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TWO BRANT SOLDIERS WIN D.C.M.

Sergeant W. W. Hamilton and Private W. Hart, Both Late of 38th Dufferin Rifles Regiment, Gain Decoration for Bravery While Under Heavy Fire.

BRANTFORD VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Two Lads Gain the D. C. M.—Served in the Duffs.

A card received by Mr. F. Mackie states that Sergt. W. W. Hamilton, late the signalling sergeant to the 38th D.R.C., and Pte. W. Hart, late of the same corps, have been recommended for and have received the D.C.M. for cool bravery under fire in keeping the telephone communications open with the rear.

Both soldiers are well known locally, one being a Scottish lad who previously served in the old Fifth Battalion, A. and S. H. (Paisley); the other, Pte. Hart, had fifteen months' service in the R.C.R. and was three years in the Dufferins. Both are single men, and their next-of-kin reside in the Old Country.

Many members of the 38th will rejoice to hear of this success, and it is anticipated that the precedent set in wiring congratulations to the officers promoted will be followed by cabling the recipients of decorations for bravery who left here in the ranks.

PEACE CANNOT BE—BRITAIN IS THE ENEMY

So Say German Journals To-day—She Must be Crushed.

Berlin, Sept. 3, via Amsterdam—(Montreal Gazette)—"No peace is possible before England has been definitely defeated and the supremacy of the seas wrested from her."

This, in substance, is the trend of the German press comment to-day. Most of the leading journals demand that the government prosecute the war until that aim has been accomplished, and urges that all efforts should be devoted against Great Britain.

Count Ernst Von Reventlow, the naval expert of the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, who wrote some bitter articles against the United States after the sinking of the Lusitania, says to-day in his paper:

"Britain alone remains our mortal foe. The German Empire does not dream of ruling Europe, despite efforts of the British to throw dust in the eyes of neutrals. Germany desires after defeating her enemies, to insure herself against attacks and to create a Europe in which the recurrence of the present situation will be impossible."

"This, however, is possible only after the annihilation of the power of the continental conspiracies and wars has been placed hors de combat and confined to its islands."

THE OTHER WAY
New York, Sept. 3.—A London cable to the Tribune says:

"Much discussion has occurred recently regarding whether the phrase 'freedom of the seas,' in Sir Edward Grey's letter to the newspapers, had any bearing on the possibilities of early peace negotiations."

To-day it is authoritatively stated to the Tribune correspondent that the phrase had no such meaning. The attitude of Great Britain toward peace is still unchanged since the pronouncement of Asquith and Gray last fall."

Second Canadian Division Reviewed and is Ready

LONDON, Sept. 3.—His Majesty the King, accompanied by Lord Kitchener and staff, reviewed the Canadians in the Shorncliffe district and Beechborough Park yesterday. General Steele commanded. Other Canadians present were: General R. E. W. Turner of Quebec, General Carson of Montreal, Major Jarvis, Colonel Kincaid. All battalions belonging to the second contingent were represented in the march-past, being accompanied by massed Canadian bands. Afterwards the King complimented General Steele on the fine appearance of the officers and men. The Canadians gave hearty cheers for the King. Major Sir Arthur Markham of the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital was presented to his Majesty, who after wards left from Shorncliffe Station, the road being lined by Canadian troops. Large numbers of people watched His Majesty's departure.

"BLIND MAN'S BUFF" PLAYED BY ARTILLERY AROUND LA BASSEE

Dust and Shells Stir the Air—Quiet Corners are Scarce—Visitors to This Section Are Poor Risks for Life Insurance Companies.

(By Frederick Palmer.)
British Headquarters, France, July 18.—There are points along the British front which see nothing but desultory shell fire and sniping weeks and months on end, points where neither side has made an attack through the winter and spring. These are known as quiet corners. A practical stalemate exists. Neither Briton nor German finds any object in trying for a gain. Troops who have been in the thick of it elsewhere are sometimes sent to these regions for a rest and a change.

Other points—points which stick out, as it were—are known as "hot corners," where the guns and rifles seem always busy. Such has been the La Basse region during the month of June. Probably the fighting is all the harder here because it is so largely blind. When you cannot see what your enemy is doing you take no risks with him. You keep pumping shells into the area which he occupies.

A HIDDEN COUNTRY.
A visitor may see about as much of what is going on in La Basse as an ant can see of the surrounding landscape when promeneading in the grass. The only variation in the flatness of the land is the overworked ditches which try to drain it. Look upward and the roof of a poplar tree along the road screens the skies. Look along the level and a hedge, a grove, a cottage or the trees and the shrubs around it limit the vision.

