

Thomas Mercer Made Supreme Sacrifice "Somewhere" in Belgium

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—On behalf of some bereaved friends of Port Albert (formerly Little Beaver Cove) we would like to inform the public, and I feel sure that if they are true patriots they will read this with keen interest of our sacrifices made to the Empire during this awful warfare.

Although this being just a small place which have caused a lot of our friends and relatives to mourn, with deep regret we record the death of Thomas Mercer, son of George and Margaret Mercer of this place. Thomas was killed in action "somewhere in Belgium" on the 11th April and thus was cut short a young and promising life. Thomas Mercer was born in November, 1914, to go to the lumberwoods at Millertown, near Indian Lake, where he worked until the spring of 1915. He then went to Sydney, C.B., and after being there a short while he joined the 2nd Pioneer Regiment at Halifax. Shortly afterwards that contingent embarked for England. On arriving there they were sent to Sandling, Kent where they again took up their course of training. About the 20th March they were drafted over to Belgium and up to the firing line. And we regret to say that a message was received by his father from the Adjutant General at Ottawa, the 25th April, informing him that his son was killed in action April 1st. He was attached to the 2nd Pioneer Regiment, and will not have to find Him when the following is a letter sent to his mother, by a lady friend of his; previous to his death:

70 Prospect Road, Southborough, Tunbridge, Wells, Kent, England, March 7th, 1916

Dear Mrs. Mercer: Although I am quite a stranger to you I feel I must write a line to let you know that I have seen your son, Thomas Mercer, and that he is safe and well at present. I have been working with another lady in "The Recreation Room" or rather one of the "Recreation Rooms" in the Sandling Camp, where he has been stationed, and I have seen a good deal of him. He is a dear lad, and I cannot tell you in words the joy it was to our hearts when he came back to the Lord one night. We had been praying for him so much, and it has since, and his eagerness to lead his comrades to the same Saviour he has found. He has talked to me a great deal about you and how you have been praying for him, and I can see how he lives you with all his heart. And I do earnestly pray that God will very soon give you back to each other again. Meanwhile you can still be upholding him with your prayers as we are doing here, can't you?

I don't know when I have had such a happy time as I spent at the Sandling Camp. It was so good to see how God was working in the hearts of the men there. Quite a number of them accepted Christ as their Saviour and I am sure that they will take Him with them as they go out, and will not have to find Him when they get there. I came to Him when

I was a little child and I know what a blessed difference it has made in my life.

I have given you my home address at the head of this letter, in the hope that some day you may write me a line. I should so like you to feel you have a friend in me and I am praying so much that our Heavenly Father may help and comfort you, dear Mrs. Mercer, in all this time of anxiety and suspense, and that you may just "lean hard" upon Him and feel His beautiful rest and peace in your heart.

Yours very truly,
(MISS) R. E. OAK.

To the dead hero all honour and distinguished respect is due. To the sorrowing friends we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Yours truly,
W. W. E.

Port Albert, May 2, 1916.

Captain Denies Ship Was Chased

NEW YORK, May 10.—The report the Fabre Line steamer Venezia was attacked and chased by two German commerce raiders and submarines, in mid-sea, on May 1, was denied today by Captain Bonifacio, the ship's master, in making his report to the Fabre Line, office and to Captain Captain Bonifacio said that two steamers were sighted in mid-sea, that flashes of gunfire were seen, that two small boats apparently tenders were observed, but the nearest the Venezia got to either of the ships was about four miles and that neither of the ships paid any attention to him.

Captain Gaunt, in reporting to the British Admiralty, stated his belief that the two ships sighted were either French and British converted cruisers guarding the steamship lane, and were evidently engaged in target practice and were employing the tenders in observing and placing the targets.

Mexico Will Try to Avoid War With U.S.

MEXICO CITY, May 11.—Foreign Minister Aguilar issued the following statement last night relative to the raid by Mexican bandits on Glen Springs:

"The international difficulty which arose over the raid at Columbus was about to reach a satisfactory solution through the conferences being held at El Paso when bandits organized in the United States by Mexican traitors penetrated our own country and later crossed back into the United States. With cries of 'Viva Villa, Viva Carranza,' these bandits attacked the garrison in the small American town of Glen Springs and committed all kinds of depredations.

"This new raid has been committed by enemies of both countries following out a criminal plan to interrupt the favorable march of negotiations at El Paso, and to provoke war.

