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SALT JOHN HOMES ARE SADDENED; LOVED ONES GONE WITH HOSPITAL SHIP

Six Households Receive Word Of Brave Ones "Missing, Believed Drowned"

Small Avalanche of Notifications From Ottawa Increases Grief in Loss in Murderous Attack of Germans Upon The Llandoverly Castle

St. John suffered more keenly than she knew when the German savages sank the hospital ship Llandoverly Castle off the Irish coast on June 7. In six homes in this city there is deep grief today over loved ones probably sent to death by the murderous enemy that wages war upon women and children, upon the wounded and upon those carrying on a work of mercy in this war.

From Ottawa today came notification to the homes of those named here that a daughter, sister, husband or a brother who had been in the hospital ship was "missing and believed drowned." Deeply does the community sympathize with those in the stricken homes.

Missing Sister Anna Stammers Among those who went down with the hospital ship Llandoverly Castle, none will be more sincerely mourned than Nursing Sister Anna Stammers who has cheerfully risked her life time and again on voyages through the danger zone in order that she might minister to the sick and wounded. The heroes of this war include many of the gallant sea, and surely no finer sacrifice could be made than that of the young woman who, thoroughly aware of the perils she faced, willingly risked her life in the service of her country and in her ministry of mercy.

Miss Stammers, who was thirty years of age, is survived by her mother, Mrs. B. A. Stammers of Waterloo street, and two sisters, Miss Willis, at home and Mrs. J. S. Addy, also of Waterloo street. Before going overseas, she had enjoyed a long nursing practice in this city and enjoyed an enviable reputation in her profession. Her fine character and her womanly disposition had endeared her to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her loss will be deeply mourned, and her family will have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Kenneth Daley, reported missing in the hospital ship, was of 120 Paradise row. He was twenty years of age. His father is dead, but his mother is living at home with two sisters, Misses Margaret and Annie. Two brothers, Allan and Horace, are fighting in France, and another is in khaki in Halifax. Kenneth was a baker by trade, and played by Thomas Robinson, Celebration street. He was a lad of good habits, with a wide circle of warm friends and he attended German Street Baptist church. He left St. John with Dr. Corbett's Ambulance boys in April 1917, and about a year ago was transferred to the ill-fated hospital ship as an orderly. This last trip was his third.

Mrs. Albert Baker, 41 King square, was advised this morning from Ottawa that her husband, Albert Baker, a member of the crew of Llandoverly Castle, is missing and believed drowned. Private Baker went overseas as a member of the 16th Field Ambulance and after arriving in England was transferred to the Llandoverly Castle on the medical staff. He was thirty years old and prior to donning the uniform was employed by T. McAvity & Sons. Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Ethel and Margaret; a brother, Charles, at present in England, suffering from shell shock; Private Baker was well known and his friends will learn with deepest regret that he is believed drowned.

Frederick Clark, 22 Erin street, received word from Ottawa this morning that her husband, Private Frederick Clark, an orderly on the hospital ship Llandoverly Castle, was reported missing and believed to be drowned. He was a native of England and with his family moved to St. John about four years ago. Besides his wife, there are five sons—Frederick, William, Harold, Albert and Earle, and one daughter, Nellie, at home. Clement George Scribner, 23 Delhi street, was advised this morning that her son, Private Clement George Scribner, a member of the crew of the hospital ship, Llandoverly Castle, was reported missing and believed to be drowned. He was twenty years old and prior to donning the uniform was employed by T. McAvity & Sons. He went overseas as a member of the 16th Field Ambulance. Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. P. A. Wilson, Pine street, and Miss Bath at home, and one brother, William, overseas, a member of the N. B. Battalion.

Mrs. Hickman, 2 River street, was advised this morning that her son, Edward Hickman, a member of the crew of the Llandoverly Castle, was reported missing and believed to be drowned. He went overseas as a member of the 16th Field Ambulance Corp, under Lieutenant-Colonel G. G. Corbett. Prior to going overseas he was employed by T. McAvity & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, 266 Rockland road, were advised today from Ottawa that their grandson, S. K. Taylor, who was aboard the Llandoverly Castle when she was torpedoed, had arrived safely in England.

Halifax, N. S., July 5.—At last night's meeting of the city council, Albert Gillis read an extract from a cable from Ireland to America stating that the commander of the German submarine

"MISSING, BELIEVED DROWNED" Anna Stammers, Waterloo street. Kenneth Daley, Paradise row. Albert Baker, King square. Frederick Clark, Erin street. Clement George Scribner, Delhi street. Edward Hickman, 2 River street. ON BOARD, BUT SAVED S. K. Taylor, 266 Rockland road.

