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## Men of Annapolis County "FALL IN"

Join the ranks of "The Breed of Manly Men." We are forming a complete company to represent Annapolis County in the 219th Overseas Battalion C. E. F. Nova Scotia Highlanders. All Annapolis County Officers and men. Let us break the record and be the first in the Maritime Provinces to form a double company of 250 men.

We can do it easily if every fit man will fall in and enlist to-day. Our comrades from the other side are calling. We will be in every town and village during the coming week.

R. R. LAYTE,  
Lieutenant 85th Batt.  
W. T. RUGGLES,  
Lieutenant 85th Batt.

### LT.-COL. P. A. GUTHRIE WAR- TRIED VETERAN

The following life history of Lieut.-Col. Percy A. Guthrie, who addressed a recruiting meeting in Bridgetown on Feb. 27, will doubtless be read with interest by many Monitor readers:

Percy A. Guthrie. Born June 20, 1884. Worked on farm, in lumber woods, on stream drive, railway, saw mill, rafting ground, etc., from ten until seventeen.

Enlisted at seventeen years for service in British-Boer War and went as a trooper to South Africa in the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles. Signed on as twenty-one and got by medical officer on account of physique.

Returned. Cooked in lumber woods. Attended Fredericton Business College and received commercial and shorthand diplomas. Entered office of O. S. Crockett (now Supreme Court Judge), April, 1904. Admitted attorney November 7, 1908. Partnership Crockett Nov. 20, 1908 to 1912. Then practiced alone. Secretary Liberal-Conservative party in York County 1904 to 1913. Elected in bye-election for New Brunswick legislature, York, Feb. 19, 1913. At present representing county.

Enlisted 1903 in 71st York regiment militia, as private. Was corporal, sergeant, color-sergeant, lieutenant and captain, 1907.

Two days before war declared wired General Hughes for chance on First Contingent, being first in Canada to offer services. Went to Valcartier as captain in command of 71st company of 125 men. Promoted to Major and 3rd in command 12th Battalion, Sept. 25, 1914. Promoted to second in command 12th Battalion, Dec. 25, 1914. Sent to France March 20, 1915, as surplus field officer to Canadian First Division and attached to 7th B. C. Regiment. Afterwards transferred to 10th Western Canada Battalion (White Gurkhas). Went into trenches with battalion.

Tenth battalion first to meet Germans on 22nd April at Ypres. Colonel Boyle killed. Major McLaren Killed. Major Ormond wounded. Major Guthrie placed in command and recom-

mended for lieutenant-colonel. April 24, 1915. In command of 10th during balance of battle of Ypres (Langemarck), which lasted to May 5, 1915. Was in command of 10th during battle of Festubert lasting from May 19 to May 23. Tenth took 100 yards of trenches on May 20, 225 yards on May 21, and in charge of May 22, led by Guthrie, took 425 yards.

On way back into action on evening of May 25, was blown up by sixty pound high explosive shell. Eleven wounds. Blind for weeks. In hospital in France to August 25. Started home on "Hesperian" Sept. 2. Ship torpedoed Sept. 4. Saved by being carried on deck by Capt. Conrad Greggie of Quebec. Picked up on deck after being trampled down by mob by Miss Harvey of London, and by her and Lieut.-Col. Barre, of Montreal, pushed over side of vessel so as to fall in life boat. Landed in Queenstown and proceeded to Liverpool. Sailed by Corsican Sept. 10. On arrival in Canada was met by Mrs. Guthrie. Accompanied party Hesperian officers to Niagara camp and received by General Sir Sam Hughes.

Started recruiting on Dec. 15, 1915. Going back in early summer in command New Brunswick Scottish Killie Battalion.

Incidents—April 25, cap shot through. April 24, knocked out two hours by concussion of shell. April 25, both shoulder straps carried away by shrapnel. April 26, knocked out five hours by gas. April 28th, back of coat torn in two places by machine gun fire while lying on ground. May 20, buried in trench at Festubert. May 21, hit in face by small chip from bomb. May 22, slight graze by bayonet on nose between eyes.

In eight bayonet fights during battle of Langemarck. In seven bayonet fights in battle of Festubert.

When ship was hit gave a woman lifebelt that had been fastened on him by a friend as she had a little boy and no life belt. Was supplied by Greggie with another.

Married Miss Margaret E. McMurtree, May, 5, 1909. Three children, Ronald, Margaret and Douglas, all living.

