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CITY OF PETROGRAD IN FLAMES; CITIZENS BEING SLAUGHTERED

Pillaging and Riots Taking Place with no Semblance of Police or Military Regulation—American Troopship, with 2,800 Soldiers Aboard, Torpedoed—Ship Beached; All Hands Saved—Loss of "Missanable" Confirmed—Comparative Quiet on Western Front Due to Bad Weather—French Capture Important Strategic Position

MORNING DESPATCHES

THE "MISSANABLE" SUNK FOUR DAYS AGO

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—News of the sinking of the British steamship "Missanable" of the Canadian Pacific Railway Line, four days ago, after landing a large number of men in France from this side, has been received here. She was on her way westward.

DOUAL EVACUATED, SAYS BERLIN

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Reports from Berlin say that Douai has been evacuated by the Germans.

WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENT ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Weather conditions between Arras and the Aisne prevent active fighting, but slow progress is still being made.

FRENCH CLOSE UPON THE HINDENBURG LINE

PARIS, Sept. 11.—The French are close upon the Hindenburg line on the banks of the Meuse and the Sambre Canal. The enemy's artillery and machine gun resistance is becoming heavier.

FRENCH CAPTURE TRAVECY

PARIS, Sept. 11.—The village of Travecy near the southern end of the main Hindenburg line has been captured by the French, according to reports received here. If the French can hold this town, important enemy positions at Lafere, the northern defense of St. Gobain Massif, two miles south of Travecy, will be virtually outflanked.

BRITISH REPULSED HEAVY COUNTER-ATTACK

LONDON, Sept. 11. (Official).—During last night the British line was advanced slightly in the region of Verdun, northwest of St. Quentin. Field Marshal Haig reported today that the Germans delivered a counter-attack in the region of Ecourt St. Quentin; it was repulsed in stiff fighting. There was sharp fighting also at Gouzeaucourt. The Germans were beaten off at one point where British posts remained in enemy possession.

PETROGRAD GIVEN UP TO FLAMES AND PILLAGE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Word received at Washington today from European sources states that reports there said that Petrograd was in flames in many places and that the indiscriminate slaughter of citizens, pillaging and riots were taking place in all parts of the city. According to these reports there is no semblance of law or police or military regulations.

LARGE AMERICAN TROOPSHIP TORPEDOED

LONDON, Sept. 11.—A troopship with 2,800 American soldiers on board, has been torpedoed. All hands were saved; the troopship was beached. In order to save time, instead of launching boats, the men clambered down ropes to destroyers, which swarmed around the stricken vessel and came close alongside. This operation was greatly facilitated by the fact that the sea was not rough. The troopship was a member of a large convoy approaching the English coast. The vessel was torpedoed two hundred miles from shore at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

BRITISH GAIN FOOTING IN TWO TOWNS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 11.—British troops today gained a footing in Pozieres and Epehy, on the railroad between Bessel and Maroing.

REPORTED LOSS OF "MISSANABLE" CONFIRMED

MONTREAL, Sept. 11.—News of the loss of the "Missanable" was confirmed this afternoon by the Canadian Pacific Ocean Steamships Company. The steamer sailed from a British port on September 8th with fifty-nine soldiers and a number of passengers. It is believed by the Company that none of the passengers were lost.

JOY-RIDING MUST GO!

Save money by cutting out joy-riding. By doing so you also save gasoline. The growing scarcity of this product has compelled the Fuel Controller to request its discontinuance for all unnecessary motoring. Every good citizen who owns a car will fall in line with this request. Necessity should be the only exception to the rule. Joy-riding must go for the duration of the war. The nation's need comes before the individual's pleasure. Save gasoline and you save money. More than \$150,000 can be saved on Sunday alone if Canadians abstain from joy-riding on that day.

Wife of Soldier is Penniless and Has No Patriotic Money

Separation Allowance Has Failed This Month—Three Small Children—And Aged Father Has Stood Between Her and Starvation

A pathetic case for the consideration of the Patriotic Association is that of Mrs. Mary Carroll, of 16 Paul Street, London. Mrs. Carroll has three small children under 6 years of age, and although her only means of support is the separation allowance which the Government furnishes, her husband being in the trenches, that allowance has failed to arrive for the month of August, leaving the young wife in a state of complete poverty. If it had not been for the kindness of her father, who is 72 years of age, and yet working for his own living, the wife and children would have been absolutely destitute on the non-arrival of the separation allowance. Mrs. Carroll has received no help whatever from the local patriotic association.