PTE. C. E. BROWN OF NEWMAN STREET IN HOSPITAL WOUNDED Multiple Gunshot, Says Official Despatch to His Father

Robert Brown, of 107 Newman street, was advised today by the record office in Ottawa that his son, Private Charles Edwin Brown, infantry, has been officially reported admitted to the General Hospital in Rouen on June 29, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

Private Brown, who is twenty-seven years of age, went overseas with the 10th Battalion and afterwards was transferred to the New Brunswick Battalion. Before enlisting he was employed as a horse-shoe maker in the Portland Rolling Mills.

After reaching England he was stricken with rheumatic fever, and was in the hospital for more than a year. He reached France about nine months ago and until he was wounded this time, had passed through the trench warfare and several engagements without injury. Another brother, James Brown, was one of the original members of the 29th Battalion and has been wounded three times in the war.

Drummondville Has A Serious Fire Tank Containing 1,500 Gallons of Gasoline Explodes

Quebec, July 5.—The city of Drummondville was threatened by a serious fire last night. The huge gasoline tanks of the Drummondville Railway Company, together with a shed belonging to the Canadian Government Railway were destroyed. A tank containing 1,500 gallons of gasoline exploded and the concussion shook houses more than two miles away. Nobody was injured. This morning a big coil of the Canadian Government railway is still on fire, but the danger of a spread in the fire is past.

Gunner King Kerr Is Seriously Ill In Etaples Hospital

John Kerr of 44 Camden street has received official confirmation of the news that his son, King Kerr, is in a hospital in Etaples, France, seriously ill with pneumonia.

Gunner Kerr, who was a member of the 16th Field Ambulance, was in France early in 1915 with the Canadian Postal Corps, but afterwards received his commission to an artillery unit from this city.

TRANSFER FROM HERE TO FREDERICTON For the last two days the military authorities have been very busy getting the patients and staff of the army convalescent home transferred to the new home in Fredericton.

Today the remainder of the staff left for Fredericton. The army has now been transferred back to the military authorities from the Hospitals Commission. Command, and it will be put in shape for the occupation of troops in the fall.

It is said that the army will be taken over by the Depot Battalion on their return from Sussex. It was also reported unofficially today that the Depot Battalion would be removed to Fredericton next winter.

ENEMY GETS COTTON FROM THE CAUCASUS. Amsterdam, July 5.—Seven thousand tons of raw Caucasian cotton to be divided among Hungary, Austria and Germany have been shipped from Tiflis, according to a report from Budapest, where the cotton will arrive early in August. Twenty-six freight cars of the finest merino wool. It is added, already have arrived at Budapest.

Stricken by Husband's Side. Quebec, July 5.—While out in the field working, Mrs. Alphonse Talbot was stricken with a fit of epilepsy and died before her husband, working close by, could get help to her.

ALIEN BID FOR PEACE FAIL TO WIN BACK GROUND

Vorwaerts Says German People Want it Speedily—But Must Be "With Honor"

Amsterdam, July 5.—The Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts of Berlin, declares that the desire of the German people for a speedy peace with honor is so strong that a sensible accommodation from the other side would be bound to lead to its realization.

"Or enemies today," continues the newspaper, "have the opportunity of obtaining a peace not proscribed by the war, but based on the equities of the military and economic forces on both sides."

The policy of truth demanded by Philipp Scheidemann (Socialist leader), requires an admission that the economic forces of the German people are not so exhausted, and the fact that they are not overrestrained material is being increasingly felt.

"The more candidly we speak of this matter, the more readily will our enemies be induced to accept a peace not proscribed by the war, but based on the equities of the military and economic forces on both sides."

"The conclusion of a peace with honor thus corresponds to the interests of our adversary in the same degree as our own."

ENDORSE SPEECH OF U. S. PRESIDENT

Washington, July 5.—The call to the peoples of the world to endorse America's declaration of independence, and the declaration of America's purpose to persevere in the "peace offensive" is now at stake, made by President Wilson in his fourth of July address at Mount Vernon, was endorsed today by officials and diplomats in Washington.

The statement of the president, that "no half-way decision is conceivable" is "conceivable" many officials believed, will have an important effect in forestalling another "peace offensive" by Germany, rumors of which have been reaching allied capitals for several weeks.

Although only a single reference was made to Russia, the enumeration of the "people of stricken Russia still among the rest" had a powerful effect on the minds of the diplomats.

The Mount Vernon address, it was pointed out by some officials, while not so specific as some of President Wilson's previous addresses, constitutes in many ways the most forceful and clear-cut statement of allied war aims that he has given.

Schwab Sent 12 INTO WATER FROM HIS OWN YARDS

San Francisco, July 5.—Charles M. Schwab, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, launched twelve vessels from his own yards in this district yesterday and directed the launching of five more from other yards. Eight of the twelve constructed in Mr. Schwab's plants were destroyers. Four new freighters, one of which, the Defiance, was constructed in thirty-seven days—a world's record.