### IN MEMORIAM

HENRY O. WHITMAN

It was with feelings of mingled sadness and hope, the Christian's hope, that relatives and friends assembled in the Sabbath afternoon quiet of December 5th, to pay their last tribute of respect to the person and personal worth of Henry Orman Whitman, youngest son of the late Benjamin and Annie Whitman, of whose family of seven only another son, Isaac L. Whitman, Skowhegan, Maine, survives.

The coincidence of a convenient hour for the funeral service with the regular preaching appointment at the Inglisville Methodist Church, from which similar appointments the deceased was seldom absent or off duty, was given kindly recognition by Pastor Boyce, who after Scripture reading, Thes. II:5, and the rendering by the choir of hymns, favorites of the deceased, spoke appealingly to those yet claiming opportunity, and deservedly of the departed from the words, "Be ye faithful unto death."

Mr. Whitman remained during the three-score ten and two years of his life a resident of the old homestead. His time was given principally to farming pursuits; but never were the successive days of ardent toil, which circumstances rendered necessary, so full of tasks as to win him away from the "means of grace" or from devotion with his family who now deem the memory of his exemplary life a priceless legacy. His quiet, yet genial disposition, won for him a large circle of acquaintances among whom he was esteemed as a friend and respected as a citizen.

For more than forty years he identified himself with the cause of Methodism in connection with the Lawrenceton circuit. He and his worthy helpmate, (nee Charlotte Henrietta Balcom), who predeceased him by two and one half years, were prominent among the faithful, happy, working "few" through whose efforts the Methodist Church structure at Inglisville materialized and to which their best of intelligent counsel, personal effort and financial aid were always cheerfully given. His interest was also, with the Sunday School, associational and local, with temperance and other causes having for their object the betterment of humanity.

Sympathy of friends which found expression in many kind words and acts are generally appreciated by his more immediate survivors; three daughters, who with husbands and six children, sorrow keenly, yet resignedly, the "silent voice and the vacant chair."

By providing automobile goggles with glass partly clear and partly clouded an inventor claims to reduce the glare and flicker of light and prevent eye strain.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

### Germans Making Desperate Attack Against the French

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Attacks by the Germans to the north of Verdun, where the battle for the fortress is still raging fiercely, were driven back by the French fire and counter-attacks, according to the official communication issued by the War Office tonight. Hand-to-hand encounters recurred to the west of Fort Douaumont, and the Germans were driven from a small redoubt which they had taken. German attacks on Fresnes, in the Woivre, the communication added, completely failed.

The text reads: In the Argonne our heavy batteries and field guns shelled the road of access of the enemy, particularly in the region of the Cheppy wood. This morning at Hill 285 we exploded a mine, the crater of which we occupied. In the region to the north of Verdun artillery activity on both sides is still very spirited, except in the sector to the west of the Meuse, where an abatement of the enemy bombardment is reported. The Germans, during the course of the day, attempted several partial attacks which were driven back by our fire and counter-attack. To the west of Fort Douaumont, particularly, our troops have engaged in hand-to-hand encounters with the adversary, who was ejected from a small redoubt where he had succeeded in installing himself. In the Woivre two attacks against Fresnes completely failed. In Lorraine our artillery has displayed marked activity in the sectors of Reillon, Domevre and Badonviller.

The Belgian official communication says: "A bombardment, rather weak on both sides, occurred along the Belgian front."

### Awful Massacre of Germans in Battle of Verdun

PARIS, Feb. 27.—(Delayed)—"A frightful massacre," is how German soldiers taken prisoners in the battle of Verdun describe the effect of the French artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. But the impetus of the assaulting forces was not diminished thereby during the first four days, because fresh troops were thrown into the battle unceasingly.

"Advance, no matter what the losses may be," was the order given to the German troops before the attack. This is verified by documents found on one of the captured officers.

The most critical moment in the six days' action was when the Germans gained a footing in the entrenched camp by the capture of Fort Douaumont. The least hesitation on the part of the defenders would have been disastrous. The Germans redoubled their efforts to take advantage of any confusion, but the French immediately began a counter-offensive.

French infantry advanced at double-quick to the trumpet charge, and leaped at the first ranks of the Germans with irresistible fury. The clash was murderous on both sides. The thinned French ranks were not to be denied, but went on to the second German wing, while reinforcements were hurried to their support. The German lines wavered first west of Douaumont, then were driven out of the ruins of the fort.

A cry of triumph went up all along the French line, and the ardor of the counter-attack was redoubled. In the meantime an artillery duel, surpassing in intensity any previous action of the war, added to the carnage.

The battle seems now to have reached a critical point. The assaulting forces have receded slightly in the region of Douaumont, leaving the regiments which occupied the fort cut off and surrounded by French troops. The attacks upon the French left, at Cote du Poivre seemed to have completely failed. However, attacks made repeatedly with such heavy masses as the Germans are constantly bringing up, it is admitted by military authorities, are always likely to make further gains, provided the officers are willing to pay the price in human life.

