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POOR MARKSMANSHIP ALONE PREVENTED THE ORDER OF WOMEN

Pithy Comment in London Papers on the Torpedoing of the Hesperian—Soldier to Whom Shock Restored Sight is Nova Scotian

London, Sept. 6.—Struck by a German torpedo, so far as is known without warning, the steamer Hesperian, Allan liner, was sunk off Queenstown about twilight on last Saturday, and it is believed that of her 800 passengers and 800 of a crew, all but about twenty escaped death. The big steamer was on her way from Liverpool to Montreal. Some Canadian soldiers on their way home to recuperate were on board. The sternship remained afloat for about thirty-four hours, during all of which time her master, Capt. Main, remained upon her. Efforts were being made to tow her into Queenstown, but she sank early this morning. The captain and crew were landed safely.

So far as is known there were no Americans on board, except two of the crew, who were saved. Among those known to be dead is Miss Carberry of St. John's, Nfld.

Queenstown, Sept. 7.—Wesley Frost, American consul here, has obtained a joint statement from the officers of the Hesperian. It does not throw any new light on the question whether the ship was warned or whether a submarine was sighted. Survivors assert that the submarine had been sighted, and say that the Hesperian kept a zig zag course thereafter. Some passengers, however, are unable to understand why more elaborate preparations were not made to place lifebelts and lifeboats in readiness.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Ambassador Page, at London, cabled the State Department today that the British Admiralty had informed the Hesperian was sailing as an ordinary passenger vessel and had never been in the government service since the war began.

There were no troops aboard, the message continued, "some wounded and invalid soldiers were aboard traveling on individual tickets as other passengers."

The fatal loss of life is about twenty.

Paris, Sept. 7.—Great prominence is given by the morning papers to the torpedoing of the Hesperian, but all declare themselves at a loss to find a theory to account for such a proceeding by a German submarine six days after Ambassador Von Bernstorff's solemn assurances to the United States that no Americans would be torpedoed, unless the

Fourth Brother to Join Colors

Freeland K. Devennie Enlists in 64th—Some 30 Recruits Here Since Friday

More than thirty men have responded to the call for volunteers since Friday. It has not been a spectacular rally, but the increase has been fairly steady, and the present week is expected to break all records.

Among those joining this morning for the 64th was Frederick K. Devennie of North End who has three brothers in the uniform. One is Sergt. Walter Devennie in England with the Divisional Train; the other two are Q. M. S. Wm. J. and Corp. Ernest Devennie with No. 7 Co. C. A. S. Co., at present in Sussex.

The exception of Sergt. Walter Devennie to the other three brothers are married and have made quite a sacrifice for the cause.

Several other applications were received at the recruiting depots today. Some were passed upon as medically fit, others are yet to be examined. John T. McGinley and Herbert Taylor, both of this city, were accepted today, and there were three others, total of six this morning.

MOTHER ILL

R. R. Smith, of Malden, Mass., arrived in the city yesterday from that city, having been called home by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Wm. Hall, City road.

Phelix and Pherinand WEATHER BULLETIN

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

TURKS HAVE LOST A HALF MILLION MEN

Strength of Forces Now Placed At 850,000

Paris, Sept. 7.—A Times despatch from Deedsagah says that a Turkish colonel gives the strength of the Ottoman army as 860,000. Turkey mobilized aboard the Hesperian, and up to a late hour they understood that all are safe, and expressed satisfaction that the single Canadian soldier has lost his life in crossing the Atlantic. The men will remain in Liverpool for Friday's night.

The general tone of the newspaper comment regarding the Hesperian is that the American evaluation over a diplomatic triumph will be considerably modified, and that Germany has afforded another example of her attitude towards pledges given.

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Moncton In Fire Grip; The Loss Is Placed At \$50,000

Insurance of Some \$18,000—Call To St. John For Help To Fight Conflagration Which Keeps Firemen Busy All Night

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 7.—Fire, which began in Moncton a little after midnight and continued until eight o'clock this morning, swept a large area south of Main street between Mecklenburg and Duke streets. The losses include the Moncton Curling Rink, Mark's Carriage Factory, No. 1 Fire Station, Lea's Reads' Livery Stable, garages and warehouses.

