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Hundred German Officers Almost Make Escape

LONDON, April 7.—2:25 a.m.—A nearly completed tunnel, through which a hundred German officers could have made their escape from the internment camp at Philbreds, near Maidenhead, has been discovered by the British military authorities, according to the Daily Telegraph.

SERVIANS DREAD ANOTHER INVASION

Do Not Accept Explanation By
Bulgarian Minister In
London.

[Canadian Press.]
LONDON, April 6.—The Bulgarian minister in London today gave out the text of a note from his Government disclaiming responsibility for the recent invasion of Serbia by a force described as Bulgarian irregulars. The note repeats in the main what has already been set forth in dispatches from Sofia. It is understood that the rising was initiated by Turks among the inhabitants of that part of Macedonia included in Serbia. These Turks rose in revolt, the note says, and fled to Bulgarian territory, pursued by Serbian troops.

"The Bulgarian frontier guards performed their duty conscientiously," the note continues. "This makes it clear that the whole affair was one involving the Serbian authorities and the inhabitants of the affected regions. However, as the insurrection appears to be assuming considerable dimensions and might bring Serbian troops in proximity to the Bulgarian frontier, Bulgaria requests Serbia to take all necessary measures to prevent Serbian troops from firing at Bulgarian posts, and to refrain from any action which might provoke, as past experiences have shown, incidents with serious consequences."

In official Serbian quarters this explanation is not accepted. It is said that official telegrams received today indicate that "more attacks are being planned on the Bulgarian soil, with the immediate object of cutting off the supplies of the Serbian army."

BECAUSE OF HIS SISTER

Why Pinchot Was Not Allowed In Belgium.

LONDON, April 6.—Germany refused to permit Gifford Pinchot, the former chief forester of the United States, to pass through Belgium in order to enter Northern France. He had been authorized by Henry Van Dyke, United States minister to the Netherlands, to act as an American consular agent. The German authorities said that Mr. Pinchot was persona non grata as a cause he is a brother of Lady Johnstone, wife of Sir Alan Johnstone, the British minister to The Hague, whose guest he was when at the Dutch capital.

SEEDING PROGRESSES IN WEST.
SASKATOON, April 6.—Work on the land is becoming fairly general throughout Central Saskatchewan. On the lighter soil it is expected that seeding will commence before the end of the week.

THIN-BLOODED MEN AND WOMEN

Need the Rich, Red Blood Dr.
Williams' Pink Pills Actually Make.

Thin-blooded people do not remain so from choice, but from indifference. In some cases from despair. People who are pale, languid, with palpitation of the heart, some difficulty in breathing and a tendency to become nervous are suffering from thin blood. They need only the resolution to take the right treatment and stick to it until cured. The remedy that can be relied upon is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. With every dose they make new blood, and new blood means health and strength. The red cheeks, good appetite, increasing weight and strength that follow the use of these pills prove their great value to thin-blooded people. Here is an example. Mrs. R. Stebbins, from Boston, P. E. I., says: "Following child-birth I took a pain in my head which grew so bad I had to call in a doctor. He told me that my blood had turned to water and that I was in a serious condition. He treated me four months, but still the pain remained, and my condition was growing pitiable. I lost my appetite, and was so weak and run-down that I could not move more than walk across a room. I was as pale as a corpse, and the doctor told my friends he had but little hopes of my getting better. A cousin who came to see me urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I sent and got a supply. I took about a month after beginning their use I had much relief, and by the time I had taken six more boxes I was fully cured and felt as well as I ever did in my life. I have never had a twinge of the pain since, and feel that I owe my life to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as they cured me after the doctor had failed."

Sold by all medicine dealers or sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BULLDOG TENACITY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL WON OUT AT YPRES MAKES FINE RECORD

One of 100 Survivors of Original 1,200 In Trench Tells Thrilling Story.

LETTER TO A LONDONER

Walter Crane Says British Held Trench Against Terrific Odds—Drove Enemy Off.