Her husband, who, previous to his enlistment, was employed in the Hamilton Steel Wheel Works, joined the 142nd Battalion here, later deserting. However, on October 21 of last year he gave himself up, and joined the W. O. R., going overseas on the 14th of December. He is now in the trenches, serving his country like the rest of them.

When the young wife approached the Patriotic Association and asked for help, she says she was told that an allowance had been sent her during the months of her husband's desertion from December to October of the next year, and that this length of time must elapse after her husband's re-enlistment before she should again receive payments.

Although Mrs. Carroll was in Hamilton during the time of her husband's desertion, and says she consequently did not receive the payments from the Patriotic Association, she has waited patiently for the required length of time to elapse, and thinks that now some help is surely due her, especially as the separation allowance has failed to appear.

The case came to the notice of The Advertiser through the Great War Veterans' Association, and it is expected that something will be done about the matter immediately.—London Advertiser.

Girl Powder Makers Killed

Paterson, N.J., Sept. 11.—In a flare-up of a smoke-producing composition used in the manufacture of airplane machine-gun tracer bullets, four girls munition workers, Caroline Zerbrandt, Frances Sleenger and Lillian Leckie, all of Astoria, and Charlotte Zindie, of Paterson, were killed. All were burned from head to foot. The accident occurred late Saturday night at the cap works of the Dupont de Nemours Powder Company at Pompton Lakes, N.J.

Siberian Force to Concentrate on B. C. Coast

Victoria, Sept. 11.—Victoria has been chosen as the concentration base for the troops mobilizing in Canada for service in Siberia, according to notification received by Major-Gen. R. J. Leckie today. The location of the camp here has not yet been decided. Up-to-date 108 men have been enrolled for the British Columbia company of the contingent, which is in command of Lieut.-Col. J. Harvey.

Near Million Mark Toronto Exhibition

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 11.—With a total of 946,400 paid admissions during the twelve days of the Canadian National Exhibition, the attendance came within 52,000 of the desired million mark, a difference that would easily have been wiped out and even far surpassed had rainy weather not intervened.

Two heavy freight trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway met head-on early yesterday morning about one and one-half miles east of Tremblone, near Quebec, and were derailed.

GENERAL SYNOD OPENED TODAY

Toronto, Sept. 11.—With solemn devotional services in St. James Cathedral this morning, the triennial meeting of the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada began this morning and will probably last for two weeks. Twenty-six archbishops and bishops, including Right Rev. J. N. McCormick of Western Michigan, who delivered the administrative sermon, were among the delegates present.

Gallant Foxboro Soldier Killed

Lieut. W. A. Shaw, Well Known Farmer and Stockman Killed in Action

Friends at Foxboro were shocked to receive word that Lieut. W. A. Shaw had been killed in action. The brief message stated that he had met his fate on Aug. 30th.

Lieut. Shaw was the son of the late John Shaw, a well known farmer who resided near Foxboro. He is survived by his mother, one brother, J. G. Shaw, merchant, Foxboro, and one sister, Miss Ory Shaw, B.A., now residing at home, but formerly a teacher in Whitby Ladies College.

As soon as war was declared, Lieut. Shaw heard the call. He was operating a 250-acre farm near Foxboro and was one of the best known stock breeders in that district, his herd of purchased Holstein cattle being one of the finest. As soon as he could arrange his affairs he enlisted with the 155th Batt. and was appointed one of the lieutenants. In order to get overseas he reverted in rank to private. After several months he was assigned to the famous second battalion and placed under the command of his old neighbor, Major Poscoe Vanderwater. On active service he displayed such conspicuous efficiency and gallantry that he was recommended for promotion to his old rank. He had the distinction of having refused so honorable a proposition informing Major Vanderwater that he had come to France to fight and preferred to remain a private.

Lieut. Shaw was unmarried. He was in religion a Methodist. He came from patriotic ancestry who had a notable military record. The gallant close of so honorable a career calls for mingled expressions of sorrow and admiration.

Dominion Revenue and the Debt are Soaring

With Heavy War Expenditures the Debt is now Over a Billion.
Ottawa, Sept. 11.—The Dominion Revenue for the first five months of the current fiscal year have increased twelve and a half million dollars, as compared with the same period last year, though the customs collections have fallen off seven millions. The war expenditures are \$13,000,000 more for the five months. The net debt is now \$1,159,000,000, as compared with 364 millions this time last year.

