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ST. JOHN MEN SHED BLOOD IN BATTLE FOR FREEDOM'S CAUSE

Private John C. Murray Reported Killed in Action—Other St. John Families Receive News of Members Wounded — Several Local Men in Today's Official List From Ottawa

The home of Robert Murray, 19 Harding street, was saddened today by the receipt of an official telegram from Ottawa announcing that his son, Private John Clayburn Murray, had been reported killed in action on August 28, the same day on which Lieut.-Col. A. E. G. McKenzie, his commanding officer, had met his death. Private Murray, who was twenty-two years of age, had been a member of the staff of the Merchants Bank in Halifax when war was declared and returned to St. John to enlist in the 104th battalion, with which he went overseas. He took several courses in England, specializing in machine gun work, and later was transferred to a New Brunswick unit at the front. He was the youngest son of Captain Robert and Sarah Murray, and is survived by three brothers and four sisters. In the loss of one who has given his life in freedom's cause, the family will have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

Geo. W. Greer

Mrs. George W. Greer of Hampton has been notified that her husband, who went overseas with the 104th battalion, was admitted to a hospital in Etaples, France, on August 31, suffering from gas attacks and shell shock. Private Greer was at the front with the machine gun section of a New Brunswick battalion. Since he went overseas his wife has been making her home with his grandfather, George Waller, in Hampton.

Geo. R. Whitman

George R. Whitman of Yarmouth, N. S., who was killed in action on September 2, is a cousin of Mrs. H. C. Beveridge of the Manawagonish road. He also has a sister residing in this province. Private Whitman had been in the militia since he was fifteen years of age and was a member of the Canadian contingent at the coronation of King Edward VII. At the outbreak of the war he served as instructor, later was attached to the radio guard at Barrington, and finally went overseas as company sergt-Major with the 219th battalion. Private Whitman, who was thirty-four years of age, is survived by his wife and three young children, at present residing in Arcadia, N. S.

CHRISTOPHER J. DALEY.
This picture of Private Daley, who is reported killed in action, was taken from a group of four soldiers, one of whom was Private Fred Connell, who also is reported killed in action.

Pte. Earle Rodgers

Many friends in this city will regret to hear that Pte. Earle Rodgers was wounded on Sept. 4, in the left hand, in France, and is now in hospital at Chatham, Eng. Prior to his enlistment, Private Rodgers was on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia in New York city. A few years ago he was on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Prince William street, and had a host of friends in this city. Private Rodgers was with a Montreal Kilted Battalion and served as lay-sergeant for some time. But being anxious to get to the front, gave up his stripes. His many friends hope his wound will not prove of a serious nature.

Pte. Frank Simoneau.

Mrs. Frank Simoneau, 60 City Road, received word this forenoon that her husband, who went overseas last January with a draft from the 62nd Battalion, had received gunshot wounds in the recent fighting and was in hospital. Previous to enlisting Pte. Simoneau was driver for the Two Barkers' grocery. It is a notable fact that among Mr. Simoneau's immediate male relatives and connections no fewer than four are fighting in France. They are all Bathurst folks ,the St. John man moving there only a few years ago.

Gunner E. L. Comeau

After two years of fighting against the Huns, Gunner Edmour L. Comeau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Comeau, 58 Elliot Row, is in the list of casualties today, among the wounded. An official notification received this morning announced that Gunner Comeau had been wounded Sept. 3, with gunshot in the right arm and was at a casualty hospital. The young soldier went overseas in an artillery unit, has been doing well his share in the war and it will be the hope of many friends that his wound will not be severe and that he soon will be on the road to recovery. The family have made an excellent record in the war.

PRIVATE FRED CONNELL.
Officially reported dead in France.

Corp. W. Geldart.

Mrs. Clara Geldart, 99 Millidge avenue, was advised this morning that her son, Corporal James Vincent Geldart, a member of a machine gun corps, has been admitted to No. 5 Field Ambulance, suffering from gunshot wounds in the left arm. His wounds were slight, as he was discharged from the hospital the same day that he was admitted. He crossed overseas as a member of the 104th Battalion.