Long months of fighting in the trenches on the battle front in France is likened unto hell by Walter Crane, the relative of George Parker, 24 Grosvenor street, who wrote to a brother-in-law in England, Charles Parker, who in turn forwarded the letter to London. The nerve-racking strain tells measurably on the sturdiest of constitutions, says the writer, who declares that as the rain of shells came over the trenches and burst all round he expected each minute to be his last, and that often a little prayer was sent up almost unconsciously.

Crane was at the battle of Ypres, and describes it as being bloody and bitter. The British troops had received orders to hold their trench at any cost, and they did. The enemy advanced again and again, only to be hurled back, broken. Many times they reattacked, but met with like failure.

Crane was one of the 100 men who survived the fight of the original 1,200 who were in the trench when the battle began.

Regular slaughter.

Dear Charles,—Well, Charles, no doubt you think it funny me writing now after all this time, but don't think I have forgotten you, for although I have not written to you, I have always thought of you and Jess and the children; in fact, I think of everybody at home, now especially in times like these, because we never know when it is our turn to be popped off, although I have been through one of the fiercest battles out here as yet, and it was our division that started the battle at Ypres, and I blocked the German road to Calais, and I tell you it was a slaughter, for we were up against fearful odds, and it was a wonder any of us were left.

It was like being in hell, for they poured shells into us like hailstones, and I have often waited for death when I was in the trenches, and I don't mind telling you I have often offered up a little prayer, expecting every minute was my last. But that is the time when your thoughts wander home to those you love and the ones you leave behind. It is a time when it brings tears to his senses, for it is not the thought of yourself, it is the ones you are leaving behind.

Gave It To Enemy.
But we gave the Germans something to remember. We lost heavily, but what they lost was awful, for we piled them up nearly six feet high in front of our trenches, and it was an awful sight the next morning, but they came again and again with still the same result, and they never broke our line, and we never moved from our trenches, for we were told that we had to hold the position at all costs, if there was only one man left, so you can guess what our thoughts were like, and I gave myself up as a goner, but I have escaped through it so far, and I hope to God, I am spared to go through it all again, for one thing, and that is to get home to Emily and the dear little ones again, for Emily is one of the best on earth, and I know she is worrying herself a lot.

My brother Fred is out here in the 4th division, and I communicate with him. He is all right, and he tells me he is like a ship at sea, and I have my brother Albert, who is home from China, and at present in England. He will be here in a few weeks, and there will soon be three of us doing our little bit, and I hope he don't go through what I have been through. If I had to go through what I went through at Ypres again, I think I should go stone mad, but we are pretty quiet out here at present, and I expect before long there will be a big move on, and the people of England will have to prepare for a big casualty list.

If I am spared to come home, I will tell you some of my experiences since I have been here, and you will make your hair stand up. I often wonder to myself I am alive, for it seems that I was born lucky. Your brother-in-law, WALTER CRANE, C Company, 2nd Bn. of Regiment, 20th Brigade, 7th Battalion, British Expeditionary Force.

Dear Charles, we have had very bad weather out here, with snow and rain and frost, and we are up to our waists in mud and water; well, the truth is, we are just like living lumps of clay smothered from head to foot, and we have had some very trying times. It is not much to be a soldier, but it is enough to make a man out of a lump of clay, and the troops that are coming out here now are not like the old ones, for after about a week of it out here they are red up with it. My brother Fred is out here in the 4th division, and I communicate with him. He is all right, and he tells me he is like a ship at sea, and I have my brother Albert, who is home from China, and at present in England. He will be here in a few weeks, and there will soon be three of us doing our little bit, and I hope he don't go through what I have been through. If I had to go through what I went through at Ypres again, I think I should go stone mad, but we are pretty quiet out here at present, and I expect before long there will be a big move on, and the people of England will have to prepare for a big casualty list.

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Principal's Report Shows Gain In All Departments At Local Institution.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

3,771 Inspections Made During Month Among Public School Children.

A report submitted by Principal H. B. Beal to the board of education yesterday showed the attendance at the Industrial and Art School during the month of February to have been as follows: Day classes: Full time students, 83 enrolled; average attendance, 70; special day students, average attendance, 85; aggregate, 151; evening classes: average attendance, 152; aggregate, 252.

