

# OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF LOSS OF THE LAURENTIC

## LOSS OF 350 LIVES ON CRUISER LAURENTIC DUE TO EXPLOSION

**Big 14,000 Ton Vessel Struck Mine in Darkness And Sank Probably Within An Hour—Inquest On Bodies of 74 Victims Held Yesterday.**

London, Jan. 31.—Captain R. A. Norton, who was in command of the Laurentic, told the story of the loss of the ship at the coroner's inquest today over the bodies of seventy-four men of the crew, held at an unnamed city. He said:

"The vessel left port on the afternoon of January 25, carrying a complement of 470. At 5.55 I was on the bridge, when a violent explosion occurred abreast the foremast on the port side, followed twenty seconds later by a similar explosion abreast the engine room on the port side. Nothing was seen in the water prior to the explosion. The ship was steaming at full speed ahead. No lights were showing.

**Full Speed Ahead.**

"I ordered full speed ahead; fired a rocket, gave the order to turn out the boats and tried to send a wireless call for help, but found that the second explosion had stopped the dynamo."

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DAY AT FARMERS' CONVENTION

**H. B. Durost, O. C. Hicks, S. J. Moore and C. L. Lachleir Principal Speakers on Timely and Important Topics—York Co. Farmers Organize for Seed Growing.**

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 31.—Today's session of the New Brunswick Farmers' and Dairymen's Association convention was even more successful and enthusiastic than that of yesterday. More farmers arrived and the attendance is nearing the 300 mark.

Addresses were delivered by H. B. Durost on fertilizer and soil cultivation, O. C. Hicks on clover and timothy seed production, S. J. Moore on lessons to be learned from seed fairs and standing field crop competition, and G. L. Lachleir on timothy as it pertained to the west.

The address of Mr. Durost and the consequent discussion which was participated in by large numbers of the farmers occupied practically the entire morning. In the afternoon seed fairs was the main attraction and was well worthy of inspection.

**Seed Fair Success.**

For a number of years the Department of Agriculture has been conducting these annual seed fairs and they are beginning to bear fruit. The exhibits were the best in point of quality and largest in number which have ever been shown and this afternoon as a result of the showing made a number of farmers of York county met at the department office and organized the York County Seed Growers Association. The following officers were elected: Jas. S. Neil, president; Wm. Inch, vice-president; Harry Duplessis, treasurer. The association adjourned to meet for further organization on February 14th.

## Had Violent Coughing Fits Looked Like Consumptive

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## KAISER CALLS ON DEITY TO ASSIST HIM

**"German People in Holy Wrath," Says He, "at Rejection of My Peace Offer."**

Amsterdam, Jan. 31, via London.—Emperor William, in replying to a telegram received by him from the director of the province of Brandenburg, says a despatch from Berlin, sent this message:

"After thirty months of warfare, rich in sacrifices, the entire German people, in holy wrath at the rejection of my peace offer, is inspired anew with doubled strength, and stands as one man, with the Kaiser and Empire in order victoriously to pass through the blood of the final battle which now has become inevitable for house, home, honor and freedom, and finally to place enemy peace disturbers within bounds. May God and our good sword help us thereto!"

**Touton Agreement.**

London, Jan. 31.—Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, and Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, have returned to Berlin from headquarters at the front, where a complete agreement on measures to be taken by Germany on land and water was reported, according to a Berlin telegram transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent.

## D. S. NESBITT WINNER IN ST. STEPHEN

**Mayor Grimmer Returned Unopposed—Five Former Councilors Re-elected, Two by Acclamation.**

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Jan. 31.—The town elections passed off quietly today, though a lot of interest was shown by the candidates, and a large vote was polled in the two wards in which there were contests.

In Queens ward the vote was—Thomas Toal, 170; W. G. Nelson, 163; J. M. Flewelling, 131. It was the first attempt that Mr. Flewelling had made to enter public life, and his vote was very flattering. The two men elected were members of the council last year.

In Kings ward, the result was—D. A. Nesbitt, 132; W. F. Higgins, 112; A. A. Mallory, 109; LeRoy W. Hill, 49. Mr. Nesbitt had not before sought public honors, and his splendid vote was very gratifying to him. Mr. Higgins, the other man elected, was a member of the board last year, as was Mr. Hill.

In Dukes ward—F. D. J. Graham and David Johnson were unopposed, as was F. Parker Grimmer for Mayor.

## A SOLDIER ENTERTAINED.

Douglas Harbor, N. B., Jan. 31.—Harold A. Cookley, who recently enlisted with the 236th Klites, has been visiting his parents here for a few days. He returned to Fredericton on Wednesday to take up his duties of training.

On Tuesday evening a number of his friends met at his home and after a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Cookley was presented with a silver ring by the Progressive League.

