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Fifteen Die In Zeppelin Raid Upon England

Evidently Reprisal For Successful Attack on Rhine by the Allies — War in Air Grows Strenuous

London, June 16—A Zeppelin airship visited the northeast coast of England last evening, and dropped bombs. Fifteen deaths are reported from the district in question, and fifteen persons were wounded. Some fires were started by the projectiles from the Zeppelin, but by this morning they had been overcome. This information was contained in an official announcement made in London today.

Beginning with the German air raid in the municipal area of London, May 31, in which four persons were killed, the last sixteen days have brought reports of aerial attacks by both sides, all of which indicate a determination to force the fighting from the clouds. An air attack by the birdmen of one side has been followed so closely by a counter attack from the other, although on a different locality, that retaliation is strongly indicated.

Yesterday morning twenty-three aeroplanes delivered an attack upon the German city of Karlsrhue, killed nineteen persons and wounding fourteen and inflicting material damage.

The raid on England follows this onslaught well within twenty-four hours.

BRITISH CAPTURE LINE OF GERMAN TRENCHES

Paris, June 16—The French war office reports:

"British troops yesterday captured a line of German trenches to the west of LaBasse.

"A German airship was compelled to come to land within our lines. The aviators were made prisoners."

ST. JOHN LOSES A BRIGHT YOUNG BANKER

Promotion Comes to E. Blake McInerney and He is Going to Head Office, Montreal

An important promotion has come to E. Blake McInerney, accountant with the Royal Bank of Canada. It has been learned that he has received an appointment to a responsible position in the head office of the Bank in Montreal and will leave to take up his new duties as soon as his successor here is appointed, probably by the end of this week.

Mr. McInerney has been in the service of the bank for eleven years although still a young man, and has earned an enviable reputation for efficiency in the various posts which he has held.

He has been popular and highly thought of by all the patrons of the bank and will be greatly missed in St. John. His many friends will be pleased however that his departure means a substantial promotion and he will carry away with him their best wishes for continued success.

FREDERICTON SERGEANT IS IN CASUALTY LIST

Father is in 55th, Brother in 23rd Battery—Commissioner Chandler Resuming Inquiry

Fredericton, N. B., June 16—Sergeant Richard A. Gregory, of Calgary, on the list of casualties of the 10th Battalion today, is a native of this city, son of a shoemaker, R. W. Gregory, of the 55th, in Sussex. His brother, W. H. Gregory, is a member of the 23rd Battery, now in France.

Sheriff Smart, of Houlton, and F. W. Hillman, of Augusta, who examined the body of a man found near Sugar Island boom, were unable to identify it as that of Deputy Sheriff Hillman of Island Falls.

W. B. Chandler will hold court here tomorrow to investigate alleged irregularities in connection with the public works expenditures in Kent county.

P. J. Veniot of Bathurst arrived here today.

A two mile timber berth at Connell Settlement, York county, was sold this morning to Wm. Coullham for $75 a mile.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe returned last night after attending the Netherwood closing.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER BULLETIN

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

The low pressure wave which was over Ontario yesterday morning has disappeared north of the St. Lawrence and another is now approaching the Great Lakes from the west. The weather continues cool and showery in the western provinces and frost occurred almost generally this morning in Saskatchewan and more locally in Manitoba, while over most of Alberta the minimum temperature was well above the freezing point.

Fair

Maritime—Moderate southerly winds; fog off coast, clearing inland; Thursday, fair.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, light northwest winds.

PERHAPS ANOTHER ARTILLERY BATTERY ORGANIZED HERE

Col. B. R. Armstrong Hopes to Get Permission—More Recruits For the 55th

There is a possibility of another battery of artillery being formed from St. John. As yet no authority has been received, but Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong, O. C. the 3rd Regt., C. A., said this morning that he was hoping to get permission to raise such a unit. The scheme is to have the battery organized from the depleted ranks of the 3rd, together with volunteers. The expectation is that it would be commanded by a local officer, and others of commissioned rank would be from the 3rd as well. Judging by the excellent showing already made in France by the artillerymen from the 3rd, the militia authorities should be pleased with the offer.

