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Use Liquid Fire But Again Fail

German Attack on French Lines North of Verdun—British Had Enemy Hard Pressed in St. Julien Attack

Paris, Sept. 25.—Liquid fire was used by the Germans in an attack on the French lines in the Beaumont region, north of Verdun last night. The French, however, repulsed the assault with heavy losses to the Germans. The war office announced today. The bombardment that has been in progress on the east bank of the Meuse, in the neighborhood of Chaume Wood, was kept up by the German guns during the night. The statement follows: "There was active artillery fighting on the Aisne front, in the sector of Hurtleb, the south of Juvincourt. We checked several attacks on our small advanced posts east of Teton and north of Hill 804. On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), the enemy continued the bombardment in the region north of Chaume Wood, and renewed his attacks on our trenches near Beaumont. Notwithstanding the intensive employment of liquid flame throwers, he was repulsed with heavy losses without obtaining any advantage."

CITY FAILS TO GET THE 10,000 TONS OF COAL

Definite Word Received by Mayor Hayes Today—Some Orders in For Part of 1,000 Ton Lot

The prospects of securing 10,000 tons of coal from the fast controller for the use of the citizens faded away today when Mayor Hayes received a telegram from the dealers through whom the arrangements were being made. The Century Coal & Coke Company of Montreal, cannot supply the coal as they cannot secure it. They offer 5,000 tons of furnace coal, for the maritime provinces, at \$7.50 per ton in Hoboken. As the city's share of this amount would be small and as the citizens whose comfort the city had most in mind do not use furnace coal to any great extent, the common council will allow the matter to drop. The night letter reads as follows: "Further reference anthracite maritime provinces. At request of fuel controllers, early in August, on behalf of agents for supplies, we offered large quantity for shipment September or October, under conditions that each province should stipulate total quantity required, make arrangements for tonnage, and also satisfactory financial arrangements. There appears to have been some misapprehension and individual dealers, evidently instructed, make application for coal as required, either rail or water delivery. Proposal did not embrace rail coal. Consensus of opinion at the time seemed to be that dealers would not require the coal and nothing further was heard in the matter until recently, when Mr. Kerr visited the province. In the meantime, conditions have changed in the United States and, upon taking matter up again, we find suppliers cannot commit themselves definitely for 20,000 tons required by provinces but have offered 10,000 tons furnace coal, \$7.50 gross f.o.b., steamer Hoboken, immediate delivery, which we will be pleased to appoint as applications are received and applicants advise bank credit for amount involved each cargo. This is the best we can offer at this time but hopeful being able to furnish further quantities and will supply additional coal as available from time to time. Nothing binding either party regarding the additional coal." (Signed) CENTURY COAL & COKE CO., LTD. Taking Orders. Meanwhile, the city chamberlain is taking orders for the coal which is secured for the city by S. McGinnis. The seven cars now on the way are estimated to carry about 200 tons and so far about sixty tons have been ordered and money deposited. The total shipment is 1,000 tons.

Fifteen Killed In Raid on London

Injured Numbered Seventy—Only One, or at Most Two, of Raiders Succeeded in Penetrating Defences

London, Sept. 25.—Fifteen persons were killed and seventy injured in last night's air raid over London. The following official report was given out by Lord French, commander of the home defences: "The latest reports concerning the raid last night show that a group of raiders which appeared over London was driven off by the use of anti-aircraft guns. Only one, or at the most two machines penetrated the defences. The casualties in all the raided districts reported by the police up to the present are: Killed, 15; injured, 70. The material damage was not great. "Enemy aircraft crossed the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire coasts between midnight and 8 a.m. There is no evidence of their having penetrated the distance inland. They were driven off by gunfire from various defended localities which they attempted to approach. Bombs were dropped at one coast town, three women being slightly injured. Little material damage was caused." "Enemy aircraft crossed the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire coasts between midnight and 8 a.m. There is no evidence of their having penetrated the distance inland. They were driven off by gunfire from various defended localities which they attempted to approach. Bombs were dropped at one coast town, three women being slightly injured. Little material damage was caused." Kentish town says that about eight bombs were dropped in last night's raid. An Essex coast town reports the first intimation of the raid about 7.30 o'clock, when anti-aircraft guns opened fire and the noise of the airplanes over this town continued for about two hours at intervals, but so far as could be learned only three bombs were dropped and apparently there was no great property damage. Reports from Yorkshire indicate that the Zeppelins, which appeared early this morning off the Lincolnshire and Yorkshire coasts, dropped bombs and aerial torpedoes. The amount of damage has not been ascertained. The signal that all was clear was given at about five o'clock this morning. "The British people would view these attacks with the greatest indifference if they knew that everyone of them was followed by an attack in which twice the weight of bombs dropped was shown on German towns. Let's hit the Germans hard."

