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**THE BOHEMIANS DESERTED EN MASSE**

COPENHAGEN, June 25—The disclosures of the retiring Austrian Minister of Defence, F. Von Gorgl, before a Reichsrat committee, that three Bohemian regiments had during the war gone over to the enemy in a body, and his statement that Czech prisoners of war had volunteered for service against Austria-Hungary in considerable numbers constitute only a part of the anti-Austrian demonstrations of Bohemian troops, who through long continued conflicts with the Germans for dominance in Bohemia have felt in a way more closely allied with the Russians than with the Teuton directed Austria.

It is a fact freely admitted in Austria-Hungary, although the newspapers have never previously been permitted to refer plainly to it, that from the beginning of the war Bohemians deserted en masse at every opportunity. Certain regiments, as early as the spring of 1915 had to be decimated because of their conduct in the face of the enemy. The Royal Bohemian bodyguard regiment was permanently disbanded at that time and its colors sent to the arsenal in Vienna. It was about this period that the correspondent saw a naive letter from a Bohemian prisoner in Serbia advising his comrades not to desert while in Siberia as the conditions or residence there were too unpleasant.

**DESERTER MADE THINGS INTERESTING FOR GUARD**

One day this week Chief of Police Fraser received advice of a deserter from one of the regiments at Aldershot. A little later, going down Prince St., East, he noticed a young man going into a store with a new suit on and a large bundle under his arm. The chief's suspicions were aroused and he arrested the man. On examination the bundle was found to contain his regiment khaki suit which he was discarding.

Chief Fraser put the man in jail and wired the O. C. at Aldershot camp. An escort arrived by next train and took their man, but on the road he managed to get away from his captors and disappeared. So far he is still at large, but it is safe betting that he will give Truro a wide berth.—Truro Citizen.

**COMPANY ESTABLISHING FACTORY AT HALIFAX**

A branch factory is to be established at Halifax by the L'Air Liquide Society the Canadian headquarters of which are at Montreal, where the company has a large factory. Negotiations for the purchase of a lot have been completed by Charles Royer, the general manager, who is in Halifax this week. The factory will be located in the vicinity of the cotton factory siding and will be 100x50. The company will manufacture acetylene cutting and welding machines, and will employ about twenty hands at the start.

L'Air Liquide is a very large company with Canadian headquarters at Montreal, but the home office is Paris, France. We congratulate Halifax on having secured this new industry.

**BRITISH STEAMER SANK GERMAN SUBMARINE**

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 25—Officers of a British steamer which arrived here today, reported having sunk an attacking German submarine. The British vessel sent a shell into the U-boat's magazine, causing an explosion which parted the under-sea boat about midships. Each end sank separately. The British steamer was uninjured.

The submarine was about five miles distant and running away after having attacked the steamer nearly 400 miles off the coast of Ireland.

**A WELCOME VISITOR**

We had a pleasant call on Wednesday from J. W. Lawrence, collector of customs, Hantsport. He came to meet a troop train on board of which was his son, Lieut. G. Ralph Lawrence, technical officer, and his son, Corporal Lawrence, father and son.

L. Lawrence threw up a good position as manager of the Willow River Lumber Co. to go overseas and avenge the death of so many of his friends who have gone before. He obeyed the call, leaving a wife and seven children in Calgary. This is not Quebec patriotism.—Citizen.

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**BRITISH MADE SUCCESSFUL ATTACK**

LONDON, June 25—The official report from British headquarters in France reads:

"Our successful attack last night southwest of Lens was followed up during the day on both banks of the Souchez river. Substantial progress was made by our troops in this area on a front of about one and one-half miles.

"A raid attempted by the enemy last night southeast of Ypres was completely repulsed by our machine gun fire. There was heavy fighting in the air yesterday. Five German airplanes were brought down by our machines; five others were driven down out of control. Another hostile machine was shot down by our anti-aircraft guns.

Capt. R. R. Late of Paradise, one of Acadia's students has been wounded lately in action.

**SIR ARTHUR CURRIE, NATIVE CANADIAN, NOW COMMANDS OUR CORPS**

Sir Arthur Currie who has been acting commander of the Canadian corps since Sir Julien Byng left, returned to headquarters this morning, having been authorized to take over the command.

Sir Arthur came to France with the original Canadian overseas contingent as a brigadier, commanding the second brigade of the first division and has had a part in all the major engagements of the corps. His appointment greatly pleases the men in the trenches. He is the first Canadian to command the corps. His predecessors, General Alderson and Byng, were both imperial officers of long service and distinction.

QUEBEC, June 18—A contingent of six hundred invalided officers and men is expected in the course of the present week.

**The Canadians Captured Outposts**

**Germans Made Hasty Retreat**

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 25th.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press)—In a difficult advance towards Lens, and amid a confused tangle of wrecked mines, partially destroyed miners' houses, railway embankments and the flooded ground in the Souchez Valley, a bit of the enemy's front line trench, extending over four hundred yards north of the river and east of the Bois de Riamont, was captured during the night by the Canadians and was firmly incorporated.

**Carried the Outpost**

The attack on the outpost was evidently expected. The enemy scuttled, abandoning ground upon which machine gun fire was immediately turned by Germans located on the hill.

This was speedily followed by heavy artillery fire, which continued during the night and was especially severe in the vicinity of the Lens electric station. The enemy's dugouts were searched, but found to be empty.

The enemy on this front appears no longer to have confidence in the ability of his infantry to oppose night attacks stoutly. Several raids last night in the region between Lens and La Basse showed that the German trenches were so lightly held that little resistance could be offered to the raiders.

