

COUNCIL APPOINTS W. H. BATES ASSESSOR: M'KENZIE OBJECTS

Necessity of Early Appointment and Qualifications of Mr. Bates Urged When Aldermen McKenzie, Trench and Fisher Advocated Delay

The appointment of a City Assessor raised quite a row at the regular meeting of the Council on Monday evening. Seven aldermen and the Mayor were present, and the appointment was made on a four to three majority after one of the most spirited discussions seen in the council chamber in years.

Ald. McKenzie, for some reason or other, pleaded for the whole council to be present to handle such an important matter. In the next breath he said the field notes had only to be copied and such work was very simple.

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LADY SYBIL GREY WOUNDED IN CHEEK

Daughter of Former Gov. General with British Red Cross Wounded by Hand Grenade

London, July 4.—Lady Sybil Grey, daughter of Earl Grey, formerly Governor-General of Canada, was seriously but not dangerously wounded while with the British Red Cross at the Russian front, says a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd.

WILL ACCEPT LLOYD GEORGE PROPOSALS

Dublin, July 4.—The national directory of the United Irish League met today with John Redmond presiding and agreed to accept proposals made by David Lloyd-George for the solution of the Irish question.

BRANDON HONOR ROLL. News was received in the city last week that Pte. A. Pearce, of 235 Sixth street, was missing. Pte. A. Pearce was very popular and worked at Mutter Bros. He enlisted in Brandon in the 45th Battalion on Dec. 28th, 1914, and left for overseas with the first draft.

ITALIAN MURDERER SUICIDES

Guelph, July 4.—Tony Legatte, sentenced to be hanged tomorrow, cut his throat this morning in the cell with the handle wrenched from a tin drinking cup. He was dead when found.

PRUSSIAN BATTALION SURRENDERED IN BODY

British Fire So Heavy and Trench So Badly Demolished that Remnant Gave Themselves Up — The Men Refused to Fight

British Headquarters in France, July 4 — An entire battalion of the 186th regiment of Prussian infantry, recruited from the upper Rhine, surrendered yesterday to the British near Ercourt. The prisoners numbered twenty officers and 600 men.

ROMANIA SEIZES SOME AUSTRIAN RAILWAY CARS

Six Locomotives and 250 Cars are Seized by Roumanian Government Says Report

London, July 4.—The Roumanian Government seized 250 cars and six locomotives belonging to the Austro-Hungarian railway which were sent into Roumania while the Russians were advancing in Bukovina, says a Reuter dispatch from Bucharest.

LIEUT.-COL. RANKIN RETIRES FROM BUSINESS

One of the City's Oldest and Most Respected Business Men Must Take Complete Rest

Mr. Rankin has retired from the firm of Doig, Rankin & Robertson Ltd. He has been advised to take a long rest—at least a year or two—and freedom from the responsibilities of business.

Mr. Rankin has been in business in Brandon for the past quarter of a century, coming here in 1881, establishing the firm of A. D. Rankin & Co.; after some business changes, finally amalgamating in 1913 with Doig & Robertson, and organizing the present firm of Doig, Rankin & Robertson Ltd., of which he was president.

Mr. Rankin has taken an active part in the Militia of Canada, and in 1910, when captain and adjutant of the 12th Manitoba Dragoons, he was commissioned to organize and recruit an infantry battalion in Brandon. This was successfully accomplished and Lieut.-Col. Rankin was commanding officer of the new regiment, the 99th Manitoba Rangers, for nearly five years.

POUSSETTE ON SICK LEAVE

London, July 4.—The following Canadian officers have been granted sick leave, with permission to return to Canada: Capt. Morgan, of Bear River; Lieut. M. Beck and Lieut. J. A. Clarke, Toronto; Lieut. Bull, of the Engineers; Col. Poussette, of the Army Service.

Y.M.C.A. CAMP RECEIVES VISITORS

Camp at Ninette is Now in Good Order—Water High in Beautiful Lake

After three days of hard work the camp has been once more put into shape for another season's camping. On July 1st the first campers arrived, not many it is true, but a start was made. Splendid weather greeted these first arrivals. They found the pavilion in apple pie order, over a dozen tents erected, the launch overhauled and in the water, the boats in process of painting, the small boat landing stage completed and the main wharf well under way.

CAPTAIN KILLED: COLONEL FONSECA HURT: CAR UPSET

Military Men En Route to Camp Hughes Thrown from Auto Which Turned Over

TIRE BLEW OUT

Portage la Prairie, Man., July 4.—Capt. E. J. Cleven, of the 197th, Vikings of Canada, is dead, and Lieut. Col. Fonseca and Sgt. John Kennedy of the same regiment, are in Portage General Hospital, suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident between High Bluff and this city about 4:30 Monday afternoon.

