

CANADIAN SOLDIERS GET BIG FIGHT TO COME

Expect To Take Part in General Advance of the Allies.

PICK PRETTY FLOWERS

Telephone-Telegraph Started Germans and Drew Shells Into Trench.

The following are extracts from letters which his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. McGuire, have received from Lieut. Harry McGuire, of the 4th Battalion, First Canadian Contingent.

In the trenches, March 23, 1915.—We came in the trenches on Sunday night. It was a beautiful moonlight night and the Germans could easily see or hear us, but on account of each side having troops moving about, very little firing goes on. I suppose a change will be made suddenly some night. That afternoon Major Batty came to our billets and had church service. I managed to attend, and it was very impressive indeed. The service was held in an orchard, with a bright sun overhead and guns firing around us.

Yesterday we had innumerable aeroplanes flying overhead. The German Taubes came close enough to be fired upon. Last night I had a funny experience. We received a telephone set, and I took one phone and wire out in front to be able to phone back all happenings. It was a telephone-telephone set, and I managed it on one wire. After I had it set up, Capt. Collins started the buzzer going from his end, and I could not stop him quick, so the unusual noise startled someone in the German lines and caused them to drop about six star shells on us. A few wild shots, which always go that way at night, decided us about returning. I shall calm the buzzer down and try it again.

The artillery are having a few pot shots at each other, and occasionally at the trenches, although they are not doing us very much harm. Sometimes when the sniping ceases one would wonder if there really was any war. I picked these daisies in "no man's land" between the trenches last night.

German Strengthened Positions.

March 24, 1915.—Another day nearly over, and we have an anxious night before us. It is at night that we must be on the alert, for we never know what the Germans will do next. They seem to have strengthened their position last night, so we must watch. They were exceptionally busy last night, and we continually sniped at us while we were out in front. We will have to repay them for it tonight. It rained most of the night and our trenches were very full with mud and water. We have been busy all day cleaning it out. I was mud from head to foot, with lots of it smeared on my hands and face. I presented a beautiful picture when I dried up over a brazier fire. My private telephone-telegraph system did not work very well in the rain last night, and the Germans did not like what they did hear. We have a telephone system from the trenches back to the telephone exchange, and I think we could telephone to London from here! Quite up to date, are we not?

A great number of our men are sick with sore feet and other troubles, but there are few casualties. Tomorrow night we will leave the trenches for some unknown place, likely some other trenches, but we have an all-night march before us. I am just picturing the results of this march, when, as it is now, with a two or three-mile march out of the trenches, after four days and nights, we are all in.

Fourth Day, Very Lucky.

France, March 27, 1915.—We are again in billets, this time for an indefinite period.

Thursday night we left the trenches and got out in safety, no person being hit. The 4th Battalion has been lucky—not a man killed so far. Some have told us we are to be sniped at, but we are down out of sight. However, that is all right, but we use periscopes. We admire the German snipers for their accuracy, and I think a lot of us have seen their bullets come pretty close. I have at any rate, but an inch is as good as a mile in this game. So no one is anxious to stand up to be sniped at, and while we will get plenty of that when we commence the advance. If they could only see how anxious our boys are to climb out of the trenches and get at them.

Wednesday night we were all on the parapet working, as were the Germans, when they suddenly stopped and opened fire on us. The boys were very sore when they suddenly stopped and opened fire on us. They were sniped at in the dark. We remained tight until midnight, when, by careful mining of rifles on their parties and sentry posts, we opened a rapid fire, with machine guns as well, for a couple of minutes. Then everyone cheered like Indians. It had the desired effect, for we caught their parties good and they had understood our lesson, for they did not fire a shot the rest of the night.

To Take Part in Advance.

Thursday, artillery bombardment of the trenches, and snipers were busy, but we had no casualties. Going out to be sniped at, we fully expected to be fired upon, but there was not a shot.

Our division has shifted. We were relieved by units who are after a change. We will be hustled from here in a hurry to take part in the advance.

We had a terribly grinding march on Thursday night. It was a beautiful moonlight night. Our packs were loaded on wagons, and we were therefore lighter than usual. Coming out of the trenches after four days and nights, especially when it rained nearly two days of the time, we were not in good marching shape. However, we took an easy march, sang all the day, and everyone stuck it out for the twelve miles. The roads are terribly hard, being paved with square stones. Our bullets are now being fired outside the large city of —. We are in barns as usual, although much cleaner than other billets.

