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GERMAN RAID ON ENGLAND

London, Sept. 4.—German airplanes visited the southeast coast of England last (Monday) night, dropping bombs at various places, according to an official statement issued shortly after midnight. No report of casualties or damage has been received up to the present time. The official statement follows: "Enemy airplanes crossed the southeast coast at 11 o'clock last night and dropped bombs at various places. No reports of casualties or damage have yet been received. A number of our airplanes pursued the enemy."

SCHOONER IS LAUNCHED AT PT. GREVILLE

Three Master Adam B. McKay Goes Into Water—Four Master to Be Built—Another Launching Sept. 8.

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AN ALLEGED DYNAMITER A SUICIDE

Joseph Leduc, Alias Hanfield, Kills Himself as He Was About to Be Taken.

EXCITING CHASE NEAR LACHUTE

Two Others Said to Be Members of Dynamite Band Hotly Pursued.

OPEN FIRE ON THE PURSUING POSSE

Dead Man Was Shot in Arm Before Turning Gun on Himself.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Information reached here today that Joseph Leduc, alias Hanfield, alleged to be a principal in recent dynamite and other outrages, which have occurred in the vicinity of Montreal, shot and killed himself on Saturday when about to be captured in the neighborhood of Lachute, Que., about fifteen miles from Ottawa. Henri Monette, alias Girard, another alleged principal and J. A. Tremblay, also declared to be a dynamiter, according to this information, were this afternoon being pursued by a posse of special police from Lachute and were said to be headed toward the Laurentians.

The Chase Begins. The story was to the effect that the police at Lachute were informed on Saturday by the authorities at St. Andrews that three men thought to be the auto bandits were on the way to Lachute. Mayor Lavigne of that city was requested to keep them under surveillance. Six special constables were sworn to.

Early Saturday morning one of the special constables investigated when he saw an automobile standing at a corner in front of a branch of the Molson's Bank, halting the occupants but the latter hurriedly drove away toward St. Casimir.

A posse was then sworn in by the mayor and followed the strangers in a high powered motor car, and just outside Lachute came upon three unknown pedestrians. When ordered to explain their presence there, two of the strangers fled across the fields, firing at the officers with their revolvers and the third man now declared to be Leduc, made off to the river which he attempted to swim. A bullet from the gun of a member of the posse hit him in the arm and he turned back and climbed the bank. When the posse was almost upon him a shot rang out and he was found on the point of expiring. He had put his revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

PTE. DAVIS KILLED

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Andrew Davis of this city tonight received a telegram from Ottawa informing her that her son, Pte. Frank Arnold Davis, had been killed in action August 29.

F. Brown, Grand Forks, N. B. Engineers. Wounded—Second Corporal H. H. Adams, St. John, N. B. Mounted Rifles. Wounded—W. E. Anthony, Wilson's Beach, N.B. Infantry. Reported Missing—Lance Corporal E. Walsh, Yarmouth, N. S. Chas. Fisher, Rolling Dam, N. B. Wounded and Gassed—F. Anderson, Douglasstown, N. B. Wounded—W. H. McCauley, St. Andrews, N. B. H. H. Hinds, Jemseg, N. B. Gas Poisoning—J. H. Lynch, St. Jacques, N. B. Wounded and Missing—C. Morhouse, Coronation, N. B. Gassed—Patrick Beaudrean, Pettit Roche, N.B. Engineers. Wounded—W. J. Jones, Moncton, N. B. Gassed—W. P. Tigue, St. John, N. B.

TEUTONIC ARMY CAPTURES THE CITY OF RIGA

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British Drive Back German Attack Near Havrincourt.

RAIDING PARTY ALSO REPULSED

Teutons Attempt Vainly All Day to Dislodge French at Hurbise.

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SIR GEO. E. FOSTER WAS 70 YESTERDAY



Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, observed the seventieth anniversary of his birth yesterday. Sir George was born in Halifax.

HALIFAX MAN PROVES HIMSELF REAL WRESTLER

Interesting Programme of Sporting Events and Parade at Stellarton. Special to The Standard. New Glasgow, N. S., Sept. 3.—The Labor Day celebration at Stellarton attracted an enormous crowd and proved one of the most successful celebrations ever held in Pictou county. Early in the morning visitors began to arrive and at ten a.m. the different unions paraded the streets, which were crowded with sightseers. The immense procession with its canopy, flags and decorated wagons was one of the best ever witnessed in Stellarton. Shortly after two p.m. the sports began and the different athletic events were keenly contested. In the wrestling match Roy McKay of Halifax was easily the victor. Roy proved himself an adept on the mat. The entire celebration was carried out without a hitch, it being one of the most orderly and successful Labor Day celebrations ever held in the county. Ideal weather conditions holding the front lines to forty days each.