The party was en route from Winkpeg to Camp Hughes, and while Sgt. Kennedy told Coroner Cowan this evening that they were only going about fifteen miles an hour, those who saw the car pass through the district state that it was travelling at a high rate of speed. There are indications on the scene of the accident that the car turned over three times and then righted itself before coming to a standstill. It is a complete wreck; the wheels are smashed, and one of the tires was found forty rods from where the car ran.

Sgt. Kennedy says that they were driving along at about twenty miles an hour when he heard an explosion, the rear tire blowing out, and that the car skidded to the ditch. Further than that he could give no particulars, as he became unconscious.

One of the farmers who was passing picked up the injured men and brought them to the hospital. Coroner B. C. Cowan and Dr. W. H. Rennie left for the scene. They brought the remains of Capt. Cleven to Orr's undertaking parlors to await instructions.

It is thought that Capt. Cleven was killed instantly, that the car fell on top of him, breaking his neck.

Coroner Cowan made an investigation, and interviewed Lieut. Col. Fonseca and Sgt. Kennedy at the hospital, and stated that he was satisfied that the death of Capt. Cleven was accidental, and that it would not be necessary to hold an inquest.

Dr. G. Haesed, who attended to the injured when they were brought to the hospital, states that their injuries are of a minor nature, bruises and scratches, and that they will be out of hospital in a day or two. The machine was a big, heavy car, and it is a miracle that all of the occupants were not killed. Nothing is known about Capt. Cleven here, but a card in his coat pocket would indicate that he was formerly employed in the immigration department. He is a man well along in years, and very heavy. The military authorities have been notified of the accident.

Popular in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, July 6.—Capt. Cleven was the quartermaster of the 197th battalion, and before joining the regiment was with the immigration department in Winnipeg. He leaves a wife and four children, who reside at 412 Toronto street. He was a Scandinavian-American, was recognized as a smart officer, and very popular with the rank and file.

Sgt. John Kennedy enlisted in the battalion as a private. He came from Vancouver some months ago, and while in the city boarded at 631 Jessie avenue.

Col. Fonseca was on his way to Camp Sewell to make arrangements with the camp authorities for the departure of the 197th battalion from Winnipeg to camp.

MEREDITH-DUFF REPORT

Ottawa, July 4.—The report of the Meredith-Duff commission will be in all probability in the hands of the government within the next twenty-four hours, and will be made public before the end of the week. The two judges, it is learned, will make a unanimous finding as to the evidence given in connection with the raise contracts inquiry and there will be no "minority" report from Mr. Justice Duff as was at one time thought to be probable. The report will be issued in printed form.

TWO SOLDIERS RETURN: CONTRACTED RHEUMATISM

Privates Smith and Mitchell, of the First Canadian Mounted Rifles, came home to Brandon Monday night, having been sent back as medically unfit. Both these men were in the trenches for many months and contracted rheumatism, which led to their return. Smith worked on the C.P.R. before the war and the other man is an old farm hand around this district.

BRITISH MAKE SOME PROGRESS TAKE PRISONERS AND MATERIAL

Our Troops Fought with Great Gallantry Against Heavy Attacks by Enemy Who Recaptured a Small Portion of the Defences South of La Boisselle—Trench Warfare on Other Sections of Front—Wounded Prisoners Taken—Capture a Wood

London, July 4.—The Germans last night recaptured a small part of La Boisselle, which was taken by the British in the new offensive north of the Somme.

Further to the south, the official announcement says, the British made some progress capturing a wood. They took prisoners and war material.

The announcement follows: "The enemy, reinforced by many battalions drawn from other parts of the line, continues to offer very stubborn resistance to us at all points. During the night there was heavy fighting in the vicinity of La Boisselle.

"Our troops fought with great gallantry against heavy attacks by the enemy. The enemy recaptured a small portion of the defences south of the village, otherwise the situation in this section is unchanged."

"Further south some progress was made during the night. We captured a wood, further war material and prisoners. "On the other portions of the front continuous trench warfare was maintained. Several raids were made by the enemy, but they were specially successful.

"In the vicinity of Armentieres after a heavy bombardment an attempted raid by the enemy was repulsed with losses to them, some wounded prisoners remaining in our hands."

Germans Say Allies Reinforced

Berlin, July 4.—Heavy forces have been thrown into Allied attacks on the German lines south of the Somme in renewed attempt to advance. The German War Office announced today, but all assaults were repulsed with heavy losses.

TEUTON FORCES BROKEN AND ARE DRIVEN WEST

Russians Victorious in Action Mid Way Between Sokul and Duno Says Official Statement

PIEROE HUN DEFENCES Attack on Forces of Prince Leopold Successful—Germans Claim Notable Victory

Petrograd, July 4.—Activity on many sectors of the Russian front from Lake Narotché south to the Galician border was announced in an official statement by the Russian War Office last night. The statement, based on a battle report of Baranovitch, mentioned that it was asserted that midway between Sokul and Duno the resistance of the Teutonic forces was broken and they were driven back to the west.

