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GERMANS GATHERING AT THE GATES OF THE POLISH CAPITAL

Chief Russian Problem Now Is to Preserve Great Army Intact

Evacuation of Warsaw Seems But Matter of Hours—Enemy Threatens Grand Duke's Forces and British Press Admits Menace is Imminent

London, July 30—Warsaw, the third city of Russia, and the goal for which the German armies in the east have been striving since October, is at last in the throes of abandonment.

Disoriented not only through France and Great Britain, but in Russia itself, the fall of the city is expected hourly, and the problem now is to move the Russian armies intact, threatened as they are from the south by the Austro-Germans, and more seriously from the north, where the German forces, which have swept through Poland, are aiming at the railway from Warsaw to Petrograd.

This latter menace, the British press admits, is imminent, and the hope in the allied countries now is not for the safety of Warsaw, but for the continued cohesion of the Russian army.

The Warsaw post office already has been shifted to some point to the eastward, the populace has been warned to remain calm. Presumably for days, Russian troops have been stripping the city of everything of military value.

GREAT THING IS TO SAVE ARMY
London, July 30.—A Petrograd despatch to the "Times" dated Thursday says: "The newspapers are preparing the public mind for a new withdrawal necessitated by the enemy's overwhelming superiority in guns and munitions. It is pointed out that further efforts to cling to the Vistula-Narew lines are attended with grave dangers. The paramount consideration is to preserve the army, no matter what sacrifice of territory. In official circles it is hoped the public will receive calmly the news of the forthcoming retirement and evacuation."

TRENCH TO TRENCH ON WESTERN FRONT
Paris, July 30.—The French War Office this afternoon reported: "Near Southern France, the fighting continued until midnight with great fury. A fresh German counter-attack was repulsed. A certain fire maintained by our troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

BERLIN SENDS OUT REPORT THAT POPE IS WORKING FOR ARMISTICE
Berlin, July 30.—A Madrid despatch to the Overseas News Agency quotes a Spanish newspaper as reporting from Rome that the Pope is preparing a great scheme through the episcopate of Belgium, France, and the Netherlands, with the object of securing an armistice. The Archbishop of Pisa is quoted as confirming the story, and adding that Pope Benedict himself is aware of the grave difficulties which he has to overcome.

BURIED TODAY
The funeral of John Lindsay took place this afternoon from his late residence, Sparrow Cove road. Rev. R. P. McKim officiated at burial services in the English burial ground. Relatives acted as pall-bearers.

ABERDEEN WON
An interesting baseball game was played this morning on the Barrack Square between the Aberdeen and Allison playground teams. The former were victorious, 19 to 5. Superintendent C. D. Howard officiated as umpire to the satisfaction of both teams.

WEATHER BULLETIN
Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Local showers have occurred in southern Alberta, the Lake Superior district and the peninsula of Ontario, and also in the maritime provinces, elsewhere the weather has been fair and moderately warm.

Generally Fair
Maritime—Light to moderate winds, mostly south and southwest, with local showers but generally fair today and on Saturday.

Washington, July 30.—New England Forecasts—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, with probable local thunder showers. Not much change in temperature, moderate south to southwest winds.

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SAYS SUSSEX MAN SHOT NINETEEN

Mayor Wallace Gets Letter Telling About Norman Barden

HE HAS WON THE D. C. M.

A Hint to Some Who Should be in Khaki—News of Other Kings County Soldiers—Items About Maritime Province Men in War

A Sussex man at the front, Roy Stabierford, writing to Major Wallace, tells of meeting Norman Barden in France and says: "Norman has some good stories to tell about life in the trenches. But of himself he would say nothing, although in talking to you, I found out a lot, which you will be glad to hear. In the first place he has been recommended for the D. C. M. for bravery and good work done while in action. In the first place he was mentioned for saving three machine guns at Ypres, and again for going up after night to the first line of German trenches and getting valuable information regarding the enemy, and in the second place for doing some good sniping. In one case he was known to shoot nineteen Germans."

The whole battalion is proud of him, they cannot speak too highly of him, and Sussex should be proud of him, for he has been an honor to it, and a grand example to some of those chivalrous soldiers that generally infest the camp grounds this time of it; years; how freely they wear the King's uniform, but the question that is being asked over here is whether they are not in it? This is the question that is being asked over here, and school-mates who are now in the firing line.

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TO START WORK ON MAIN STREET MONDAY

New Sewer Between Douglas Avenue and Adelaide Street—The Car Tracks

The building of a new sewer in Y street between Douglas avenue and Adelaide street, engaged the consideration of the mayor and commissioners in committee today. Commissioner Wigmore was granted permission to proceed at an estimated cost of \$1,100. This will later have to be ratified by the council, but since the consent of all the commissioners was given this morning Mayor Frink presiding, it was agreed that because of the urgency of the situation, the work should be begun on Monday morning. Commissioner Wigmore said that if necessary he wished to have the right to ask the commissioner to finance to provide the funds, and he would like to feel that he had the support of the council should a bond issue be necessary.