In the public schools, 6,590 students were enrolled during March, as compared with 6,206 in the corresponding month of 1914, while the kindergarten enrollment was 639, a decrease of 53 as compared with March of the previous year. The average attendance was 5,796 and 475 in the public schools and kindergartens, respectively, showing an increase of 131 in the former case and a decrease of 32 in the latter as compared with 1914.

In the manual training and household science classes, 725 boys and 778 girls were enrolled, the average attendance being 651 and 665, respectively.

3,771 inspections.

The school nurse reported that 3,771 inspections were made during the month and the following data were supplied: Number with defective breathing, 104; hearing, 16; vision, 32; carious teeth, 227; total, 377. In the junior room of Chelsea Green School, the pupils in grades 4 and 5 in the senior room were transferred to the vacant room in the new school building, which was adopted, and the secretary was instructed to attend to the details.

Lorne Avenue Mothers' Club was granted the use of the Lorne Avenue School for the purpose of holding a concert, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the cost of sending a nurse to the front from London.

Plans for Schools.
No. 2 committee was authorized to close contracts for the purchase of two second-hand square pianos, at \$100 each, for use in Boyle Memorial and Tecumseh Schools, respectively. The committee also was given power to disburse of the Grand Avenue School building, which is to be vacated shortly, and of the house and lot on Charlotte street purchased as part of the site for Boyle Memorial School.

Some discussion took place between Trustees E. R. Dennis and A. E. Silverwood, representing the advisory industrial committee, and No. 2 committee, respectively, as the result of a motion by the latter to increase the rental for the use of Alexandra School by the Industrial and Art School from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

When it was fixed at the smaller figure, Mr. Silverwood argued, considerably less accommodation was taken up by the Industrial School than at present, and this meant that the present cost to the board for light, heat and water was considerably increased. He thought the extra cost for these items, apart from everything else, would approximate to \$1,000.

Not Fair Figure.
Mr. Dennis declared that his committee had been inclined to agree to the \$3,000 rental on the understanding that its share of the heat, light and water involved a cost of \$1,000. He did not think, however, that the cost for these items in the school was only \$1,500, and he did not think it was fair to say that \$1,000 of this cost was to be borne by the Industrial School and only \$500 to the public school.

It finally was decided to lay the matter over pending a further conference between the two committees. Trustees Shoebottom and Langford were appointed to attend the meeting of the Industrial School board at Toronto as the board's representatives tomorrow. Trustee Dennis pointed out that the visit would offer a splendid opportunity for the two committees to investigate the method employed in Toronto in connection with the supply of free school books and supplies and to acquire information as to the cost of assistance when the free text book system is inaugurated in London next September.

DROWNING CAUSED DEATH OF NEGRESS

Jury's Verdict at Owen Sound—No Fault Play Revealed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
OWEN SOUND, April 7.—The coroner's jury at the inquest held into the death of Mrs. Hezekiah Porter, whose body was found in the harbor on Saturday, returned the following verdict:

"We find, from the evidence produced, that Miss Porter came to her death from drowning, through some unknown reason."

This will clear the woman's husband, Hezekiah Porter, from suspicion as having had anything to do with the death of the unfortunate woman who disappeared on Nov. 26 last.

Porter appeared at the inquest to-night, having been brought down from jail, where he is spending a four months' term. He gave straightforward evidence that he had quarreled with his wife on the day she disappeared. Dr. Howey and Dr. Frizell, who performed the autopsy, said it was their conclusion that Mrs. Porter had been drowned and had not been dead when she reached the water. This disposed of the supposition that she might have met with foul play.

Crown Attorney T. E. Dyre assisted Coroner Dr. Bow in conducting the inquest. The jury only took about ten minutes to reach a verdict.

Provincial Inspector Reburn, of Toronto, who was here in connection with the case, feels fairly certain, from what he has been able to learn, that Mrs. Porter committed suicide in a temporary unbalanced state of mind.

Commander of 48th Highlanders, in the Trenches.