In one case British troops remained half an hour in the enemy's positions destroying defences.

**Canadian Miners' Work**

In a recent cable on the part taken by the Canadians in the work preparatory to the capture of Messines ridge, mention should have been made of the work of the tunnelling companies from the Dominion. During many weary months while Canadians above ground in the Ypres salient borne with fortitude the constant fire from the enemy guns, behind the ridge, the Canadian miners, far under ground, were driving mine shafts for the enemy's destruction.

After our troops went to the Somme the work was continued. It is not permitted to write in detail of the work of the miners, but Canadians will learn with satisfaction that no small part of the mining operations that made possible the blowing up of the German lines on Messines ridge stands to the credit of Canada.

**FRENCH FORCES IN A BRILLIANT ATTACK**

Carry a German First Line of a Strongly Organized Enemy Position Northwest of Hurtebise

Paris, June 26—The French made a surprise attack northwest of Hurtebise last night, after brief artillery preparation. The war office announces the capture of the entire first line German trenches, which were held against desperate counter attack. More than 300 prisoners were taken. The statement follows:

"After a short bombardment last evening our troops made a brilliant attack northwest of Hurtebise against a strongly organized position of the enemy. All our objectives were attained. In a few moments we carried the German first line. Counter attacks delivered by the enemy at both ends of this position, supported by violent artillery bombardment, were broken up by our fire. The enemy, surprised by the rapidity of our attack, suffered heavy losses and left in our hands more than 300 prisoners, including ten officers. Several enemy surprise attacks on small posts in the region of Tahure and in the Argonne were broken up by our fire."

**MASONIC ANNIVERSARY**

On Sunday Kentville Masonic Lodge and brethren attended divine worship at St. James Church and listened to an eloquent address by the Grand Chaplain Rev. T. C. Mellor. Mr. Mellor took as his text "And as they departed Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John 'What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? The speaker first referred to the work during 200 years of

**WOMAN AVOIDS OPERATION**

**Medicine Which Made Surgeon's Work Unnecessary.**

Astoria, N. Y.—"For two years I was feeling ill and took all kinds of tonics. I was getting worse every day. I had chills, my head would ache, I was always tired. I could not walk straight because of the pain in my back and I had pains in my stomach. I went to a doctor and he said I must go under an operation, but I did not go. I read in the paper about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and told my husband about it. I said 'I know nothing will help me but I will try this.' I found myself improving from the very first bottle, and in two weeks time I was able to sit down and eat a hearty breakfast with my husband, which I had not done for two years. I am now in the best of health and did not have the operation."—Mrs. John A. Koenig, 502 Flushing Avenue, Astoria, N. Y.

Every one dreads the surgeon's knife and the operating table. Sometimes nothing else will do; but many times doctors say they are necessary when they are not. Letter after letter comes to the Pinkham Laboratory, telling how operations were advised and were not performed; or, if performed, did no good, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was used and good health followed.

If you want advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass.

Masonry this anniversary occasion of the Mother Grand Lodge and the existence of the principles of freemasonry previous. In the world it has done a marvellously beneficent work for the good of humanity for consolidating the idea of brotherhood and the uplifting influences which have wrought untold good. The principles of masonry were shown to be those which go to make men better christians the Holy Bible being the guiding light of the Order.

For enlightenment instruction and example we can turn to one of the patron saints of Masonry John Baptist. His characteristics were portrayed, stability, austere habits and simple manner, and more than a Prophet. It is the story of the Masonic order that in her teachings and the lessons inculcated in her ritual are such as to make men emulate the example of this patron saint.

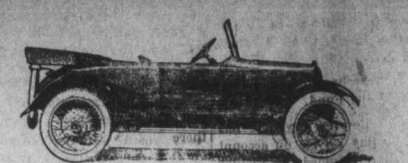
Men of today refuse to accept as the Great Arbitrator the Christ of whom John spoke. The world is in arms and we have enemies in our own land. Quebec is a dark spot on the horizon of Canada. It is not a question so much will it or will it not send soldiers to assist in bringing the war to a conclusion but whether Canada is to rule Quebec or Quebec rule Canada. Here is a menace which must be settled sooner or later. It is for the electorate to decide. It is a crying shame that at this critical period in the Empire's unrest and turmoil that this menace should exist. And the shame belongs to Quebec. Mr. Mellor concluded his powerful message by quoting verses composed by Dr. C. K. Harrington. If Thou Had'st Failed.

At the closing meeting of Billy Sunday's campaign in New York city on Tuesday evening among his thanks to all who had assisted in his work he said: "And, O yes, I want to thank all of you who have contributed to the free-will offering. It will help to dry tears when our boys reach France. Hasten the day, O Lord, when the flags of the Allies shall win. Hasten the day when these great wrongs shall be righted and the dove of peace shall again rest over the world. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when Alsace-Lorraine shall be handed over to France, when Turkey shall get out of Europe when the Jews may go back and take possession of Jerusalem, and when Poland be free." This caused vigorous applause.

**SHOT HIMSELF THROUGH THE HEAD**

Temporarily deranged in his mind, Arthur E. Perkins put a shotgun to his head after he had retired at his home, Gasperaux Station, last Friday night, and killed himself. The discharge of the weapon, mistaken by other occupants of the house as a dropping window sash, attracted no attention, and the body was not found until next morning. Perkins, who was 21 years of age, was a telegraph operator.— St. John Telegraph.

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