No Riding on Sundays

Sulphide, Sept. 11.—The little mining village of Sulphide, near Tweed set an example to the surrounding communities last Sunday in the matter of conserving gasoline. Of the 30 odd cars owned in the village, none were in use for pleasure purposes, and it has been resolved to continue this every Sunday until the gasoline situation is officially reported as improved.

Freight Congestion Not to Blame

Pittsburgh, Sept. 11.—There will be no shortage of coal or food this winter on account of transportation congestion, according to Director-General McAdoo, who is here today to attend a meeting of the directors of the Eastern and Allegheny Valley railroads.

Broken Rail Piles up G. T. R. Freight Train

Sends 23 Cars From Track and Ties Up Traffic—Crew Unhurt

Twenty-three freight cars were piled up in a heap on the right of way and 300 feet of track torn up, as a result of the derailment of a G.T.R. east-bound freight one and a half miles west of Kerwood about 9:30 o'clock Saturday evening. A broken rail is given as the cause of wreck. The freight crew all escaped injury. Three auxiliaries from London, Hamilton and Sarnia Tunnel, have been working since accident, and traffic was restored on the westbound at 8:45 on Sunday evening. The east-bound will not be cleared for two or three days the officials state. All traffic they say, will be passed over the one track with very little inconvenience.

The freight, which was composed of 41 cars, 14 of which were filled with corn and oats, destined for points east of Toronto, was making about 30 miles an hour when the accident occurred. The engine and first three cars passed safely over the rail, but the following 33 cars were derailed. The train was brought to a stop about the time the 33rd car had left the track, and thus the rear of the train, in which were the trainmen, remained on the track. The train was in charge of Engineer Love of Mimico and Conductor Pinkney of Sarnia Tunnel.

As a result of the wreck, the boat train, which made its last trip of the season on Sunday, was routed by Stratford. All freights were taken over the same route. The passenger trains were sent to Sarnia by way of Gloucester and Kingscourt, which delayed some of them one hour.

Last Rose is Blooming

The Cool Autumn Days are Fast Approaching.
It will not be long before that old song, "The Last Rose of Summer," will be quite appropriate, for the last roses are already blooming. Each morning there is a touch of autumn in the air, and the balmy days of summer are fast fading into the oblivion of the past. The re-opening of the schools, the end of the baseball season, the return of the migratory birds are some of the indications in Port Hope which point to the coming of fall days.

During the past summer there have been a number of very warm periods, but for the most part the weather has been delightful. The rain was not too copious to be disagreeable and it came at the seasonal periods when the crop most needed moisture. The bumper crop which has been predicted for Ontario has been benefited inestimably by the alternate rain and sunshine which nourished and ripened the grains.

The vegetable growers, too, have had a very successful season and the hundreds of greater productionists in the town have stored away enormous quantities of vegetables for winter use.—Port Hope Guide.

Lusitania Monument

Spanish Sculptor Has Completed the Model.
Madrid, Sept. 11.—Moises Huerta, the Spanish sculptor, has completed the model for a monument dedicated to the victims of the Lusitania, which is to be erected on the seashore near Boston. The monument represents the earth drawing from the sea-bed the bodies of the torpedoed vessel's victims.

As a grand finale to Picton Fair the Directors are putting on a big dance in the Picton Armouries on the last night of the Fair, Thursday, September 19th, to which people from all adjoining counties are invited to come. Magnificent music by an orchestra of 15 pieces, combined with unlimited floor space, will make this one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Take in the last day of the Fair, and stop over at Picton to enjoy this big event that Picton prepared for you. 811-6th St.

Wm. Fewster and Arthur Clarke, prepared for watering their milk sent to Uniondale factory. Mr. Morrison by Secretary Baker, of the War Department, and it is now before the International Joint Commission to which will resume consideration of it to-morrow. The Canadian Government dis-

News From the County and District

Brief Items of Interest Gathered by Our Exchange Editor.

A Narrow Escape

While engaged in some developing work in a mica mine near Wilberforce a few days ago Mr. James Best, a well known resident of Bancroft, met with an accident, which has kept him confined to his bed ever since. A boulder weighing several tons became loosened and in falling struck Mr. Best just above the hips. It was only by throwing himself forward when he saw the stone coming that he escaped with his life. It was a very close call, and one side down to his foot, is black and blue.

