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New York Remount Buyer Called To Order By Sir Chas. Davidson

Todd C. Woodworth on The Stand at Session of Inquiry in Kentville Today

Kentville, N. S., Aug. 24—Todd C. Woodworth of New York, a remount buyer, for the militia department, last August, and whose deals the Davidson...

had been referred to at the session of the commission. Sir Charles Davidson spoke sharply to the witness several times for not answering questions, and once for answering a question not asked him.

PRISON COMPLAINT NOW COMES FROM FRANCE

Germana Want Baths, Gardens And Liberty

Baron d'Estournelles Finds Them Well Treated With Good Food and Many Comforts

Paris, Aug. 24—Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, who has been visiting the camps of German prisoners at Belle Isle, declares in the Temps that every day he had an orderly who blacks his boots, brushes his clothes and does his washing, or has it done. All officers wear spotless linen, and are freshly shaved. They observe among themselves a most correct discipline.

MEETS BROTHER ON WAY TO THE FRONT

Kenneth and Percy Allaby Have Re-union in London—Geo. Todd With Them

A letter received today from Kenneth Allaby, formerly of North End, now with the Army Service Corps in England, told of his having met his brother, Percy, who is on his way to the front with the Divisional Ammunition Column. Together they went to London, accompanied by another North End boy, George Todd, who was in England on a week's furlough, after having been in France in active service on the firing line for several months.

THIS DOES NOT SUPPORT GERMAN AMHERST COMPLAINT

Moncton, Aug. 24—C. Forman, American Consul here, who was mentioned in Berlin dispatches yesterday as having reported on the conditions prevailing in Amherst, where several hundred Germans are prisoners, is at present out of the city. During his absence, James Stevens is acting as U. S. Consul. The latter said that Mr. Forman had reported to his government on improvements that were being effected. Recently he had reported that conditions were excellent in Amherst. Judge Stevens has also received inquiries from the United States and reported conditions satisfactory.

ST. ROSE'S PICNIC BEING HELD TODAY

This afternoon and evening the annual picnic of St. Rose's Church is being held on the well appointed grounds near Bedford, where diligent committees have been at work for some time getting everything in readiness. The field committee under the leadership of Wm. T. Hayes, have prepared the usual list of sports in charge of the following: Ladies' bean toss—Edward Gillis. Men's bean toss—John Butler. Babies on the block—Jean Gillis. Klondike block—Wilfred McKinnon. Max O'Keefe. Air gun—Joseph Murphy, John Hodely. Wheel of fortune—Louis Keenan. Bowling alley—Frank O'Keefe. Spindle—John S. McKinnon. The refreshment table will be looked after by Messrs. James Hennessey, Thomas Donovan, James Dawson and Edward Cranney. The cream booth will be presided over by Miss Mary O'Brien, assisted by a number of young ladies, and supper will be served in the hall by a competent committee of ladies with Mrs. Wm. T. Hayes as convener. The City Cornet Band has been engaged to furnish music, both in the afternoon and evening. The grounds and hall have been nicely decorated and present a very attractive appearance. This will be particularly so in the evening when the large electric arc lights produce a brilliant effect.

COOL IN MANITOBA BUT CROPS ALL RIGHT

Winnipeg, Aug. 24—Cool weather prevailed in Manitoba last night, but, so far, no reports of any damage from frost have been received. In Winnipeg at 2 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered forty-three above, and as the prospects today are for fine and warmer weather, any immediate danger from frost, which still would injure a certain quantity of the standing grain, seems past. Alberta and Saskatchewan are experiencing splendid weather for ripening the balance of the grain in the Calgary district experts figure that at least 75 per cent of the grain crop is beyond danger from frost.

M. E. AGAR SEES BONAR LAW INSPECT CANADIAN TROOPS

Speaking of the recent inspection of the Canadian troops in Shorncliffe an officer from St. John writes: "Miles Agar and Mr. Sumner and Matthew Lodge of Moncton were here last week and had tea with me at my mess. Afterwards I went with them in a car and to the inspection of Canadians by Bonar Law and General Hughes. Unfortunately it poured rain, but the troops looked well and marched splendidly." He adds that since the 26th battalion and the mounted rifles have arrived he is constantly meeting old friends from St. John.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

ST. JOHN OFFICER ON WAY HOME ON FURLOUGH AFTER BEING WOUNDED

Lieutenant Hugh Teed of this city, who left with the first contingent and who has been on the invalid list as the result of wounds received in action, is on his way home to spend a two months' furlough. He left the hospital and went to Shorncliffe to take up other duties there, but it was found that he was not well enough for active service and was given leave to return home to complete his recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW JUDGE

Hon. Mr. Armstrong at The County Court

ADDRESSES BY THE BAR

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and W. A. Ewing Speak For Conferees—The Cases and the Jurymen—No Bill in Criminal Matters

