

## DESPATCH FROM OSTEND SAYS GERMANS CAPTURED MORE FRENCH CITIES

Lille, Valenciennes and Raubaix reported fallen, also Namur Forts—German success in Belgium due to swiftness with which operations were carried through.

London, Aug. 27.—The German army has occupied the French cities of Lille, Valenciennes and Raubaix, according to a despatch from Ostend, Belgium, which passed through the hands of the censor at London. All three cities are situated within a few miles of the Belgian frontier and Lille is strongly fortified. Valenciennes is a military station of less importance, while Raubaix is known chiefly as a manufacturing centre. Exact knowledge of the importance of this movement awaits official information. Earlier despatches from Ostend quoted a Belgian officer as authority for the statement that the allies had decided not to defend Lille, and that its evacuation by the French troops was announced by the Mayor on Thursday.

London, Aug. 27.—There is no official confirmation of the report sent by the Ostend correspondent of the Daily Express that the French manufacturing city of Lille has been surrendered to the Germans. The war office professes to have no information about the matter. The Ostend story states that the fortifications in the neighborhood of the city were abandoned and that the Mayor issued a proclamation warning all the inhabitants not to resist German occupation and disarming the local police. It says that the Germans later occupied the city.

Berlin, Aug. 27, (by wireless to the

Associated Press via Saville, L. L. 6:57 a. m.)—All the forts at Namur have fallen, and Longwy, near the Luxembourg border, has been captured after a resolute defence. The French forces which attacked the German Crown Prince's army have been repulsed.

Upper Alsace is free of the enemy except at points to the westward of Kolmar.

The Tagelblatt's correspondent writes that Namur is surrounded by about 200,000 men, by one 42 centimetre howitzer. He says he could plainly hear the shells striking the forts and that every one was astonished at the precision of the German guns.

The Tagelblatt's correspondent describes the desolation that reigns in the villages and small towns between Liege and Namur. At the town of Herve, only a few houses remain standing out of five hundred. Those remaining carry placards expressing sympathy with the German soldiers, and asking that they be not fired upon. The success of German arms in Belgium, says the Tagelblatt, is attributed by military experts to the swiftness with which the German operations were carried through, and also to the aid of assistance promised by the French, who arrived too late at Liege and Namur.

Cleins, G. A. Knodell, James Ryan, John H. Walker, G. H. Waterbury, E. C. Brown, W. H. B. Sadler, Wm. Knodell, T. J. McPherson, John O'Regan.

Sydney Ward—Edward Sears, W. A. Church, Norman Gregory, Charles McDonald.

Stanley Ward—J. S. Porter, G. E. Holder.

The Fund.

The Soldiers' and Families' Patriotic Fund was greatly increased yesterday by private subscriptions and by contributions turned in by the ward collectors. The contributions are:

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T. Dyson Walker, M. D. 25.00

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St. John Salvage Corps, North End 50.00

Dr. C. J. Laidy 15.00

Hugh Cannel 15.00

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DECORATE GRAVES OF DEPARTED BROTHERS

Local members of fraternity observe Decoration Day—Fully five hundred visit Fernhill and other cemeteries—Made fine appearance in procession.

The annual decoration day of the Knights of Pythias was observed here yesterday when more than five hundred members of the fraternity visited the last resting places of departed brothers and decorated them with flowers in remembrance of the time when those who have gone before were active in the order.

The parade of the lodges was made up of practically all the members of the order in St. John and the barouches of beautiful flowers, banked in emblematic form, the uniforms of the higher rank members with the gleaming instruments of the bands interspersed among the more sombre and the members of the subordinate lodges made an interesting spectacle.

The Knights assembled at Castle Hill and German street, and at two o'clock started their march for Fernhill cemetery soon after.

The procession headed by the Victoria No. 1 and Cygnus No. 2, uniform ranks, in command of Colonel Alfred Dodge, and included New Brunswick No. 1, Union No. 2 and St. John No. 30, lodges and marched to the music of the St. Mary's and the Carleton Cornet Bands.

From Castle Hill they marched via German, Princess and Sydney streets to the south side of King Square, where they were photographed for the grooving pictures as they passed the Imperial Theatre, thence via Charlotte, Union and Waterloo streets and the Old Westmorland road to Fernhill cemetery.

At the cemetery the annual memorial service was held, in which address being delivered by Colonel James Neilson, Past Supreme Patriarch; Rev. Ralph Houghton and J. L. Thorne presiding with the service.

At the Cemetery.

The Knights formed up in the cemetery and the chief part of the service was conducted there. The hands played "Be the One That Bids," and the Knights joined in the hymn "Asleep in Jesus." Rev. Ralph J. Houghton, Past Chancellor, read the Scripture Lesson, "Rest of Ages."

There were then sung and sung, Past Supreme Patriarch, delivered his address as follows:

"You are here to testify to the never dying power of fraternal love, many of your brothers have passed their lives in the service of their country, and we call life from the mystery of death. Your loving thoughts follow you to this spot year by year, and you are here to testify to the power of a fitting tribute to the forgotten ones that bound you together in a bond of love."

