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BELGIAN TROOPS GAIN IMPORTANT SUCCESS

Consolidate Positions in Belgium—Germans Shelling British Positions at Neuve Chapelle

London, March 20.—Withdrawal of German troops from the Yser region in West Flanders to reinforce the lines near Neuve Chapelle in Northern France, enables the Belgian troops to gain important success in Belgium and their new positions have now been consolidated.

Before the attack King Albert went among his men, and inspired them to the highest pitch of fervor. Belgian artillery, reinforced with French guns, shelled the German batteries near Westende and Dismude violently. A German battery planted in a churchyard near Dismude was put out of commission. East of Steenstrate and south of Dismude, the Germans delivered strong counter attacks, all of which were repulsed.

The German artillery stationed between the La Bassée Canal and Beaumont in France is shelling Neuve Chapelle and Gvendey, where the British hold positions.

Severe artillery duels are in progress in the Aisne Valley and the Champagne district north of Arras and Perthes infantry fighting continues.

SIEGE WARFARE AGAIN

London, March 20.—Relative inaction prevails along both battle-fronts in Europe, which again seem to have relapsed into the condition of siege warfare, which prevailed during the winter. Austrian reports by way of Berlin say that the Russian offensive movement in the Carpathians through the Lupkow Pass has resulted in failure but direct reports from both Vienna and Petrograd agree that Austrians as well as Russians are making attacks and counter-attacks in the Carpathians without any decisive results.

The Germans still are bombarding Ostrowetz without success, according to the Russians, who say they have destroyed the advanced trenches of their antagonists.

Neither side reports any actions on the western front, during the last week, worthy to rank as important.

SUBMARINES WORK COMPARATIVELY SMALL

London, March 20.—German submarine raids during the week ended March 17, resulted in the loss of eight British vessels with a total tonnage of 22,825 out of 1539 arrivals and sailings, according to a summary issued today by the Admiralty. Three other vessels which were torpedoed, were able to reach port.

The total losses to British commerce from the beginning of the war to March 17, were ninety-seven merchant vessels and forty-seven fishing vessels.

BLIZZARD STRIKES BERLIN

London, March 20.—A blizzard raged on Friday in Berlin and over the greater part of Prussia, according to a despatch from Amsterdam. Traffic in Berlin and elsewhere was brought to a standstill, and in the approaches to the Kiel Canal there were several accidents to shipping.

RUSSIANS NOW TO INVEST KONIGSBERG

Petrograd, March 20.—Russian troops have again crossed the Niemen River in East Prussia, and are making a drive toward the German fortress of Königsberg. The success of the operations in the Memel district, it was said at the War Office, convinced the general staff that most of the German troops in the northern part of East Prussia have been withdrawn to other fronts, and that the time is favorable to launch a new attack on Königsberg.

Large forces of Russian cavalry are reported fifty miles from Königsberg. Investment of that fortress would permit a continuation of the flanking movement now in progress along the Niemen River, where 850,000 Russian troops are reported to have concentrated.

The situation on the other fronts is reported unchanged, except for artillery duels and cavalry skirmishes.

POTATOES RETAIL AT 85 CENTS A BARREL

Lowest Fredericton Market Has Known in 20 Years

Fredricton, March 20.—Potatoes of excellent quality sold in the country market this morning for eighty-five cents a barrel, which is said to have been the lowest retail price here in twenty years. Many farmers have a large quantity on hand with little demand.

Eleven recruits from the North Shore for the 28th battery arrived here today.

Handolph Hickey of Queensbury, confined to jail here since March 3, was released this morning by Judge Wilson under Habeas Corpus. The court held there was no justification for his arrest and detention. Hickey has instructed his counsel to institute proceedings against his prosecutors.

Two live wild geese imported from P. E. Island by James S. Neill arrived here yesterday.

Police Court
Four men arrested on drunkenness charges were fined \$8 or two months in jail in the police court this morning.

Williams Collins, a soldier, who was arrested a few days ago for dragging a little Scotchman along the street, was further remanded. Two soldiers testified. As Collins desired more witnesses the case was postponed until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

James Campbell, arrested by Deputy Jenkins for begging in Dorchester street, was remanded. He was told that he was liable to nine months in jail.