His worship said that he thought that as what it would ultimately come to, and in such a case it would probably be necessary to give a higher rate than heretofore. The trend of the money market was evidenced in the fact that the Canadian government was placing a \$46,000,000 loan out at 3 per cent. except from taxation.

That's a point which will have to be considered by the new assessment commission, remarked Commissioner Potts.

Commissioner Potts said that since the roadway was to be torn open it would be an opportune time for the St. John Railway Co. to begin work he had suggested in improving the grade between Douglas avenue and Kennedy street.

"There is still a desire on the part of the company to quibble over small things," he said, "but now that the rails on the northern side will be closed to traffic for the time being it would be a good chance for the grading work and the placing of the new intersection at Douglas avenue to be started."

Commissioner Wigmore—"When I was speaking to Mr. Hopper he said he was waiting for word from the commissioner of public works and wanted to know when I was going to begin."

Commissioner Potts—"When were you talking to him?"

Commissioner Wigmore—"Yesterday afternoon."

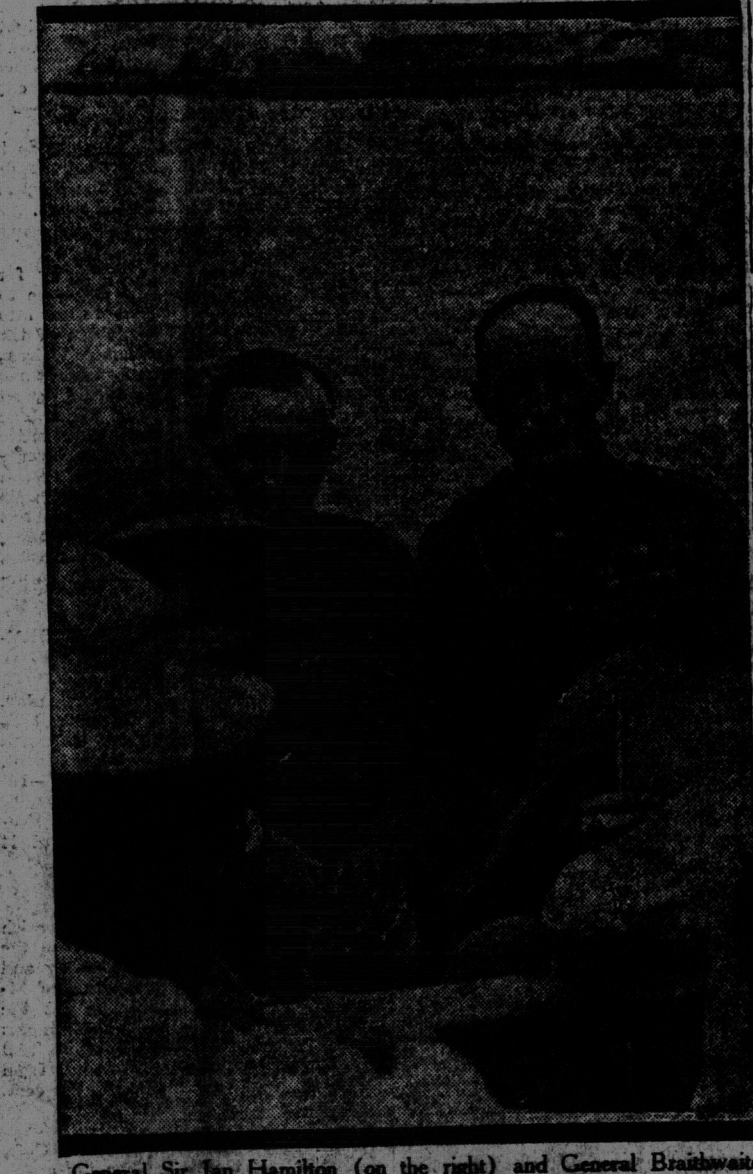
Commissioner Potts—"Well, he needn't have been waiting for me had already heard from me before that."

The commissioner of public works said he had received from Manager Hopper a reply to his last letter regarding street railway work, but asking for more "express directions."

A request from Bond & Scott for permission to erect an electric sign in Charlotte street over their cafe was left with the commissioner of public works for a report.

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BRITAIN'S GENERALS AT THE DARDANILLES



General Sir Ian Hamilton (on the right) and General Brudenell White going ashore after a visit to a British warship.

HIS MEMORY NOT VERY GOOD

Livery Man of Summerside Who Sold Horses

LONG TIME GETTING FACTS
Summerside, P. E. I., July 30.—W. B. McNeill, livery man of the town, who sold eighty-one horses for \$18,429, to Major Anderson of Moncton, for a battery of artillery, was called to the stand when the Davidson war contracts commission re-opened its inquiry this morning.

