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Falls From The New Bridge Across The Reversing Falls To His Death

Painter Plunges To Death From The Structure

Was Newfoundland Man Named R. Callaghan — First Serious Accident Since Bridge Work Commenced

While at work this afternoon on the new bridge over the reversing falls, one of the painters lost his balance and fell into the surging waters. Immediately the alarm was given, and in a very few minutes three or four boats were on the scene, with men scanning the water, but apparently without avail.

Up to 2:45 o'clock the body had not been recovered, nor did there seem any hope of getting it. It is not thought that the man came to the surface after once striking the water. This is practically the first serious accident which has happened to the men of the Dominion Bridge Co. since they started the construction of the bridge.

LATER R. Callaghan, a native of Newfoundland, was the man drowned. Little is known of him among the workmen there, but the company building the bridge has records which will furnish information concerning his family and other matters relating to him.

WATER WORK GIVING STEADY EMPLOYMENT TO HUNDRED AND FIFTY

One hundred and fifty men are being kept in steady employment by the water and sewerage department at present and this without encroaching at all on the work which has been mapped out as cold weather programme for the winter months.

The department completed this week the water extensions in Charles street, from Garden to Dorchester and in Minto street and the renewals in Carleton street. The new work in Durham street will be completed this week and a start will then be made on the water and sewerage extensions in Lansdowne avenue, Portland Place. Other work now in hand includes renewals in Dorchester street, the new water mains to supply the latest government wharves in West St. John and the water and sewerage mains to the tuberculosis hospital, East St. John.

A start was made this morning on an extension of the water service in Wright street, near Prospect, where a lead pipe less than an inch in diameter which was supplying several houses will be replaced with an eight inch main. The department will also commence this week on a 700 foot extension in Clifton street, West St. John.

While the water mains are being laid or renewed considerable additional work is being carried on at the same time in the way of renewing sewer pipes, installing new hydrants and laying larger pipes to connect with the hydrants.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturp, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis:—The weather remains very mild and showery in Ontario and Quebec and generally fair elsewhere. The temperature is rising again in the west. Showers Tomorrow

Germans Make New Attempt To Hack a Way To The Coast

More Violent Fighting is Reported--Some Talk of Putting Fleet to Use--Russian Task Regarded as a Big One

London, Dec. 2.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph wires from Central France: "Once more the Germans have turned their faces toward the sea and are trying to hack their way to Calais and the coast. A new army has been brought up on the scene and a new road has been chosen, and it is rumored that the German fleet will not be idle.

"The failure of their efforts to reach the coast from the north is ascribed to two causes—the inundations, which overwhelmed and paralyzed their attacks, and the guns of the British ships, which devastated their exposed flank. The country between Ypres and Arras, is immune from these risks. There are no dikes to open, and no naval guns can reach it. Of what use, then, it may be asked, is the German fleet?

"To prevent reinforcements coming from England? This, I think, I imagine, is nothing but a bluff, though the presence of German submarines in the English channel and German air raids on the coast are evidences that the Germans have been maturing plans behind the screen they have drawn in Flanders."

FIGHTING NEAR YPRES London, Dec. 2.—Telegraphing from West Flanders, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Heavy fighting has begun near Everdinghe, northwest of Ypres, after the longest pause during the war. Promiscuous artillery fire by the Germans has been resumed at Ratscapelle and Fersyve."

PARIS OFFICIAL REPORT Paris, Dec. 2.—The French War Office gave out an official announcement in Paris this afternoon as follows: "In the region to the south of Ypres and Saint Eloy an attack of the enemy against an intrenchment taken by our troops during the day was repulsed by us. Our artillery inflicted damage on a group of three batteries of heavy artillery of the enemy."

"A Vermelles the chateau and the park surrounding it, two houses in the village and some trenches were brilliantly occupied by our forces. There has been a spirited artillery exchange in the vicinity of Fay, to the southwest of Peronne."

"In the Argonne a German attack against Fontaine Madame was repulsed and we made some progress in the occupation of a trench in the forest of Courtes Choussees and a minor fortified position near St. Hubert. "On the heights of the Meuse, in the Voivre district, and in the Vosges, there is nothing to report."

HARD WORK FACED BY RUSSIANS. London, Dec. 2.—The Times Petrograd correspondent says there is still no definite decision in Poland, but that the Germans, while making desperate efforts to reinforce their army, which he believes can be done only from the Franco-Belgian theatre, are holding their positions facing Lodz and Lodz despite the awful climatic conditions. In Petrograd, he adds, there is no disposition to underestimate the magnitude of the task still before the Russians.

According to the view held in military circles, he says, the situation is one of extraordinary and unprecedented importance. Nothing like it in respect to interest and even danger, he concludes, has presented itself hitherto, and all the indications point to the maintenance and even an increase of the present tension.