REFORMS ARE DEMANDED BY LABOR MEN

Parliamentary Committee Not in Favor of Conference at Stockholm. Blackpool, Eng., Sept. 3.—The Trade Union Congress was opened today with record attendance of 700 delegates. John Hill of the Bootmakers' and Shipbuilders' Union, said in his opening address that something more than resolutions were required to obtain reforms and that worn-out methods and going cap in hand to ministers should be buried with the battle axes and bow and arrows of the England of the Plantagenets. The congress received the report of the parliamentary committee regarding the Stockholm conference. The committee came to the conclusion that a conference at Stockholm at the present moment could not be successful and recommended that an attempt should be made to secure a general agreement among the working classes of the Allied nations as a fundamental condition of a successful international conference. The committee also recommended that an attempt should be made to secure a general agreement among the working classes of the Allied nations as a fundamental condition of a successful international conference. The committee also recommended that an attempt should be made to secure a general agreement among the working classes of the Allied nations as a fundamental condition of a successful international conference.

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FRANCHISE MEASURE TOMORROW

House of Commons Spends Practically Whole Day in Supply.

HON. FRANK OLIVER POSES AS CRITIC

Has Sharp Argument with the Minister of Finance Over C. T. P. Rails.

HOUSE RESUMES SUPPLY TODAY

Objection Made to Vote of \$10,000 for Art Gallery.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—The house spent practically the whole of Monday in supply. Topics waited from a loan of \$1,500,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific to some homely remarks on Canadian art. Beyond a sharp argument between the Minister of Finance and Hon. Frank Oliver over the removal of G.T.P. rails in the west for use in France, the loan passed with little discussion. But votes for public works brought the supplementary estimates which the opposition criticized that the items had been included in view of a pending general election.

WAS RAILROAD MAN KILLED?

Sensational Story Develops After Finding of Body of Railroad Man on N. T. R. Near Bantalar. Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 3.—A sensational story of suspected murder comes from Bantalar, about twenty miles above Chipman. Last Friday a man named Oliver Cassie, C. G. R. section man of Rogersville, was found cut to pieces on the track. The story goes that it was first taken for granted that Cassie had been killed by a train but investigation by a doctor tended to give rise to suspicion of foul play. From what can be learned Cassie had been sent to Bantalar to help repair the N. T. R. roadbed which had been torn up by a bad freight wreck Wednesday last. It was said the doctor's examination of the body after it had been found on the track showed marks of foul play.

SUPT. McNEILLIE RESIGNS POSITION

Will Leave C. G. R. to Go to Delaware and Hudson—S. Brown Likely to Succeed Him. Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 3.—J. K. McNeillie, general superintendent of the C.G.R., has resigned from the government road and accepted a position on the Delaware and Hudson under P. F. Gutelius, formerly manager of the C.G.R. Mr. McNeillie leaves for the Delaware and Hudson about the middle of September. He came to the C.G.R. from the C.P.R. in May, 1916, and has since occupied the position of general superintendent. L. S. Brown, it is understood, will succeed Mr. McNeillie as general superintendent of the C.G.R.

MAIL CLERKS APPOINTED

Dr. Edwards asked if it were correct that the places of from twenty-five to thirty English-speaking mail clerks in Ontario who had enlisted had been filled by French-Canadians. Hon. Mr. Doherty replied: "No. Only one French-Canadian has been employed in Ontario to replace mail clerks who have enlisted and he has been discharged as medically unfit." In reply to Mr. Deaslie, Sir Edward Kemp said that Col. Langton, deputy inspector general, had, at the beginning of the year, made an investigation concerning matters of pay, canteen and regimental funds of the 167th Battalion. "This investigation," said Sir Edward, "disclosed grave irregularities. The matter was accordingly referred to the department of justice in order that it might take the necessary action." The investigation was asked for by the officer commanding the 167th and also by the pay department and branch of the inspector general.

WANTS POTATOES FREE

Mr. Frank Carvell suggested that potatoes should be treated in the same way as wheat in regard to being placed on the free list. The idea, he said, was to give the Canadian farmer a chance of selling his potatoes in the United States market. Sir Robert Borden promised consideration and an early announcement. Hon. J. D. Hazen informed A. K. McLean that the patrol service on the coast of Nova Scotia was partly Canadian and partly Imperial. There was mixed control.

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