

"COURIERS OF VERDUN"

New Kind of Messenger Who Has Sprung into Fame in the Great Struggle for the Fortress on the Meuse

Telephone and Telegraph Wiped Out by Artillery Fire, Communication Depended Again Upon the Individual

Paris, Aug. 1.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The unexampled conditions of fighting before Verdun have developed a new type of soldier called "the couriers of Verdun." They are the men who maintain communication between the troops in the midst of the melee and officers commanding from the rear. The battlefield into which they dart with orders or after information is a desolated zone where nothing but thick smoke, sometimes black, sometimes white, gives appearance of life, excepting during the brief time an infantry attack, is to all appearances deserted; the sharpest eye discovers no movement of humanity. The earth is everywhere furrowed by freshly stirred earth, but no one sees the hand that stirred it.

"The Courier of Verdun."

Occasionally a form is seen going over this desert land something after the manner of a rabbit, bounding into sight out of the herbs and above uneven ground to disappear again; leaping from obstacle to obstacle, from ditch to ditch, from shell hole to shell hole as it approaches the front line, at times vaulting, at others crawling, and sometimes kept motionless for considerable periods by showers of projectiles sent over from the other side of the line for his personal benefit. This is the messenger of modern battle; he was never more needed nor more useful than at Verdun and the type will probably bear the name for years to come of "the courier of Verdun."

Good Lungs and a Stout Heart.

Not a telephone line can resist the incessant bombardment that digs up the soil and levels all field work along the whole line in front of the fortresses; consequently to assure communications between the front and the rear is a difficult problem. Conventional means of communication are insufficient for various reasons. Nothing is certain excepting the man himself and to transmit information and orders across the beaten field requires something extraordinary in the way of man. He must be an athlete with good lungs and above all he must have a stout heart.

Must Travel in the Open.

The courier of Verdun is unable to use the communicating trenches where he would be out of sight of the enemy because the line is crowded always with soldiers going to or from the front line, with wounded being carried back, with some of the commissary department carrying provisions to the men on guard. That is too slow a route for the courier of Verdun; he must take his chances of being sighted and shot above ground.

The first formidable obstacle to pass is the zone that is beaten by "drum fire," where 8-inch, 6-inch and 4-inch shells are bursting with formidable explosions, sending showers of shrapnel over the whole zone. In going through this ordeal, the courier sees everywhere the spectacle of death, stumbles over corpses, sometimes runs into a cloud of poison

vapor before he has crossed it; once through, he is within range of the smaller German guns and the quick fliers.

During the whole distance of a mile or two miles, according to the position, his nerves are at the highest tension, with his mind on the end of his mission and at the same time on the obstacles that are multiplied every moment in his path.

Some of these couriers get through untouched, others crawl back to the starting point bruised, and dragged, some of them never come back to tell the story of their heroic effort.

A Boy Volunteer

The couriers of Verdun maintain communication from the rear with the heroic troops under the orders of Commandant Raynal—a company of 142 infantry and a machine gun section of the 53rd—who held the Fort of Vaux several days against overwhelming numbers of assailants. They were all volunteers selected from a considerable number of men who offered themselves for the dangerous mission. Of them was a boy of the contingent of 1916, of childish aspect, who evaded the danger of the mission and was the first man to the front. He had scarcely returned from one of these perilous missions, said his captain, "when he pleaded to be sent out again." Another, literally riddled by fragments of a shell that had burst in his hat, had dragged himself back, though unable to rise to his feet, saluted his colonel and said: "Colonel, I am done for, but I have got enough left in me to give you my report and that was the end of his service for his country."

Sent in Couples

The risk is so great for these messengers that they are generally sent in couples; if one is hit, the other may get through. Two of these men from the commanding post of a brigade crossed the Fumin Woods; they were almost at their goal when the shell of a German 3-inch struck one of the full inches struck one of the full inches struck the body for the message, but found nothing; the shell had carried away the pocket. He made his way back to the post, seemed almost ashamed not to have executed his mission, and asked: "Colonel, I have a duplicate of the message." He received a pint of water, which was in those days the courier's greatest recompense, and started off again.

Marked "Urgent"

One of these couriers presented himself at the commanding post of a colonel, panting, covered with mud, and bleeding freely. He had passed through the zone of "drum fire" and through the zone of a ground yard by "drum fire," where he held out the envelope containing the message.

"However did you get through?" asked the colonel.