"The Mexican government will try to avoid war without staining its honor or national dignity."



TENDERS!

TENDERS will be received for the following articles for the 1st Newfoundland Regiment up to May 22nd, 1916, and opened on above date, for three months' supplies:

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| Fresh Meat, Beef and Mutton. | Peas (split, green, per lb.). |
| Frozen Meat, Beef and Buttock. | Raisins (per lb.), Rice. |
| Bread, Biscuit, Flour, Apples. | Fine Salt, 10 lb. bags. |
| Bacon, Baking Powder. | Spice, Sugar, Tea (with samples) |
| Barley, Beans, Butter. | Perfection Soap. |
| Butterine, Creamery. | Tinned Tomatoes, Turnips. |
| Cabbage, Cheese. | Washing Soda, per lb. |
| Cocoa (name brand). | Currant Loaf, Butter Biscuit. |
| Cod Fish Salt, Fish (fresh). | Corned Beef, Plate, per brl. |
| Currants, Dried Fruit. | Coffee (with sample). |
| Curry Powder, Eggs. | Marmalade, 7 lb. tins. |
| Hard Bread, Toilet Soap. | Matches. |
| Jam (imported), Fresh Milk. | Molasses, per brl. and tierces. |
| Condensed Milk, Mustard. | Kero. Oil, 150 test. |
| Nutmegs, Oatmeal, Rolled Oats. | Ham Butt Pork, per brl. |
| Onions, Pepper, Caraway Seed. | Prunes, per lb. |
| Potatoes. | Bread Soda, per lb. |

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J. B. URQUHART, Quartermaster.

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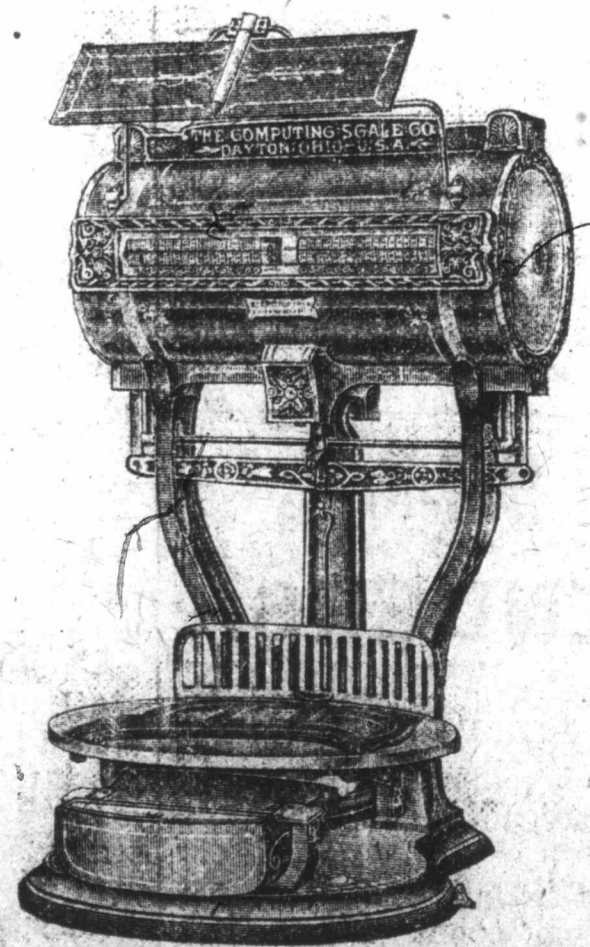
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WHERE THE MONEY GOES!

Expenditure for Year Ending June 30, 1915, Under Head II-Contingencies Agriculture And Mines Department.