Electors Eager To Get at Government

Toronto Conservative Editorial Statement That Will Worry "The Faithful," Flavelle and Hanna Too Heavy a Load to Carry

Toronto, Sept. 25.—Under the caption "Street Scenes," the Toronto World, edited by W. F. MacLean, Conservative M. P. for South York, says: "The Canadian electors are coming up to a general election ten weeks hence in no pleasant frame of mind. Most of them have been sorely tried by the war and the cost of living. Many of them will take a crack at some one, especially a public man or official of some kind, or a newspaper as a more or less appropriate head to knock, and the government at Ottawa will be one of the outstanding marks. "Sir Robert Borden will find it hard to carry Sir Joseph Flavelle, the head of the meat and provision trade and high prices in Canada, as chairman of the British munitions board; or W. J. Hanna, the leading representative of the Standard Oil Company in Canada, as food controller. "The great American trust will not go with our people, our soldiers, or their workmanship. Sir Joseph can stand; so can Mr. Hanna, but can the Borden government stand these two, worthy as they may be in some things?"

SIAM MAY SEND MEN TO FIGHT ON WEST FRONT

London, Sept. 25.—The Siamese government, according to a despatch from Bangkok to Reuters, Limited, has called for volunteers who may be sent to the western front. The volunteers, the despatch says, will be commanded by officers trained in Belgium. Another Bangkok despatch to Reuters states that a Siamese court has condemned six German steamers of a total net tonnage of 8,021. Soon after the entrance of Siam into the war, on July 23, nine Austro-German steamers aggregating 19,000 tons, were seized by the Siamese government. They were owned chiefly by the North German Lloyd Steamship Company.

WILL COMMAND THE SCHR. HARRY W. LEWIS

Captain McDade Was Skipper of the Coral Leaf, Torpedoed by Germans. Captain C. McDade of Parrsboro, N. S., is in the city to take over the command of the schooner Harry W. Lewis, now in port. He is well known along the water front and today was greeted by many old friends. A few months ago Captain McDade was in charge of the three-masted schooner Coral Leaf, which was destroyed by a German submarine off the western coast of Ireland. To a Times representative, he said that he was sailing to a British port with lumber when a German submarine began shelling his ship. Several shots went wide, but a few found their mark and soon the ship was in flames. Accompanied by his crew, he took to one of the lifeboats and, as they departed they saw the enemy submarine come up to the vessel, and after sending several more shots into the hull submerge. After roving for a few hours and the members of his crew were picked up by a passing steamer and were landed in Ireland. The Coral Leaf was built in 1902 at Spencer's Island, and was owned by Captain Spencer of Parrsboro. She sailed from this port.

MRS. HAZEN AT HALIFAX: STEAMER ALSO BRINGS MANY SOLDIERS HOME

Halifax, Sept. 25.—A steamer with more than 5,000 soldiers, women and children, arrived here today. Among the passengers was Mrs. Hazen, wife of Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, who was here to meet his wife. NICKLE, M. P., WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE. Kingston, Ont., Sept. 25.—W. F. Nickle, K. C. M. P., will not be a candidate for parliamentary honors at the next election. He deplores the attitude of certain elements in Canada who have made a wartime election necessary, and he gives some advice as to what constitutes the duty of every loyal Canadian at this time. FOR THE RED CROSS. A group of five little girls and two boys held a successful bazaar on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Sage, 294 Princess street, in aid of the Red Cross funds and raised \$18.70. Those assisting were Dorothy Bettie, Phyllis Sage, Helen Copp, Edna Sage, Louise Malcolm, Edward Sage and Harry Mason.