Gunner Joseph A. Clark

Mrs. Mary J. Clark, 23 Carleton street, was advised this morning from Ottawa that her son, Gunner Joseph A. Clark, a member of a Canadian heavy battery, had been gassed and admitted to a hospital in France. Gunner Clark was wounded in last December and spent two months in hospital. He is twenty-two years old, and prior to going overseas was employed with T. H. Estabrooks Co., Ltd.

Pte. Fred Connell

Word has been received of the death of Private Fred Connell. His death occurred at the 42nd Base Hospital, France. He was a popular North End boy, a son of the late Michael J. and Mary Connell and was twenty-eight years old. He enlisted with the New Brunswick Battalion early in the war. Previous to enlisting he was employed on the government steamer Lansdowne. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. Jos. O'Neill and Miss Nellie, and three brothers, Michael, John and George, besides his wife and three small children, all of St. John. His brother John is a returned soldier.

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PROGRAMME OF RECONSTRUCTION

Quebec, Sept. 17—The Trades and Labor Congress in annual convention at Columbus Hall this morning, decided to authorize the executive council to draft a manifesto with a declaration of principles for a programme of reconstruction after the war as an instruction to the workers of Canada governing them in their future efforts to establish better social and economic conditions. The debate on the question was at times heated, the radical element in the congress appearing to feel that its wishes would not be respected by the council, while the officers considered that if they were not authorized to outline the policy of the congress it would be equivalent to a vote of censure.

F. N. Draper presented his annual report as secretary treasurer of the congress. It showed the receipts to have been $25,804, expenditures, $14,442, and balance in bank $21,000. The membership is now 117,490, an increase of 35,411. This report also indicated the steady growth of unionism among police forces in Canada as well as municipal employes. Police forces unionized and affiliated with the congress lately were Montreal, Windsor and Hamilton.

LIVES LOST WHEN EXPLOSIONS FOLLOW VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

Tokio, Tuesday, Sept. 10—(By the Associated Press)—During an eruption of volcano on Urup Island, one of the Kurile group, there was a terrific explosion, according to advices received here. This caused a great tidal wave which overwhelmed a force of men at work refloating a sunken ship, drowning twenty-nine of them.

Two Years for Doctor.

Toronto, Sept. 16—Dr. J. M. Johnston, convicted in March last of having performed an illegal operation, was this afternoon sentenced to two years, less one day, imprisonment by Judge Winchester.

British Lines Closing In Northwest of St. Quentin

Improve Positions Between Lens and La Basse

Vicious Air Fighting Marked by Destruction of Twenty-seven Enemy Machines; Number of Troops Surrendering to Americans Indicates Declining Morale

London, Sept. 17—Last night witnessed a further closing in of the British lines northwest of St. Quentin. Field Marshal Haig in his report today announced that the British had made progress in this area in the direction of Leverguier.

VICIOUS AIR FIGHTING.

London, Sept. 16—Sunday along the British front in France was characterized by vicious air fighting, according to official announcement tonight. The weather had improved and the airmen were up in large numbers. The British aviators brought down thirty-seven hostile machines. At least twenty-nine of them were totally destroyed. Sixteen of the British machines failed to return.

The statement follows:

"Our troops made progress yesterday in the direction of Leverguier, northwest of St. Quentin.

"We improved our positions slightly yesterday and during the night northwest of Holluch (between Lens and La Bassee) and northeast of Neuve Chapelle (Flanders front.)"

MANY SURRENDER.

American Army Headquarters in Lorraine, Sept. 16—(By Reuter's)—During the fighting in the St. Mihiel salient it has been noted that the enemy soldiers have shown an inclination to surrender in large numbers. There has been an extraordinary large proportion of non-commissioned officers among the enemy troops taken captives.