The Montreal Battery

Announcement was made in the local press a few days ago that a heavy battery of artillery was to be organized from the maritime provinces to form a part of an artillery brigade to be commanded by a Montreal officer. These plans have been somewhat changed since then, so that neither New Brunswick or Nova Scotia will be asked to furnish any volunteers for this unit. Prince Edward Island will be asked to provide two officers and seventy-two men.

A Good Showing

Quite a number of rcruits were sent forward to join the 55th battalion at Sussex last evening by Sergt. London, the majority being enrolled from St. John. They included the following:—Ernest Hammond, Albert Ritchie, George Orr, Alfred Smith, Arthur Buckley, Fred Buckley, James Stephens, William Lacey, Harold Miett, Harry Merriman, Louis Kendred, Joseph Pike and Archibald Dryden, all of St. John, the latter a transfer from the 26th; Victor Clem, of Welsford, N. C. Barnaby Francis, P. E. Island, and Perry McFawn, of Hoyt Station. Sergt. London also received several applications today and will probably have more going forward tonight.

Recruiting Meeting

Rev. Captain H. E. Thomas, chaplain of the 55th, returned to the city today from Inniskillen, where he addressed a patriotic meeting last night in the interest of recruiting. An address was also given by Rev. Robert Smart. W. H. Kirkpatrick occupied the chair. Both speakers were well received, and it is expected that good results will follow. Two recruits offered themselves at the close of the meeting, Charles Underwood and Arthur Duplissea. The latter has two brothers already in the service.

P. E. ISLAND BOY DROWNS AS FAMILY LOOK ON, HELPLESS

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 16 — Oscar Edwin Mabey, aged thirteen, of Tryon, son of Albert Mabey, was drowned while fishing from a bridge. His hook become entangled, and in bending over to free it, he fell in. His brother, who was with him, ran for his father; by the time they reached the spot he had gone under the bridge and had come within twenty feet of the bank. He succumbed from exhaustion and sank before the eyes of his family. The body was found.

EXPECT RECORD APPLE CROP IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, N. S., June 16 — Basing a forecast upon the set of blossoms in the Annapolis Valley, the apple crop will be a record one.

TRENCHES MADE OF MASONRY

Strong Defences of Austrians Along Isonzo River

BREAK THE RULES OF WAR

French Torpedo Boat Goes Down After Collision With a Steamer—A Swedish Steamer Attacked—Reducing the Ring About Enemies

Rome, June 16—An elaborate system of entrenchments have been prepared by the Austrians along the Isonzo river. At some points there are several lines of trenches, some built of masonry or concrete. They are guarded by many mines and batteries. General Cadorna reports:—

"An examination of some of our wounded shows that the enemy is using explosive projectiles. An inspection of the remnants of projectiles where there has been fighting, also shows that the enemy has been employing devices explicitly condemned by international conventions.

"The health of our troops continues excellent, and their spirits always are high."

FRENCH TORPEDO BOAT IS SUNK.

Cherbourg, June 16—The French torpedo boat No. 381, of 97 tons, sank today after a collision with the British steamer Arleya. Six of the warship's crew were drowned.

A Swede Torpedoed.

London, June 16—A Copenhagen despatch says the Swedish steamer Verdandi, 947 tons, was torpedoed yesterday off Christiania Sound by a German submarine. A German cruiser took the crew aboard and shelled the Verdandi, but she was timber laden and did not sink.

More Restrictions.

London, June 16—There is a further tightening of the ring by which food supplies are prevented from entering Germany, Austria and Turkey. An order in council announces that the exportation of certain important foods for man and beast is totally prohibited, while other foods and forage may be exported only to France, Russia, Spain and Portugal.

The articles include onions, potatoes, rye, rye flour, rye meal, buckwheat, millet, molasses, arsenic and its compounds.

