

## AMERICAN MISSIONARY LOST ON TORPEDOED FRENCH VESSEL

### French Troops Succeed in Entering German Lines on the Vosges Front

#### NO TROUBLE IS LOOKED FOR IN IRISH ARRESTS

Sinn Feiners and Gaelic Leaguers Were Taken in Charge by Authorities

#### PERSONS ARRESTED Are Not Prominent; Affair Styled "Flash in the Pan"

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Feb. 24.—Nothing has yet been revealed concerning the reason for the arrests in Ireland of members of the Sinn Fein and the Gaelic League, beyond the brief official statement that they were made under the clause of the Defense of the Realm Act, empowering the taking into custody of anybody whose behaviour gives reasonable ground for the suspicion that he has acted or is about to act in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Flash in the Pan. The newspapers are giving little prominence to the arrests, which in a majority of instances are of quite conspicuous persons. The Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent, telegraphing Friday, says a very calm view is being taken of the situation there and that it would require a great effort to fan into flame any sedition, which may be smoldering beneath the surface. "The present flash in the pan," says the correspondent, "was due mainly to the astonishing result of the present Roscommon election, which made a hero out of Count Plunkett, who was elected as a Sinn Feiner."

#### HUNS IN KRUPP WORKS STRIKE

Disturbance in Essen Factories Continues; 40,000 Out of Work

By Courier Leased Wire. Maastricht, Holland, via London, Feb. 24.—The strike in the Krupp factories in Essen is constantly extending, according to Les Nouvelles. The paper says that 40,000 workers are now on strike, due to the lack of food, and that disturbances have occurred at Aix-la-Chapelle from the same cause. The police asked for the intervention of troops who, it is said, refused to act.

#### CASUALTIES OF THE DISTRICT

Two London Men Are Killed in Action, Three Wounded

Killed—London—Sergt. C. H. Collyer, Pte. Corrick Carfrae. Orangeville—Pte. Harry Glover. Wounded—London—Corp. J. J. Jackson, Pte. Skeggs, Pte. W. R. Devlin. Dutton—Pte. Albert Hicks. Exeter—Pte. A. E. Brackenshire. Walkerton—Pte. Leith Russell. Seriously Ill—Sarnia—Major David B. Bentley.

IT IS EASY! To save money at J. W. Burgess' Big February House Furnishing Sale, 41 Colborne St.

#### Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The disturbances which were over the great lakes yesterday are now moving across the Maritime provinces, accompanied by strong winds and rain. The weather continues decidedly cold in the western provinces. Forecasts. Fresh west and northwest winds, fair, colder to night. Sunday—Fair and cold.



"Zimmie" Fair and cold.

#### U. S. MISSIONARY LOST ON ATHOS

Presbyterian Clergyman Went Down on Torpedoed French Steamer—Over Fourteen Hundred Persons Saved

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Feb. 23.—The French steamer Athos, carrying Senegalese troops and colonial laborers, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea.

The torpedoing occurred despite the fact that the Athos was escorted by the French torpedo-boat destroyers Mameluk and Enseigne Hény, which, aided by a gunboat, saved 1,450 persons from the steamer.

#### American Missionary

An American Presbyterian missionary, Robert Allen Haden, stationed at Foo Chow, China, perished on the Athos, according to news reaching Washington. Haden was drowned while going back to the ship to assist some others.

#### FULLY NOOTRAL



BISHOP BULL: "Why do you always curtsy when the Kaiser is mentioned?" Dame Wilson: "I go on the principle of the other old lady who curtsied at the name of the Devil, to be safe in any event."

#### SEVEN DUTCH VESSELS SUNK

Believed That Crews of All the Steamers Escaped With Their Lives

#### WESTERN APPROACH To English Channel Was Scene of the Sinking

London, Feb. 24.—Lloyds announces that the crews of the following steamers were landed yesterday, their vessels having been torpedoed on Thursday.

Zaandijk, Dutch, 4,189 tons gross; Noorderijk, Dutch, 7,156 tons; Eemland, Dutch, 3,770 tons; Jacatra, Dutch, 5,373 tons gross; Menado, Dutch, 5,874 tons; Bandaeng, Dutch, 5,851 tons and the Steamship Gaasterland.