COL. J. A. CURRIE, M.P.

COL. CURRIE HAS NARROW ESCAPE AS SHELL FALLS

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New Silk Materials For Pretty Spring and Summer Dresses



Papillon Or Pussy Willow Taffeta Silks

A rich Crepe de Chine-like appearance in soft taffeta weave, one of the foremost silks for spring advocated for ladies' dresses and coat suits; very highly recommended for wear. Colors now showing are dark purple, Belgian blue, gris blue, saxe blue, navy and black; 40 inches wide. \$2.00 yard

Hatienne Taffeta, 40 Inches Wide, \$2 Yard

A charming silk in light colors for afternoon and evening wear, one of the very best qualities made in this weave, and can be depended upon for satisfactory wear; two-tone effects in maize and ivory, pink and ivory, ciel blue and ivory, also plain pale blue. Extra special at. \$2.00 yard

40 and 42 Inch Silk Crepes, \$1.50 Yard

The dainty and pretty silk fabrics, so fashionable and popular for Dresses and separate waists, are to be seen here in a large range of the new colors, including three shades of navy, gris, Copenhagen, Dutch, saxe, alic, ciel, paeon and sky blues, reseda, paddy and apple greens, flame, red, mahogany, leather brown, copper brown, Rose du Barry, light grey, battleship grey, lilac and iris, mauve, tango, shrimp, coral, rose and pale pinks. Your choice of this large gathering of colors for. \$1.50 yard

Black Silks of Quality Messaline Duchesse Satins, Colors, 38 Inches Wide, \$1.25 Yard

32-Inch Samson Silk For Suits Special \$1.50 Yard

The new Bedford Cord effect, in dull satin finish, extra heavy quality make; the best value shown this season. At \$1.50 yard

Black Taffeta Silks That Will Give You Satisfactory Wear

There is no speculation in the wearing qualities of these taffetas, as they are absolutely reliable with reasonable wear; 36 inches wide. \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard

40 inches wide. \$2.00 yard

BLACK PEAU DE SOIE for dresses and separate coats, fine reversible weave, all silk, rich black, 32 inches wide, \$1.75 yard

BLACK SILK CREPES AND CREPE DE CHINES—

40 inches wide. \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard

BLACK SOIE DE NERO RAW SILKS, 33 inches. 95c yard

Guaranteed Lyons dye; the silk for everyday wear.

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42 to 46 inch widths, in black and white shepherd checks, all sizes. Prices. 55c, 75c, 85c and \$1 yard

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A popular French make for the new style suits, dresses and separate skirts, 42 to 44 inch widths. Prices \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and up to \$2.50 yard

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A selection of the best British and French makes, all wool, 44 to 50 inches wide. Prices. 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard

Colored Pure Silk Taffetas, 36 Inches Wide, \$1.25 Yard

The demand for Taffeta Silks is increasing every day, and good qualities in wide width like these will soon be picked up, especially at this popular price. Colors of Russian green, mid brown, navy, Belgian and Copenhagen blue. Price only \$1.25 yard

WOMEN ENTHUSIASTIC OVER PEACE CONFERENCE

So Many Will Attend That Hague Palace Rooms Are Too Small.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, April 7.—Miss Rosika Schwimmer, press secretary of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, takes back to Europe with her today eight men and women to organize and attend the peace conference to be held at The Hague April 28, 29 and 30. The members of the party were passengers on the Scandinavian-American liner Frederick VIII.

Included in the party was Miss Laura Hughes, of Toronto. Miss Schwimmer has been in this country since September urging American men and women to join in a peace conference to protest against the continuance of the war. She has delivered addresses on that subject in ninety cities of Toronto.

One purpose of her visit here was to induce the United States to intercede in the war. On the eve of her departure Mrs. Schwimmer said: "Already we have received word that so many women want to attend the conference that there is not a room in the peace palace large enough for them. I will talk in many towns in Norway and Sweden before going to The Hague. We hear the women of Russia will not be allowed to come because they cannot get passports."

PANKHURST OPPOSED.
London, April 7.—Mrs. Emmeline