WARSHIPS STOP GERMANS VISIT New York, Dec. 2.—A special cable to the Herald dated "On the Belgian frontier, Tuesday," says: "The bombardment of Zeebrugge and vicinity yesterday by the allied squadrons, caused another cessation of the activity of the German naval brigade, which last week had resumed the work of equipping the Zebrugge harbor as a naval base for operations and a depot for a large quantity of their stores."

SEE GOOD OMEN IN KING'S VISIT New York, Dec. 2.—A Paris cable to the Herald says: "The report comes from good authority that King George is to meet President Poincaré. There is the greatest satisfaction over the King's visit, in fact, it is the only topic of conversation among Parisians, who consider the optimistic tone of Field Marshal Sir John French's despatches, and King George's trip, as good omens."

"King George yesterday went to the base hospital, containing British, Indian and German wounded in France." Prince's Fund \$20,000,000. London, Dec. 2.—The Prince of Wales fund for national relief today reached the total of \$20,000,000.

Belgian Prince's Son Killed. London, Dec. 2.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam a Reuter correspondent says that one son of M. de Broqueville, the Belgian premier, has been killed in battle, and it is rumored that a second son also has lost his life in action.

Germany's Wounded. London, Dec. 2.—It is reported that the American hospital at Munich already has had more than 6,000 patients, although it can accommodate no more than fifty. The daily stream of German wounded surpasses all the estimates yet made.

Servians in Serbia. London, Dec. 2.—In a despatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, the correspondent of Reuter says that reports indicate that the situation in Serbia is critical. The Servian army, it is declared, has been withdrawn from Belgrade, and telegraphic communication between Belgrade and Nish, the present location of the capital, has been interrupted.

Left All to Wife. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 2.—The will of Hon. Colin H. Campbell, dispose of an estate totalling \$248,000, inclusive of \$140,000 life insurance. All goes to the widow.

RECOMMENDS \$800 RETIRING ALLOWANCE A YEAR FOR CHIEF Commissioner McLellan to Submit Police Matter to Common Council at Today's Meeting

A superannuation allowance of \$800 a year for Chief Clarke will be recommended by Commissioner McLellan at the meeting of the Common Council this afternoon. If the report of the investigation into the affairs of the police department, conducted by W. B. Chandler, of London, Ontario, royal commission, is not taken up by the council, otherwise Commissioner McLellan will submit the copy of the report which was sent to him. With the report he will submit one of his own recommendations, that the chief be retired on half pay, the usual standard for superannuation.

BRITISH RULE BEST FOR EGYPT

An Interview With Rushdi Pascha—Tribute to Kitchener as Soldier and Statesman

London, Dec. 2.—The Cairo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables an interview given to him by Rushdi Pascha on the advantages of British rule in Egypt. "England is the natural protector of Egypt on many grounds," said the prime minister. "Her prominence in Egypt assures for her that that great highway to the east will be kept open. Her control safeguards the European financial interests in Egypt, and to us it means the integrity of our territory."

ICE PIERCES CANOE; FOUR MEN DROWN IN A QUEBEC LAKE

Quebec, Dec. 2.—When heavy ice, shoved by a strong gale, ploughed their canoe in four places, early this week, the four men perished. The canoe was in the Lake of Sept-Isles in the Shawinigan district above Three Rivers. Among the dead was Lawrence Page, a contractor for the Great Falls Lumber, Pump & Paper Company of Three Rivers, a former Montrealer.

WOULD SHUT DOWN THE SALE OF LIQUOR FOR WINTER AT 6 O'CLOCK

Moosejaw, Sask., Dec. 2.—W. B. Willoughby, opposition leader in Saskatchewan, announces that he would support the government in closing all bars, wholesale liquor stores and clubs at six p. m. during the war.

RUSSIA TAKES CHARGE OF COMMERCIAL MATTERS OF ENEMY IN CZAR'S DOMAIN

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—An imperial ukase authorizes the finance minister to take control of the expenditures and receipts of societies, companies and enterprises founded or operated in Russia by subjects of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey. It expressly prohibits, without the special authorization of the minister, the payment, delivery or transfer of any ready money, papers of value, silver, gold plate and precious stones that may be owned by subjects of the countries mentioned.

WIRELESS PLANT HIDDEN IN RIGGING OF GERMAN VESSEL

Berlin, via London, Dec. 2.—The minister of the colonies announces that the German merchantman Preussner is now in the harbor of Sabang, Dutch East Indies, having been confiscated. The captain is being prosecuted because, although the vessel was not provided with a wireless apparatus, he maintained a secret wireless plant hidden in the rigging of the vessel which was operated from the officers' cabin.