The September sitting of the County Court opened this morning. His Honor Judge Armstrong presiding. This is the first court over which His Honor has presided since his appointment. Congratulatory addresses to His Honor were made by Attorney General Baxter, K. C., in behalf of the New Brunswick bar and W. A. Ewing, K. C., in behalf of the St. John Law Society. Dr. Baxter in extending his best wishes to His Honor said it was a pleasure to see beside His Honor a gentleman who was his predecessor in office (Hon. J. G. Forbes) and one who had well merited his retirement after years of faithful service. "To you," he said, "I can extend the congratulations of the bar of the province, also their confidence. I hope the same respect will be shown you as was tendered to your predecessor. I wish you all possible happiness and many years to enjoy the station to which you have been called."

WILL WAR EXPERIENCE END BUILDING OF GREAT STEAMERS?

Arabic Captain Quoted as Saying Lesson Has Been Learned—German Papers on The Situation

Liverpool, Aug. 24—Hayden Talbot, who says he was in the company of Captain Finch from Queenstown to Liverpool, and "learned from him the whole yarn as only he could spin it," represents the commander of the Arabic as suggesting that one lesson that might be learned from this war, is the advisability of ending for all time the construction of big ships.

The Arabic went down in less time than any craft that has been torpedoed since the war began. Reports have varied from eleven to fifteen minutes, but the truth is that the ship disappeared in just a little more than six minutes after she was struck. "Of course the fact that we lost only the Arabic out of the 429 on board, was largely due to the preparations we had made against just what happened. Also there was the fact that the great distance from an even keel till the last minute, when she settled by the stern and pointed her nose in the air, which enabled us to launch the boats from both sides. "In my opinion, had equally favorable conditions, the loss of the Arabic would have been much greater, for the loss of one of the big liners, the loss of life would have been much greater. The fact that the Arabic was the distance from the boat deck to the water makes successful launching of the water boats filled to capacity, almost impossible."

Letters From St. John Soldiers

Events in the War Just One Year Ago Today

The bombardment of Ting Tau, a German position on the Chinese coast, was the outstanding feature of the war a year ago today.

A great battle was being waged between the French and the Germans along the French frontier, and also in the neighborhood of Mons, Belgium, and the Russian army was making their way into East Prussia. Locally the departure of the volunteers of the 62nd Regiment was marked by a tremendous demonstration, as just a year ago tonight they marched proudly to the depot and joined for Valcartier. Included in their ranks were many whose names were later to be familiar to all because of conspicuous gallantry in hard fought fights or because of wounds sustained in battle, and in some cases the supreme sacrifice—a soldier's death.

HEROIC AVIATOR BACK TO FRANCE

Gilbert Had Brought Down Five German Aeroplanes But Forced to Land in Switzerland

Paris, Aug. 24—Eugene Gilbert, a French aviator, brought down five German aeroplanes before he was compelled by an accident to land on neutral territory last June. Since his escape from Switzerland and his arrival in Paris on Sunday night, he has been treated as a popular hero.

When first interned in Switzerland Gilbert gave his word not to attempt to escape, but the enforced idleness proved on his mind and he took back his promise and seized the first opportunity to get away. With the assistance of a friend who provided a disguise, he one had not done so because of lack of thought for it. The baby was found about 10.30 o'clock and had been left in the vestibule some time after nine o'clock in the morning. It was in a wicker hand bag from which the child had been cut away to make sure that it would receive plenty of air. A nursing bottle was enclosed to provide for its food supply.

Soon Able To Produce 200,000 Shells a Day

Russia's Industrial Resources Now Well Mobilized—French Report Futile Attacks by Germans in West

Paris, Aug. 24—The mobilization of Russia's industrial resources, the Matin says, is so far perfected that within a few weeks the factories of the country will be able to produce 200,000 shells a day, in addition to those which are imported.

Paris, Aug. 24—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities, reading as follows: "Last night saw some artillery engagements in the sector to the north of Arras, between the Somme and the Oise, and also in the Argonne. "In the Vosges there were yesterday some very violent encounters on the heights situated to the east of the river Reicht and to the north of the Schrammanner in spite of several counter attacks the enemy found it impossible to recapture the ground they had lost. Equally on the Sarnepoff we retained the advantages won during the evening of August 22. "The Germans have delivered another attack against our trenches on the crest of Soudimansch, but they were repulsed. The Belgian Coast Bombardment. London, Aug. 24—Except for the report from the marine ministry at Paris concerning the sinking of a German patrol boat off Ostend which is admitted by Berlin, no official news of the results of the allied bombardment of German positions on the Belgian coast has been received. London, Aug. 24—Three men lost their lives by the sinking of a trawler from Hull. The other nine members of the crew were rescued.