An observer who has been several years at the front said today that he had never seen so many non-commissioned officers taken as during the past few days. He regarded it as showing the declining morale of the enemy forces.

Two Down.

Paris, Sept. 16—Two German airplanes which had participated in the raid on the region of Paris Sunday night were shot down by anti-aircraft guns. They fell in the forest of Compiegne.

Paris, Sept. 16—The text of the statement issued by the war office tonight follows:

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VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF IN CASE ARISING OVER PAYMENT OF NOTE

Five Year Term in Penitentiary For Blind and Deaf Prisoner—Two Years on Cutting Charge

At a resumed sitting of the county court circuit this morning His Honor Judge Armstrong presiding, the civil case of Doherty vs. McDonald was taken up. In this case the plaintiff brought an action to recover the amount of $110,which amount he alleged to have raised on a note for the purpose of obtaining funds to assist him in carrying on a meat business. The defendant bought the meat business from the plaintiff and agreed to pay all debts outstanding in connection with the business. The defendant denied that the money raised on the note was used in connection with the business. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. J. Starr Tait appeared for the plaintiff and William M. Ryan for the defendant. Mr. Ryan gave notice of motion for a new trial and his honor reserved entering judgment pending the application.

Several prisoners were brought before his honor for sentence. In the case of Harry E. Layton, a returned soldier who pleaded guilty to theft, Judge Armstrong allowed the prisoner to go on suspended sentence. His honor stated that he had received some strong recommendations on behalf of the prisoner and he also took into consideration his previous good conduct.

George Minette, who is both blind and deaf, pleaded guilty to a serious charge in connection with a young girl. The prisoner was sentenced to five years in Dorchester penitentiary.

William Peters, colored, who was found guilty of cutting and wounding another colored man, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary with hard labor.

BEER CASES IN FREDERICTON DISMISSED

Fredericton, Sept. 17—The two Fredericton cases of alleged violation of the provincial prohibition act by the sale of beer over the permitted alcoholic strength of 2 per cent, were dismissed by Police Magistrate Limerick this morning on the ground that the evidence of J. D. B. F. Mackenzie, of Chatham, official provincial analyst did not show that alcohol was contained in the beer. Frank Brown, of Nashwaak, was fined $20 and $8 costs in the police court this morning for setting a brush fire during the dry period in August. It did considerable damage before being checked. He violated the forest regulations by failing to get a permit to set the fire.

Ask for Inquiry.

Regina, Sask., Sept. 17—Regina ministers at a meeting of their association last night passed a resolution endorsing the request of the Guelph Ministerial Association for a parliamentary inquiry into the raid on the Guelph Novitiate after listening to an address by Rev. K. H. Palmer, of Guelph.

ALLIES ADVANCE IN MACEDONIA

Moving Forward on Front of Twelve Miles; Have Progressed More Than Five Miles — Prelude to Important Offensive

London, Sept. 17—Serbian and French troops continue the offensive in Macedonia and have progressed more than five miles, according to a Serbian official statement received here. The advancing Allies have occupied an important series of ridges. The Allied troops have captured more than three thousand prisoners and twenty-four guns. Their casualties have been slight.

The Allies were moving forward on a front of more than twelve miles and have taken the village of Gradeshnitsu, twenty miles east of Monastir. A Jugoslav division is fighting with the Serbs and French and has reached Koziak, the most important position in the region of the offensive.

First and Second Lines.

London, Sept. 16—The capture of the first and second line Bulgarian positions along a ten mile section of the Doiran-Vardar front on Sunday, was announced by Hon. A. J. Balfour, the foreign secretary, at a reception to the Greek delegation tonight. He referred to this, which involved the taking of eight hundred prisoners and ten guns, as the prelude to an important offensive "bringing greater triumphs in which the British and Greek troops would take an equal and glorious part."