There is no exaggerated optimism to be found in military circles here, but the check of the Germans attacking in such formidable numbers is regarded to them as one of the great achievements of the war, and it is generally held that events have taken a turn quite favorable to the French arms in the last twenty-four hours.

### WAR BRIEFS

Toronto school children contributed \$15,000 to the Patriotic Fund.

A United States Hospital has been established at the Italian front.

157 Belgians priests have been condemned to death by the Germans.

Britain intends to increase the pension allowance, says the Prince of Wales.

Two Montenegrin Generals who favored submission to Germany were assassinated by patriots.

The Allen Liner, Pretoria, arrived in St. John with 10 officers and 41 men, wounded and invalided.

France is now putting on a spring-like appearance. The rosebuds are out, and the weather very enjoyable.

The price of paper is rising so much that the "Courier" of Manchester, after ninety years, has suspended publication.

A Swedish steamer seized by the Germans has aroused great indignation in Sweden. German treats Sweden just about as she likes.

What appeared quite plainly to be an attempt to destroy the Victoria Bridge, Montreal, was foiled. Several shots were fired at the man as he crept over the ice, but he escaped.

An Anglo-French corporation with a capital of \$95,000,000, has been formed with the view of buying up all available grain, in the East, to prevent the Central Powers from getting it.

The first sportsman from British Columbia to win honors is Lieut. James Campbell MacDonal. He was formerly on a Dalhousie football team. He has been awarded the military Cross.

The first of the South African Brigades to be sent to Egypt arrived at its destination. They are veteran fighters, as the Turks and Germans will discover.

The Prussian January lists include casualties as follows: 24 airmen killed, 11 wounded and 20 prisoners. Five Generals killed and 2 wounded. The missing include the entire 14th Jager regiment.

### OBITUARY

ALFRED WILSON

The quietness of Clarence was somewhat stirred on Sunday morning when it became known that our much beloved brother, Alfred Wilson, had passed away on Saturday evening, aged 79 years. Two weeks ago, he contracted a cold, which developed into other trouble, which he was of a robust constitution, having never been laid aside by illness.

Brother Wilson, in early life, made a profession of religion, and was baptized by Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., and united with the Baptist Church at Berwick. With our departed brother it was a profession that was sacredly maintained until called to higher service. The last public service he attended was the Conference meeting.

About thirty-seven years ago he moved here, with his family, from Berwick. He, with his estimable wife, soon after their arrival here, united with the church, and in all her activities sought for her advancement. For thirty years he served as assistant Superintendent in the Sunday School, only resigning last spring after feeling that the weight of years was telling upon him. The Church and Sunday School at that time presented him with an address and nicely bound Oxford Edition of the Bible. He was also for a number of years a teacher in the Sunday School.

During his life, Mr. Wilson was an ardent worker in the temperance cause having been a member of the Sons of Temperance from early manhood. He was naturally of a bright, sunny disposition, always having a word and handshake for every one he met.

He leaves to mourn, a widow, who at the present time, is laid aside by sickness, and one son, who, with his wife tenderly cared for him until the end.

The funeral service was held on Monday afternoon from his late residence, conducted by Rev. J. D. MacLeod, who spoke words of comfort and assurance to the large number of friends who gathered to pay their last respects to one beloved by all. The text was taken from Joshua, Chapter I, and part of verse 11. Rev. A. M. McNitch assisted in the service. Burial took place at Fairview Cemetery, Lawrenceton.

MRS. SAMUEL WILLIAMS

At the home of her son, H. F. Williams of Clarence, Celena, wife of Samuel Williams, passed away Jan. 18th, her 81st birthday, from the cares and sorrows of earth to the joys of Heaven. Our departed sister was the eldest daughter of the late Deacon Hicks Chesley, of precious memory. In the morning of her life she gave her heart to Jesus, acknowledged Him as her Saviour and King, was baptized by Rev. Nathaniel Videto and united with the Paradise and Clarence Baptist Church. She lived a faithful Christian life, and died trusting in the merits of her Saviour. She is survived by her aged husband, two sons, two sisters, and numerous other relatives and friends. Funeral service at the home of her son, H. F. Williams, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. D. McLeod.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

JOSHUA HILTZ

The death occurred in Roxbury, Mass., on Feb. 21st, 1916, of Joshua Hiltz in his 66th year. Funeral service was held at his late residence, 9 Catawaba st., Roxbury, Mass., on Thursday, Feb. 24th, at two o'clock conducted by the Pastor of the Dudley Street Baptist Church of which he was a member.

