuesday and now at the General Public Hospital, is on the road to recovery, and Hugh McDermott, one of his alleged assailants, was placed under arrest on Saturday about 4 o'clock at Barnesville and is now lodged in the Hampton Jail.

SUB. OFF THE COAST

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 20.—A steamship arrived here today after an encounter with a German submarine, which occurred about 800 miles to the eastward. The attack by the submarine was by gunfire, not torpedo. A shell went through the steamer damaging the structure and several of her boats were damaged. None of the crew were injured. The steamer's guns replied but the arrival of a convoy, proceeding in the opposite direction saved the situation. The steamer will repair at this port.

MUTT AND JEFF—SIR SIDNEY AND JEFF ARE PERFECTLY CONGENIAL

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