If a breeze starts in a field it is arrested by a wall of foliage before it goes far. The cursed mud of winter has become dust as the curse of summer. This "hot corner" is all the hotter in these days of burning July here. Those little water carts which run back to wells of cool water, which have the approval of the doctor men, are busy filling empty canteens while shrapnel trims the hedges and high explosives play hide and seek among the trees.

BLIND MAN'S BUFF
The guns of both sides seem engaged in a kind of savage, vindictive blind man's buff sparring. Of course the gunners have a point on the map at which they are aiming. They have information one way or another that there is something at this point worth shelling. It may be a house; and, of course, every house is down on a large scale map. Troops may be in the house, or if they are not and you destroy the house you have destroyed shelter for troops and made the enemy nervous. At least, theoretically, you have made him so; nothing seems to be able to make the British soldier actually so, or the French peasant either.

"You may kill us with your gun-fire, but you cannot scare us," represents the attitude of soldier and peasant in a sentence, and surprisingly few are killed.

THE RISK OF TRAVEL.
The road we were on had been a target for German shells. All roads near the trenches are. There might be someone on that road, and a shell directed at the road might happen to hit him. In order to take this sporting chance a gunner has only to aim

BERLIN REPORTS SINKING

British Transport in the Dardanelles

(By Special Wire to the Courier.)
BERLIN, Sept. 3.—(Wireless to Sayville)—"Telegrams from Sofia," says the Overseas News Agency to-day, "state that off the entrance to the Dardanelles a British transport struck a mine and sank with 320 officers, 1,250 soldiers and 300 members of the crew, all of whom were drowned. Six hundred bodies were recovered."

The British Government officially announced on August 17 that the British transport Royal Edward had been sunk on Saturday, August 11, in

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Officer of General's Staff Predicts Dardanelles Fall

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Major E. W. Andrews, of the Royal Fusiliers, the first British officer who has participated in the fighting at the Dardanelles to visit this country, arrived yesterday aboard the liner St. Paul on a month's furlough. The major, who was on the staff of Gen. Ian Hamilton, is recovering from wounds received in a charge at Gaba Tepe.

"The major referred to the Turks as 'the cleanest fighters in the war.' 'The Dardanelles, I think,' he said, 'will have fallen by the end of the year.'"

With Major Andrews was Lieut. Strench, of New Brighton, S. I., who has been granted a furlough to recuperate from neuritis.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS—MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Covers Whole Field of Education in Local Schools—Ventilation, Hygiene and Physical Training are Thoroughly Dealt With.

At the Board of Education meeting last evening, the management committee report received the most attention. The chairman of this committee, Mr. Andrews, read the report, and before resuming his seat stated that the report was a long one, and went fully into very matter. Therefore he thought there was no discussion on the report necessary. The board did not see the matter in this light, however, and before the report was carried, one clause had to be slightly changed.

Regarding the results of the examinations at the Collegiate, it was deemed necessary by the board to obtain figures and statistics from other Ontario Collegiates and so ascertain by comparison, whether the local Collegiate results were satisfactory or not.

Principal Burt stated that the examination results of last year were as follows: In the lower matriculation, 50 per cent had been successful; in Part I of the upper or senior matric, 77 per cent were successful and in Part 2, 78 per cent had passed. He stated that the results were better in the smaller schools, and clearly pointed out the reasons.

After some further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Andrews that the report as amended be adopted. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lane, that the secretary write to the Registrar of the Provincial Examination Bureau, requesting figures concerning the examination results in other Ontario Collegiates, so that the Brantford Board of Education could make necessary comparisons. Carried.

Mr. Burt offered to personally write to the principals of other collegiates and obtain from them the necessary figures, as he was almost sure that the provincial authorities would not give any out.

In connection with the management committee report, Mr. Andrews moved that Miss Ballachey be given a year's leave of absence from her duties as public school teacher, and that the vacancy left by Miss Taylor's departure, be filled by Miss Whitney. Carried.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.
This board having been in office for the past six months, a review of the work under the supervision of the management committee may be of interest.

Your committee from its inception, carefully went into every detail of the duties devolving upon them, with the object of making themselves thoroughly conversant with the new conditions imposed by the change in the school board. Under the old regime, the public schools and collegiate institute were governed by two separate boards, under the present organization they are under the jurisdiction of one board, the Board of Education.

The change, which, in our judgment, will tend to both efficiency and economy, certainly makes more demands upon the time of the trustees.

In order to show the nature of our work and what we have accomplished, I have divided my report under different headings.