William J. Forrester, charged with disorderly conduct, breaking doors in a house owned by Jacob Wood, in Marsh road, and chasing his step-father with a knife and hammer, was again brought into court this morning. His step-father, David Jones, testified and he was remanded.

The case of Private O. S. White of the 28th Battalion, charged with interfering with Policeman Elliott in the discharge of his duty was continued in the police court this morning. Several soldiers testified for the defendant. Magistrate Ritchie said he would give judgment on Monday morning.

Charles Bennett appeared to testify against David Hennesey on a charge of assaulting David W. Shaw a soldier in the 8th Mounted Rifles. Policeman Gibbs testified about the arrest. He said that he chased the defendant and found him hiding behind a case in a yard and placed him under arrest. The prisoner resisted. The defendant was remanded.

BURIED TODAY
The funeral of William Holloway took place this afternoon from his late residence, 28 Adelaide street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Skinner and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of William Fitzpatrick took place this afternoon at his late residence 214 Duke street, to St. John Baptist church where burial services were conducted by Rev. W. Donahue. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pall-bearers.

DEATH OF MRS. WALTER HUGHES
The death of Mrs. Walter Hughes took place this afternoon at her residence 88 Adelaide street, after a lingering illness. Her husband and three small children survive, also four sisters, Mrs. J. L. Sugrue and Miss Flossie Newman of this city, Mrs. D. Brown of Newcastle, N. B., and Miss A. E. Hogew of New York. Many friends will regret to hear of her death.

Fair.
Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair today; Sunday, fresh north-westerly winds, fair with a little lower temperature.

New England forecasts—Generally fair tonight and Sunday, moderate northwesterly winds.

Former St. John Man There



Eight men in one company of Canadian troops, with an aggregate of 180 years military service, is the record of No. 3 Company, 14th Battalion, Royal Montreal Regiment, now with the British troops in France. Writing from France under date of February 20, Corporal A. C. Fafard of this company says:—
"Capt. H. H. Smith has eighteen years' service, and has two decorations and six bars. The other seven are—Q. M. Sergt. H. S. Dundas, eighteen years, two decorations, six bars; Sergt. V. H. Macleod, sixteen years; Sergt. F. W. Webb, ten years; Corp. E. Evans, nineteen years, two decorations, six bars; Corp. W. Sinclair, twenty-three years, two decorations, six bars; Corp. A. C. Fafard, ten years. This makes a total of 180 years for the eight."

Writing to his father, ex-Policeman Alfred Fafard, 724 Casgrain street, the corporal sends a photograph of the eight veterans, which is reproduced here. He adds, "Don't forget the name of our mascot the bull dog, 'Fiddle Face.'"
The Canadian troops had a stormy trip to France, Corp. Fafard writes that there was a fierce storm raging when they were in the English Channel. He and thousands more learned the real meaning of sea sickness at that occasion. His friends in St. John will recognize easily the excellent picture of Captain Smith. He was legated in St. John for several years, part of the time as local manager of J. C. McIntosh & Company. More recently he made his headquarters in Montreal.

TWO MORE DETACHMENTS OFF FROM ST. JOHN ON MONDAY

Men to Fredericton From 28th Battery; Others to Halifax on Way Across—Colonel Kirkpatrick Here

Two more detachments for service abroad will leave the city on Monday, the 28th Field Battery for mobilization in Fredericton, prior to departure for active service in Europe, and the English coastal defence unit for Halifax. The unit for Fredericton will leave at 5:45 under Lieut. Muirhead, while the detachment under Lieut. Colin Mackay for Halifax will entrain at 11.30.

The 6th in Snowstorm
Moncton Transcript—Hundreds of people stood for an hour in the driving snow storm to catch a glimpse of the troops while the band played despite the fact that the wind continually threatened to blow the band away.

EIGHT DEATHS THIS WEEK DUE TO PNEUMONIA

Of twenty-four deaths recorded this week at the board of health office, eight were the result of pneumonia while the others were from the following causes: Heart disease, three; senility and phthisis two each, and appendicitis, hepatitis, convulsions, acute bronchitis, broncho-pneumonia, tubercular peritonitis, aortic insufficiency, premature birth and tubercular adenitis, one each.

