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Canadians In The Capture Of Neuve Chapelle

Side By Side With Soldiers Of The Motherland In Brilliant Work

Under Heavy Fire But Fortunate—Germans Make Desperate Attempt to Regain Lost Ground and Three Times Are Driven Back by British Forces

Toronto, March 12.—A Mail and Empire cable from London says: "Information has been received here to the effect that one battalion of Canadian infantry assisted in the capture of Neuve Chapelle, fighting with great bravery on one flank of the advancing troops. The 4th Battalion has been under exceptionally heavy shell fire, but has escaped lightly. Up to two days ago not a man had been killed, and only a few had been wounded. There is very little sickness among any of the Canadian troops."

"A Toronto officer, writing from trenches, says:—The Germans and Canadians cheer each other. The Canadians sing the Fatherland, and the Germans sing songs in English. The trenches are only forty yards apart." Speaking of the men, he says they are brave, but cautious, and their discipline is splendid.

"There have been some casualties in the Ontario brigade during the last two days. Another batch of wounded arrived at Southampton today. The French people are treating the Canadians with utmost kindness."

CANADIAN ARTILLERY EFFECTIVE

Toronto, Ont., March 12.—The Globe's special correspondent cables:

"A British officer on the Canadian headquarters staff, writes: 'All the Canadian units are shaping exceptionally well, though the men are inclined to take great risks. The Canadians are rapidly learning the tricks of this war, besides introducing new ones. The Canadian artillery gave the Germans a frightful experience. The body of Major Higginbottom, who died at the Queen's Canadian military hospital, Shorncliffe, is going to Toronto for burial.'"

BRITISH PRESSING ON

Paris, March 12.—In a desperate attempt to regain the ground they lost in the La Bassee region, the German troops made three attacks upon the British positions last night, according to advices received from the battleground by the war office today. All were repulsed with heavy losses.

The British forces are following up their success in capturing Neuve Chapelle and have advanced their positions beyond that village, and are nearing Aubers. Despite the German statement that the French campaign in the Champagne region has ended in failure, the War Office reports that the French troops are making "noteworthy progress in this section."

British warships are again shelling towns held by the Germans along the Belgian coast, their latest attack being on Westende.

OPERATIONS BY AIR CRAFT

Petrograd, March 12.—Bombardment of the fortifications at Osowets by German aviators without, however, causing damage, and other operations by aircraft attached to both armies, are recounted in a semi-official communication issued last night.

Rumors About Bulgaria

London, March 12.—Bulgaria is transporting heavy artillery to Janina, near the Greek frontier, according to a Saloniki despatch to the Daily Mail. Geneva, March 12.—Doctor Ghemadiev, former Bulgarian foreign minister, who is at Neuchatel, is quoted as saying that Bulgaria has only one desire—to remain neutral, like Switzerland, till the end of the war.

ROCKEFELLER BEREAVED

Wife of Oil King Passed Away This Morning

New York, March 12.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller died this morning at the Rockefeller country home at Pocantico Hills just outside Tarrytown, where she had been ill for some time.

A Hague report says that secret advices to Berlin from Cuxhaven say that twelve submarines have failed to report at their base, eight of them being among Germany's latest boats. The naval council, it is said, will soon consider the advisability of abandoning the submarine war.

Phelps and Pierceland WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The area of high pressure is centred over the Great Lakes and the weather has turned a little colder from Ontario to the maritime provinces, while in the western provinces it continues comparatively mild.

Fair and Cold
Maritime—Fresh to strong northerly winds, fair and cold tonight and on Saturday.
New England forecast—Fair tonight and Saturday, moderate north winds.

COMMISSIONER CHANDLER GIVEN MATTERS TO PROBLE

E. S. Carter Lays Dalhousie Payment Before Him

P. J. Veniot Sends Word That He Will Be in Fredericton Not Later Than Tuesday to Lay Charges—No Notice of Sitings Had Been Received—Surely Not Secret Sessions at Departmental Inquiry

Fredericton, N.B., March 12.—A good deal of surprise was expressed by both the friends and opponents of the government that the investigation of Royal Commissioner W. B. Chandler should have been started without some adequate notice being advertised through the province through the press.

It was of course known that Mr. Chandler had been appointed a commissioner, but until yesterday morning all that was known of his intention to hold a public investigation was an announcement in the Fredericton organ of the government. Even those who are friendly to the government and for whom this investigation was primarily intended as opponents of the minister of public works and his official staff are complaining that sufficient time has not been given.