McNeill proved to have very little exact remembrance of the prices he paid for horses or from whom he bought them, and it took John Thompson, K. C. of Ottawa, more than an hour questioning to get from him the names of six horse sellers.

From whom did you buy horses for Major Anderson, and what did you pay for them?"

McNeill said he could not give the information that answer. The witness replied that Mr. Thompson could please himself.

Conceded then said he was going to stay there till he got the facts, and McNeill thought very hard for almost five minutes. He then said what he meant was that he could not remember all the people, some he did not know.

Mr. Thompson sharply urged the witness to give at least some names and prices, and McNeill said he had bought a horse from J. E. Perry, he was not sure how much he paid him, but thought \$165. He did not remember whether he paid for the horses by check or cash. He bought a horse from J. A. Morrison for \$210, one from Harry Silliphant for \$160 and another from J. B. Callbeck for \$180. He would not swear to any of these amounts. He had bought from Pat Ryan of Summerside, but did not recall the details.

Douglas Gordon, Summerside agent of the Charlottetown Navigation Company, was recalled to produce contracts dealing with the shipment of horses by W. B. McNeill to Major Anderson. His books showed the following details: August 21, six horses, freight paid by McNeill; August, eleven horses, \$11 freight; August 31, fifty-four horses, \$175 freight; September 8, ten horses. On the last three shipments the freight was paid at Point Du Chene and the punter believed, by Major Anderson. The August 26 shipment was at first billed as ten horses, but afterwards it was found there were eleven aboard.

GETTING BETTER
Mark Burns, swimming instructor at West St. John, who was injured in a fall a few days ago, was able to leave the General Public Hospital this morning.

THE CORINTHIAN
The Allan liner Corinthian is reported due at Quebec tomorrow at noon and Montreal Sunday morning.

STORMY TIME IN ENEMY CONFERENCE OVER DARDANILLES

Turks Very Anxious Over Situation—They See Italy Soon Leading Hand to Allies There

Geneva, July 30.—Telegraphing from Saloniki, the correspondent of the Tribune says: "An important conference was held in Constantinople on July 27. Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Field Marshal Von Dergoltz, the German commander of the Turkish forces, the Turkish Grand Vizier, and the Ottoman cabinet were represented. Field Marshal Von Dergoltz and the grand vizier were present in person.

"The question of the Dardanelles situation was discussed, and also Italy's presence there, which the Turks now consider inevitable. A Greek and Turkish cabinet meeting was also held, eventually. The conference was somewhat stormy, as the grand vizier and the Turkish cabinet expressed great anxiety over the present situation."

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Property transfers are announced as follows: Hannah Beatty to W. E. Brennan \$1,000, property in Prince street, Carleton.

Letitia B. Crawford, et al to Henrietta wife of J. A. Lipsitt, property in Simonds.

Ingleswood Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd. to J. G. Stetson, Lancaster property. Estate of James Lowell to I. G. Stetson, Lancaster property.

Robert Magee, et al to James Fitzgerald, Crosville property. Heirs of James McInerney to Margaret A. McInerney, Simonds property. Margaret A. McInerney to Robert Gordon, Simonds property.

Berry Dimeck to Euphemis G. Lamb, Sussex property. B. S. Bonnell to O. C. Hazel, property at Westfield.

B. F. Coates to J. W. Coates, Jr., property at Havelock. H. A. and Mark Thompson, Jr., property at Kingston. G. & G. Flewelling Mfg. Co., Ltd. to C. N. Inch to L. W. Hamilton, \$700, property at Greenwich.

Wm. McLeod to J. H. Parlee, property at Stubbins. Mark Thompson, Jr. to H. A. Thompson, property at Norton. H. A. Thompson to Mark Thompson, Jr., property at Norton. T. N. Vincent to J. T. Logan, property at Robshaw. J. L. Walker to Martha E. Walker, property at Sussex.

The Late Mrs. Mary P. Lynch Digby, N. S., July 30.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Pickman Lynch will take place from her late home on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 with interment in Forest Hill cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. Wm. Driffield, rector of Holy Trinity church.

A MILK CASE
Alfred E. McAulay, milk dealer, appeared in the police court this morning to answer charges made against him by the officials of the Board of Health. He said he had complied with their requests, whereupon a fine of \$60 was allowed to stand against him pending his future observance of the required regulations.

Becker Dies Protesting To Last That He Was Innocent

Walks Unaided to Death Chair and Shock is Given as He is Engaged in Prayer—Leaves Signed "Dying Declaration"

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Charles Becker was put to death in the electric chair here this morning for the killing of Herman Rosenthal, a New York gambler. The former New York police lieutenant retained his composure and protested his innocence to the last. He went to his death with a photograph of his wife pinned on his shirt, over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physician pronounced Becker dead, at 2:56 o'clock.