BABY FOUND IN DOORWAY OF CITY RESIDENCE

Blue Eyed Girl, Nicely Dressed, in Wicker Basket at Entrance to Dorchester Street Home

A beautiful blue eyed baby was found in a doorway by Dorchester street this morning. It is a little girl, about two weeks old, fully developed and riotously healthy. Clad in fine clothing on which some one had spent much labor and care, and provided with outdoor coat and lace bonnet as well as a complete change of other clothes it was evident that the person who had left the little one had not done so because of lack of thought for it. The baby was found about 10.30 o'clock and had been left in the vestibule some time after nine o'clock in the morning. It was in a wicker hand bag from which the child had been cut away to make sure that it would receive plenty of air. A nursing bottle was enclosed to provide for its food supply.

MAY BE MORE TROUBLE WITH THE WELSH MINERS

London, Aug. 24—The decision of Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, who acted as arbitrator on numerous disputed questions in the wages and salaries of the coal miners, is being regarded as a landmark in the history of the industry.

THEFT AND KILLING OF SHEEP CHARGED

An Arrest at Sheffield—Earl of Kingston, Visitor Here, Out of War Hospital

Frederick, N. B., Aug. 24—Archie McKeehan of Sheffield is in custody here charged with stealing and killing four sheep belonging to Brunswick A. Lawson, also of Sheffield. He acknowledged the offence. Several other sheep belonging to Lawson were impounded, and other arrests may follow. Mrs. D. W. Roberts and son, Cyril, arrived here yesterday from Scotland to join her husband, Rev. Dr. Roberts, who has been making his home here for some months. They arrived at the Atlantic on the steamer Scandinavia which left Liverpool under sealed orders and took a northern course to dodge submarines. The Earl of Kingston, who was wounded last November while serving as an officer in the Irish guards, writes to a friend here that he is just out of hospital and hopes to get back to the front soon. He says that the Huns got him in both thighs. One leg was smashed, but he is not a cripple. The earl has made several hunting trips to New Brunswick and is well known here.

PEACE TALK IS HEARD IN BERLIN

A New York dispatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons today says: "London hears that Berlin is talking peace. "Edison predicts seven years of prosperity for the United States and twelve months more of war."

ANOTHER RECRUITING CAMPAIGN HERE IS BEING PLANNED

Plans for another recruiting campaign in St. John and elsewhere in New Brunswick are to be considered and a strong effort made to stimulate the flow of recruits who are needed to fill up the New Brunswick battalions. Lieutenant-Colonel B. R. Armstrong and Lieutenant Brooks called on Mayor Frink to ask his co-operation in starting the campaign. His Worship agreed to do what he could and said that he would call together the former recruiting committee which did such excellent work and will ask them to undertake the task once more. While Nova Scotia has completed the 40th Battalion and has provided more than enough men for their share of the 64th, the 65th New Brunswick Battalion is still in need of a large number of men and no start has been made on the 64th. It is regarded as a reflection on this province that this condition should exist, but it is felt that there are more than enough men ready to enlist if the matter is put before them properly.

STIRRING SCENES IN THE RIGA BATTLE

London, Aug. 24—The naval operations in the Gulf of Riga are described in a semi-official statement issued at Petrograd and transmitted to the Ruter Telegram Company, as an unequal combat between the old Russian battleship Slava and German dreadnoughts. "The importance of this fight," the statement says, consisted in preventing the Germans, for a certain time, from forcing our position. Calm, foggy conditions, favored the enemy's operations, enabling him to escape our observation and proceed more quietly with the work of mine destroying. The operations, nevertheless, cost the Germans some vessels and one cruiser, which blew up our mines. "On the night of the 17th, the enemy sent into the gulf two of his best torpedo boat destroyers to attack the Slava, which had prevented his operations at dawn. The torpedo boats were unable to find the Slava, but while proceeding in the region of their squadrons, encountered our torpedo boat destroyer Novik, which immediately engaged them. "After twenty minutes of fierce fighting, the leading enemy torpedo boat had been demolished and suffered severe damage, which compelled her to be torpedoed.

QUESTION JURISDICTION OF UTILITIES COMMISSION

A special meeting of the New Brunswick public utilities commission is being held this afternoon in the provincial government rooms, Prince William street, to hear a petition in connection with the Sackville Electric Light Company. The company has notified its patrons that it intends to discontinue supplying current for power purposes and to use the current for lighting purposes. It is probable that most of this afternoon will be devoted to a legal battle over the question of the jurisdiction of the commission in the matter.

QUESTIONS OF JURISDICTION OF UTILITIES COMMISSION

In a letter to Ira Ingraham of Bear Island, Sgt. Major George G. Parker, in England, tells of having on five occasions asked for permission to go to the front with drafts of men he is being sent, but of being refused each time because his services as an instructor were so urgently required where he is. He also tells of the current reports that the Canadians are to go to the front with drafts of men he is being sent, but of being refused each time because his services as an instructor were so urgently required where he is.