The invitation of the premier, in addressing the house yesterday, to the gentlemen who made the charges in connection with the Dalhousie Lumber Company's payment of \$2,983.32 as balance of stumpage account, which was not accounted for in the revenues of the province, to come forward and ask for an investigation before Royal Commissioner Chandler was promptly taken advantage of this morning by E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer, who had made the charges through the press. He addressed the following letter to Mr. Chandler.

To W. B. Chandler, Esq., K.C., Fredericton, N.B.
Dear Sir:

As it comes within the scope of your powers as commissioner conducting a departmental investigation for the province of New Brunswick, I request that you will inquire into the payment of \$2,983.32 by the Dalhousie Lumber Company, Limited, in the year 1912 for "balance of stumpage account" as arranged with Willard H. Berry, at that time superintendent of sellers for the crown department, which sum of \$2,983.32 does not appear among the receipts in the public accounts of this province.

I will be glad to give you such facts as are in my possession and the names of those who have knowledge of this matter as they may require them. I am, Yours truly,
(Signed) E. S. CARTER.

P. J. Veniot of Bathurst was also informed by telephone of the premier's open invitation and he replied that he would telegraph Commissioner Chandler at once that he was not aware he would begin work on one and would be here next day to lay before him certain matters, which in his opinion required investigation.

It is said that the investigation asked for by the Conservatives into the workings of Hon. Mr. Morrissey's department in particular is not to be open to the press and public. Even the friends of the government express the hope that this is not correct and Hon. Mr. Morrissey will no doubt demand that those supporters of the government of which he is a member should be courageous enough to come into the open and speak as plainly before his face as they have behind his back.

If Mr. Chandler conducts his investigation while the house is in session, it will be a distinct departure, and his hearings will no doubt have greater interest for the public than the house proceedings.

The following message was received by the Times today from P. J. Veniot, Bathurst:

"I have wired W. B. Chandler today that I have certain charges to make for investigation. As no public notice of the opening of inquiry was made, it was impossible for me to know when and how accusations were to be made. A friend phoned me this morning from Fredericton that the commissioner had opened his office. In view of that information I wired Mr. Chandler today that I would be in Fredericton to lay charges before him not later than Tuesday next."
"P. J. VENIOT."

A "WATCHFUL" POLICY, SAYS NEW PREMIER

Paris, March 12.—"The statement of neutrality issued by my ministry seems to me sufficiently clear to leave no room for anxiety in France as to the policy the cabinet will follow," declared Premier Ghomaris of Greece in a statement to the correspondent of the Hava agency at Athens, who informed him that the change in ministry had created a strong impression in France.

"In any case," continued M. Ghomaris, "I can add that the policy of neutrality spoken of in the ministerial declaration will be understood and carried out exactly in the same way as by the preceding cabinet, without a feeling of hostility for anybody. We Greeks love France from motives of gratitude and also, and above all, from the impulse of our hearts."

"France will have no occasion to complain of Greece who, on her side, hopes and counts always and under all circumstances on the kindly assurances of the former. Faithful to our alliance with Serbia, we shall continue in perfect understanding with Roumania to pursue a watchful policy, always mindful of the integrity of our territory and the maintenance of our national aspirations."

FORMER ARCHDUKE OF AUSTRIA DEAD

Munich, via London, March 12.—Ferdinand Charles of Austria, is dead, aged fifty-one years. He was a nephew of Emperor Francis Joseph and brother of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, whose assassination in Bosnia had much to do with the outbreak of the present war.

A cable from Rotterdam says the Germans are preparing for another supreme effort to cross the Yser and are concentrating for that purpose.

Another German Submarine Is Lost

TWO GUARDIANS OF ENGLAND'S COASTS



Above is Captain O. de B. Brook, commander of H. M. S. Princess Royal, and below is Captain A. E. M. Chaffield, captain of the 'Lion'. Both of these ships took a prominent part in the sinking of the Bluecher.

NO RIGHT TO SINK THE FRYE

Prinz Eitel's Commander Appears To Have Got Himself and Nation Into Trouble With States

Washington, March 12.—Three questions raised by the destruction of the American sailing ship William P. Frye by the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich and the entry of the latter vessel into an American port for repairs, still were to be determined today by the United States government. They are: What action will be taken on account of the sinking of the Frye, the length of time to be allowed the Prinz Eitel to make repairs at Newport News, and the disposition of her prisoners.