"Colonel," was the reply, "I don't know; I only noticed that the envelope was marked 'urgent.'"

its natural advantages, Dover seems bound to develop as a watering place, a resident of Simcoe who knows the value of a look west, instructing the Courier regarding a possible site and the ease with which a spur track could be run to the very property by putting in a switch near where the cars now stop.

Left in the Dark

Hydro left Simcoe in darkness last night. The southbound trolley stopped just outside Waterford, and caught thirty passengers. Nine of those under Lt. Dougherty, came over on a jigger. The company wired Simcoe for autos for the remainder of the night. The trolley resumed shortly before midnight.

The Boughner picnic will be held here on August 19th, not the 29th as stated in Saturday's issue.

the arrival of the circus train, about 6:30 a.m., the presence of the policeman was explained.

Followed Her at Station

Her early trip to the depot drew along in the rear, detective Frank Lawson, who had gathered in McDonald before, and the young wife was not finished warning Leslie of his foolish conduct when Downs stepped up with, "Come on Leslie, I want you; you know what for," and Leslie came.

No action has yet been taken locally regarding the celebration of the 2nd anniversary of the outbreak of war.

Crop Conditions.

Warden McDowell was in town today on council business and reports crop conditions west as being very variable and on the average somewhat discouraging.

Wm. Gray, M.P., of London, called this afternoon on Mayor Williamson, Senator McCall and H. P. Innes, K.C.

Mr. Gray is taking a trip on the lake as guest of Capt. Robinson to recuperate after a rather prolonged illness. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Butler, of Dover, were in the party.

New Summer Hotel

A big C. P. R. summer hotel at Dover might rise at the lake front before many summers pass. The natural facilities for out-door life are tempting all along the bay to Turkey Point, and the fishing is good. With the completion of the Normandale hatcheries, the supply will not likely soon run out, and the west end of the bay is ideal for bass. With its proximity to inland cities to augm-

New C.P.R. Summer Hotel Suggested for Port Dover

This Place Rapidly Becoming Popular and Busy Summer Resort—MacDonald Being Tried To-day on Charge of Breaking Prison—Simcoe in the Dark When Hydro Lights Went Off.

(From our own correspondent)

Simcoe, August 1.—The 133rd Band will visit Simcoe in a body on the 19th inst., and provide music at the Boughner picnic. Arrangements to this effect were announced here to-day.

McDonald's Trial

James Leslie McDonald will appear before His Honor Judge Byles at 10 o'clock this morning. He will likely plead guilty and ask for a speedy trial, before the Judge.

A Callous Prisoner

Mrs. McDonald came up from London at her husband's request on Saturday, and had a short conference with him. Mrs. McDonald is a bright little woman of apparently refined instincts. No note of bitterness was evident in her deliberate discussion of McDonald's career since he began to go wrong, but the young woman professes, as his mother professes, to have done with "Leslie." Their year old daughter died in Hamilton in June, and McDonald was not advised till he reached London, simply because "he would not care."

The only other child, a three-year old, blue eyed boy daily enquires for "daddy," but he was not brought up to see his crying sire through the prison bars.

Wife Was Watched

From the time London got news of McDonald's escape a double watch was put on the home of Mrs. McDonald's parents, where she is stopping. She noticed the men in the vicinity and would have thought it unusual for even an officer to be on the street so much. When she got a line from Leslie, sent from Woodstock, asking her to meet him on

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Please 276.

Mr. W. L. Hughes is in Toronto to-day.

Captain Henderson, City Solicitor, left today for Camp Petawawa, after a brief visit of farewell. He expects to leave Overseas shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hall and Master John, are spending a few days in New York City and will sail for England and Scotland on Thursday, Aug. 3.

Mr. E. R. Armstrong, City Point, Va., and Mr. B. Armstrong, Great Falls, Montana, and Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. I. S. Armstrong, Terrace Hill. The whole party motored today to visit Mr. E. S. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilde, 4 George Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Pte. Percy Lacy, of the 125th Brant Bk.