It is believed all the men on these vessels were saved. Four of the seven Dutch steamers were homeward bound with full cargoes. The attacks took place in the western approaches to the English channel.

No instructions as to the routes were either asked for or given by the British admiralty. All the arrangements were in the hands of the Dutch authorities.

#### Enemy Lines are Pierced by French Forces in Vosges; German Factories Bombed by Dirigibles

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Feb. 24.—The war office announces that a French detachment penetrated the German lines in the Vosges north of Senes last night.

The announcement follows: "In the Vosges late yesterday one of our detachments penetrated the enemy's lines north of Senes. In the morning, after a violent bombardment, the Germans attempted, without success, a surprise attack on our trenches at Wisembach. On the remainder of the front, the night was calm."

"One of our dirigibles last night dropped bombs on factories in the region of Briey and returned without incident to the station to which it is attached. Four hundred kilograms of projectiles were thrown by our aviators on the German bivouacs in the forest of Spincourt."

#### CLEVER ARREST

A clever arrest was made by the local police yesterday afternoon when they took in charge a fourteen year old boy of the city on a charge of burglary, in connection with the recent robbery of Bishop's hardware store some weeks ago. Since the time of the occurrence the police yesterday the boy was taken in charge by Detectives Chapman and Schuler, the articles stolen being found in his possession. Despite his youth, the lad is said to have a bad record.

#### BERLIN ADMITS HUN RETREAT

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Feb. 24.—via Sayville.—The Germans yesterday abandoned parts of an advanced position in the Somme sector to the British, the war office announces.

DUFF'S BAND The recruiting for the re-organized Dufferin Rifles continues in full swing from night to night, the number of recruits accepted being gratifyingly large. On Monday night a special effort will be made to organize bands for the regiment and musicians of all kinds are cordially invited to be present and enroll.

#### INTERNED GREEK SOLDIERS MUTINE

Discontent Among Forces Who Surrendered to Bulgarians, Causes Serious Trouble and Disturbances

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Feb. 24.—According to advices received by Greek authorities here there has been serious trouble among the 8,000 Greek troops who surrendered to the Bulgarian-German forces at Kavalax and are now interned at Goeritz.

Hunger and discontent over the failure of the German authorities to keep repeated promises of repatriation are said to have led to frequent mutinies and a large number of deaths from disease, exposure and privation are reported. The attitude of the troops has compelled a number of their officers, including their commander, General Hatzopoulo to leave Goeritz.

#### DEATH OF MAJOR WILKES

Hero of the Northwest Rebellion Passes Away Commanded a Company in the Thick of the Fighting at Fish Creek and Batoche

The death occurred in the city last evening of Major Walter A. Wilkes, beloved husband of Florence E. Wilkes.

The deceased, a Brantford boy, had been staying here for some time endeavoring to recoup his health amid old scenes. At the end he fell asleep very suddenly.

He was born in this city on June 8th, 1858, the youngest son of the late City Treasurer Wilkes. After passing through the Public Schools and Collegiate Institute he studied for the legal profession and took his barristers robes at Osgoode Hall. From his earliest years he took a very deep and prominent interest in military matters and joined the Dufferin Rifles as Second Lieutenant on April 20th, 1877.

In 1883 he went to Winnipeg as a member of the law firm of Ross, Killam, and Haggart and on arrival in the Prairie City helped to organize the 90th Battalion, in company with the late Col. McKeand and Lt.

Col. Boswell. At the time of the Riel Rebellion, the regiment at once went to the front and the deceased was in command of "C" Company, familiarly known as the "Little Black Devils." Under the command of their Captain they were in the thick of the fighting at Fish Creek and Batoche and sustained the most casualties. There were no railway facilities in that section of the West at the period named and the hardships they overcame were exceedingly great. As the outcome of his splendid work, the deceased received a medal with clasps.

He returned to this city in 1893 and again joined the Dufferin Rifles becoming a Captain and Adjutant. He was promoted to Major on July 16th, 1891 and was later in command of the regiment.

He retired retaining rank on Sept. 9th, 1901 and later returned to Winnipeg where more than he became Registrar of the Court of Kings Bench, a position which he still held at the time of his demise.

The post was given him largely because of his noble services during the Northwest trouble. Major Wilkes was a man of most affable disposition, a most competent officer, and thoroughly well liked by a large circle of friends.