Occupy Important Positions.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 17—(via London)—Franco-Serbian troops in an attack on the Bulgarian lines in Macedonia early Sunday morning succeeded after a desperate struggle in occupying the Sokol, Dopropolje and Vetrenik positions, says today's war office announcement.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—The weather has been fine in the west for the most part, showers in the east.

Forecasts.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay and Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate easterly winds, fair today and on Wednesday, with stationary or higher temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence—Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to westerly, clearing; Wednesday, fair, not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to westerly; rain today, clearing tonight; Wednesday, fair.

Fair on Wednesday.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh south to west winds, showery today and tonight; Wednesday, fair.

Superior—Light to moderate winds, fair and cool today and on Wednesday.

All West—Fine today and on Wednesday and becoming a little warmer.

UNCONDITIONALLY REJECTS GERMAN PEACE FEELER

U. S. Government Speaks For All Belligerents

POSITION ALREADY PLAIN

League to Enforce Peace Commends President's Decision--Step Taken With Knowledge of Allies, Vienna Newspapers Assert

Washington, Sept. 16—The United States, as was fully expected, has unconditionally rejected Germany's peace feeler. In doing so the government has spoken for all the co-belligerents.

Almost immediately after receiving the Austrian government's note from the minister of Sweden, Mr. Eckengren, Secretary of State Lansing tonight issued this formal statement:

"I am authorized by the president to state that the following will be the reply of this government to the Austro-Hungarian note proposing an unofficial conference of belligerents: 'The government of the United States feels that there is only one reply which it can

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NAVY LEAGUE APPEAL WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Nearly $20,000 With Outside Returns to Come—Tag Day Netted $5,339.49

J. M. Christie, the treasurer of the appeal for the navy during sailors' week, has closed his account and reports the total amount collected $19,042.16, including fees for memberships. The amount collected by canvassers among business houses, etc., was $13,702.67 and the boxes on tag day yielded $5,339.49.

New members of the Navy League to the number of 204 joined through slips found in the boxes, while many more, including several life members, handed in their names direct. Full returns from other parts of the province are not yet received, but it is thought an additional $6,000 at least will come in.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County

George Caffrey to A. J. Mawhinney, property at Dipper Harbor.

G. & G. Flewelling Mfg. Co. to Randolph & Baker, Ltd., property in Upham.

Thomas Galbraith to W. T. Galbraith, property in Lorneville.

Azad Landry et al to J. P. Mosher, property at Mispec River.

W. E. Raymond to A. Pauline Raymond, property in Canterbury street.

John Whalen to J. R. Mosher, property in Mispec River.

W. R. Woods to Foster Hill, property at Loch Lomond.

Kings County

Ella G. Roach et al to Brady deBow, property in Upham.

ITALIANS LOSE GROUND

Vienna, Sept. 16—(via London)—Italian patrols were repulsed in the Mori and Monte Cimones sectors, according to an official statement issued by the war office today. In the Setticoummi (seven communes) several Italian thrusts failed, the statement adds, but in the Brenta Valley the enemy pressed an advance post back slightly. In the Albania coastal region, the statement continues, the Italians have vainly attempted to recover ground won from them during the past two days.

WILL GO TO PICTURE CONVENTION

This evening quite a large delegation of moving picture men, both film renters and exhibitors, will leave for Halifax to attend the third annual convention of the Motion Picture Exhibitors League of the Maritime Provinces. The party will include L. E. Ouimet of Montreal, general manager of the Pathe interests for Canada; R. G. March of the local Pathe offices; G. A. Margetts, Universal Film Corp.; Joseph Lieberman of the Fox Film Corporation; R. J. Romney of Vitagraph; Mitchell Bernstein of the Paramount Corporation; E. Teal of the Regal Co., and E. English of the Regal. The exhibitors will be represented by F. G. Spencer, W. H. Golding, W. C. McKay, W. W. O. Fenety of Fredericton and others. It is expected that the convention will be attended by nearly 100 film and picture people.

No Hope For Recovery.

