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OTTAWA LETTER

Mr. Editor:

It has been some time since I have written you a line, so I think I will send you a letter, trusting you may find it of sufficient interest to insert in your valuable paper which I receive regularly every week and which I prize very highly for the pith of news from the various places of interest in the county, and the province generally.

I notice that the war element is as equally strong down there as it is here, and per capita are sending as many recruits as the more populous portions of our Dominion. The City of Ottawa alone has sent over 3000, and they are still enlisting. Our city has been quite a headquarters for the mustering and drilling of troops, and all the Western contingents have passed through here and reviewed by General Hughes and the Governor General.

And what splendid bodies of men they are! The pick of our young manhood, the very class of men our young country so much needs. It really has seemed sad to me to see the cream of our land marched away to be slaughtered by those whom we have come to believe have no mercy, no pity, but cruel and blood-thirsty as the old Huns and Vandals from whom they have descended. It is hard to conceive of a more barbarous war carried on even among savage nations. Surely Germany has shown all the ferocity of the Huns and Vandals under Attila of old displayed when they overran the Roman Empire, and the dark ages followed.

And when we think of the command that the Kaiser gave to his troops when they marched out of Berlin to begin their treaty-breaking carnage against innocent, law-abiding Belgium, we can fully understand the terrible revelling in mutilation and cruelty that has been carried on by those cruel Germans. These were the words: "Go forth and conquer as Attila of old conquered." This alone was sufficient to show the civilized world that no mercy or justice could be expected at their hands.

I think it well that we all should be educated in the difference between the Kaiser and the Emperor. We must remember that from Southern Germany came the Mendelssohns, Beethovens, Handels and Haydens, and men not only skilled in music and letters, but in science and arts. But if we follow closely the pages of history we will find that Prussia produced but few if any great men of letters. The old war-like spirit, the spirit of the ancient Huns, from whom they descended, was paramount, and it is a well known fact that up to the 14th century they had not been christianized, still pagan in their be-

liefs. How easy for us to see as Prussia grew strong in military training, and as she gradually overran the more peaceful but weaker portions, they compelled them too to embrace militarism; hence the awful condition in which the world is witnessing today—the iron fist of Bismark, who launched the insane doctrine that Germany must rule the world.

Surely the Kaiser and the war-lords are fitting examples of the class, "Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad." For surely theirs is a madness, highly personified; but we feel like quoting the old Latin quotation, "Fiat justitia ruat coelum." And we all, and indeed the whole civilized world feels that justice will take place and eventually this modern Nero will be crushed to powder, and the world will be able to settle down in peaceful and quiet avocations once more; and let us hope military despotism will be crushed out forever.

I am pleased to note that crop prospect in this part of Canada is excellent. For some time it was quite dry, but the recent warm rains have made all nature to rejoice, and the prospects are now for an abundant crop. How much every pound of foodstuffs will be needed to feed the millions on the fighting line in Europe. It is to be hoped that all parts of our mighty Empire may produce an abundance of all products required for the sustenance of the human race—I feel like excepting the Kaiser's domain.

Feeling I may be trespassing upon your valuable space, and trusting you will find this of sufficient interest to publish,

I remain ever,

H. W. M.

DEATH OF MRS. FRANK RITCHIE

(Morning Chronicle)

Annapolis, June 21.—The death of Mrs. Frank Ritchie, wife of Frank Ritchie of this town, occurred here this morning after a brief illness, aged about forty years. The deceased was well known and highly respected. A husband and two children survive her, also father and mother, three sisters, Mrs. Hibbard of Truro; Mrs. A. B. Crowe of Annapolis, and Mrs. Stella at home, and three brothers, Archie and Ernie in the United States, and Edward at home.

The town of Kentville was visited by two fires last week. Early Wednesday morning the new skating Arena and the D. A. R. storehouse nearby were destroyed. The loss is in the vicinity of \$30,000, insurance on the Arena was \$5,000. Thursday night the mill and woodworking factory of Charles Reiden was burned. Loss estimated at from \$6,000 to \$8,000, with no insurance.

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT WESTPORT

Fifty-one Churches Represented at The Annual Convention

(Morning Chronicle)

Westport, June 19.—Forty-one churches of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia were represented in the convention which opened here last Thursday evening. The visitors have been heartily welcomed and have entered into the business of the sessions with much zest. The opening session was given to a consideration of social and moral reform. The report on temperance was given by Rev. Mr. Crandall, and was pointed and practical. The speaker of the evening was Rev. H. R. Grant, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Alliance. He explained the difference between the Scott Act and the Nova Scotia Temperance Act with respect to important points.

The morning session Friday was taken up with business. The election of officers was practically a re-election and resulted as follows: President, Rev. S. S. Pool; Vice-president, Rev. L. H. Crandall; Clerk, Rev. B. D. Knott; Assistant Clerk, Rev. F. H. Eaton; Treasurer, Mr. E. O. Cogins. The Digest of Letters was given by Rev. B. D. Knott, and reported the addition of one new church recently organized at Mt. Hanley, the addition of 211 to membership, with one new church dedicated at Chester, and the addition of one new Sunday School.