DR. H. C. WETMORE PASSES AWAY

Assistant Receiver General Dead After Illness of Only a Week

When it became known about the city this morning that Dr. Horace Canning Wetmore, deputy receiver general for New Brunswick, had passed away at his home, 31 Dorchester street, great numbers of friends were shocked and grieved. Doctor Wetmore was held in very general respect. He had been sick for only a week, having come in from his country home in Ketepec on Tuesday a week ago, ill with pleurisy. His death in the office of deputy receiver general is the third to take place among prominent citizens occupying that position within a comparatively short period, George Robertson, Hon. Robert Maxwell, and himself. Doctor Wetmore had been the incumbent of that office only since September 5, 1914. He was fifty-one years of age, born at Clifton, Kings county, on November 19, 1864, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Wetmore.

He received his primary education at the district school at Clifton and afterwards took a course at the Normal School at Fredericton. He afterwards taught school in Kings county and elsewhere in the province, and while so engaged contifued his studies under tutors in preparation for college, and later attended the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, from which he took his degree in 1890. He practised his profession of dentistry very successfully in St. John for twenty-five years.

In literary matters Doctor Wetmore took a very active interest and his many friends of the Fortnightly Club and other associations of a like nature will feel his loss.

In 1914 he was elected as comodore of the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club, which position he held at the time of his death. He took a very active interest in yachting, was always an able and active member of the club and a friend of every member.

In politics Doctor Wetmore was always a Conservative and vigorously assisted in the many elections which had taken place while he was a resident of this city, although never seeking political honors himself. He will be well remembered as chairman of Kings Ward for several years, and as a very active politician.

In last September, and after the death of Hon. Robert Maxwell, Doctor Wetmore received the appointment of Assistant Receiver General of New Brunswick, and had filled that position to the time of his death.

He was a member of Union Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and also a member of St. George's Society.

On June 29, 1898, he married Louise Tilley Hanington, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hanington, and is survived by his wife and three sons. His father and mother are still living at Clifton, and one brother, Austin R. Wetmore, and his sister, Mrs. S. S. Carmichael, also reside there. Miss Minta Wetmore, another sister, is a nurse at Newton Highlands, and Allan H. Wetmore, of this city, is a brother.

Three From This St. John Home To The War

Thomas Spellman.

Walter Whipple.

Here is a St. John household that may well be proud of the part done by its members for the empire cause. Its three men are away to the war and the wife bravely carries on her lonesome task, caring for her five little ones while daddy fights for king and country. Eagerly Mrs. Walter Whipple of 104 St. Patrick street watches for the postman with news from the battlefront but cheerfully she speaks of duty done in the great cause.

Her husband, Walter Whipple, whose picture is here shown is in Col. A. E. Massie's Army Service Corps, Company 5, at present in England awaiting the call to the front. Then there are his two cousins—both members of her household. John Spellman and his brother, Thomas,—already both at the firing line.

Thomas went across in a remount steamer and enlisted in Lord Derby's regiment in England. John is with the 14th Battalion. A letter received this week from John brought news of his being well but he saw no prospect of getting home this summer.

GAIN IN NUMBERS FOR METHODISTS

Figures Show Increase of 126 For the Year—Total Contributions For All Purposes $207,843—Liquor Problem in P. E. Island Discussed

The annual session of the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist conference is drawing to a close, and the business will be concluded either this afternoon or this evening. Today is being devoted to the clearing up of unfinished business, including the consideration of the reports of committees.

The committee on the state of the work made an appeal for a deeper spiritual life. On the recommendation of the missions committee a special committee was appointed to select semi-independent circuits to be classed as missions and thus relieve the sustenation fund. The contingent fund committee placed the assessment for the coming year at $850. A section of the report of the committee on social service, dealing with the sale of liquor in P. E. Island was taken exception to and referred back for further consideration. The statistical secretary reported a total membership of 14,749, an increase of 126, and total amount raised for all purposes, $207,843.