He leaves to mourn their loss a sorrowing wife and three children, Stanley of Melrose Highlands, Mass.; Mrs. Cox of Roxbury, Mass.; and Mrs. Ellsworth of Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Hiltz was a Nova Scotian by birth, and resided for a time in Annapolis County. He moved to Boston some 30 years ago. For the past 25 years he worked for the Boston Elevated Railroad. He was affiliated with the Carman's Union, of which a large number attended the funeral service in a body and bore him to his last resting place. He was also a member of other fraternal organizations. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

We understand, says the Eastern Chronicle, the Eastern Car Company are in receipt of an extra order for two thousand cars from the French Government in addition to the one thousand cars already under construction at the plant. This will insure a busy workshop for many months to come.

### LOCAL ARTISTS IN COMEDY DRAMA

On Tuesday evening next, March 7, the comedy drama, "Higbee of Harvard," will be presented by Bridgetown amateurs in the Primrose Theatre.

This is probably one of the strongest plays ever attempted by "local stage artists," and under the efficient management of Miss Edith Crosskill, who has had the company in training, the public may be assured a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

As has been already advertised, the proceeds of this play will be given to the Patriotic Fund, and the Riverside Cemetery, and should receive a most generous support on this account alone.

Tickets will be on sale after Friday at the Primrose Theatre from two until five o'clock in the afternoon, price of admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents.

### Cast of Characters

Watson W. Higbee—from British Columbia, (a good fellow with millions who knows neither fear nor grammar) . . . . . Henry B. Hicks.  
Hon. V. D. Withrow—a blue blooded ex-Senator with a tall family tree and a short bank account. . . . . A. F. Hiltz.

Lorin Higbee—Son of Watson, Champion athlete of Harvard, in love with Madge . . . . . Harry Conner.

Theodore Dalrymple, Called "Ted." —Worked his way through Harvard in love with Nancy.

Edward Hicks, Higgins, the Butler—"Watch him." . . . . Dr. F. S. Anderson.

Nancy Withrow, the Senator's daughter—An up-to-date level headed girl. . . . . Mrs. H. B. Hicks.  
Madge Cummings, from British Columbia—a quiet sort with temper when needed. . . . . Mrs. W. A. Warren.

Mrs. Ballou—the Senator's sister from New York, who meets her second affinity at the eleventh hour. . . . . Mrs. Fred R. Fay.

Mrs. Malvina Meddigrav—originally from Missouri. Must always be shown. . . . . Mrs. Fred E. Bath.

### PRETTY WEDDING

BISHOP—LEONARD

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Leonard, Paradise, was the scene of a very pleasing event, on Wednesday evening, February 23rd, when their daughter, Mabel Lillian, was united in marriage to Lieutenant C. A. Bishop of Central Clarence.

At the hour, the bridal party entered the drawing room to the strains of the wedding march artistically rendered by Miss Minetta Longley, and took their place beneath an arch of evergreen, from which was suspended a large bell. The bride looked charming as she entered the room on the arm of her father, gowned in white silk, with fur trimming, and wearing the customary veil and orange blossoms. She carried a large bouquet of carnations, maidenhair fern and lily of the valley. Rev. J. D. MacLeod performed the ceremony that made them one, the single ring service being used.

The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents showing the esteem in which she is held. The gifts consisted of cash, linen, cut glass and silverware. Among the gifts was a very handsome parlor clock from the choir and church at Clarence, where the bride has been the organist for the last few years.

We extend to the happy couple best wishes for a long and prosperous journey through life.

### BELLE ISLE THEATRICALS PERFORM AT STONY BEACH

The Belleisle Amateur Theatrical Company played the famous three-act drama, "Wrecked in Port," or "The Turning of the Tide," in Stony Beach Hall, Wednesday evening.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not large as it otherwise would have been. However, those that were fortunate to get there were delighted. The performance was so well arranged and successfully carried out, that it brought forth rounds of applause as the play proceeded.

The members of the company are gifted with energy and enthusiasm and certainly should be congratulated.

The number of Canadians who enlisted during the month of January was approximately 30,000, thus keeping up the average of 1,000 per day, which was reached in December. The total is now about 240,000. The enlistments in the two military districts in the Province of Quebec numbered a little over two thousand.

## New Spring Goods

Silk Spot Chiffons  
Colored and Black Voiles  
Princess Crepes  
Batistes, Gingham, Prints and  
Cambrics  
Checked and Striped Muslins  
9½ cents upwards  
White and Unbleached Cottons  
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