Battalion Bomb Officer.

We are now undergoing training to get in good shape for some real hard fighting. We hear many stories as to what is going to happen, and everyone figures it out differently. We are in a good position for some stiff fighting. Newby Chapelle was killed. He was being doing company training, and had the battalion bomb throwers out for instruction. I have some job now as battalion bomb officer. With my company duties, this keeps me very busy, as we are still short two officers in our company.

The south of France is now all flowers, fruit and warmth. Some of our officers are there recuperating. This part of France is very flat and terribly devastated. It is still cold here, and cold and warm weather, sunshine and rain, will alternate well through April. Some German planes dropped bombs on the town nearby this morning, and scared our paymaster, who is now a day late.

"GENERAL MANAGER" OF UNITED STATES DEAD

Nelson W. Aldrich, ex-Senator, Was One of Greatest of Parliamentarians.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, April 15.—Nelson W. Aldrich, former United States senator from Rhode Island and for years prominent in Republican political circles, died at his home here today of heart disease.

United States General Manager.

Nelson Winthrop Aldrich had sat in the United States Senate continuously from 1881 to 1911. The influence exerted by him on governmental affairs was best illustrated by the fact that when he was satirically introduced to an audience as "the general manager of the United States," that appellation lived through the administration of McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

Probably the greatest parliamentarian that ever served in the Senate, Mr. Aldrich had no difficulty in maintaining leadership of his party. As chairman of the finance committee, he was called upon to assume a large share of the responsibility for all financial legislation before the Senate.

Revised Tariff.

He participated in the preparation of no fewer than six revisions of the tariff and bore the burden of labor incident to them. The Payne-Aldrich tariff act was engineered through the Senate by him after many months of skillful maneuvering and hard fighting.

Mr. Aldrich was born in Foster, R. I., November 6, 1841.

British gunboats on a canal in Northern France. There are many larger gasoline launches used for pleasure on Canada's waterways.

LED LAST SORTIE WITH ONLY A CANE

Hungarian Colonel At Przemyśl Said To Have Indicated Hopelessness.

HUNGARY HAS TROUBLES

Parliament Meeting Likely To Produce Some Interesting Disclosures.

Venice, April 4.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The Hungarian Parliament has been summoned for a spring session, beginning on April 10. In the call for the session that the House will have to deal with three groups of questions arising from the war. The first group deals with finance for the fiscal year, which begins July 1. The second has to do with the prolongation of the terms of members of Parliament, which will not be possible to hold elections during the war. The third concerns a number of lesser matters, the most important being the revision of the laws on army contract frauds.

New Budget Needed.

With the budget year ending the last of June, it is necessary for Parliament either to vote a new budget or to give the Government a sort of carte blanche. The Government leaders are supplanting the Government of Parliament, and in an effort to agree upon some plan of action, and presumably they will approve any plan that promises an expeditious settlement.

The exact time of the prolongation of terms of members of Parliament will not be decided, but some members have suggested that the prolongation extend a certain number of months after the conclusion of peace.

No Surprise Allowed.

Any bill that is submitted to the King before they come before the House, this rule being adopted in order to prevent any bills being introduced and passed unexpectedly. Various other novel rules have been proclaimed to prevent the introduction of any unwelcome legislation. The session is not likely to pass without some interesting disclosures, however. Some of the independent members have announced their intention in regard to the surrender of Przemyśl, particularly as to the sacrifice of 10,000 men in the last sortie, which they allege was a hopeless move from the first, as the men were too exhausted from their privations even to march.

Only Carried Cane.

According to one version, Col. Szakmari, who led the sortie, was so ignorant over the affair that he carried as his only weapon his cane, thus symbolizing in the face of his superior officers his belief that he was going out merely to slaughter his men and had no chance of returning. He was badly wounded, but it is also possible that some members of the Opposition may try to open a discussion of possible peace terms.