Showed Fortitude
Becker led the way to his own execution. The condemned man sat up all night on the edge of his cot, calmly talking to Deputy Charles H. Johnson. He hesitated as he entered the execution room. It seemed to the witnesses as if he were startled that the death chair was so near at hand. He looked quickly at the double row of witnesses, glanced at the floor swept with his eyes the whitened walls of the room, and then, suddenly, as if coming to himself, walked briskly over the rubber mat and seated himself in the electric chair. Behind Becker, followed the prison priests chanting the prayer of death which was repeated by the condemned man.

His Last Prayer
"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, have mercy on my soul," nervously spoke Becker as deputy wardens stepped forward and adjusted the electrodes. Hardly a minute elapsed before the electrode was applied to the right leg, a slit having been previously cut in the trousers leg from the knee down.

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RECTIFY MINOR PHYSICAL DEFECTS OF RECRUITS AND MAKE THEM GOOD SOLDIERS

Further Particulars of New Military Policy in Canada—Recruiting Doctor to Have The Final Word

Ottawa, July 30.—In connection with the new policy adopted by the military authorities respecting physical qualifications for recruits, there has been a deduction of size standards and minor physical defects will not cause rejection. Hereafter, instead of refusing to accept men with poor teeth, with corns, bunions, minor hernia and various other defects, such men will be enlisted, cured, trained and sent forward.

Dental and medical depots will be organized to correct physical imperfections. Hereafter, when a man comes in with poor teeth, but who is sound otherwise, he will be allowed to accept men whose chests are below the standard if they are satisfied that the military training will bring them up to size. It is estimated that 15,000 men have failed to gain admittance to the overseas service who would now be sent to Europe if this policy had been followed from the first.

recruiting station and another at mobilization centers. Men who have been accepted by the first examiners, enrolled and uniformed, have been rejected by the second doctors and sent home. This has caused men to lose their positions, and has caused hardship and heart feeling. From now on the inspection at the recruiting point will be final.

Two inches has been taken off the height standard. Men of five feet four inches may now get into the artillery, and men of five feet two inches may get into the infantry. There has been a corresponding reduction in the minimum chest standard. In addition, examining doctors have been given discretion and hereafter will be allowed to accept men whose chests are below the standard if they are satisfied that the military training will bring them up to size. It is estimated that 15,000 men have failed to gain admittance to the overseas service who would now be sent to Europe if this policy had been followed from the first.

Confidential Communications From Ottawa to Police Chief Refered To

Confidential requests from the Dominion police department in Ottawa were referred to at a meeting in City Hall today, by Commissioner McLellan, who sent up for trial William J. Canning, Jailer, testified that the defendant had been committed to jail to serve six months for selling liquor without a license. On May 17 he had been sent to Craik Hill with fourteen other prisoners to work and while there ran away.

When asked if he had anything to say the defendant explained that on the morning he appeared in jail to answer the charge of selling liquor he was half drunk and had pleaded guilty without realizing what he was doing. He said he had not sold any liquor. The reason he ran away from the chain gang, he said, was because he wanted to join the 66th Battalion. When asked by the magistrate if he was still willing to join he said he was, whereupon it was intimated that he might be dealt with leniently and thus be given a chance to serve his country.

NOMINATION DAY IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Man., July 30.—This is nomination day in Manitoba. Candidates of both parties are lined up in every constituency and surprises may develop. Two Liberals may split the government vote in Beautiful Plains, and there is some talk of a third independent progressive candidate in Brandon, where one of the hottest fights is being waged between Sir James Aikens, the opposition leader, and S. T. Clements, a strong local liberal candidate. Elsewhere in the province it is likely to be a straight party contest, except in the city of Winnipeg, where two Socialists are already in the north riding and two more may develop in the centre.

HAS LEARNED ABOUT HIM
Chief Simpson has received word that Michael Cogswell, who is under arrest in Albert, N. B., on a vagrancy charge, resided in West St. John for several years. He first came to St. John about twenty years ago and resided near the Old Fort. Particulars will be sent to the magistrate in Albert.

HANLEY DECLARED TO BE OUT OF DANGER
William Hanley, it is now definitely stated at the General Public Hospital, will recover from the injuries sustained in the stabbing incident at Coldbrook.

SUBMARINES HAVE LITTLE EFFECT UPON TRAFFIC ON THE SEAS
London, July 30.—During the week ended July 28, British merchantmen of a gross tonnage of 5,646 were destroyed by German submarines, while six British fishing vessels were sunk by submarines and one by a mine. During that period the arrivals at British ports numbered 2,788 and the sailings 1,384.