To the Grave

Mrs. Mary Strong

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Strong took place yesterday afternoon from 107 Queen street, Greenwood cemetery, being attended by a very large gathering of friends and relatives. The pallbearers were from selected friends of the deceased. The six grandsons of the deceased, Rev. Dr. Henderson of Wellington street church. A great many floral tributes were received, including the following:

Pillow family; wreaths, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kirby; employees of the Kitchen Overall Co.; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bloxham and family, Mrs. Acheson, Mr. Dick Butler, Mrs. Bainton, Mr. Herb. Beney, Mrs. Cox and Rose, staff of the C.O.F. office, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Glas, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hawthorne, Epworth League Wellington St. church, Ladies' Aid and W. M. S. of Wellington St. church, Mr. Andrew McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Minter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McQuillan, Mrs. Norwood and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Strong and family, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Williams, the Misses Weyms, Mr. and Mrs. Witmer and family.

PERHAPS 12 IN RAID

Largest Zepp Fleet Yet Observed Over Holland

Rotterdam, August 2.—According to reports received from various parts of Holland the largest fleet of Zeppelins ever seen in one day was observed early to-day. It seems probable that at least nine, and probably 12, engaged in the raid on England last night.

SIR FREDERICK BORDEN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Ottawa, August 2.—Word has been received in Ottawa of the grave illness of Sir Frederick Borden, minister in the Laurier Cabinet, at his home in Canning, N.S.

Sir Frederick, who has been in ill health for some time, came to Ottawa on the Liberal advisory committee in Ottawa. On the way back he became seriously ill and was hurried home by special train.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It breaks down the general health, weakens the lung tissues, and leads to consumption.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is so successful in the treatment of catarrh that it is known as the best remedy for this disease. It purifies the blood. Ask your druggist for it.

CASEMENT TO DIE TO-MORROW

His Solicitor Has Received No Intimation That Sentence Is Changed.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 2.—Roger Casement's solicitor, Gavin Duffy, of Dublin, had not received word this morning of any change in the plans for the execution by hanging at nine o'clock Thursday morning of his client in the Brixton prison. He and Premier Asquith had received an extensively signed petition from Ireland, but beyond a formal acknowledgment he had not further communicated with its originators.

Casement, according to Solicitor Duffy, who sees the condemned man frequently remains unconcerned or depressed and betrays no emotion as the hour for his execution approaches. He eats well, favoring fruit and feed drinks.

PERSONALS FROM PORT DOVER

Goings and Comings of Interest in Busy Summer Resort.

(From our own correspondent)

Port Dover, August 2.—The Rev. R. P. McKay, of Toronto, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Taylor, Port Dover.

Mrs. John S. Martin who has been visiting in Montoursville, Pa., was called home Sunday, owing to the death of Dr. W. E. McLaughlin.

Mrs. J. LaRush and Miss Margaret Teichert, returned to Brantford yesterday, after a month spent at Brant Hill.

Miss Isabel Anderson has as her guest Miss Margaret Hunter, of West Hill, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brooks and family, who have been spending the month of July in a cottage at Orchard Beach, have returned to Brantford.

Miss Mitchell, of Brantford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Ivey.

Mr. Robinson, Birmingham, Ala., is the guest of Mrs. L. G. Woodson, of Port Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson and family, who have occupied Dr. Jolley's Log Cabin Cottage for the past month returned to their home in Brantford, on Monday.

Hurry-Out Sale

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All Summer Goods must be cleared out this month to make room for the incoming Fall Goods. Visit the store. See window display!

Hurry-Out Sale Prices on Ready-to-Wear

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White wash skirts in repp. and Bedford Cord, made with wide flare pockets and full range of Ladies', Hurry-Out Sale \$1.50

White Wash Skirts in repp. and Indian Head, one pocket and belt, full range of sizes, Hurry-Out Sale \$1.25

Ladies' Porch Dresses, made of Chambray, Gingham, Linen, Repp., and some Muslins and White Embroidery, odd lines, but good range of sizes, Reg. \$5. Hurry-Out Sale \$2.48

The balance of our stock of Summer Dresses in flowered and Stripe Muslin, also White Voile and Lace Cloth, broken sizes of this season's selling, various smart styles to choose from regularly from \$5.00 to \$18.50. Hurry-Out Sale \$3.95, \$5.75, \$8.50 and \$12.50

Hurry-Out Sale on SILKS

White Habutai Silk, 36 in. wide, the kind that washes so nicely, Hurry-Out Sale, worth to-day \$1.75. Hurry-Out Sale \$1.25

Black Duchesse Satin, extra quality, French dye, worth to-day \$1.75. Hurry-Out Sale \$1.25

Black Paillette, 36 in. wide, a silk recommended for wear, Regular \$1.50. Hurry-Out Sale \$1

Tussor Foulard Silks, dainty colorings in stripes and spots, Regular 50c. Hurry-Out Sale 33c