PERSONALS

Rev. Thomas Marshall of Fairville is to leave today for Toronto, where he will spend the next fortnight at meetings of the Mission Board of the Methodist church. He is accompanied by Mrs. Marshall. J. S. Leighton Jr. of Woodstock is in the city today. H. A. Powell was a passenger on the Montreal train to the city today. Major Smith of the discharge depot returned to the city today from Montreal. Mrs. Burgett of Winnipeg and her sister, Mrs. Daniel T. Jackson, of this city, arrived from Winnipeg on Saturday and Mrs. Burgett is to remain here for three months, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Spinks, 281 Princes street. Mrs. Jackson spent some weeks with her sister in Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. John Donovan of Summers street, Fredericton, left last evening after spending a few days at the Halifax Exhibition. While in the city they were the guests of Mrs. D. J. Stockford, 8 Carleton street. Mrs. W. H. White, Douglas avenue, left on the Boston train last night and is visiting her brother, William White, at Mansfield, Mass., until recently editor and proprietor of the News of that town, who is seriously ill. C. W. Piercy, superintendent of fire alarms, left on the Boston express this morning for his weekly trip to Boston and New York. Walter G. Dunlop left last night on the Montreal train to resume his studies at Wycliff College. During the summer he has been acting as assistant curate at St. Mary's church. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gregory, Lancaux, have completed their visit to relatives. Mrs. James Merrill and daughter Gladys left this morning for Ganer, Me., where they will visit relatives. Mrs. Allison Armstrong and son Russell have returned home after spending several weeks with friends along the St. John river. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. May, 285 Hawthorne avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Dr. J. L. Christopher of Boston. The wedding is to take place in the near future. Mrs. J. A. Gregory, Lancaux, Heights, and Miss Muriel Russell, daughter of commissioner J. V. Russell, have left for Vancouver, where they will visit relatives. Mrs. Gregory will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sutton, and of her sister, Mrs. M. F. Williams, and Miss Russell will visit her uncle, William Russell. The ladies will return home for the Christmas season.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:— St. John City. Mary A. McArdle to G. W. Day, property in Simonds. Kings County. John Hourihan to Murt Hourihan, property in Sussex. Thomas Leonard to Andrew Leonard, property in Springfield. John O'Leary to Cornelius and John O'Leary, property in Sussex. James Purlett to L. F. Purlett, property in Cardwell. COMISKY DOES NOT WANT SPECULATORS TO GET THE TICKETS. Chicago, Sept. 25.—Ticket brokers of Chicago do not view with alarm the efforts of Charles Comisky, owner of the 1917 champions of the American League, to keep world's series tickets out of their hands. PHOTUS and PHOTODUPLICATION. WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Showers have occurred locally in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, otherwise the weather in Canada has remained fine. Forecasts. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate east to south winds, fine, stationary or a little higher temperature. Wednesday, moderate to fresh southeasterly to southwesterly winds, fair and a little warmer, some local showers at night. Thursday, New England—St. Lawrence Valley, Gulf and North Shore—Fine today and on Wednesday with stationary or slightly higher temperature. Maritime—Variable winds, fair today and on Wednesday, not much change in temperature. Superior—Fresh southerly, shifting to westerly winds, fair today, showers during the night and on Wednesday. Manitoba—Some local showers, but partly fair and cooler. Wednesday fair and cool. Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and cool today and on Wednesday. New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday, little change in temperature; northerly to east winds diminishing on southeast coast.

MR. BELVEA'S PROPOSALS DISCUSSED

Lots For Extension of Present Business Agreed to But Sardinia Plant Matter Decision Deferred. A long session of the common council in committee this morning was devoted to the discussion of the application of J. Fred Belvea for certain concessions in connection with his fish packing plant. The committee agreed to the lease of three lots in West St. John, near the Old Fort, to permit of the extension of Mr. Belvea's present business. When they came to the proposals for the sardinia plant more difficulty was experienced as it was found that special legislation would be required to grant some of the requests. As a result of the difficulty experienced in finding what the council could do, it was decided to postpone further discussion until this afternoon when the city solicitor would be present. Commissioner Russell presented the amended proposals of Mr. Belvea on behalf of the La Tour Fishing Company. The company now asks for exclusive fishing rights of a line down from the sugar refinery to No. 15 berth; the right to erect a conveyor and lay pipes for the franchise which would be for ten years and the franchise to terminate if \$50,000 be not spent in five years. Mr. Belvea also asked for a lease of three city lots at the Old Fort, to give him access to the city wharves, for a lot a year, for the purpose of enlarging his present business. A legal opinion regarding the concessive lease will be presented by the city solicitor, was presented to the meeting. The application for the lease of lots was taken up by the council. Commissioner Russell moved that it be granted. Commissioner McEldan objected strongly to the principle of leasing any more city lots at such low figures, particularly if the city were to be held liable for improvements in the event of a refusal to renew. The motion was amended, finally, to eliminate the improvement clause and providing for one renewal for a further term of seven years unless the land is required for public purposes. The application of the La Tour Fishing Company was then taken up, and the first section provided for exclusive fishing rights. Commissioner Russell said that this area included only one lot now sold at auction annually and which sold last year for \$800. Legislation would be required to authorize this section. No action was taken on this. On the request for free water it was shown that special legislation would be required for this also. Mr. Belvea would be entitled to the usual manufacturer's rate. Mr. Belvea said he was willing to meet the water rates. The application for permission to bring a railway spur up Unitary street to connect with the plant was taken up. After considerable discussion it was decided to postpone further discussion until a meeting this afternoon. Mr. Belvea told of generous offers he had received from other places which seek the plant. DEATH OF BABY. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Tappin of Marsh street have the sympathy of friends in the death of their year-old son, Wilfred Otis James, which occurred today. BAPTIST CONVENTION. Delegates are arriving today to attend the annual convention of the Association of the United Baptists of New Brunswick, which was opened this afternoon at the Charlotte street church-vestry.