The party then united in singing the National Anthem and after the good wishes were said dispersed to their homes.

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<b>OBITUARY.</b> Mrs. Catherine Thompson, widow of Robert Thompson, died Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Amos, 81 Germain street, West St. John. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Thompson is survived by two sisters, Mrs. M. Jellison of Boston, and Mrs. Eliza Foster of West St. John; two sons, Samuel and Spencer Thompson of West St. John; twenty-two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The deceased was 98 years of age, and enjoyed good health until a few weeks ago. The funeral will be held at 2.30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Mrs. Ernest A. McLean. Bloomfield, Jan. 31.—The death occurred here Monday of Mrs. Annie McLean, wife of Sergt. Ernest A. McLean, of the 116th Battalion, now in England. Mrs. McLean, who has been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond, has been ill for some time, and though at first hopes were entertained of her recovery, for several months now her relatives and friends have known she could never be any better and her death, through a shock, was not unexpected. Beside her husband and little son, about three years of age, she leaves to mourn her father and mother, and three brothers, Rev. H. D. Raymond of Barrie, Ont.; M. Kenneth Raymond at home, and Lieut. Carl Raymond, of the 146th Regiment, Montreal. The entire community extend their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in their time of trouble.	<b>STOVES AND RANGES.</b> <b>PLUMBING AND TINSMITHING.</b> <b>PHILIP GRANNAN,</b> 588 Main St., 'Phone M. 365.	Special to The Standard. Hillsboro, Jan. 31.—The death of Alexander Lowe occurred at his home on Friday after a lingering illness of heart failure. Deceased is survived by a wife, four daughters and six sons. The daughters are: Mrs. Henry St. Osborne, Mrs. Herbert Beck, Mrs. Alice Lowe and Mrs. Arlington Tower. The sons are: Harley, James, Joseph, George, Harry and Darrell. The funeral was held Sunday at twelve o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. S. W. Schurman, pastor of the First Baptist church. The floral tributes were beautiful. Interment was made in the Gray's Island cemetery.

**EXPERIENCE**

American Girl to the Front

It was hard to realize in the war zone, says Mowter, staff correspondent New York Globe, and Nows, writing from France, mobile carried us up through a forest, and the snow-covered vine soon gave way to fields of recent cultivation.

We passed little groups such as one seen in New York, evidently elderly men, evidently road work. We were for some unfamiliar sight came upon a series hanging from the trees, the road. They were coarse burlap stained yellow. "They are put there," Mowter said, "to conceal the road at points where otherwise be visible to the enemy."

We looked again at strips of cloth. They were actually be German cannon? And I was perhaps saving up ammunition? Ridiculous! Like somebody's washing a line. I had to prod to grasp all the circles realized, of course, that such scenes probably were not German. I was convinced so easily. Four low mounds in a ever they might be it had nothing to do with eitherless I called the tent to them.

"Oh, those," he said. Hun positions."

Once more I understood that this was real hand, careless way of lery. I was worried about Pass Into Ruined

We passed a woman over her head, accompanied child. We passed a pe along. They were so might be met with on country road. Once more of the war. A block posted ahead of us later we were entering of a bombarded town. ed to make the war s we turned abruptly into square, which was an Here and there the remained standing, but there was nothing once had faced the molished. Not a single to show that the houses been inhabited.

This at last was war! I. Here, obvious had happened—something for human beings had ruined buildings. They tng there for centuries, continued, generation tion, on that provincial provincial lives among which were an ever of the lives that had go which united descendant cesters in the old Fr Now all was gone. Ce and death remained the sunshine.

A short distance bey our motor car stopped out. We were at a sort in the open fields. A sentry box at what entrance to a small farm were a few men in hor first young soldiers we the same time there, al along a path a file of soldiers, and carry packs on their backs.

"They were brought Morocco," explained th. "They are so small that they could not fit the trenches. They have sometimes," he ad smile, "but they don't are allowed to keep the and they simply eat all a quarter of an hour a field which would be clean, with a floor of dugouts appeared in a Here we were presented who was to accompany trenches. He was a st dark-eyed man, with the terse speech of oning obeyed. He told us the war he had commu talion of the Foreign L can service.

He led us down into a boyan winding away vanced positions. It clean, with a floor of earth. I was reminded warren. We twisted b interminably, and at expected to emerge upon battle, but instead there calm, blue, beautiful and to right and left, w an expanse of snow stretching away peace were lost in a blue haze. As we proceeded we ca the entrance to dug side trenches and we h

**Women Enter Dr**

"We were allowed to do one of these dugouts, enough to stand in and feet long. By the light could see a double row of fence wire in place of mattrass. On the whole, more comfortable than pected, though it must