In Reads' stable eight horses were burned to death. The fire began in Reads' stable and spread with amazing rapidity. A large block of wooden buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at nearly \$50,000; total insurance \$18,000.

With a strong breeze it was feared a large part of the eastern end of the city would be wiped out. Appeals for help were wired St. John and Amherst, but fortunately the wind died away and requests for outside assistance were cancelled.

The estimated losses are—Reads' Stable, \$1,500; L. B. Reads' vehicle, \$5,000. J. H. Mark's factory (building) \$4,500; equipment and stock in Mark's factory, \$4,500.

Curling Rink building and contents, \$3,000. Fire station and contents, \$11,000. Furniture, P. MacKinnon, \$1,500.

Board of works' shed and contents, \$2,500. Garage owned by J. H. Marks and occupied by John McDonald, \$200. King Edward Hotel, damaged, \$15,000. Ambrose Lezer, furniture in hotel, \$1,000; Thomas McAllister, furniture, \$500. Damage to tramways buildings, \$5,000.

British "Will Never Give Up"

There Is The Position in a Line, as Quoted From Words of Naval Officer—French Writer Tells of Fleet and Munitions Works

(By Pierre Millou)

Paris, Sept. 7.—One day a German submarine was sunk in British waters. The undersub commander had sworn to sacrifice his life in finding the British fleet. But when he stood a prisoner on the deck of a British ship and he searched the sea for the armada, not a single vessel appeared on the horizon.

"But where is the fleet?" he asked, amazed.

"Needless to say, I don't intend to say where the fleet is. It is sufficient to declare that Great Britain's irresistible naval power will remain inaccessible to the enemy until the day it is pleased to risk a final victorious attack—if it ever is pleased.

But since I have mentioned the German submarines, I may say that daily statements by the German admiralty and newspapers to the contrary, the British are already sunk a lot of them.

They have sunk so considerable a number that their own desire seems to be for the submarine warfare to continue. They have good reason to attribute Germany's conciliating attitude toward the United States to a desire to find a gracious pretext for abandoning it.

GET CHANCE TODAY TO EXPLAIN MATTERS UNDER GLOUCESTER ROAD CHARGES

Commissioner Chandler Holding Closing Session of Inquiry in Bathurst—Some Matters That Require Elucidation

Bathurst, N. B., Sept. 7.—Royal Commissioner Chandler today is holding the last session of his investigation into Gloucester county roads and other matters here. Organizers E. S. Carter and J. Verbeke in attendance. There are several witnesses to be heard and if the two members, Stewart and Hochhaus, carry out their expressed intention, they will also give evidence.

Freeman Goodwin, who lumbered upon crown land under lease to Stewart and for which cut the province was not paid any stampage is expected to testify also. Doolittle Chaisson, a road superintendent who lost his time books in a lobster pot.

The bank manager who got a check from the Farm Settlement Board, made payable to his bank, will be asked to explain why he did not credit the full amount paid by the province \$1800 to his customer's account instead of \$1200 and who got the difference \$600.

Cleophas Chaisson, a farm servant of Doolittle Chaisson, bridge and road foreman, figured on the pay rolls of the bridge and road on Shippeigan Island under the latter's superintendence. He will have a chance to explain how much or little he worked for the province, Francis Blanchard and John G. Robb, and for which cut the province was not paid any stampage is expected to testify also.

Since the last investigation Mr. Venlo, has had careful measurements of the La-merque road repairs and the Caribou bridge made to these do not agree at all with the evidence of the foreman as given previously. They will be asked to explain.

On King Square tonight at the Recruiting Headquarters, there will be excellent speaking. Rev. W. A. Morison, whose pulpit utterances on the war have been commented upon throughout the length and breadth of the domain, will speak and will be followed by John Nuttall, employed in the Wall Street cotton mill. Mr. Nuttall has the honor of having three study sons in active service in Europe, one of whom is now on the hospital list. The proud father has consented to tell the young men of St. John, their fathers and mothers, just why he is glad to have members of his household taking their part in this critical struggle.