Twenty-Eight Have Given Lives

The addition last week of Bert Boland's name to the roll of graduates of the Rentrew Collegiate Institute who have made the supreme sacrifice in the present war, made the twenty-eighth name on the list of this honor roll. The number of those who were students of this school and who had been wounded has grown beyond the possibility of accurate count by anyone in town.

More Drunkenness Than in England

"Notwithstanding what has been said to the contrary, I believe there is less drunkenness among the men of the Canadian army in England and France, although beer is available, than there is in prohibited Toronto." This was the statement made last night by Lieut.-Col. (Rev.) Beattie, formerly of Colborne, at Cooke's Church, Toronto, when speaking on "Our Hours in the Trenches."

Two Teams for \$1500

Whitman Haggman, of Locust Hill, sold a pair of six-year-old geldings to a Toronto man for \$800, and this week sold a team of three-year-old geldings to N. Starr, of Orillia, for \$550.

A New R. C. Presbytery

The sound of hammer and chisel is now heard on St. Francis Xavier church premises in Rentrew, workmen having begun to cut stone for the erection of a new presbytery and the enlargement of the church. The present presbytery has outlived its usefulness, while with the growth of Rentrew the church has become much too small. Building operations this year are to consist of the erection of the new residence and the laying of the foundation for an addition to the church. Galleries will be put in, and there is to be decorating done.

One Potato Yields One Hundred

When it comes to real high grade farming you must pass the bun to our genial friend, Constable Walter J. Colwill. The Captain took one

Irish cobbler which he received from Halleybury, cut it up and planted seven hills. The yield from these seven hills was eighty-seven large potatoes and more than a dozen smaller ones, but all large enough for table use. We don't think that this record can even be tied.—Port Hope Guide.

Difference in Price Today

A farmer from the Township of Hope sold his crop of peas from eight acres to H. A. Sculthorpe & Sons last week for \$572.00. The farmer tells us that twenty years ago he received for the crop from his entire farm of 167 acres the sum of \$612 or only fifty dollars more. This gives some idea of the difference in price being paid to the farmers today.

Brookville Man Badly Injured in Auto Fatality at Arrprior

Arrprior, Sept. 11.—Herbert McCormack, was almost instantly killed and his companions Lawrence Tompkins, formerly of Brockville, L. Parsons and H. Humphrey were badly injured, when an automobile in which they were joy-riding at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, collapsed and turned turtle. The automobile was travelling at racing speed and when, opposite Dr. Cranston's residence on Midawaska street, McCormack, who was driving the machine, lost control, and it careered on to the sidewalk. It ran along for some distance, when both the wheels on the right hand side came off and the auto tumbled, killing its occupants on the spot.

McCormack was caught under the machine and crushed so badly that death was almost instantaneous. Medical assistance was quickly forthcoming and Parsons and Humphrey, who were badly injured, were taken to the hospital and the body of McCormack was removed to the morgue. An inquest was opened in the town hall yesterday afternoon, and adjourned for a week pending the recovery of the injured men.

McCormack was 34 years of age and leaves a wife and two young children. His tragic death has caused much sorrow in the town. He was very popular, and was a prominent member of the fire brigade and the town band.—Brockville Record and Times.

Bowmanville Man Breaks His Arm

While cranking his car the other day, Mr. Archie Tait, the well-known Bowmanville grower, the engine back-fired and the result was a broken arm, the second time in the experience of Mr. Tait. We should think a self starter for Archie at this

They Fail at Washington

MEIGHEN AND SIFTON
Understood That Their Report Concerning Damming of South Channel of Long Sault is Disappointing.

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. A. L. Sifton, who went to Washington as envoys of the Canadian Government regarding the proposed damming of the south channel of the Long Sault, have returned home with a report it is understood that their mission was quite disappointing, and that the assurances they sought were not forthcoming, though the matter officially has not been disposed of. The Aluminum Company of America, it will be recalled, asks for the privilege of constructing a submerged weir at the south channel of the Long Sault, and urges that by so doing they will be enabled to greatly increase their output for war purposes. The application is backed by Uniondale factory. Mr. Morrison by Secretary Baker, of the War Department, and it is now before the International Joint Commission to which will resume consideration of it to-morrow. The Canadian Government dis-

The C.N.R. will run an excursion from Belleville to Picton Fair on the last day of same—Thursday, September 19th. 811-6th St.

Mrs. J. I. White, of Hamilton is the guest of friends in the city.