Pending the completion of an inquiry into the case, no decision on any of the questions was expected.

One thing has been settled, and that is that unless the German government offers to make reparation for the sinking of the American ship, and expresses regret for the occurrence, strong protest will be made by the United States government for damages. Officials here are unanimously of the opinion that the German captain had no right to sink the Frye.

It was thought likely that the German government after being made acquainted with the facts, would admit the mistake of the German commander and make reparation.

New York, March 12.—New York newspapers describing the sinking of the William P. Frye as an act of vandalism and wanton lawlessness, for which satisfaction must be given.

TENSION IN MEXICAN SITUATION RELIEVED

Washington, March 12.—Both General Carranza and Obregon have been informed that the prestige of the cause for which they are fighting will be seriously affected in the view of the United States government should they fail to take prompt measures to prevent famine in Mexico City and to permit the free exodus of foreigners to Vera Cruz.

This was the principal argument, it was learned today, in a note sent by the United States in reply to Carranza's communication denying that Obregon has interfered with the shipment of food supplies to Mexico City or had made the utterances which the American government believed might cause anti-foreign riots.

Officials seemed confident that the exchange of notes would produce a better understanding of what the United States deemed necessary steps for the protection of foreigners in Mexico. The tension over the situation has been greatly relieved by the friendly character of the Carranza reply.

AMERICAN KILLED

Chicago, March 12.—John B. McMann, formerly of Chicago, was killed by Zapata forces in Mexico yesterday, though an American flag was flying over his house and the doors had been sealed by the Brazilian consul.

DEATH OF NOVELIST

London, March 12.—Rolf Boldrewood, novelist, who was born at London in 1826, and whose real name was Thomas Alexander Browne, is dead in Melbourne, Australia. He was one of the pioneer squatters in the gold fields of California. His first novel, "Hobbery Under Arms," was published in England in 1888, and one of his latest novels, "A Tale of the Golden West," was published in 1906.

Enemy Now Dropping Bombs on Vessels

Attempt to Wreck Steamer—Submarine Chases Red Star Liner But is Outdistanced—Very Active Despite Recent Losses

London, March 12.—The destruction of the third submarine lost by Germany within a week was reported by the trawler Alex Chastie upon her return to North Shields today. He said that the underwater craft was apparently trying to ram his vessel on Thursday night, when she sank.

The German submarines show no decrease in activity despite recent losses. The coasting vessel Helen reported on her arrival at Liverpool that she was fired upon by a submarine eight miles off the Mersey bar. The torpedo missed the Helen by only twenty yards.

A despatch from Liverpool states that the Red Star liner Lapland was pursued by a submarine soon after she sailed for New York yesterday with 106 passengers, but her captain crowded on full steam and distanced the submarine. This is the first reported instance of a submarine pursuing an Atlantic liner.

Zepplin airships or aeroplanes are now beginning a campaign against British shipping in co-operation with the German submarines, according to advices from Shields that a bomb was dropped fifty yards from the vessel on Wednesday night. The steamer's crew declared they heard an airship overhead, but they were unable to see her because of the darkness.

WILL BE CALLED UPON TO SERVE

Some Who Did Not Respond to Colonel Armstrong's Summons—Local War News

The mayor and city commissioners have each received from a citizen who did not give his name, copies of a lengthy communication, which contains some startling figures as a suggestion regarding the way in which the assessment should be fixed for some of his fellow citizens.

The writer declares that business men generally should not be called upon to pay any more taxes, as they cannot afford to pay more during war times. He suggests that the banks should bear the brunt of extra taxation, and that the next in order should be the picture theatres, the street railway company and the owners of automobiles. He adds that every owner of a car should pay on an income of at least \$5,000 a year, as he had found that it took that income to support a motor car.

Attached to the communication is a long list of prominent citizens with their present assessment, and the amount on which the writer thinks they should be assessed. If his figures were correct, it would be an easy matter to secure the income the city requires, for St. John would be one of the richest cities of its size on the continent. There are several millionaires, many who are near that mark, a larger number at \$100,000 and that to be worth a quarter million.

Many other citizens would be flattered to find that they are credited with fortunes in six figures, and there are enough at \$50,000 to make up a company in the home guard.

