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FRENCH BUT FOUR AND HALF MILES FROM PERONNE; BRITISH EASILY BEAT BACK GERMAN ATTACK; BEGINS NOW TO LOOK LIKE DANGER FOR LEMBERG

British Beat Back Attacking Germans

Latter Easily Repulsed in Charge at Thiepval

Knell of German Initiative Sounded When British Bombardment Began—Enemy Found Crouching in Dug-Outs Believing Counter Attacks Would Rescue Them

London, July 5.—A Reuter despatch from the western front says the Germans made a counter attack on the new British positions at Thiepval, after a heavy bombardment, but were easily repulsed. Prisoners are quoted as having said that German units are being rushed to the Somme front from as far as Verdun to the east and Lens to the north.

BUSY ALL ALONG

90 MILE FRONT London, July 5.—Reuter's correspondent at the press camp in France says that not merely twenty miles of the main operations but the whole ninety miles of the British front are being kept busy all the time. "So well does the enemy know this," says the correspondent, "that he does not transfer a single gun or man from any part of the defensive between the Yser and the Somme to try to stop the British push. From the day the British bombardment began the knell of German initiative was sounded by the British guns and by British soldiers, continues the correspondent, "proves that it was known that the British intended to deliver their attack on July 1, and it was thought that the attack would be directed between Roye and Elie."

THE POSITION

ON JULY 4

Press Camp, in France, July 4.—When flashes of chain lightning shot out of the heavy clouds, which burst in torrents of rain over the battlefield, drenching all the combatants, washing the curtains and tops of the dust-laden ambulances, making small rivulets of the streets of the ruined villages, the British and German guns did not interrupt their shelling of LaBoisselle, which for eight days has been the object of an unceasing bombardment, the German shells breaking in

SHOCKING DEATH OF A LITTLE BOY

Killed in Accident on Merry-Go-Round at Fort Fairfield

A fatality marred the Fourth of July celebration in Fort Fairfield, Me., yesterday, when Jean Rameau, a six-year-old boy, was almost instantly killed as a result of an accident on a merry-go-round. He was playing with another child and was knocked off his seat. His legs shot underneath the running board and he was caught by a wire sawyer, which floored his head so hard against the flooring that his skull was crushed in. The boy was a bright young fellow and a general favorite in the town.

ANOTHER SOLDIER IS HOME FROM THE WAR

Private Walter Cochran, son of Peter Cochran, of Chatham, returned to the city today on the Maritime Express after spending several months on the firing line. He is suffering from shell shock. He crossed on the S. S. Gramplan, which arrived in Quebec on July 1. He is twenty-four years of age and was employed in the Sugar Refinery prior to his enlistment with the 14th Battalion, from which unit he was transferred on his arrival in England. Private Cochran has some narrow escapes, having been buried on four occasions by the explosion of German shells. He was buried twice at Festubert, once at Givenchy and once at Ypres.

DEATH OF CHILD

Friends of Robert Dunlop, High street, III sympathize with the loss of his youngest daughter, Elizabeth Murrie, who died yesterday after a brief illness.

Roumania May Yet Join The Allies

London, July 5.—Bucharest despatches to Amsterdam state that the parties Take Jonecu, former minister of the interior, and M. Filipescu, former minister of war and leader of the Conservatives, have joined forces and in future will together. Both parties are frankly in favor of intervention in the war by Roumania in the side of the entente allies.

SUSPENSE IN BERLIN NOW IS ADMITTED

New York World Correspondent Cables About Battle

MILLIONS OF MEN AND THOUSANDS OF CANNON

Germany Used 1,480 Car Loads of Ammunition to Capture One Hill at Verdun and This is Being Outdone Now in the Fearful Drive of Allies

New York, July 5.—In a special cable from a staff correspondent, Karl H. Von Wiegand, the New York World publishes the following from Berlin dated yesterday: "More than 8,000,000 men, and at least 10,000 cannon of all sizes are in deadly struggle on the front from Verdun to above Arras. It is estimated that men are facing one another in the French and English offensive in the greatest battle of the war."

From the very meagre reports received here from the German side, it appears that the terrific artillery duel, which precedes all attacks, surpasses anything of the kind in war and is beyond the power of the imagination to conjecture, the picture in the mind. It is said to exceed even the concentrated fire of the hundreds of German guns on the French works around Verdun which, up to the present, had been the highest point in artillery activity.