The new church was formally welcomed into the Association by the Moderator and four new pastors were introduced and received the cordial reception of the delegates. They were Rev. Messrs. Kinsman, Webb, Lytle and Lindsay. They all responded briefly.

The reports on obituaries made reverential mention of several departed members. The report on systematic beneficence is worthy of special mention and evoked an earnest and lively discussion. The report on Sunday Schools and the discussion following gave a marked impression of the good accruing from the voluntary services given to the Sunday School department.

Since the Island of Porto Rico has come under the dominion of the United States many traffic improvements have been installed and electric trolley cars are in use in all the larger cities. In Mayaguez, the third largest city, however, the antiquated horse car line still remains in use, and very antique it looks. There is only accommodation for three passengers besides the driver, but at busy times "strap hangers" are not objected to.

THE WEEK'S WAR NEWS

French Troops Continue to Force the Enemy Back and Carry New Trenches

PARIS, June 21.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"In the sector to the north of Arras the situation is unchanged. We have conserved all the ground conquered, and today only local infantry actions occurred, and these have not modified the fronts. The artillery combat continued.

"Our air squadrons effectively bombed the aviation parks of the enemy, setting fire to four hangars and damaging two aeroplanes and one captive balloon.

"On the Western border of the Argonne, on both sides of the road from Vienne Le Chateau to Binerville, the Germans on Sunday night delivered a violent attack, for which preparations had been made by an intense bombardment with asphyxiating projectiles. Our advance line was bent at certain points, two companies being buried in the overturned trenches.

"An immediate counter-attack enabled us to regain almost the entire extent of our initial positions. The struggle was particularly spirited.

"On the heights of the Meuse, in the sector of the Calonne trench, after having repulsed counter-attacks by the enemy, we enlarged today our gains of yesterday. A first attack made only slight progress. A second attack, on the other hand enabled us to carry new trenches to the east of those which we had occupied on Sunday. This gain has been conserved, as were the preceding gains.

"In Lorraine our reconnoitering parties, keeping in contact with the enemy, reached the works to the west of Gondrexon, and found them unoccupied. The Germans, in their withdrawal movement, have halted on the line of trenches to south of Leintrey.

"In Alsace our progress has continued in the course of uninterrupted engagements. After having taken the cemetery of Metzeral, we occupied the station and then attacked the village, which we captured after a very hot fight. We have reached the outlets south of that locality and have pushed our line to the east, 550 yards beyond the outskirts in the direction of Meyerhof.

"In these actions we took some prisoners, bringing the total since yesterday up to more than 200.

"To the north of the Fecht River the enemy attempted an attack on our positions at Reich-Ackerkopf, but was completely repulsed."

WAR BRIEFS

Notice in London Times. "An officer wishes to thank the numerous persons whose offer of skin he appreciates. He almost regrets his inability to accept more than one." This shows how great the sympathy with wounded soldiers is.

The members of the new Coalition Government of Great Britain took their places in Parliament without election. An Act of Parliament was passed permitting them to do so.

The subscriptions of Nova Scotia to the Canadian Patriotic Fund have reached \$280,000. Of this sum, \$156,589 came from Halifax.

By declaring war Italy has come into possession of Austrian and German ships now in Italian ports to the value of \$20,000,000.

The 48th Canadian Highlanders went into the battle at Langemarch 887 strong. Only 196 answered the roll call after the battle. But the Canadians saved the day.

When Rev. C. W. Gordon, (Ralph Connor) was about to leave for the front as Chaplain, a cheque for the purchase of a field-kitchen was given to him at a mass meeting of his church.

German submarines have sunk about 100 merchant-men, many of them neutrals. But, 20,000 cargoes have crossed the submarine zone in safety.

Premier Asquith is the first British Premier in history to visit the actual scene of hostility. He toured the battle front, and saw the shells bursting, besides visiting the trenches and hospitals.

Huntley R. Drummond of Montreal has donated \$100,000 for the purchase of 125 Maxim guns to be used by the expeditionary forces. The Minister of Finance has voiced the deep thanks of the Dominion.

Rev. Dr. Herridge, late Moderator of the General Assembly said he had two sons both of whom are in the war, and if he had a dozen he would send them every one.

Mr. A. R. Coffin, of the Truro News, has donated a machine gun, costing \$500, to the Militia Department. Pictures donated by Canadian Artists realized \$10,442 for the Natural Patriotic Fund.

A Canadian Aviator, Warnford was the first to bring down a Zeppelin, a feat of great daring. For this act King George awarded him a Victoria Cross.

Three Indians from St. Mary's Reservation, New Brunswick have desired enlistment in the 55th battalion. Four hundred Italian priests were called to the colors. The Pope addressed them on the subject of their duty.

J. R. Mott is authority for the statement that fifty per cent of the pastors in France and Germany are in their respective armies.