Mamaroneck, N. Y., Sept. 17—The condition of Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York, was much weaker today. Members of the prelate's official family, gathered at his bedside, reported that he had two sinking spells during the night and that there was practically no hope of his recovery. He was in a state of coma this morning.

NEWS OF SOLDIER

Mrs. Lambert Hamilton, next of kin of number 445032, Corporal Arthur Nicholas Dennison, infantry, is requested to communicate with the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

SIBERIAN GOVERNMENT OF OMSK DECLARES WAR AND IS MOBILIZING

Japanese Troops Capture Enemy Naval Base, With Score of Vessels; Bolsevism Dead in Large Area of European Russia; Red Guards Renounce Doctrines and Return to Work

Olovannay, A Trans-Baikalia, Sept. 15—(By the Associated Press)—The Siberian government at Omsk, a fortified town of Asiatic Russia, has declared war on Germany and has ordered the mobilization of the 1918 and 1919 classes.

CAPTURE NAVAL BASE

Tokio, Sept. 9—(By the Associated Press)—Japanese cavalry and an infantry battalion captured the enemy naval base of Khabarovsk on Sept. 7, according to official announcement today. They took seventeen gunboats, four other vessels, a wireless station, 120 guns, eight ammunition depots, seven magazines, one munition warehouse, seventy horses, seven automobiles, barbed wire and much other material.

Bolshevism Dead.

Vladivostok, Sept. 3—(By the Associated Press)—Bolshevikism from Sretensk, in Trans-Baikalia, to the Volga, in European Russia is dead. The Bolshevik leaders in this region have been hanged or have hidden themselves, while the mis-led Red Guards who are arriving here have renounced Bolshevism forever. The peasants are returning to the fields and the workmen are resuming work at the factories.

A solid foundation is ready to be laid to save Russia from German clutches. The Czecho-Slovak leaders say, however, that their forces are merely a hundred compared with the Austro-Germon legions in Russia and they feel there are too many odds against them to accomplish single-handed the task of fighting and re-organizing the Russian army by force.

Four thousand Czecho-Slovaks have fought their way for a distance of more than 2,500 miles in three months. They

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PTE. WALLACE CAMERON IS KILLED IN ACTION

Other York County Soldiers Are Today Reported Among The Wounded

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 17—Relatives in Marysville were informed yesterday of the death of Private Wallace Cameron in the war. He was only eighteen years of age. He enlisted here in the Highlanders, and while a member of that battalion had one of his hands injured in a shooting accident while hunting. In spite of the injury he went overseas. Three brothers survive, William of Rumford, Me., and Donald and Bruce with the Canadian Government Railways. There also are five sisters, Mrs. Frank Collins, Mrs. John Hanson and Mrs. Newton Stafford of Marysville; Mrs. Davis of Philadelphia and another sister in Auburn, Me.

Private Randolph Jones of Middle Hainesville has been wounded in the left leg and left arm with shrapnel. He now is in hospital in England, where he is improving rapidly.

Private Peter McLaggan, son of Miles McLaggan of Covered Bridge is reported in hospital in France with gunshot wounds in the back. Private McLaggan left Canada with the 55th and transferred to a machine gun battalion.

Private Norman Venner of this city was reported yesterday as admitted to hospital with gunshot wound in arm. Private Venner enlisted in St. John some time ago. When last heard from he was with the 18th reserve battalion in England.

HAS GONE TO FRANCE

Mrs. Joseph Noel Receives Letter From Chaplain About Her Son

Mrs. Joseph Noel, 31 Meadow street, has received the following letter from a Catholic chaplin in Witley, Surrey, England, relative to her son ,Gunner Edward Noel, being sent to France. The letter reads:

"Your son, Gunner Edward Noel, left here for the battle front in France recently. It is a real pleasure for me to write you these few lines concerning this boy and thereby assure you that he left my charge here with all the best marks of a staunch Catholic. In leaving me your address, he asked me to give you this consoling word and to ask you to redouble your abundant pious prayers for him now that he is amid new dangers.