GAIN MADE BY THE ADVOCATES OF VOTES FOR WOMEN

Elation Over Creation of Special Congress Committee—New Plan For Winter. Washington, Sept. 25.—There is great elation in suffrage ranks today because of the creation of a special congressional committee on woman suffrage has been the house late yesterday voted 181 to 107 to create such a committee. Suffrage leaders now will lay plans for a vigorous fight early in the regular session of congress beginning in December for adoption of an amendment to the constitution giving women the right to vote. ADDRESS PRESENTED TO JUDGE CHANDLER. Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 25.—Harold Gillis, a student at the Provincial Normal School, fell while returning after a football game yesterday afternoon and fractured his shoulder. The Nisi Prius sittings of the supreme court of N. B. opened this morning with Hon. W. B. Chandler of Moncton presiding for the first time. Hon. A. R. Slipp presented an address on behalf of the members of the Fredericton Bar and an appropriate reply was made by His Honor. A. J. Gregory, K.C., senior member of this city, was absent through illness. Six jury cases were on the docket. The sittings were adjourned until November 6. SIX THOUSAND AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS WED IN BRITAIN. London, Sept. 25.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.)—Sir John Taverer, former agent general for Victoria, presiding at a meeting to form a discharged Australian Soldiers' Association, said there were 6,000 Australians had married in Great Britain, the majority of whom intended to settle in Australia. THE LATE MRS. A. G. BLAIR. The late Mrs. Andrew G. Blair was a daughter of the late George Thompson of Fredericton, for many years connected with the provincial education department. She was seventy-four years of age. The family removed from Fredericton to St. John in 1898, and three years later, when the late Mr. Blair resigned the premiership of New Brunswick to enter the federal cabinet, removed from St. John to Ottawa. Two sons and five daughters survive. They are Mrs. Robert Pittslandolph of Fredericton, Mrs. C. Walter Clarke, Mrs. S. H. Brewin, Mrs. George S. McCarthy, and Mrs. Sutherland Gilmore, all of Ottawa; A. George Blair of Ottawa and Donald Blair of Montreal. Miss Mary Thompson of Fredericton is a sister. Mr. and Mrs. Pittslandolph are to leave Fredericton this evening for Ottawa to attend the funeral. MRS. MARGARET O'CONNOR. Mrs. Margaret O'Connor, formerly of Kingville, widow of Phillip O'Connor, which occurred in the Mater Misericordiae Home early this morning. She is survived by two sons, William of Pleasant Point and Peter of Portland, Me.; two daughters, Mrs. Laurence O'Neil of West St. John and Miss E. O'Connor of this city. The funeral will take place on Thursday morning from the residence of Mrs. O'Neil, Prince street, to the Church of Assumption, where high mass of requiem will be celebrated. COMING HOME FROM FAR EAST. Dr. Vernon Coffyn of Bathurst, formerly of Canterbury, is returning to his home on leave after a lengthy period of service with the British Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia. He saw much service along the Euphrates with General Maude's forces.