IMPALED ON PICKET: LAWYER IN HOSPITAL

New York Man Either Fell or Jumped From Window.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, April 15.—Charles P. Hepburn, a lawyer, jumped or fell today from his apartment on the fourth floor of an apartment house on east Twenty-second street, and was impaled on a picket fence in front of the building, and was taken in an unconscious condition to Bellevue Hospital. There it was said his condition was serious. The sharp picket pierced his right leg. He was placed under medical arrest.

In the room adjoining that occupied by Mr. Hepburn at the time was his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Newport Hepburn, a magazine writer. She became hysterical and was unable to shed light on the accident. At the apartment house it was said that Mr. Hepburn had been ill and despondent recently.

INVESTIGATION OFF.

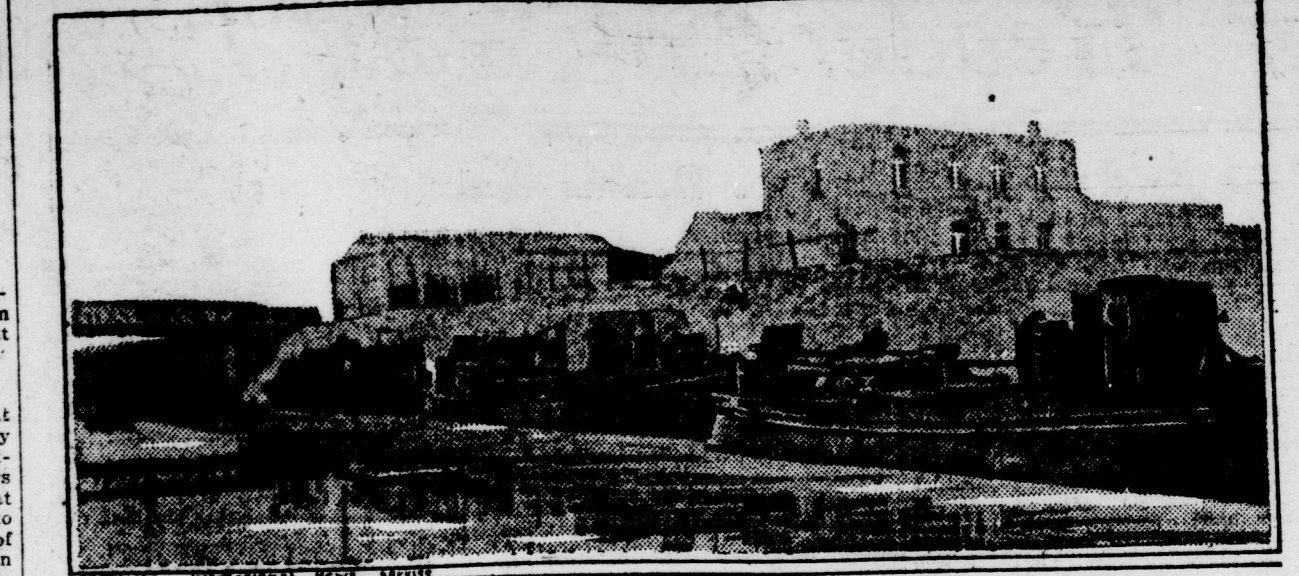
[Canadian Press.]

Washington, April 16.—The interstate commerce commission today announced the discontinuance of its investigation into the rates and practices of the telephone and telegraph companies. The investigation, carried on for many months, was the commission's initiative. Many specific complaints laid before the commission have been settled, and the understanding between the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the department of justice last year was said today to have made further investigation unnecessary.

WINNIPEG CONSTABLES KILLED.

Winnipeg, April 15.—Chief of Police McPherson has received a letter from a former constable, now at the front, stating that two other former members of the force, Charles De Witton and Angus McKay, who joined British regiments as reservists, have been killed in action.

TINY WAR VESSELS HELP IN THE STRUGGLE



British gunboats on a canal in Northern France. There are many larger gasoline launches used for pleasure on Canada's waterways.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, April 15.—The casualties announced by the Militia Department tonight are as follows:

SECOND BATTALION.

Death.—Pte. John Mates, April 15, at Salisbury Infirmary, sarcoma of the chest. Next of kin, Sarah L. Mates, (wife), No. 106 Schofield avenue, Brockville, Ont.

THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION.

Seriously Ill.—Pte. Horace Victor Gore, March 27, admitted military hospital, Shorncliffe with acute appendicitis. Next of kin, Mrs. Margaret Gore, Box 569, Regina, Sask.