"May God bless and thus strengthen you both for the cross that you are now called upon to bear."

A. STANTON ,C. E. F.
R. C. Chaplin.

Gunner Noel has been training in England for some time. He left St. John with a draft from a siege battery and was on his arrival in England transferred into the 5th Canadian Siege Battery with his brother, Charlie, now serving in France.

FIVE NEGROES HANGED

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 17 — Five negroes, whose sentences to death were pronounced by court-martial, which tried them for patricipation in the Houston riot, August, 1917, and whose sentences were approved by President Wilson, were hanged at Fort Sam Houston at daybreak this morning.

WAR TIME CONTROL OF ARGENTINE SHIPPING

Buenos, Aires, Sept. 17 — President Irigoyan has asked congress for authority to requisition steamers of Argentine register to be operated under government control for the relief of shipping difficulties. These ships are especially needed in the trade with Europe and the United States.

The president has also asked to be authorized to prohibit the sale of Argentine vessels to other nations. Both these measures would be operative only during the war.

RUSSIAN SUSPECT IS OUT OF CLUTCHES OF QUEBEC MILITARY POLICE

Quebec, Sept. 17—Potrokoff Trotosky, thirty-five years of age, was arrested last evening here in a beer garden by the military police, after he had made utterances considered detrimental and unfriendly to the Allies and favorable to the Bolsheviki. Trotosky carried about $700, was well dressed and had papers attesting that he was a Russian priest. He was lodged in the St. Louis street barracks and today the surprising fact is circulated that he escaped during the night and is nowhere to be found.

C. P. R. TRAIN CHANGES

General change of time for the departure and arrival of trains on the C. P. R. will become effective on Sunday, Sept. 29. The new time table shows that the last train to arrive here on Sunday from Montreal will be on Sept. 22, and the last Sunday train to leave St. John for the same place will be on Sunday, Sept. 22. After that date the Montreal train will leave St. John at 5.10 eastern time and will arrive in Montreal at 10.20 a. m. eastern time. The train from Montreal will arrive in this city at 12.20 p. m.

Trains leaving and arriving from Boston in the morning will be discontinued after that date. A train will leave here for McAdam at 6.40 a. m. and will arrive back in St. John at 10.20 p. m. eastern time. The train for Boston will leave here at 5.30 p. m. and will arrive in St. John at 12.50 p. m.

On the Shore Line sub-division a train will leave West St. John at 8.20 a. m. and is due to arrive in St. Stephen at 3.05 p. m. One leaving St. Stephen at 10 a. m. will arrive in West St. John at 4.40 p. m. eastern time.

QUEBEC FIREMEN FORM UNION

Quebec, Sept. 17—A union affiliated with the National Council of Labor of Quebec district was formed yesterday by the members of the local fire department. It has 155 members.

POLICE COURT

Harry Donahue was before the police magistrate this morning in a charge of stealing a fur collar valued at $125 from the store of H. Mont Jones, King street. Mr. Jones told of Donahue going into the store and walking down to the back of it. When he was through waiting on a customer who was in the store at the time, Mr. Jones said, he went to Donahue and noticed the tails of a fur hanging down from under his vest. Mr. Jones said he took Donahue upstairs and took the fur from him, ordered Donahue out of the store and afterwards informed the police. Donahue, he said, at the time seemed as if he were under the influence of liquor or of a drug. The case was set over until tomorrow morning.

George Curran, who was recently charged in the police court with supplying liquor, is not the George Curran, a returned soldier, residing in Paradise row.

To Regulate Shipments.

Washington, Sept. 17—Railroad grain shipments hereafter will be regulated jointly by the railroad and food administrations through a systematic issuance of shipping permits by committees in different grain zones. The step was taken to prevent overloading of storage facilities at primary markets and seaboard terminals congested by the tremendous flow of grain this year, stimulated by an abundant crop and stable prices.