Commander of Land Battleship Recruit Beaten to Death in Brooklyn

New York, Sept. 25.—(Montreal Gazette despatch.)—That the inquest into his death on Thursday will show that Commander Henry C. Gunn of the land battleship Recruit in Union Square, was the victim of a terrible mistake when he was practically beaten to death for alleged traitorous remarks at a recruiting rally in Brooklyn on Saturday night, is the confident prediction of his fellow officers. Gunn died on Sunday night. The police found him with his skull crushed at Smith and Fulton streets, the victim of an attack by soldiers and civilians. Some one on the outskirts of a crowd which had assembled to watch the efforts of other recruits, is said to have yelled: "To hell with the United States, the flag and the president, Hurrah for the fatherland!" The crowd picked Gunn as the man who had uttered the unpatriotic cry. GOMEZ TO PLANTATION. Former President of Cuba is Broken in Health. Havana, Sept. 25.—Broken in health, General Jose Miguel Gomez, former Minister of Cuba and leader of the Liberal revolt against the government last February, was last night removed from the Principe prison to the "America" plantation, twelve miles from Havana. The former president will have the liberty of the plantation in the improving his condition. TEA AT THE ARMORY. That the citizens and those interested in the workings of the new temporary quarters in the armory for the convalescent soldiers, might have an opportunity of seeing through the building, a tea is being given this afternoon by the Women's Canadian Club. At the door the guests were met by Major Osborn, officer commanding "K" unit, who was assisted by members of his staff, Mrs. G. A. Kubring, president of the Women's Canadian Club; Mrs. H. A. Powell, Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. McAvity and Mrs. McAvity, Premier W. E. Foster and Mrs. Foster, Senator Thorne, Lady Tilley, Sergeant Purdy, secretary of the G. W. V. Association, Captain Blake and other officers of the department. The ladies in charge include Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. George McAvity, Mrs. J. H. Frink, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. J. R. Vanway, Mrs. A. B. Melrose, and Mrs. Richard O'Brien. The members of the V. A. D. are present in uniform under the direction of Miss Stella Payson, assistant commandant and Miss Alice Morgan, nursing officer, and acted as guides through the institution. The building has been decorated and the tea marks the formal opening. A recreation room has been fitted up through kind donations received for this purpose. EPWORTH LEAGUE. The Senior Epworth League of Portland Methodist church resumed activities last evening after the summer vacation. Robert Maxwell was in the chair. Rev. Neil McLaughlin delivered an interesting address. THE POLICE. The vacancies in the police force are but two in number, in spite of many recent resignations. Two applicants are being examined and, if fit, will be sworn in today. DID EFFECTIVE WORK. In Sunday morning's flood at Centennial school, the ceiling was saved only through the efforts of the janitor, W. H. O'Dell and his wife. For several hours they worked in the early morning bailing out the water which poured over the floors. Mr. O'Dell is a returned soldier and has well qualified himself for his position by his readiness of wit and perseverance. The one room which was closed yesterday is in use again today.

WILL TRY AGAIN TO RESUME SITTINGS

Finnish Diet To Disregard Provisional Government. Political Excitement Aroused Anew—Liberty Loan Doing Well—Authoritative Denial of Peace Reports. Petrograd, Sept. 25.—A renewal of political excitement in Helsinki, Finland, is reported. The diet, which was dissolved and prevented forcibly from assembling recently, will make another attempt on Friday to resume sittings. Lethish workmen, who have escaped from occupied Russian territory, report that six members of a local council of the soldiers' and workmen's delegates have been shot for refusing to assist on the construction of military works. Council for General Skauhiniloff, former minister of war, concluded the defence today. They declared the accusations unfounded. The treasury announces that subscriptions to the liberty loan have reached \$300,000,000 roubles. The democratic congress summoned by the soldiers' and workmen's central council, has been postponed until Thursday. Minister of Foreign Affairs Tereshchenko has issued the following statement: "Harmors published recently by the newspapers in various countries regarding peace negotiations said to have been initiated by the conference in Bern, which has been convoked by the so-called alliance for the realization of durable peace, with which neither the Russian government, nor her allies had anything to do." BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Richard Myles took place this afternoon from his late residence, 28 Winter street, to Holy Trinity church, where burial services were conducted by Very Rev. J. Walsh, V.G. Interment was made in the New Catholic cemetery. The funeral of John L. Nelson took place this afternoon from his late residence, 45 Brussels street. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Thompson. Interment was made in Fernhill. Many assembled at the home of John S. Currie, 28 Harding street, this afternoon to pay their last tributes of respect. The funeral services were entirely house and grave by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan. The cortege was long and impressive and representative of both the professional and business life of the city. Members of the Masonic fraternity walked in a body. The floral offerings were many, and interment was made in Fernhill. TO SEND WAR PRISONERS TO A NEUTRAL COUNTRY. (Special Cable to The Evening Times by F. A. McKenzie.) London, Sept. 25.—I have been officially informed regarding the exact position of the proposal for exchanging prisoners. All officers and non-commissioned officers, irrespective of rank or number, so soon as they have been in captivity for a minimum of eighteen months, shall be interned in Switzerland or other neutral country, subject to the possibility of accommodation being found for them. The order of their transfer to a neutral country to be their priority capture, irrespective of nationality.