Lloyd George says the fate of England depends upon the workmen, in the manufacture of munitions of war. An Amsterdam paper states that Prussian losses alone have reached a total of 1,388,000 men.

Over 250 payments have already been made under the new scale of pensions fixed by order-in-council for wounded or disabled soldiers or the families of soldiers who have died in active service.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM CAPT. JAMES H. TUPPER.

High Seas, S. S. Saxonia, May 21st.

I am more than pleased to be able to write you from here. We left a day earlier than we expected we would, and it brought everything at a hustle. Most remarkable to relate I am at my normal good health after nearly 24 hours of sea voyage. It is quite smooth, and today is fine. There must be 2,500 men on board and there seems room for all. It does seem funny to see such a vast expanse of water—no end to it. We sighted a steamer miles away this morning and could see the top and spars, but not her hull. Later we could see her hull but was not very near, we looked with our glasses. The 22nd is a French-Canadian battery, and the officers are a fine lot of fellows.

Capt. Holt and I are in a state room together. I do not know how I felt leaving the home land. It was my first experience and everything was new and strange. I am quite in love with a sea voyage now, but if it gets rough and I get sick I may think differently. The only eventual time we had was when we arrived in what they call "The Danger Zone" when we were all ordered to be in readiness to take to the boats, but nothing occurred. We arrived at Plymouth, from there took train for East Sandling, over 200 miles going at the rate of 60 miles an hour and making few stops. The country is very pretty here, as far as we could see were Hawthorne hedges in bloom.

Extracts From Letter Dated June 8th

Most of the officers and men are in town or towns as there are four or five near here. Another officer and I went down to Hyrtie (about 1 1/2 miles) last night. It was my first trip out of camp and I went mostly to get some ice cream, but there was not a bit to be had. There are no lights allowed that would be a guide to German air craft, so it is hard for strangers to find their way. One night three or four together lost their way and did not get in until about two o'clock in the morning. As luck would have it we got back, as we took our bearings carefully going down.

The towns are pretty, the streets are a little narrow, but the towns are old, which accounts for it.

There is quite a lot of detail work here at first until we get into shape and the system.

A uniform and Canadian is a passport to almost any place I guess in England, and I hope we can make it a passport to many places in Germany. With all joking aside, I am glad for one thing, and that is that people here seem to realize what this war is. At home it was in some quarters treated too much as a joke, it is no joke.

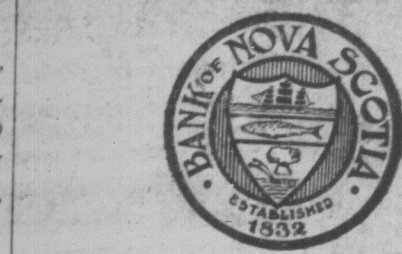
The daily routine is sometimes a little tiresome, but it is the only means to the end which is to be as efficient as possible. I cannot imagine any worse torment or more of what hell must be like than to have this war raging and not be able to take part in it, knowing as I do what it means and the need for true men. I have never been so thankful for a healthy body, temperate habits and all that goes to make up a strong man.

I with eleven more officers are taking a course of six days in musketry. There are different courses to take, and I think we have our turn at each course which will keep us at work for some time. Our first drill is at 6.30 to 7.30, from 9 to 12.45, from 2 to 5, and all the company office work beside. All our officers are on the course, so we have to take our regular part of other duties besides.

Remember me to Mr. Prat, Mr. Williams and all friends who enquire. DeBlois Anderson is quite sick in hospital. Hope he will soon be well again. He is a good soldier. Give my best regards to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

A recent New York despatch states the Court of Appeals denied the application of Becker for an re-argument on its decision affirming sentence of Death Unless Governor Whitman pardons him, or the United States Supreme Court interferes, he must die week of July 12.

On account of the stringency of money matters in Vancouver there is a big cut in official salaries. The city engineer gets a cut from \$6,000 to \$5,000. The water-works engineer and two under-engineers are dismissed. The laborers get a cut of 75 cents a day. The cut of all civil officials is from 50 per cent. to ten per cent.



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He then taught two years in the province, one in Margareville and two at Westport—after which he entered Yale University, from which he graduated in three years with the degrees of M. A. and Ph.D.

Brown University then secured his services in the Mathematical Department, and with the exception of a year and a half spent in the University of Göttingen, his energies and exceptionally brilliant talents have been devoted to his labors in Brown.

A year ago he was made a Fellow of the American Society of Art and Science, in recognition of his valuable research work. This year he is at the head of the Mathematical Department of Brown University where he also has charge of the Observatory.

As an instructor and administrator he has proved his worth, and at the age of thirty-seven years is easily in the foremost rank of educators.

His many friends will be glad to hear of the success that has crowned years of strenuous labor and study.

Of an exceedingly retiring nature, staunch in his friendships, true to his ideals, which have been set high, he is certainly a man whom we delight to know, and place alongside the many to whom in our hearts we render tribute, as represent the best manhood of the Province of Nova Scotia.

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