OREGON'S VICTORY STILL UNCONFIRMED

Washington Waits More Details of Reported Defeat of Villa Forces.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, April 16.—Confirmation was awaited here today of the reported defeat of the Villa forces north of Culiacan by troops under Gen. Obregon. Meagre advices to the Carranza agency from Vera Cruz said that Gen. Obregon, in reporting a decisive victory over the Villa forces, claimed to have captured 2,500 prisoners and 14 cannons. He added that he was in pursuit of the enemy.

Unofficial advices from Vera Cruz said that Gen. Obregon reported that five thousand Villa troops had been killed, and that 6,000 prisoners and 40 field pieces had been taken.

Affidavits have been received by diplomatic representatives here from the international commission of Mexico City, which in many cases have been confirmed by previous advices received, alleging the existence of conditions of anarchy in Mexico City, and reciting specific instances of abuse of foreigners there. These affidavits have been submitted by the diplomats to their home governments. Copies of the allegations corroborated by their own representatives in Mexico have been submitted by the diplomatic representatives to the state department for its information.

Word reached Secretary Bryan from Americans in Mexico City, he said, re: fire to Washington, and that they exaggerated actual conditions in many instances.

2,000 LETTERS OFF TO "DEAD" OFFICE

Calgary Board of Trade Asks That a Chance Be Given.

[Canadian Press.]

Calgary, Alta., April 15.—Approximately two thousand Calgary letters posted after the new regulations came into operation were forwarded to the dead-letter office because they lacked the necessary extra stamp. The Calgary Board of Trade wired the Postmaster-General urging that the letters be forwarded as usual, and that the receiver given a chance to pay the shortage.

FORMER WYOMING GIRL DECLINES HIGH HONOR

WYOMING, April 15.—An offer of considerable importance and an honor was recently being offered a former Wyoming lady, Mrs. Shotwell, nee Miss Margaret Harvey, daughter of Dr. A. E. Harvey, who spent a lifetime in practice here. The Belgian relief committee of New York invited Mrs. Shotwell, who is the wife of Prof. J. Shotwell, that city, to spend two months in Belgium studying conditions there and to tour the United States upon her return, lecturing.

Mrs. Shotwell is a fine linguist and eminently fitted for the position, having already a pretty clear understanding of the languages, customs and history of these people, and was well known. However, owing to home ties and the added dangers attendant at this time upon long voyages, the offer which was tempting in many respects, was declined.

Miss Rosa Harvey, London, is a sister.

BLENHEIM THESPIANS WILL PLAY FOR FUND

[Special to The Advertiser.]

BLENHEIM, April 15.—Local talent will put on a comedy drama in three acts in the opera house on Friday, in aid of the Patriotic Fund of the Daughters of the Empire. The following will take part: Messrs. P. S. Shillington, W. E. Echlin, E. C. Hodgins, C. E. Higley, George Miller, E. G. Kelly, J. Jones, M. G. Hodgins, Misses E. Irwin and A. Gibb. Specialties by Misses Gertrude Spackman and Eva Biggar and Harry Pleasant of Chatham.

BOAT LEAVES MANCHESTER ON WAY TO MONTREAL

MONTREAL, April 15.—The first schedule sailing for Montreal this year occurred early this morning, as the departure of the Manchester, owned by the Furness-Withy Line, from Manchester to Montreal.

Coincidence with this departure was the setting out of the Government tug, carrying this morning's mail, to the river channels. There are about 300 buoys to be laid this year.

CARRICK PIONEER BURIED.

WALKERTON, April 14.—Mrs. Edward Hickling, another pioneer of Carrick Township, was buried today in the Hanover cemetery where her husband was buried two years ago. She and her husband settled on the 12th line of Carrick when they were married, and when the township was a bush. She was 83 years of age and leaves one son, Edward, who is still on the old homestead, and one daughter, Mrs. Cousins, of town.

BATTLESHIP REFLOATED.

Philadelphia, April 16.—The new Argentine battleship Moreno, which yesterday stuck in the mud about fifty yards down the Delaware River, and remained fast, was floated during the night and proceeded on her way to Hampton Roads. The fact that the Dreadnought continued on down the river after freeing herself indicates that the ship apparently suffered no damage.