"This is the swiftest today," said the American workman to the common foe," Mr. Schwab told the assembled thousands as the big Defiance started the waters of the Oakland estuary.

Among those assisting Mr. Schwab were Calhoun Maughan, representing the British admiralty, and Rev. Charles A. Eaton, head of the national service section of the fleet corporation.

WELL DONE Newfoundland Raises \$2,000,000 Victory Loan in Six Days

St. John's, Nfld., July 5.—A \$2,000,000 Victory Loan which Newfoundland was asked to raise in six weeks was obtained by popular subscription in six days. It was announced today that the amount probably would be doubled.

HOME FOR INCURABLES. The monthly meeting of the board of management of the Home for Incurables was held yesterday afternoon. An order was passed for the admission of two male patients. The president reported that the fund for the bakery and fire escape amounted to \$1,462. It is the intention of the management to make an attempt to secure about \$800 more.

NOVA SCOTIA HAS SENSATION; WOMEN SHOT

Millidge Refuse Kills One Woman, Seriously Wounds Another and Himself in Kentville

Kentville, N. S., July 5.—Millidge Refuse, aged 50, last night shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Ross Veiner, and turned the gun on himself, inflicting serious injuries, which physicians say will probably prove fatal.

Domestic trouble is said to be the probable cause of the tragedy.

HON. MR. BLONDIN REACHES CANADA

Halifax, July 5.—Hon. P. P. Blondin, postmaster-general of Canada, is here from overseas en route to Montreal. Referring to his visit to France, he said that he was especially impressed with the cheery spirit of the wounded.

"I saw men with scars of many battles on their faces and arms and legs and legs in English hospitals and what impressed me most was the general spirit of optimism in these places," said Mr. Blondin.

"The men in the front line trenches are even more cheerful. If that is possible, and are very patient. They feel that victory will be theirs in time and are ready and waiting for the word to go over the top at the German command that is given."

Moncton, July 5.—Lieut.-Colonel Hon. E. C. Blodgett, postmaster-general of Canada, passed through Moncton this morning on a military special with returned men from overseas.

HALIFAX MAN PRESIDENT

St. John Men on Executive of Maritime Wholesale Hardware Men's Association

The annual meeting of the Maritime Wholesale Hardware Men's Association was held in St. Andrews, N. B., on Wednesday and Thursday. Among the members present were H. W. Emerson, retiring president; A. V. Armstrong, secretary; J. F. Tilton, P. D. McAvity, S. C. Hoyt, R. M. Bartch, F. A. Foster and George B. Rivers of St. John; F. R. Sumner and R. P. Dickson of Moncton; G. J. Mettler, J. R. Simmons, C. W. Staines, L. G. Crowell of Halifax; H. N. Steeves of Amherst and W. H. Spimney of Yarmouth. There was also a large number of visitors connected with the business and who were welcomed to the meeting.

The election of the coming year resulted in the choice of the following: President, G. J. Mettler, Halifax; vice-president, R. P. Dickson, Moncton; additional members of executive, L. L. Crowell and J. R. Simmons, St. John; secretary, G. J. Mettler, Halifax; H. N. Steeves of Amherst and W. H. Spimney of Yarmouth. There was also a large number of visitors connected with the business and who were welcomed to the meeting.

WANT SPECIAL FARES FOR TEAMS ON FERRY Representatives of Large Concerns Have Interview at City Hall

A request for the continuance of the special fares for teams on the ferry steamers was laid before T. H. Bullock, commissioner of harbors and ferries, and Mayor Hayes this morning by representatives of concerns which pay out large sums annually for ferriage. The delegation consisted of W. E. Scully for the Union Ice Company; H. Colby Smith for A. C. Smith & Company; H. Firth Britain for the C. E. Colwell Company, and George Waring for the Union Foundry.

Under the old arrangement books of 1,000 tickets for single teams and of 500 tickets for double teams were sold for \$60, making the rate six and twelve cents respectively. An order was passed by the council several months ago forbidding the issue of further books of tickets, which would force all teams to pay the current rate of eight and fifteen cents. At that time, the larger patrons of the ferry laid in a generous supply of books of tickets but these are now being exhausted and they face the necessity of paying full fares.

The delegation this morning asked that the order be rescinded and the books of tickets be issued at the same rate as formerly. They contended that the higher rates would be a hardship to the west side business men, especially those who are competing with merchants on the east side. One of the representatives said that it would mean an additional tax of \$400 a year on his business.

Commissioner Bullock said that the rates had been low in the past, while the expenses of operation have been increasing, but he promised to give the matter careful consideration.

IS IN ENGLAND. Word has been received in the city that Gunner G. Russell, of Tower street, West St. John, has arrived safely in England.