Break German Defences

Petrograd, July 4.—In an attack on the forces of Prince Leopold, the Russian War Office announced today, the Russians have broken through two lines of German defenses in the region of Baranovitch. They captured seventy-two officers, 2,700 men, eleven guns and a number of machine guns.

Germans Claim Victory

Berlin, July 4.—A notable victory for the Teutonic forces in Galicia is announced by the German War Office. Southeast of Tlumach, by a speedy thrust, the Russians were forced back on a front of more than twelve and one-half miles to a depth of more than five and one-fourth miles.

HEAVY DAMAGE BY STORM

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 4.—The terrific storm, accompanied by a seventy-mile gale which swept over the city Sunday afternoon, did considerable damage, amounting to about \$50,000.

CANADIAN OFFICER JAILED IN AMERICA

Seattle, Wn., July 4.—Capt. H. J. Thomson, Canadian Army Officer, convicted in the federal court of attempting to enlist men in the United States for the American Legion of the Canadian army, was sentenced Monday to three months in the county jail at Tacoma and fined \$500 and costs.

CARRANZA'S REPLY SAID TO AFFORD BASIS SETTLEMENT

Unofficial Version is Borne Out Diplomatic Negotiations Will Continue

LITTLE DANGER OF BREAK

No Further Raids on U.S. Border or Unwarranted Attacks on American Troops

Washington, July 4.—General Carranza's reply to the demands of the United States reached the Mexican embassy here today and will be delivered to Secretary Lansing tomorrow. It is described by persons close to the embassy as conciliatory in language and tone and designed to offer a basis for amicable adjustment of the difficulties between the two governments. If the unofficial version of the reply is borne out there undoubtedly will be a resumption of friendly diplomatic negotiations, and in the absence of further serious border raids or unwarranted attacks upon American troops there will be little danger of a break.

KITCHENER LETTER SOLD

London, July 4.—Earl Kitchener's autograph letter, calling for 300,000 recruits for the new army, was sold at auction for the benefit of the Red Cross to Thomas Fenwick Harrison for £6,000. Mr. Harrison will present the letter to the nation.

ALEXANDER RESIDENT SUES MUNICIPALITY

The Municipality of Whitehead was the defendant in County Court action brought by Mrs. Nora Newburn Tuesday before Judge Cumberland. Mrs. Newburn is claiming the sum of \$500 because of alleged damage sustained through the flooding of a cellar, alleged to be due to a defective drain. The case comes from Alexander and nearly the whole of the members of the defendant body are present. Mr. J. F. Kilgour are representing the plaintiff and Mr. N. W. Kerr the defendants.

The principal witness called Tuesday morning was a former C.P.R. resident engineer named Kidd who gave evidence for the plaintiff.

The plaintiff said he and his wife had lived in their present dwelling four years and had very little trouble until this spring, when over five feet of water came in. The cellar was eight and nine feet from the street line on Dumbarton street and fourteen feet on Second avenue. In April when the big thaw came the water just fell from the centre of the street into the cellar. The street drain was defective.

The defence is that conditions this spring were extraordinary and that the flooding was caused by circumstances over which the council had no control. It is also cited in the statement of defence that the drain is insufficient for the purposes for which it was intended when constructed.

BRANDON MARKETS

(Wholesale Prices) Wednesday, July 5, 1916

Table with market prices: Potatoes, per bushel, \$0.90; Beef, dressed carcass, per lb., .14; Pork, dressed carcass, per lb., .14 1/2; Veal, dressed carcass, per lb., .12; Chickens, dressed, per lb., .20; Geese, dressed, per lb., .16; Ducks, dressed, per lb., .16; Turkeys, dressed, per lb., .20; Butter, per lb., .22; Eggs, new laid, per dozen, .22; Hay, baled, per ton, .12.00

FRENCH CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS WON: NO OPPOSITION OFFERED

In Addition to Batteries Already Captured Three More Have Been Taken, Two of Heavy Pieces—French Artillery Fire Destructive—Between Avre and the Aisne French Reconnaissance Penetrated as Far as Support Trenches—Heavy Fighting on the Verdun Front

Paris, July 4.—The night was quiet south of the Somme with the French organizing the captured positions, the official statement says.

The Germans made no attempt to interfere with the French troops which were consolidating the new positions. In addition to batteries already captured three more have been taken, two of which were composed of heavy guns. The French artillery is proving most destructive. In one dugout wrecked by a shell forty corpses were found. Germans suffered enormous losses in the fighting near Herbecourt,

which the French captured. At one point between Avre and the Aisne the French reconnaissance penetrated as far as the support trenches.

Heavy fighting continued right on the Verdun front. The Germans made six successive attacks north-west of the Thiaumont work from which they were driven by the French recently a few hours after they had carried it.

Last night's attacks were repulsed, the Germans sustaining considerable losses. South-east of the Ermin wood the French made some slight progress.