Lieut. A. J. Brooks of the 58th Battalion will also address the gathering and the chief speaker of the evening will be Sergt. Knight, a doughy Halifax Highlander, now home wounded.

To hear Sergt. Knight tell of his experiences in the numerous engagements in which he fought, to listen to his descriptions of hand-to-hand struggles is enough to stir the sporting blood—if not the fighting blood of any nor-mal man. The Temple of Honor Band will play.

On Wednesday night a grand indoor meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Rink. At this gathering men will be privileged to enjoy their after-supper smoke and a full explanation will be given of the money paid to soldiers by the government, not only for regular daily employment in khaki, but also in the way of indemnities such as sickness wounded, or total disability. Col. B. R. Armstrong will give out this information in plain and simple fashion. C. B. Allan, treasurer of the Patriotic Fund, will go into the details of his work, including how much soldiers' families get and will be pleased to answer questions that might be asked by those in the audience. Separation allowances, as paid by the government, will also be explained. An interesting speaker in addition to the officials mentioned will be Rev. W. G. Lane, who was in South Africa in the king's uniform the time of the Boer trouble.

The coming of Sir Louis Davies and Judge Stewart of Prince Edward Island, has created considerable interest. These eminent islanders will speak at an indoor meeting, in the very near future, and it is just possible some of their talking will be done from the stages of the principal theatres between German airships.

Copenhagen, Sept. 7.—The new type of giant biplane undergoing tests in Germany, is said to have a measurement of 42-1-2 metres across the plane. The motors develop 800 horsepower, and each works three propellers. These biplanes are capable of carrying sufficient fuel for flights of eight hours. They are equipped with wireless and searchlights. Each carries twelve twenty-two pound bombs and five machine guns. Biplanes of this type will have crews of eight men and will be able to travel to London and back in five hours. The engineers say the new craft will supersede the Zeppelin.

ITALIANS RUSHING HOME FROM STATES TO JOIN ARMY

New York, Sept. 7.—Between 8,000 and 5,000 Italian reservists are arriving in New York from all parts of the United States each week and sailing to Italy to join the army. The steamer Saint Anna, which will sail for Naples this afternoon, will have 1,600. Another 800 will leave on the Ancona tomorrow, and about 1,000 more on the America on Saturday.

Thieves Ransack Armour Home After Making Women Prisoners

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, wife of a prominent Chicago packer, and three women servants were held prisoners last night by two robbers, who ransacked the Armour home and escaped with \$7,500 in jewelry.

At the point of a revolver, one of the intruders forced Mrs. Armour and her three maids into a room and held them there, while his companion searched the house. No trace of the two men was found by the police.

IS IDENTIFIED AS GERMAN WHO MADE ESCAPE AT AMHERST

Prisoner Makes Second Attempt to Gain Freedom—Four More Get Away

Moncton, Sept. 7.—A man arrested here on Thursday on suspicion of being Earl Harcourt, a German prisoner who escaped from Amherst, has been positively identified by officials at the Amherst detention camp.

This prisoner, instead of being somewhat dull, as his demeanor in Moncton was supposed to suggest, is said to be ingenious. When placed among his fellow prisoners he boasted that he would soon be free again. On Saturday night he used a wire in picking apart the bricks and mortar in a wall of his cell, and was almost at large when detected. It is reported that he will be sent to Melville Island, Halifax.

There is still no trace of four Germans who escaped from the Amherst camp on Saturday while engaged at work on the farm.