The ministerial section met this morning at 8.45 o'clock to conclude their business and adjourned promptly.

When the business session opened, Rev R. W. Weddall presented the report on Sabbath observance, recommending better enforcement of the laws at the seashore and other summer resorts, and also urging vigilance in preventing unnecessary work under the guise of patriotism.

Rev. C. J. Gould presented the report of the committee on the state of the work, advocating family worship, pastoral visitation, the need of men for the ministry, the deepening of spiritual life, expressing appreciation of the services of the evangelist and recommending his engagement. It was adopted.

The missionary committee presented the motion from Charlottetown to place all semi-independent circuits upon the basis of missions.

An amendment providing for the appointment of a committee to select such circuits to be made missions and relieve the sustentation fund was adopted. The committee reported contributions of $16,459.01, an increase of $35.38 over last year. The number of the committee was placed at five, and Revs. George Steele, J. L. Dawson, G. M. Young, C. Flemington and Thomas Hicks appointed.

Rev. Thomas Hicks presented a supplementary report on the contingent fund, showing income of $777.46, and expenditure of $682.95 and recommending that $850 be levied for the coming year.

The report on Social Service and Evangelism was presented by A. C. M. Lawson, and taken up section by section. The wording of a section on the liquor situation in P. E. Island was objected to and the report was referred back for amendment, Rev. J. L. Dawson and Hugh Miller being added to the committee to make a quorum.

The report of the statistical secretary was submitted by Rev. J. F. Rowley. The report showed a total membership of 14,749 for the conference district, an increase of 126 over last year. The total amount of money raised for all purposes throughout the conference during the year was $207,843.50.

Rev. George F. Dawson and Prof. Hunter were added to the supernumerary fund committee.

After making the consideration of those who have died during the year the order of business for three o'clock p. m., the session adjourned to resume at two o'clock.

Casualties Now 8,763.

Ottawa, Ont., June 16—Seventy-six names were added to the casualty list overnight, seventeen killed, forty-eight wounded, and eleven prisoners of war. The total now stands at 8,763.

WILL CONFER ON VALLEY RAILWAY

Mayor Frink to Arrange Meeting With Federal Representatives, Board of Trade and Commissioners to Discuss Connection With Transcontinental

At a special meeting of the common council held at noon the Board of Trade resolutions advocating steps to secure the completion of the Valley Railway to give direct connection between the N. T. R. and St. John were taken up. The matter was referred to Mayor Frink to arrange for a conference between the city's federal representatives, Hon. Messrs. Hazen and Pugsley, the Board of Trade council and the city commissioners to discuss what steps may be taken to expedite the construction of the railway.

The mayor was given authority to pay $500 to the 26th Battalion Fund if he deems it necessary.

Previous to the council meeting the commissioners met in committe and Commissioner McLellan submitted tenders for new waterproof covers for the Salvage Corps, several having been destroyed in the Jardine building fire. He was authorized to purchase twenty from J. S. Eagles & Company at $22.

Comissioner Wigmore was given authority to proceed with a water extension in West. St. John to supply Algonquin Place, 425 feet in length, at a cost of $570.

His recommendation for the construction of a sewer in Chesley street from Bentley street to Hamilton's mill, 1,025 feet, at an estimated cost of $2,500, was laid over for a conference with the city chamberlain and bankers regarding the best method of financing it.

Commissioner Potts said a new sewer is needed in Acadia street before street work can be carried on and Commissioner Wigmore said that he intends to recommend it.

CHICAGO STRIKE COMES TO END

Service Resumed and Points at Issue Will go to Arbitration

Chicago, June 16—The strike of 14,000 street car men was called off a little after five o'clock today. All points at issue will be settled by arbitration. Operation of cars on all lines was to be resumed as quickly as the striking men could be notified.

The end came with the selection of Mayor William Hale Thompson as the third member of a board of arbitration, the main question at issue. The companies will select an arbitrator by Saturday. W. D. Mahon, international president of the street car men's union probably will represent the men.