THIS GRAND NEW BRITISH ARMY

London, July 5.—Pride in the magnificent showing of Britain's new armies is mingled with regret for the nation's heavy losses in the common cause. The Daily News says "above all things that the first days of this great battle have taught us is that whatever we may have imagined of our great new armies they are better than we not have dared to hope. Nothing in any case happened them except death. Our losses, of course, will be dreadful, but, apart from the defeats which we inflict on the Germans, we are being taught the magnificent quality of our men, men who are not professional soldiers, but who are the British people." "The new army," says the paper, "is not composed of professional soldiers, but it has proved itself an army of which any nation might be proud. It is now showing in the battlefields of France the spirit of which the English race is made."

FIVE OTHERS KILLED WHEN FRANK MCCARTHY GAVE UP HIS LIFE

Mrs. Ellen Grady of 129 1/2 Mill street received a letter on Monday from Captain Rev. D. V. Warren, chaplain of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade, advising her that he buried her brother, Private Francis Joseph McCarthy, who was killed in action on May 20. He further said that he was killed in a dugout as were five other men, by direct fire from German artillery. The burial was conducted at 10.30 p.m. on the day on which he was killed. The grave was marked by a wooden cross.

MISS JEAN LOGGIE BRIDE OF OFFICER

Chatham, N. B., July 5.—Last night at the home of W. S. Loggie, M. P., and Mrs. Loggie, their daughter Jean was united in marriage to Sergeant Brydson Fraser of the 10th Battalion, Canadian Highlanders, first Canadian contingent and son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Fraser of Chatham. Rev. J. Harris officiated. They were unattended as only immediate relatives were present. The happy young couple left on the maritime express last night on their way to Winnipeg. Sergeant Fraser has seen nineteen months' active service on the western front with his battalion and is now on his way to Winnipeg to take a commission in one of the new units being raised in the west. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have the heartiest wishes of a large number of friends.

AMERICAN IS SUNK IN COLLISION OFF DOVER

Dover, Eng., July 5.—The American steamship Jacob Luckenbach was sunk today in collision with an unidentified steamship off Dover. Her crew of thirty-one was rescued. The Jacob Luckenbach arrived at Queenstown on June 27 from San Francisco. She was of 2788 tons gross, was built at Sunderland in 1881, and owned in New York.

Mexico's Reply Received

Washington, July 5.—The reply of the de facto government of Mexico to the demands of the United States, conflicting in terms and giving assurances of a desire to reach a friendly settlement of the difficulties was delivered to the state department today.

People Beginning To Leave Galician Capital

London, July 5.—A Budapest despatch to the Post says: "Considerable numbers of the population have been fleeing from Lemberg in the last few days for Hungary and Odessa. So extensive has been the exodus, the commander at Lemberg has issued the assuring statement that Lemberg is not in danger yet. He advises the people not to leave the city."

BRUSILOFF PUSHING ON

London, July 5.—According to special despatches from Petrograd the steady advance of General Brusilloff's left wing, despite the desperate resistance of the Austro-Germans, indicates that in a few days his front will assume the form of a regular arc centered in Lemberg. The semi-permanent fortifications of the Austro-Germans, these despatches say, have now all been captured and destroyed on this front, where they planned to hold the Russians while the Italian campaign progressed. It is not believed that any formidable second or third line fortifications have been constructed behind this front.

SUCCESS FOR THE RUSSIANS

Petrograd, July 5.—The official statement issued by the Russian war office last night says: "Fighting in the region northwest of Baranovich continues, the enemy defending himself stubbornly and endeavoring to repulse our offensive. In the village of Zhuravich, east of Baranovich, the railway station changed hands several times, but now is in our possession. In many sectors artillery fire continues with increasing intensity. In the course of these engagements the brave Major-General Perloff and Col. Perloff were wounded. Northwest of Casauk, in the region of the village of Gaganak, we took by storm a strongly fortified element of the enemy's position. Kolkoi our troops captured first line trenches in the region of the village of Sosnina. South of the village of Sosnina, we have been successful in capturing the village of Wolf front as far as the region of the river Lipa. On the Galician front artillery has been in action in many places, and on our extreme left wing there was fighting against strong rear-guard of the enemy in the spurs of the Carpathians."