THROWING STONES SERIOUS AFFAIR

North End Man Nearly Lost Sight Because of Boy's Act

A stone thrown by a mischievous boy in an alley off Main street, nearly opposite Cedar street, yesterday afternoon, caused serious injury to George Waycotte, who was in the yard at the rear of his house at the time. It struck him in the eye, and was feared for a time that he might lose his sight. Today, however, he was much improved. Dr. A. P. Crockett attended him.

MANY LADIES AT THE RANGE; ANOTHER MORNING RESERVED

There was such a large attendance at the city rifle range, Chipman Hill, this morning that it has been decided to give the ladies another day, and Monday mornings, as well as Wednesday and Friday mornings, will be reserved for them. The gathering this morning was quite a social event, but the ladies paid strict attention to their shooting, and many fine scores were made. Miss Quinn led with 88 on the large target.

The best scores yesterday were:—Prono, Sergeant J. Downey, 87; B. S. Robb, 86; standing rest, J. McAndrews, 94; T. Meehan, 91; A. Harwood, 89; boys, Harold Nasse, 72.

Prizes will be awarded for the best scores this week in four classes—prone, standing rest, ladies and boys.

INVESTIGATING

L. R. Ross, I. C. R. terminal agent, is making a strict investigation into the cause of the injury to Percy Linkletter, a switchman. It was said today that he had been assaulted by two men, a father and son, but this report has not been authenticated. Linkletter's statement is that he fell against a switch striking his head. His condition is slightly better today.

Still in Danger

St. John's, Nfld., March 12.—Four sailing steamers were still lashed off Cape Race yesterday.

HOW HE SOLVES TAXES MATTER

Anonymous Advisor Sends Scheme to City Hall

With Suggestions in List of Citizens Some of Whom He Puts in Millionaire Class—Enough at \$50,000 to Make Home Guard

A practical attestation of the Canadian military service regulations is being made in St. John, as members of the 3rd Regiment, Canadian Artillery, are to be forced to don the uniform of garrison duty in Halifax. When, a few days ago, Lieut-Col. B. R. Armstrong, officer commanding the regiment, issued a call for volunteers for this service there was a ready response on the part of a large number who were willing to serve in any way possible, even though in some instances, it was at a very considerable sacrifice. There were a few, however, who ignored the call to attend a meeting of those of the unit who still remain, its ranks being very much depleted by men gone overseas, and it is these members who are to be compelled to abide by the promise they made on joining—to serve in the home defence if needed.

In addition to the names of Captain Allen and Lieut. West mentioned in The Times yesterday as officers to accompany the artillery to Halifax, Lieut. J. Adams Bruce will also go with them as the third officer.

Stop Recruiting.
The ranks of the 29th Field Battery have been filled. Orders to stop recruiting were received today. So far as St. John is concerned its contribution to this unit is about twelve to fourteen men. The understanding is that this body will take up its quarters in Fredericton early next week. Lieutenant Muirhead of St. John is the only New Brunswick officer with the unit.

Local Training

The 6th R. C. M. Rifles this morning in "B" squadron engaged in squad drill, each troop later carrying on rifle exercises. The Army Service Corps, No. 4 Company, carried on training near their quarters in West St. John, while the 29th Battalion remained about the city in ordinary drill.

Recreation

In addition to their tug-o-war teams which have won a distinguished name for themselves in local athletic circles, the Army Service Corps have formed a football team in which they are taking much pride, and which will have a chance to show its mettle on next Saturday when they will play a team from an ocean liner now in port.

With 28th

Ex-Policeman Cecil McLean who has resigned from the police force has joined the 28th Field Battery and not the 6th Rifles. His numerous friends will wish him success with the unit.

Examinations

The remainder of the class of candidates for commissions in infantry training are being examined today here. Major Papineau is to conduct the examinations. Others of the class finished their course a fortnight or more ago.

ENGLAND READY TO SUPPLY COAL TO SWITZERLAND

Geneva, March 12.—Germany having informed the Swiss government that the export of coal from Germany will soon be prohibited, England has agreed to supply Switzerland as much as it requires and at cost price.

FISHING THROUGH ICE ENDED

The fishing through the ice on the Kennebecis river has ended. The men engaged are now using boats, as the ice is too treacherous. The season has not been particularly profitable.