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MEDICAL EXAMINER

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the twenty-seventh term; supreme treasurer, William L. Condit, Hoboken, N. J.; supreme chaplain, Will O. Trease, Ironwood, Mich.; supreme usher, Anton Kuichita, Shawnee, Wis.; supreme guardian, William J. Elbridge Cincinnati, Ohio; supreme medical examiner, Dr. William F. Roberts, St. John, N. B.

## FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Shannon took place at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 153 Erin street, to the Cathedral, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. P. Howland. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

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1. Write a brief synopsis of your story (not more than 500 words) and let this be the first page. Follow it with the action briefly written into scenes.

2. Use only letter size paper (size 8 1/2 x 11). Write only on one side. Use typewriter where possible.

3. Put your name and address in the upper left corner of the first and last pages of your manuscript. Paste the sheets firmly together with clasp or pin. Fold twice and mail in legal size envelope. (Be sure to seal).

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## CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE WORK

HARD FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

Excellent progress reported at meeting yesterday—Collectors in each ward—Ladies' Auxiliary to meet today—Mr. Merritt's suggestion.

At the meeting of the executive of the Citizens' Committee in the hall of Trade rooms yesterday morning, A. P. Barnhill, deputy chairman, presided.

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the executive, reported the following additions to the Women's Auxiliary visiting committee: Mrs. J. A. Green, Mrs. J. H. Prink, Victoria Order, Mrs. E. B. Edwards, and Mrs. J. A. Green.

Subscription lists have now been placed in the hands of all the ward collectors. Several requests for assistance were referred by the secretary to the Relief Committee.

Commissioner Wigmore suggested that it be impressed on the soldiers the necessity of making provision for their families to receive part of the wages paid to them by the government. In Chatham a case

came under notice where a man had neglected his family, and his wife was unable to look after them.

Col. E. T. Sturdee was appointed to see the families of the men of the companies of troops to arrange for part of the wages being deducted to help the families.

Col. Sturdee and H. P. Robinson were asked to visit Partridge Island and take up the matter with the soldiers there.

A. P. Barnhill directed that a record be kept of the appeals for help, and that the committee be kept advised of the results.

Commissioner Russell said \$50 to the fund had been contributed by the ferry employees.

E. B. Church reported that in Queens ward collections were very successful, \$1,496 being obtained so far.

C. B. Allen reported \$149.32 received from the Musical Revue Co. He greatly appreciated this help.

Commissioner Wigmore said that one lodge of Sons of England had contributed \$50. In addition to personal contributions by the members.

He suggested that other societies might contribute.

The committee of which E. A. Schofield is chairman was asked to arrange another farewell demonstration for soldiers departing.

R. T. Hayes suggested that the hands be asked to play something more lively than was given on occasions at the last demonstration.

Mr. Barnhill read a letter from G. Wetmore Merritt suggesting periodical contributions as follows: "I would suggest that your collectors allow our salaried or other citizens to obligate themselves to pay a certain sum each month for at least a year, or while the war lasts. This would necessitate more work for your treasurer, but every citizen should be willing to make self-denials for such a worthy cause. Yours truly, (Signed) G. Wetmore Merritt." The suggestion will probably be adopted.

Mayor Prink acknowledges receipt of \$51 from Hugh Cannel for the patriotic fund.

The secretary of the fund announces that subscription lists are now in the hands of the following persons in the respective city wards:

Kings Ward—Paul Longley, L. P. D. Tilley, E. A. Schofield, R. W. Wigmore, F. B. Schofield, G. A. Kimball, A. Poyas, M. Budovitch, Dr. Wetmore, H. C. Rankine.

Queens Ward—E. E. Church, F. C. Macneil, A. W. Adams, T. E. Ryder, H. P. Robinson, W. M. Angus, F. J. Shreve, G. C. Jordan, A. O. Skinner, C. W. Hallamore, R. W. W. Prink, W. A. Lockhart, Hon. J. W. Daniel, T. H. Bullock.

Victoria Ward—E. A. Goodwin, Rev. E. B. Hooper, R. J. Wilkins, James McDonald, Charles Masters, S. C. Clouston, T. H. Estabrooks, E. N. Stokford, R. T. Hayes, Fred Barbour, W. D. Foster, H. McAllister, R. W. Frith, E. B. Seest, Hugh Campbell.

Lorne Ward—J. T. Knight, P. H. Flewelling, J. S. Gregory.

Waddington Ward—Geo. Ketchum, Charles Nevis, James A. Belyea, J. E. Wilson, Andrew Jack, Ernest Barbour, W. E. Foster, H. B. Robinson.

Grove Ward—G. S. Mayes, H. C. Smith, J. A. Gregory, E. O. Jones.

Brooks Ward—C. B. Lockhart, W. E. Scully, J. B. M. Baxter.

Landowne Ward—A. M. Rowan, John Russell, Philip Grannan, Fred Munro, Dr. Maher.

Dukes Ward—E. T. Sturdee, Alex. McMillan, C. W. deForest, E. J. G. Knowlton, J. W. Vanwart, C. H. Peterson.

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