TODAY'S SESSION OF BAPTIST DISTRICT MEETING IN ST. JOHN

The fifth session of the sixth district meeting of the United Baptist churches was held this morning with Rev. F. P. Dennison in the chair. Devotional services were led by C. W. Walden. Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson read the annual report. He mentioned the loss that the Baptist clergy has sustained in the death of Rev. Dr. McInyre, who was denominational treasurer. He said that in his death there was a distinct loss to the home mission work. Dr. Hutchinson paid a high tribute to his work in the community and remarked that his Christian and clerical qualities had made him respected by all. His death was greatly regretted by the district. Dr. McInyre passed away in September of last year. Although never stationed in St. John as a minister, he made his home here as his work demanded, and he was widely known by his people. Although never a member of the present day conditions and the times, his report showed that the paper had flourished to its fullest extent. He said reading in the homes today was very different from that of years ago, and it was the most fundamental and critical question that the church has to contend with. He made mention of the quotation from Pope Pius at the head of the editorial column of the New Freeman, telling the need of religious literature and a religious press. Coming directly to the progress of the paper, he said that it was up to the standard of last year, despite war conditions. Discussion followed the reading of this report and some questions were asked and answered. The editor was given a vote of thanks for the efficient manner in which he had handled the paper during the last year.

REVEREND QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT OF 105TH WEDS A CARNEGIE HER. INC.

Charlotteville, P. E. I., July 5.—Quartermaster Sergeant (Rev.) Willard Kempton Charman, of the 105th P. E. I. Battalion, was married this morning to Bertha Hattenbury, daughter of Nelson Hattenbury of Charlotteville. The bride won the Carnegie medal and \$3,000 as companion from throwing several years ago. She is a Mt. Allison graduate. The groom also is a graduate of that institution. Bert Dickie of Cape Traverse, thought to have been drowned, was picked up yesterday by a boat. He had drifted a long distance.

CAUSED A STIRR

The delivery tests of C. F. Francis was standing peacefully outside his premises in Mill street this morning when suddenly two unknown individuals appeared and after a wild dash into the wagon started madly towards Dock street. There was only a little boy and a fair lady in the store at the time and they were so bewildered by the suddenness with which the whole thing happened that they were utterly at a loss what to do. However "some one" telephoned to the police headquarters and investigation followed and proved that the two "smart ones" were only playing a joke. The team was found in North street later and was returned to the owner again, much to the relief of the clerks.

COLIN MCKAY HAS CHAT WITH CAPT. McAVITY

Only 14 Officers of Old 26th With Battalion

THIS WAS AT END OF MAY

Regiment itself would hardly be known in St. John — The Big Attack at Ypres Foreseen — Lamentable Word of Our Gallant Men

(By Colin McKay)

France, June 2. "What do I think of war? Well, they say that you stand a chance of getting used to it or of it." It was a captain of the 26th (P. McAvity), looking merry and bright, and as big as a house. But it's a rough game all right," he added. "Of forty officers who came over with the battalion only fourteen are now left; the rest are dead, wounded or sick. As for the battalion, St. John would hardly know it. We've had a big lot of casualties."

This was in the latter part of May. The captain was bound up the line. Already the Canadians were in the Ypres salient, mostly a ragged land of shell craters rather than trenches. All winter the 26th had held trenches, that in spite of continuous labor were at times mere ditches full of icy water. "Often," said the captain, "the water was up above our waists, pump and bale as we would. At times the men would get right up on the parapet and bale. And the Germans would do the same on their side. Everybody was more interested in keeping their head above water than fighting. Extraordinary things, those queer lines of the trenches. Either side with a machine gun could have bagged a lot of men, sitting on the parapets. How the officers and men of the 26th kept fit under such conditions I don't know? But we hadn't any sickness attributable to the long hours in an icy mud bath." (Continued on page 8, third column)

VICTORIAN NURSES

A meeting of the Victoria Order of Nurses was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Senator Daniel, Princess street. Those present were: Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. G. F. Smith, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Hon. J. G. Forbes, Senator Daniel and C. H. Hallam. Business of a routine nature took up the time of the meeting. Owing to the fact that there has been less sickness this month than last the nurses reported that there had been considerable let up in their work.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

In the police court this morning Nettie and Thomas Anderson were arraigned for the alleged theft of several articles from the home of Mrs. Frank Theall, 171 Main street. Both Mr. and Mrs. Theall gave evidence and said that the defendants had sublet two rooms. They had been there some time and on last Tuesday moved away. Since they had gone, Mrs. Theall said she missed several articles, among them iron, a quilt, sheet, pin cushion, axe, table cloth and some dishes. Those produced in court were identified. When Mrs. Theall called on the Andersons to collect the rent, she said she noticed her missing goods and secured a search warrant, after the defendants had refused to return the articles. The evidence of Detective Barrett, who executed the warrant, was also taken. The magistrate said that there was enough evidence to commit the defendants for trial and he sent them up.

CONNERS-CALDWELL

A pretty wedding took place this morning at ten o'clock at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. D. J. McPherson, when George Hallin Connors, of Upland, Kings County, was married to Miss Hadassah Eugenie Caldwell, of Millstream, Kings county. The bride wore a navy blue traveling suit with white picture hat and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses. Mr. and Mrs. Connors will reside at Upland.