RUSSIANS QUITTING NIEMEN

Petrograd Officially Admits Grodno to be Untenable.

(By Special Wire to the Courier.)
London, Sept. 3.—The evacuation of Grodno is under way. Petrograd admits officially that Russian forces are being withdrawn from the right bank of the Niemen. The loss by the Russians of the last of their strong fortresses has been expected and the report that its evacuation is imminent caused no surprise here. It has been evident for some time that Grand Duke Nicholas had no intention of allowing a number of men sufficient to maintain a long defense to be penned up in any fortress which could be invested.

Along the Galician border General Ivanoff continues to retire, but not without inflicting heavy losses on the Austro-German forces, which have been shaken several times by vigorous counter attacks. In the centre and the extreme north the Germans are making little progress. The Russians claim another local success near Vlna.

The great artillery duel continues along a large part of the western front held by the French. The ultimate purpose of this activity is still obscure.

The British press is not greatly pleased at the reception by the United States of Germany's promise to modify her submarine campaign. It complains that a promise which does not include protection for merchantmen is inadequate.

Negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria concerning railroad concessions to the latter are again under way. It is not expected in quarters favorable to the Entente Allies that they will prove successful.

WILSON TAKES UP NATIONAL DEFENCE WORK

Secretaries Garrison and Daniels Are Now Busy on New Program.

(By Special Wire to the Courier.)
Washington, September 3.—Publication of President Wilson's letters to Secretaries Garrison and Daniels calling upon them to prepare for him definite programs for strengthening the army and navy, brought the question of national defence to the forefront again to-day. The president will submit the proposals, together with his recommendations to Congress at the forthcoming session.

Another angle to the question of national defence is the announcement by Acting Secretary Roosevelt of the Navy Department of plans for building up an adequate national naval reserve in addition to the existing state militia and the regular reserve created by the last congress through mobilization of yachtsmen and power boat owners and their craft with navy reserve ships in a training squadron.

The President's letter, although written last month has just been made public. In it he asked Secretaries Garrison and Daniels to get the advice of departmental experts and submit plans formulated in very definite terms.

Germans Report a Gain.
(By Special Wire to the Courier.)
Berlin, Sept. 3.—The German troops which are advancing on the important Russian port of Riga, on the Baltic, have made a further consequential gain. They have captured a position northwest of Friedrichstadt, about 40 miles from Riga.

GREAT BRITAIN DOING HER PART?—IS THE U. S. GOING TO FAIL?

So Ask British Daily Telegraph in the Discussion on Neutral Rights—Times Thinks Germany is Playing With Wilson and Real Test Will be Action

(By Special Wire to the Courier.)
LONDON, Sept. 3.—The Daily Telegraph in an editorial this morning makes a warm protest against Germany in the use of submarine boats being allowed to differentiate between liners and merchantmen.

"If it is admitted that a submersible vessel can break any and every law, so long as notice is given to the passengers of liners," says the Daily Telegraph, "we are confronted with a most serious development, fraught with grave consequences to all sea-faring peoples. The submarine has arrived as the extension of naval power, and it must conform to the same regulations as other men of war. Germany's attempt to evade this obligation sets up a precedent which may cast a deep and sinister shadow over the future of the human race."

The Duke contends that Ambassador von Bernstorff is attempting to evade American demands, and declares that while Great Britain is doing her part as a belligerent to uphold the laws of civilized warfare, it is the duty of the United States to uphold them as the greatest neutral power. The conclusion is drawn that should America make concessions to Germany, America inevitably will become associated with the German code of sea warfare.

Engineer Files was killed when a Grand Trunk Pacific freight train plunged through a cyclone-wrecked bridge into the Minnewaska River, Manitoba.

The Duke of Connaught reviewed soldiers, Boy Scouts and veterans at the Exhibition, Toronto.

Enrollment has begun for the reserve militia of men of 35 and over. Mr. Thomas Walker was burned to death while fighting a fire in her daughter's house at Sarnia.

TURKS CUT OFF, SAYS REPORT

Details Are Lacking of Important Strategic Success.

(By Special Wire to the Courier.)
PARIS, Sept. 3, 4.40 a.m.—An important part of the Turkish forces on the Gallipoli peninsula has been surrounded by the Allies, and its surrender is imminent, says an Athens despatch to the Fournier Agency.

Italian reservists were given a warm send-off in Toronto city and at the Exhibition grounds.

An officer on the White Star Liner Adriatic says Britain has captured 50 German submarines.

Passengers on the Holland-American liner Rotterdam, which was on fire, were landed safely at Amsterdam.

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