He married Miss Scott of Sarnia, who survives together with an only son, Lieut. Gerald H. Wilkes, who has for some time been at the front, a member of the 1st Field Co's Canadian Engineers, now in France.

To them sincere sympathy will be extended in connection with their bereavement. Mr. Geo. H. Wilkes and Lt.-Col. A. J. Wilkes of this city, and Miss Annie Wilkes, also of this city is a sister.

#### WASHINGTON AWAITS ACTION

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 24.—With adjournment of Congress one week off, President Wilson today had given no indication of when he will go before that body with a statement on international relations and Secretary of State Lansing was out of the city on a three days vacation. After yesterday's cabinet meeting officials were unusually reticent, and the next regular meeting will not be held until Tuesday. Ordinarily some move of the President would be looked for soon after a conference with his cabinet advisers.

Temporary excitement created yesterday by news that an American missionary was drowned when the French liner Athos was torpedoed, was allayed today by press reports that the vessel was being used as a troop transport and was conveyed by two destroyers.

Baron Zwiadineck, charge of the Austrian embassy here, is said to have been told during a call, at the state department that until relations with his government become more satisfactory no arrangements would be made for official reception of the new ambassador, Count Tarnowski.

SAVING COAL Librarian E. D. Henwood, announced this morning that the reading rooms of the Public Library would not be open as usual to-morrow. The scarcity of coal is responsible for this action, an endeavor being made to conserve the present meagre supply on hand.

#### HOLLAND WILL NOT TOLERATE SHIPPING TIE-UP

Stoppage of Neutral Sailings to Allied Ports Raises Issue With Britain

#### SOLUTION REQUIRED And Two Countries Must Co-operate to Find it

By Courier Leased Wire. The Hague, Feb. 24.—via London.—The stoppage of a considerable number of neutral sailings to British and allied ports has raised an issue between Great Britain and Holland, according to The Gazette de Holland. The paper says:

Britain Must Act. We can hardly expect Great Britain to rest content while Germany secures such advantages by illegal threats and pressure. Great Britain has made counter demands amounting to a compulsory resumption of traffic with herself. The situation can only be temporary. Dutch shipping must be resumed in due course as the nation's life depends on its overseas commerce.

Solution Wanted. Dutch merchants are sensible to the loss that would accrue if the connection with Great Britain was more or less severed, but it is one thing for a fleet of British merchantmen to cross the North Sea with a convoy of destroyers and another for Dutch ships to cross alone and unarmed. Both countries have a large interest in solving the problem set by German ruthlessness and the solution will not be found in hasty demands and angry words.

#### TWO BRITISH VESSELS SUNK

Seven Lives Lost on Steamer Grenadier; Black Prince Also Lost

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Feb. 24.—The British steamer, Grenadier has been sunk, Lloyds announces. The captain and six men were killed and the remainder of the crew landed. The British steamer, Trojan Prince has also been sunk.

There are two British steamers named Grenadier, the first of 1,004 tons and the second of 357 tons. The Trojan Prince measured 3,196 tons, and was owned in New Castle.

#### BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL

A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held in the Secretary's office yesterday afternoon.

War Relief funds—The secretary reported that during the present year the amount received for War Relief purposes was \$219,441, including a total, including that previously remitted, of \$332,911. The pledges and donations received to date enable the committee to remit \$300,000 monthly during 1917 for Belgian relief.

Hotel accommodation.—Mr. Littlefield addressed the meeting in regard to the hotel accommodation of Brantford with special reference to that of the Kerby House. He contended, at the meeting agreed with him, that proper hotel accommodation is of very great importance to the welfare of the city.

It was decided to invite Mr. Littlefield to address the members of the board at its next general meeting. Communications were read in regard to Nickel Mines in Canada; motor car taxes; bribery and secret commissions act; 9th congress of chambers of commerce of the Empire; Pauline Johnson Memorial tablet; thrift; daylight saving; patriotic fund committee; reports regarding the Ontario associated boards of trade and town planning conference resolutions; and, the recent visit of Quebec representatives in Toronto and Hamilton.

Annual.—It was decided to hold the annual general meeting on Friday, March 2nd, at 8 o'clock in the Temple building.

See "War as It Really Is," Under the Auspices of the Courier at the Rex on Monday and Tuesday