BOYS ESCAPE

Two boys escaped from the Boys' Industrial School this morning. One was prominent in the recent juvenile breaks and robberies that affected several city firms. The other has occurred on different occasions in police court circles. Both boys were doing four year terms for breaking and entering.

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

POSITION OPPOSITE CLERY IN HANDS OF JOFFRE'S MEN

They Also Capture Line of Enemy Trenches East of Curlu

Heavy Fighting Continues at Verdun But Germans Attack There Only to be Repulsed—Losses of French in Big Drive Reported Light

Paris, July 5.—The French have captured a line of German trenches east of Curlu, so the war office announced today. They have also captured Sormont Farm, facing Clery. The advance reported indicates that the French are moving eastward along the north bank of the Somme River in their movement toward Peronne, in the combined Anglo-French offensive in Picardy. Clery, the most advanced point mentioned, is four and a half miles northwest of Peronne.

FRENCH DRIVE ON BOTH SIDES OF SOMME

Paris, July 5.—The French resumed the offensive during the night on both sides of the Somme. South of the Somme they made further progress toward the river, particularly at Sormont Farm. This position on the left bank opposite Clery, in progress, German attacks on French positions there were stopped by the French fire. The number of prisoners taken thus far exceed 8,000. The number of cannon taken has not been ascertained. After a heavy bombardment the Germans captured part of the village of Bellay-en-Santerre, but the French quickly expelled them, taking the entire village. The Germans still hold part of the town of Estrees, where severe fighting is still in progress. German attacks on French positions there were stopped by the French fire. The number of prisoners taken thus far exceed 8,000. The number of cannon taken has not been ascertained. On the Verdun front heavy fighting is still in progress. West of the Meuse the French repulsed a strong German attack in the region of Avocourt and Hill 202. East of the river there was a violent bombardment of Thiaumont redoubt and the Cheminot sector.

ONLY EIGHT KILLED IN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Chicago, July 5.—Eight deaths and 190 injuries is the toll from Fourth of July celebrations throughout the country, according to figures compiled at midnight by the Chicago Tribune. Last year there were nineteen persons killed and 908 injured. This was in the latter part of May. The captain was bound up the line. Already the Canadians were in the Ypres salient, mostly a ragged land of shell craters rather than trenches. All winter the 26th had held trenches, that in spite of continuous labor were at times mere ditches full of icy water. "Often," said the captain, "the water was up above our waists, pump and bale as we would. At times the men would get right up on the parapet and bale. And the Germans would do the same on their side. Everybody was more interested in keeping their head above water than fighting. Extraordinary things, those queer lines of the trenches. Either side with a machine gun could have bagged a lot of men, sitting on the parapets. How the officers and men of the 26th kept fit under such conditions I don't know? But we hadn't any sickness attributable to the long hours in an icy mud bath." (Continued on page 8, third column)

PARCELS TO SOLDIERS

A correspondent asks for information regarding the best and cheapest way to send parcels to Camp Valcartier and to the front. Parcels can be sent by parcel post at the following rates: To Valcartier—Ten cents for first pound and six cents for each additional pound; limit, sixteen pounds. To England—Twenty cents a pound, up to a limit of eleven pounds. To France—Twenty-four cents for first three pounds, thirty-two cents for from three to seven pounds. Parcels should be done up securely, preferably in tin boxes, wrapped with cotton cloth and addressed in indelible ink. For additional safety they may be registered.

GERMAN LOSSES PLACED AT 60,000

Press Camp in France, July 5.—The total number of prisoners taken thus far in the Anglo-French offensive probably has reached 15,000. Judging from these figures, the German losses, as a whole, it is estimated here, have been at least 60,000.

SENSATIONAL ESCAPE OF GERMANS FROM CAMP OF INTERNMENT IN ONTARIO

Kingston, Ont., July 5.—Three Germans made a sensational escape from the internment camp at Fort Henry yesterday. They were "trusties" and were given the job of fixing a gasoline boat owned by one of the officers of the fort. A military policeman was in charge and went out with them on a trial spin in Navy Bay. They were given only a limited amount of gasoline, but they secretly procured an extra supply and hid it in the boat. When they had gone out from Navy Bay they seized the policeman, tied him securely and laid him in the boat. Then the man poured extra fuel into the engine and headed the boat for the foot of Wolfe Island and along the American Channel and stopped about two miles east of Cape Vincent. Here they landed and started for the inland. They left the policeman in the boat. It is supposed the men are now in some New York village.