CHATHAM PICNIC MAKES \$2,500 FOR THE PATRIOTIC FUND

Chatham, N. B., Sept. 7.—A patriotic picnic, held yesterday on the exhibition grounds proved a great success. A morning parade was beyond expectations and the extra large number of beautiful floats and the manner in which the citizens turned out with decorated cars must have been a source of great satisfaction to the promoters. Indian base ball teams from Barrt Church and Red Bank played an interesting game in the afternoon. Foot races and other sports were well worth the price of admission. The dancing pavilion in the main building was a great attraction, fully half of the central space of the large building being set aside for this purpose. It is estimated that fully 8,000 people attended the picnic. The net proceeds amounted to \$2,500, which will go to the patriotic fund.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 7.—Fire broke out on the top floor of the Bright & Johnston building, Bannatyne avenue, last night, and caused damage estimated at about \$135,000, distributed as follows: Bright & Johnston, owners of the building, \$25,000; A. Bright & Son, wholesale crockery, \$80,000; A. L. MacKenzie & Co., grocery sundries, \$25,000; John Martin Company, farm produce and canned goods, \$15,000; Mantel Lamp Co., lamps and fixtures, \$5,000.

REJECTED SHOES WORKED OFF BY DEALER; HE GETS 15 YEARS AT HARD LABOR

Vienna, Sept. 7.—A military court has sentenced in fifteen years hard labor a shoe dealer, Adolf Neuron, who delivered to one regiment shoes which had already been rejected elsewhere as unfit for military requirements.

ALBANY STREET RAILWAY STRIKE

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 7.—All of the 800 conductors and motormen on the Albany city street car line went on strike yesterday because of a dispute over the discharge and suspension of men.

STUDENTS AWAY

With the opening of St. Joseph's College at Memramcook today a large body of St. John students left at noon to attend. They included several former students going back to finish their course, with some new pupils as well, among those going being Roy McDonald, Joseph McMillan, Edmond Comeau, William Crowley, Clifford Quinn, Maunsel O'Neill, and T. Chlman Olive.

ANNIVERSARY SURPRISE

About sixty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Stevens gave them a pleasant surprise last evening at their home in Martineau street, the C. P. B., in honor of the 21st anniversary of their wedding. Games, music and dancing afforded pleasure, and during the evening in behalf of those present, Milton Smith presented to them a handsome case of silver, wishing them many more years of happiness in their wedded life.

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GERMAN SHELL IN LONDON EXPLODES; OFFICERS ARE HURT

Had Been Sent by Post After Failure to do Its Work on Battlefield

London, Sept. 7.—Major-General Sir Desmond O'Callaghan, former president of the Ordnance Committee and Ordnance Board, and Captain E. C. Baker, were injured last evening when a German shell which had failed to explode when fired from a German gun, went off at the headquarters of the parcel post in London. The shell was in one of several packages which had been sent to London from one of the battle fronts. Major-General O'Callaghan had two fingers blown off, and Captain Baker was wounded in both arms.

SELLING SECRETS TO WAR NATIONS

Athens, Sept. 7.—The arrest of two men and a woman, charged with trafficking in messages addressed to King Constantine and the general staff of the Greek army, by representatives of belligerents on both sides in the war, has caused a sensation.

German and Austrian messages were sent to Russia and many despatches from the British Admiralty are said to be missing. The persons arrested are charged with playing a regular trade, selling information impartially to either side.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF KAISER BORN BUT DOES NOT LIVE

London, Sept. 7.—Princess Adalbert, wife of the Kaiser's third son, gave birth to a daughter on Saturday. The child died soon after birth. The condition of the princess is reported satisfactory.

Prince Adalbert and Princess Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen were married on August 26, 1914. Less than a month later the prince was reported to have been killed in battle at Brussels, but the rumor proved to have no foundation. In March of this year he was promoted to the rank of captain in the navy and major in the army.

PETITION PROTESTING AGAINST NEW BY-LAW HAS REACHED CITY HALL

A petition, bearing about 2,000 signatures, protesting against the by-law relating to the location of garages has been filed at city hall. The common clerk has ten days in which to verify the signatures and ascertain if the signers are qualified voters before reporting to the common council. If he reports that there are enough signatures to meet the requirements the council in passing the by-law must repeal the law, as requested, or else submit the matter to a vote of the electors.