Sessions of the board of arbitration probably will be begun early next week. All questions at issue will be heard without any advance concessions.

THE ROYAL GOVERNOR GENERAL IS IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., June 16—The Duke of Connaught arrived here at eleven o'clock this morning. He visited the warships and this afternoon will meet the Red Cross workers.

Moncton, N. B., June 16—When the Duke of Connaught passed through here this morning about 4.30 o'clock, en route to Halifax, a large number of citizens assembled to greet him. The Loyal Protestant Band also turned out.

New German Troops Face The Russians

Latter Admit Loss of Ground in One Section—White Flag Violated But Germans Promptly Pay the Penalty

Petrograd, June 16—The following official statement was issued last night at the War Office:—

"Fighting continues in the Shavli district without substantially modifying the situation. During Monday night the enemy delivered a futile attack in the direction of Nyazynice and Bakh, as well as several isolated attacks in the district north of Pryasnysz, all of which we successfully repulsed.

NEW GERMAN TROOPS

"In Galicia the Germans made good their losses by bringing up fresh troops not before seen on this front, and they resumed the offensive in the Jeroslau district on the right bank of the San, supported by a strong artillery fire. After three days of hard fighting we yielded some ground to the enemy on the right banks of the Lubazowka and the Wyznia, a tributory of the San.

"On the Dniester on Sunday we delivered a successful counter attack on the left banks of the Tismenitza and the Stry Rivers. Here we made 1,200 prisoners, including twenty-nine officers and captured seven machine guns.

"The same day the Germans attacked in the sector south of the bridgehead of Jidatchoff, taking the village of Rogouhzno. At dawn of the following day, we delivered a counter attack, and recaptured the villages of Rogouhzno and Jouravkoff. We secured, also, a gun with its equipment, and several artillerymen.

WHITE FLAG VIOLATED

In this engagement the Germans hoisted a white flag and treacherously opened fire. Consequently they all were bayoneted by our soldiers.

"The enemy continues his attacks on the bridge heads near Nijnioff employing strong forces of artillery to this end. During last Sunday we repulsed these attacks and made more than 1,500 prisoners.

"Between the Dniester and the Pruth, in the region of Czernowitz, we have withdrawn beyond our frontier."

STIRRING LETTER TO FREDERICTON FROM SOLDIER AT FRONT

Private James J. Jones, who enlisted at Toronto and went to England with the 7th Mounted Rifles and is now with the 10th Battalion in Flanders, in writing to friends in Fredericton, says:

"I had my first baptism of fire on Wednesday night, May 19, and it was some battle. We advanced on Friday night, the 21st, and captured some trenches under heavy artillery fire. The charge was led by our commanding officer, Major Guthrie, of the 10th Battalion, and he is some leader. The boys all think the world of him. He is a game officer.

"The Germans are the biggest lot of cowards I have ever seen. When they see us coming they take it on the run. They don't like our steel. I saw Bill McLeod when I was coming up the road the other day. He is looking fine and is with the Engineers.

"They gave us a bad shelling this morning, but we only lost one man and had two wounded. Why a loss of 400 a day is nothing here. I am writing this letter from the trenches and their big guns are pegging away over my head trying to put our guns out of action.

"We are out of the trenches for a rest and I thank God. It was Hell up there, the shells were bursting all around us. The German artillerymen are very poor in their marksmanship, but were good enough to put some of our men out of commission. On Thursday, the 20th inst., there were fourteen of us sitting around the trench when a coal box, as we call them, and by this I mean a big shell, came through, killing eight and wounding four. I was standing quite close, and the vibration of the shell threw me flat on the ground. I did not know whether I was fixed or not. I picked myself up and went over to where the rest of the boys were. They were lying all around, and we got the wounded out as soon as possible. We then carried the dead behind the trenches. I shall never forget it. The next morning we buried the poor fellows and put a wooden cross over each grave with the name of each one who was killed written on the cross. We lost a lot of the boys, but the Germans lost ten times as many. We took some trenches and you ought to have seen the cowardly Germans run. They are a cowardly lot of curs. It won't be long before we put them on the run again, and once we get them in the open, it will be good-bye Germans. They will never know what hit them.