Germany Issues Feeler To Belgium On Peace

AMSTERDAM, via London, April 15.—8:30 p.m.—The Rome correspondent of the Tijd says the German embassy in Rome has asked the Belgian Government through the Belgian legation to the Quirinal, whether in the event of the German armies evacuating Belgian territory Belgium would remain neutral during the remainder of the war.

The correspondent adds that Belgium's answer is unknown.

GOD PUNISH ENGLAND'S GERMAN CRY

Terrible Ode of Hatred Discovered On Body of One of Kaiser's Men.

FAN FLAME EVERYWHERE

Mothers Told To Feed Babies On Milk of This Deep-Rooted Hatred.

The following article entitled "Fire" was found on a dead German after the battle of Neuve Chapelle by a Canadian officer and forwarded to his wife. It was printed in a paper published secretly by the Germans in Lille and called the War Gazette. The date of the paper was March 3, and the article was written by Lieut.-Col. Kaser.

"As children, many of us have played with it, some of us have seen an outbreak of fire. First a small tongue-like flame appears; it grows into a devastating fury of hate. We out here in the field have seen more than enough of it.

"But there is also a fire of joy, a sacred enthusiasm. It arose from sacrificial altars from the mountain tops of Germany and lit up the heavens at the time of solstice and when ever the homes were in danger. This year fires of joy shall flare from the Bismarck columns throughout the length and breadth of Germany, for on the first of April, just one hundred year fires of joy shall flare from the born. Let us celebrate this event in a manner deep, far-reaching, and mighty. BLOOD AND IRON.

"Let every German man or woman, young or old, find in his heart a Bismarck column, a pillar of fire, in these days of storm and stress. Let this fire, enkindled in every German breast, be a fire of joy and holiest enthusiasm. Let it be terrible, unfettered; let it carry horrors and destruction. Call it HATE. Let no one come to you with a 'Love thy neighbor' speech. We have but one enemy, ENGLAND! How long have we wooed her, almost to the point of our self-abasement. She would none of us, so leave to her the apostles of peace; the 'No war' disciples. The time is past when we would do homage to everything English, our cousins that were.

Righteous Hatred All Afloat.

"God punish England." May God punish her. This is the greeting we now pass when Germans meet. The fire of this righteous hatred is all afloat.

"You men of Germany from east to west, forced to shed blood in the defence of our homeland through England's infamous envy and hatred of Germany's progress, feed the flame that burns in your souls. We have but one war cry, 'God punish England.' Hiss this to one another in the trenches, in the charge, hiss it as it were the sound of licking flames.

"Behold in every dead comrade a sacrifice forced on you by this accursed people. Take his place, take his vengeance for each hero's death.

"You German people at home, feed this fire of hatred.

"You men, ingrained this in the heart of the babe at your breast. You thousands of teachers to whom millions of German children look up to with eyes and hearts, teach HATRED! UNQUENCHABLE HATRED!

"You German fathers, lead your children up to the high hills of our homeland. At their feet lies our country, bathed in sunshine. Your women and children shall stare. Hear the will of the Fatherland. In you rises against such infamy.

"Listen to the ceaseless song of the German forest. Behind the trees, in the German forest, the German cliffs send the right words, HATRED! UNQUENCHABLE HATRED! Germany, Germany, Germany!

Carry and Guard Flame.

"Let it be incalculable in your children, and it will grow like a candle, irresistible from generation to generation.

"You forest proclaim it loud over the billowing fields, that the tolling peasant below may hear you; that the birds of the forest may fly with the message into all the land. That echoes from the German cliffs, send it reverberating like the swinging of bells from tower to tower throughout the countryside, HATRED! HATRED! You masters carry the flame to your workshops. Axe and hammer will fall the heavier when arms are served by this hatred.

"You peasants guard this flame. Fan it anew in the hearts of your toilers, that the hand may rest heavy on the plow that throws back the soil of our homeland.

"What Carthage was to Rome, England is to Germany. For Rome, as for us, it is a question of 'To be or not to be.' May our people, and a faithful monitor like Cato. His 'Ceterus censeo, Carthago esse delendam,' for us means GOD PUNISH ENGLAND!"

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