ILL IN HOSPITAL
Several members of the local military units are ill in the General Public Hospital, among them Sergt. Major Hanlon, Privates L. Baker, H. McCane, H. Isobel, W. Tufts, H. VanTassel, J. McCann and B. Hoddard.

Canadians Call Big Shells "C. P. R."

"Remind Us of the Trains," Says Soldier—Chaplain Rev. Owen S. Watkins Has a Narrow Escape

Montreal, March 20.—A cable from London to the Gazette says:—
An interesting glimpse of the life of the Canadians at the front is given in a letter just to hand from a private in the 10th Battalion who, writing on March 11, tells of the news of the Neuve Chapelle victory having just been received. "Cheers broke out all along the line," he says. "We started from our billets in a hurry, marched six miles in the snow, and arrived safely at our destination. Next morning we had orders to fire. I cannot tell how many rounds, but there was an awful lot of empty shells around. The noise was deafening. The big shells are called 'C.P.R.' because they remind us of the trains."

The 28th Battalion had company drill all during this morning. The Army Service members continued their training in equitation under instructions of Captain Erlantinger. They have accomplished remarkable success in the days they have been practicing.

Local Training
Major H. S. Jones, of Apolonia, has arrived in Moncton to take charge of the men recruited there for the 40th, and since transferred to the 28th Battalion. The major does not know just where the battalion is to mobilize but for the

FRANK JENNINGS WRITES OF TRIP TO OLD COUNTRY

Events on Shipboard on Way To Fight For Empire HAS WON PROMOTION

Left as Gunner, Now is Bombar-dier—Interesting Note of Happenings on Board the Megantic—Fredericton Battery Wins Sports Competition
The first letters from men of the contingents who reached Shorncliffe Camp, England, a few days ago have come to hand. One very interesting one reached Mrs. P. L. Jennings of East St. John yesterday from her son Frank X. Jennings who was a member of the Times writing staff before he joined the 28th Battery in Fredericton. The letter is of special interest because it has to do with many men from St. John, Fredericton and other parts of the province. He writes:

White Star Line
S. S. Megantic,
March 2, 1915.
We are now within a few hundred miles of the coast of England and I expect before I get this letter I shall be somewhere off the coast of Ireland that is if we are not sunk before that time. We had a very smooth and interesting voyage and although some of the boys were sick with the dread disease known as seasickness, I am glad to say that I am still on my feet and hope to be able to keep them until we land.
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MURDERED BY A GERMAN SPY?

Vancouver Battalion Soldier Found Dead in Pool

SOME STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES

Another Recruit, Known to Be German-American and Suspected of Being Spy, Deserted on Same Day

Vancouver, B.C., March 20.—Private Peter Wassef of the 29th Vancouver Battalion was found dead yesterday in a pool of stagnant water near where the thousand men of the second contingent are quartered. A coroner's jury brought in an open verdict.

Wassel came to Vancouver late in October, 1914, from Cambie, Oregon. There was an impression that he was a German-American. When he first joined he seemed cheerful and sociable, but after another recruit named Skripin, now known to be a German-American, got in touch with him, he became morose.

The authorities believe that Skripin was a German spy. He deserted on the same day as Wassel and has not been seen since. It is strange that while Wassel left in military uniform, his body was in civilian clothes when found.

The impression is that Skripin tried to get Wassel to do some spying work and that Wassel did not want to do it, and that Skripin, having given himself away to Wassel, was afraid that Wassel might betray him and so made way with him.

ANGUS HOUSE BRINGS \$3,850

A two family wooden dwelling on a city leasehold lot, 161 Leinster street, owned by W. M. Angus, was sold at auction at Chubb's corner at noon by T. T. Lantalam, J. S. Flagg, postal superintendent, became the purchaser for \$3,850.

Mr. Lantalam also offered sixteen shares in the steam tug W. H. Murray which were bid in by C. F. Sanford at \$1,625.

Mr. Webber offered a three family wooden dwelling on a leasehold lot, 25 Sewell street, but withdrew it as the bidding was slow.