My brother Jack is with the 13th Battalion. They are the Kilties. They went into the trenches last night. I wish them luck and hope they come out of it better than we did. There are a few fellows from home in the 10th Battalion with me, including Eddie McDonald, Ernest Fenety and some boys from Marysville and St. Stephen.

REDMOND ILL

Irish Leader Is Suffering From Potmaine Poisoning

London, June 16—John E. Redmond, Irish Nationalist leader, is suffering from ptomaine poisoning, and will be unable, for some time, to attend sessions of parliament.

LETTER TO WIFE TELLS OF COL. GUTHRIE'S WOUNDS

Shell Inflicted Many Injuries—News of Other New Brunswick Soldiers

In a letter to his wife, received this week, Lt.-Col. Guthrie says:

"This is about the first chance I have had since the Kaiser's message landed at my feet to get a line to you. On the evening of the 25th I was blown up by a 'coal box,' but I am still on top and coming fast. I experienced a broken ankle, gash in instep, two cuts in shin of left leg, torn scrotum, dislocated left hip, sprained left arm and cut on cheek. Outside of this I am all right.

"I have been brought through to Boulogne on my way to England, where I shall be shipped tomorrow. My wounds are healing nicely and I expect soon to be able to walk. Every one is good to me, and the doctors are the best in the world. Don't worry over any rumors that may come across as to my condition, as I shall be back on the firing line in a month or so.

"This letter is being written by the chaplain, Canon Hunt, who knew the late Bishop Medley."

Friends in Fredericton have received letters from Capt. J. H. Lyne Evans, adjutant of the 3rd Battalion, in which he states that he was not seriously wounded, but was completely knocked out when a shell burst alongside him after five days of heavy fighting near Ypres. He was sent to England, and at the time of writing (May 24) expected to be back at the front by June 4.

Mrs. J. P. McDonald of Fredericton received a letter from her son, Private Edward McDonald, written on May 28, stating that he had just come out of the trenches after being there for eighteen days. He is now with the 10th Battalion.

Private Arthur Hodges, who was employed at the Queen Hotel, Fredericton, is now a member of the 10th Battalion in France. Writing to friends he tells of having met Private Bert Burden and other Fredericton boys at the front.

BYRAN SAYS HE DID NOT MAKE CONTRIBUTION

Washington, June 16—W. J. Bryan today denied that he had made a personal subscription of $500 to Welland "for the alleviation of distress among interned Germans."

"It may have been that I have signed a letter at the state department transmitting money to the relief fund contributed by some one for whom the state department was acting. The department has acted in that capacity often."

JUNE SNOWFALL IS IS REPORTED IN BRANDON

Brandon, Man., June 16—Thermometers registered four degrees of frost here last night, and a light fall of snow was recorded before midnight.

INSPECTION TRIP

H. C. Grout, Atlantic superintendent of the C. P. R., left last night for McAdam, where he will meet A. Price, assistant general manager, and C. B. Foster, assistant traffic passenger manager. They will go north over the line on an inspection trip.

Says Britain Already Has Four Million Under Arms

Milwaukee, Wis., June 16—Arthur Doc, son of General J. B. Doc, formerly United States assistant secretary of war, a Rhode scholar, who has spent six months as a hospital automobile driver with the British army at the front, has returned with a declaration that the British are assembling an enormous army now four million strong.

"There are at present four million men under arms, from the British Isles," said Mr. Doc. "Of these 1,000,000 are in France. In addition there are various regiments of colonials.

"The British army is getting stronger every day. The recruits exceed the casualties. The man who sent out a story that the British nation is not aroused and is not responding, is practicing deception. I traveled extensively through England and everywhere were apparent the determination and quiet patriotism of the people."