Chinese Shantung 34 in. wide, Reg. 50c. Hurry-Out Sale 43c

White Poplin 21c yard

Plain White Poplin or Repp, 36 in. wide, worth 30c. to 35c. yard, Sale Price 21c

Fancy Parasols at Hurry-Out Prices

Ladies' Fancy Sunshades in stripes and plain effects, worth up to \$2.00, Sale Price 98c

Hand Bags

5 dozen Ladies' Black Leather Hand Bags, several styles, good strong frames, regular \$1.50, Sale Price 79c

Middy Blouses at Hurry-Out Sale Prices

Middy Blouses in white or white trimmed, long and short sleeves, all sizes, Sale Price 79c

Voile Waists at Sale Prices

White Voile Waist in stripes and plain effects, many styles to choose from; also a few black and white styles amongst this lot. Sale Price 98c

Hurry-Out Sale Prices on Wash Goods

Printed Voiles, 27 in. wide in Blues, Pink, and Helios, Regular 25c. Sale Price 19c

Kimono Crepes, 32 in. wide, Japanese patterns, worth 35c. yard Sale Price, yard 17c

Printed Voiles, 36 and 40 in. wide, worth up to 40c. yard, Sale Price, yard 33c

Awning Stripe in Blue and White, Black and White, and Green and Tan, Reg. 50c. quality. Sale Price, yard 39c

White Striped Voile, with narrow or wide stripes, 36 and 40 in. wide, worth up to 60c. yard, Sale Price 39c

Swiss Embroidery Voile, 36 in. wide, very dainty patterns, Reg. 75c. quality, Sale Price, 49c.; regular \$1.00 quality 69c. yard; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 quality, 98c. yard.

White Rice Cloth, 36 in. wide, worth up to 37 1/2c. yard. Sale Price 29c

White Lace Voile, 36 in. wide, worth up to 50c. yard. Sale Price, yard 39c

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Carranza Men Caught in Accident

Explosion of Dynamite Reported to Have Killed 60 of Them

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Nogales, Aug. 2.—The explosion of a carload of dynamite killed sixty and wounded forty Carranza soldiers according to reports received here to-day. It was stated that the Mexican authorities are proceeding in their investigation on the theory that the explosion was due to a shot deliberately fired into the car. Buildings in Umpire are said to have been badly injured.

Falling from Reading train at Lacet Gap, Penn., Joseph Gottschall, aged 50, of Gordon, was killed, after riding 30 years without an accident.

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WEDGE HAS CUT FORCES IN T...

Russians Have Practically Separated German Army From Austrian.

MEANS DISASTER FOR AUSTRIA

Roads to Kovel Already Reported Black with Retreating Enemy.

London, Aug. 2.—The operation on the Russian front, which surpasses those in the west in dramatic interest. The military critics express great admiration for the Russian tactics, one of the important objects which, in their opinion, has been to isolate the Austrians from the main armies on the Russian front. This is now claimed, has been usually accomplished by the Russians driving a wedge into the Austro-German positions along the front of the Volynsk.

The view here is that if the Austrians have thus accepted severe losses from the Austrians the most direct result of the whole of the Russian front. Brusseloff's strategy will be Gen. Brusiloff, it being argued by military observers that without military support the Austrian armies become demoralized and collapse.

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ONTARIO.

Between: The Bank of Nova Scotia Plaintiff; and Albert E. Faulkner and Sarah Ann Faulkner, Defendants.

To Albert E. Faulkner and Sarah Ann Faulkner: You are hereby notified that pursuant to the order of Honour Judge Hardy, dated the 29th day of July, 1916, you are required to appear at the trial of the above affidavit of merit therewith before the 5th day of September, and that in default of your so appearing judgment may be entered against you. This action is for the recovery of \$357.86, said to be due on a mortgage made by you to the plaintiff and dated the 29th day of April, 1914, and for foreclosure of the lands therein described.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1916.

JONES AND HEWITT Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

The Bank of Nova Scotia

NOTICE is hereby given that the law was passed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford on the 18th day of July, 1916, in relation to the recovery of the amount of \$58,000.00, for the purposes of the City of Brantford. And that such by-law was read in the registry office for the City of Brantford on the 18th day of July, 1916, and that the same or any part thereof is made within three months from the 25th day of July, 1916, the first publication of this notice, and cannot be made thereafter. Dated this 26th day of July, 1916.

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