No Stoppage of Work During Period of War

Representatives of British Workmen Agree—Now to See Employers

London, March 20.—As a result of conferences with Chancellor Lloyd George and a committee of imperial defence, workmen's representatives have decided to recommend to the members of their unions that during the period of the war there shall be no case of any stoppage of work; that all differences regarding wages or conditions of employment be referred to arbitration, and that a relaxation of trade union regulations be permitted, so as to allow the employment of semi-skilled and female labor.

ST. JOHN SOLDIER WRITES AFTER 24 HOURS IN TRENCHES

Corporal Walter Wilson Tells of Conrade Bader Him Being Shot Dead

Thomas L. Wilson, of Chesley street, received a very interesting letter this morning from his brother, Corporal Walter Wilson, who is fighting with the Canadian troops in France. His letter is in part as follows:—
"We have been under shell fire for the last week, and I am quite used to the roar of the guns and the whizz of the bullets. There have been several Canadian officers, I have been in the trenches for the last twenty-four hours. It is certainly a trying experience. A soldier who was standing alongside me was shot dead. He was from British Columbia. He was only in the trenches for experience, and I feel sorry for him."

"One of our boys in the Cycle corps was shot yesterday, and died from the wound. You can judge by these things that we are right in the thick of the fight. We are not many hundred yards from the firing line and some of the boys have been killed by bursting shells. The place where I was last in the trenches was only eighty yards from the German lines. Things are at a standstill at the present time on account of bad weather. The roads are so muddy that nothing much can be done. The German spies have been using dogs to carry their messages across the line. The other day one of our corporals captured one of them and I was congratulated by the general."

We contemplate remaining here until some move is made by either side. When we leave the trenches we go to a barn not far away, where we sleep in straw. The Canadians are at the present time holding eight miles of trenches, relieving the regular British troops who have done wonderful work since last August. The artillery are doing splendid work, and are making a name for themselves."

He also mentioned seeing several St. John boys, and said they were well and acting like veterans under the trying experiences. Corporal Wilson joined in upper Canada.

TO SEE HER BROTHER

Miss Mabel Finn Going to England—Brother is Captain at Tidworth

Miss Mabel Finn, formerly of St. John, arrived in the city at noon today from Edmonton, Alta., and is the guest of Mrs. D. C. Dearborn, Douglas avenue. Until the first of next week when she will leave for Halifax to take steamer to England. Her trip across is being made to see her brother, Captain Arthur Finn, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in England, prior to his departure for the front. Captain Finn is a former St. John boy and was very popular here. He enlisted for foreign service in Edmonton and has been promoted to a captaincy since that time from the rank of lieutenant. He is now with the Canadians at Tidworth Camp. He is a son of the late M. A. Finn, so well known a citizen some years ago.

HAVE FIRED MORE THAN 100,000 SHOTS SO FAR AT RANGE

More than 100,000 rounds have been fired so far at the city rifle range. The amount of ammunition used is a fair indication of the popularity of the institution.

Commencing on Monday the range will close at 10 o'clock in the evening with the exception of such time as special arrangement is made with the range officer for extra competitions of similar purposes.

The best scores yesterday were: Ladies, standing—Mrs. H. P. Cowan, 97.83; Miss Fairweather, 96; Miss Quinn, 95.83; Miss Richard, prone, 94.83.

Men—W. A. Tweedley, standing, 95; (repeated this morning); Pte. J. F. Turnbull, prone, 91.5.

Boys: D. Massie, prone, 88; W. Blair, standing, 70.

DELIRIOUS FROM TYPHOID, WIDOW PLUNGES FIVE STORIES TO HER DEATH

New York, March 20.—Mrs. Ellen Heney, editor of a woman's magazine in Detroit and writer of short stories, plunged five stories from her room to her death at her home here today. She was delirious from typhoid fever. Her nurse had left the room for medicine.

DR. McLELLAN OF CHARLOTTETOWN DEAD IN MONTREAL TODAY

Montreal, March 20.—Dr. A. A. McLellan of Charlottetown, who fell off a street car on November 18, died this morning in the Western Hospital. He was 80 years old.

STILL CHEAPER

Eggs were bought this morning in the city for 17 and 18 cents wholesale. The retail price ranged about twenty cents a dozen, but some were higher. The market was particularly well stocked. Other commodities were none too plentiful however. Butter held firm at 28 to 31 cents, while meats showed little change in price. New rhubarb brought twenty cents a bushel.