Sent Back From Salisbury Pain; They Reach St. John

Thirty-five or Forty, Practically All Foreigners--Local Military Keep Guard at Wharf and Steamer

Two squads of red-coated soldiers with bayonets fixed guarded both ends of the wharf in front of the McCleod warehouse, where the Donaldson Line steamer Cabotts docked at noon today from Glasgow. Another squad, stationed at the foot of the gangway, prevented access to the steamer through the warehouse. The reason for the careful guarding of the steamer was that she brought, besides her cargo of general freight, several men who, it is said, had been rejected from the Canadian first contingent now at Salisbury Plain.

On account of the fact that it was not possible for outsiders to board the steamer and the representatives of the Donaldson Line were loath to give out anything about the matter, just who the men aboard are could not be learned, but it is understood that they are all foreigners. It is even said that two of the men are Turks who left before Turkey became mixed up in the European conflict.

When the steamer docked the men were gathered on the bridge deck and there appeared to be about thirty-five or forty of them. Mostly all bore a foreign appearance. Just what is to be done with them is a matter of conjecture, as there is a doubt of their being allowed to land here by the immigration authorities. The immigration men were on the steamer for quite a while this morning. There is a possibility of the men being sent to Halifax and detained there until a decision is reached as to their disposal. A large crowd of people gathered about the wharf.

TODAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS

The Sending of More Men--Some Hardships in "Weeding Out"—Bear Mascot Not Allowed to go to The Front

Local officers are for the most part somewhat perplexed as regards the meaning of the statements credited to Major Hughes in Ottawa yesterday as to the sending of 81,700 more men from Canada. While it is not made plain, it is understood that these men will form a third contingent. Nothing definite has been said as to when the second contingent or any portion of it will be sent across to the other side but the feeling is that it will be at least a month, and possibly longer. It is felt that it will be easily possible to secure the number spoken of by the minister of militia, but instructions to recruiting or commanding officers here do not make it clear as to whether there are to be further additions to the service from these parts or whether there will be no further mobilization of men for any branch in the second contingent. There is still no further announcement of appointment of local officers.

The Cavalry. The first definite announcement concerning the provision of cavalry for overseas service was made by Major General Hughes yesterday and unless there is a revision of the advice, the maritime provinces will be asked to furnish one full regiment. The belief is that this can easily be mustered in the three eastern provinces, in fact it is felt that one regiment could be secured in New Brunswick alone. Early in the year the 28th Dragoons and the 8th Hussars volunteered for service as units and the majority of them are still at home ready to sign.

Still Weeding. The process of elimination is about ended at the army among the men of the 26th Infantry Battalion. Because of the remarkable surplus of volunteers it was possible to select men most fitted from every viewpoint for service and the result is a regiment that it is felt will be without a peer in the dominion. There are many disappointed ones among those rejected, and likewise there are some out of pocket because of the weeding out. For instance one volunteer on being accepted some days ago said his

brun must go. The 26th battalion must get another mascot. Little "Peasants" the cub bear, brought from the North Shore by a squad of recruits from the vicinity of Campbellton, will not be taken across the ocean with the regiment. He has been petted and caressed by all the members and has become a general favorite, but experience has shown the department that taking such animals has necessitated considerable attention to them and if mascots are to be taken, there must be of a different species. The owner of "Peasants" is looking for a buyer.

Hard at Work. The members of No. 7 Co. Army Service Corps under Major Fred McKean, are actively working on the wharves in West St. John, which Captain Wickwire is on duty there now. Lieut. A. G. Itzinger went out early in the morning. Continued on page 2, fifth column.

Turkey and "Fixins" For Soldier Boys in St. John

Women's Canadian Club Have Arrangements Under Way--Some of The Items

The Women's Canadian Club are arranging to provide turkey, plum pudding, cranberry sauce and cranberry sauce for at least 2,000 soldiers in St. John on Christmas Day. Before taking action in the matter, Mrs. Kuhring, president of the club, communicated with Hon. Mr. Hazen, inquiring whether any special provision would be made for the men's Christmas. A reply was received from the deputy minister of militia, stating that no such provision would be made, and heartily approving of the action proposed by the club. The executive of the club met in the armory this morning. They were shown over the place, and report that the soldiers are served with excellent food, well cooked. It will be possible to cook the Christmas turkeys at the armory without difficulty. Very few, if any, of the soldiers will spend Christmas at home, and therefore the day should be made as pleasant for them as possible. The tables will be spread in the main hall and there will be some decorations.

NEW YORK OBSCURED BY THICKEST FOG IN 15 YEARS

New York, Dec. 2.—A fleet of fifteen ocean liners rocked at anchor in a heavy sea today, at the entrance to New York harbor, fog-bound in the thickest mist that has blanketed this section of the eastern coast for fifteen years. The Hudson River steamer did little more than drift with the tide, so thick was the fog. Service to Albany was badly crippled; service to Boston was totally paralyzed. The half million commuters that come daily from New Jersey, Long Island, and nearby New York state points, were delayed from half an hour to an hour