Detailed Statement of Expenditure For Year Ended June 30th, 1915—By Finance Department—Under Head II.—On Account of Agriculture & Mines Contingencies.	
A. A. Telegraph Co., telegrams and telephones	\$114.14
Avalonian, advertising	30.00
Adelphian, advertising	20.00
Acadian Insurance, premium	40.80
B. I. Society, advertising	10.04
Bulley Miss, stamps and postage	120.00
Bell Isld Miner, advertising and printing	39.75
Byrne, Garrett, sundries	3.94
Cadet, C.C.C., advertising	45.00
Cobbett, Mrs., charwoman	235.00
Crotty, Wm., sundries	7.50
Devine, M. A., printing and advertising	114.75
Dicks & Co., sundries	150.35
Daily News, sundries	83.00
Dowden, R., advertising	20.00
Diocesan Magazine, advertising	35.02
Evans, Jno. J., advertising	125.00
English, Mr. A., advertising	10.00
Feldian, advertising	24.00
Free Press, printing and advertising	126.59
Garland & E., sundries	58.50
Gaunt, British naval attaché	220.00
Horwood Lumber Co., sundries	83.75
Harold, E., sundries	30.50
Johnson, Percie, sundries	111.33
King's Printer, sundries	25.00
St. Michael's Echo, advertising	25.00
Meth. Greeting, advertising	20.00
Nfld. Methodist College, advertising	12.00
Nichols, Jas H., advertising	28.50
N. T. A. Journal, advertising	20.00
Post Office, hire of P.O. box, etc.	10.80
Plaindealer, advertising	20.00
Peter & Sons, sundries	19.44
Power & Power, advertising	30.00
Royal Gazette, advertising	32.50
Star Publishing Co.	187.50
Taylor, J.S., advertising	5.00
Trade Review, sub.	2.00
Tribune Illustrated, advertising	20.00
Evening Telegram, sub.	3.00
Twilligate Sun, sub. and adv.	8.75
Union Pub. Co., sundries	40.50
Whitehead Morris & Co., sundries	191.00
Universal Agencies, sundries	3.00
Trinity Enterprise, sundries	100.00
	\$2,547.92

GIRL SHELTERS AT STATION

About 11.30 Saturday night Const. Woodford while doing his beat found a girl from an outpost walking the streets and upon questioning her found that she was homeless and penniless, and to preserve the girl from harm brought her to the Police Station, where she was looked after. She was liberated yesterday and told that if she could not get a place to spend Sunday night she could again take refuge at the Station. Even if they have money, girls coming here from outposts find it hard to get boarding houses because men are preferred.

A case of diphtheria developed at Lime Street yesterday. The patient, a boy of five, was sent to Hospital.

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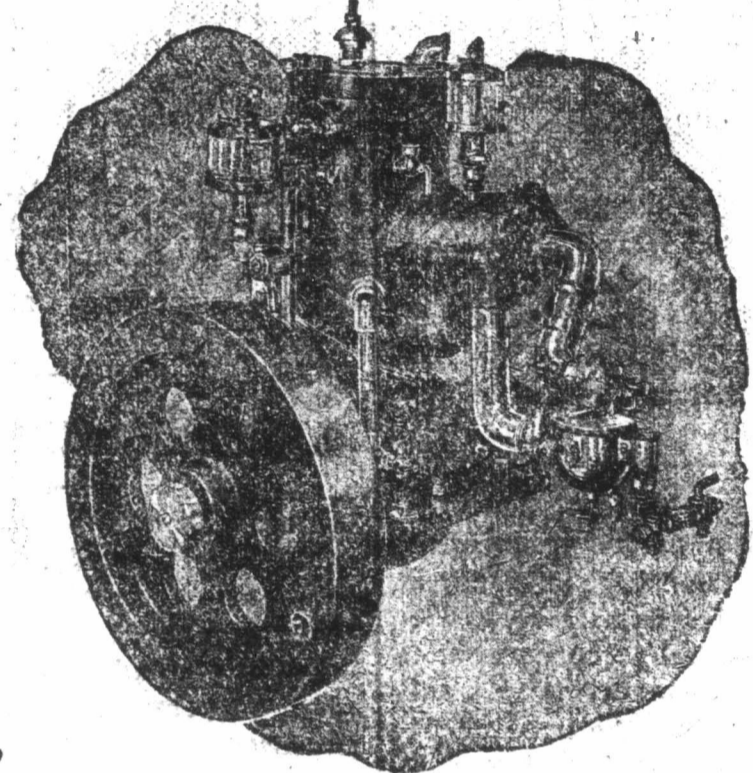
DISORDERLY ON NEW GOWER STREET.

For some time past there has been almost nightly disorderly scenes on New Gower Street, and the thoroughfare is often impassable at night for people, especially for ladies. It is not all the fault of citizens either, for some of the Volunteers conduct themselves in a pretty disorderly way. The police often do not wish to interfere, as there are often not enough of them to cope with the disturbers. Saturday night two citizens were pretty badly beaten by Volunteers on Water and New Gower Streets. The police will likely issue summonses for the offenders.

The schr. 'Thomas' left here Saturday for Gibraltar for orders, fish laden by Harvey & Co.

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