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KING AND QUEEN REVIEW THE CANADIAN TROOPS GERMANS RETREATING WITH STAGGERING LOSSES

Russian Warship Said to be Sunk--Reports Persist That German Squadron Has Left Naval Base--Decisive Stage Not Yet Reached in Campaign in France

KING AND QUEEN REVIEW CANADIANS

LONDON, Nov. 4.—King George and Queen Mary, accompanied by a small suite, left London to-day for Salisbury Plain, where they will inspect the Canadian troops, who have been encamped in this locality since their arrival in England.

NAVAL BATTLE IN NORTH SEA.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—It developed today that engagement yesterday, when the British submarine D5 was sunk, was of much greater magnitude than at first appeared. A fleet of mine layers were at work when it was surprised by a German squadron and the Fraternal was sunk and the Copius badly damaged. The torpedo gunboat Halcyon, which was on duty, engaged the Germans, which later managed to hit the gunboat several times, although the damage was comparatively small. The German raiders were apparently en route to bombard the British coast when they encountered the British vessels and were forced to fight.

DECISIVE STAGE NOT REACHED YET.

PARIS, Nov. 4.—The Germans continue their attacks in force in the territory between the Lys and Aisne, with alternating advances and retirements by both sides. The fighting is admittedly desperate in this section according to the official communication issued at Bordeaux but at no point does it seem to be approaching a decisive stage.

Along the territory between Dixmude and the Lys the situation is unchanged.

Heavy cannonading is taking place in the region of Rhelms where the Germans again are active.

GERMANS RETREATING WITH STAGGERING LOSSES.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—That the Germans are steadily retreating all along the French left wing from the North Sea in Belgium to the Aisne was indicated in reports received at Paris military headquarters to-day. They have fallen back from three to seven miles at various points from their most advanced positions, and, along the line of the Yser and Lys, their retreat has been marked by losses of a staggering nature.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP REPORTED SUNK BY TURKS.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Nov. 4.—The Vossische Zeitung published a despatch from Sofia saying that Turkish warships have sunk the Russian battleship Sinope.

GERMAN WARSHIPS EMERGE AT LAST.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—Official confirmation is still lacking of the report that a German squadron of heavy craft has left the naval base in the Kiel Canal, and headed for the open sea. It persists in official quarters, however, and there has been no denial. The Admiralty shows signs of the greatest activity. Most of the chiefs have been on duty throughout the night, and it is believed here that important events are impending.

One of the reports which receives the most credence is that the Germans are attempting to run the blockade of the British fleet with some of their fastest cruisers and tenders in the expectation that the Karlsruhe off the South American coast in the Atlantic, and subsequently to join forces with the successful South Pacific squadron under the command of Admiral Graf von Spee, which won the battle from the British cruisers off the coast of Chile last Sunday night.

CRUISER MUST LEAVE HONOLULU.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The Japanese embassy here was notified to-day by the state department that the German cruiser Geler, which has been at anchor for more than two weeks making repairs, has been given until a certain date, not announced, either to leave the port or to intern during the war.

The date is being kept secret because it would be contrary in such a case to put the Japanese cruisers lying in wait for the Geler outside Honolulu harbor in possession of the date of her departure.

Two German officers and two enlisted men from the Geler who landed some time ago in San Francisco will be interned in the U. S.

DARDANELLES FORTS BOMBARDED.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that a combined British and French squadron bombarded the Dardanelles forts at long range this morning. The forts replied, but no ships were hit, only one shot falling alongside them.

The statement adds that the damage to the forts cannot be estimated, but that a great explosion, accompanied by dense volumes of black smoke, occurred at the Holles fort.

SERVIA AT WAR WITH TURKEY.

ROME, Nov. 4.—A Constantinople despatch states that Servia to-day severed diplomatic relations with Turkey and the Servian ambassador asked for his passports.

LABEL SUIT IN SUPREME COURT

Heard This Morning by Judge Hodgins and Jury

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
A unique label suit for one thousand dollars was heard in the Supreme Court at the Court House, Belleville, this morning. The plaintiff is Mr. Fred Pelkey of 22 Strachan street, this city, and the defendant, James Belear of Trenton. The claim was for damages arising out of a postcard on which were written some words which the plaintiff contended were libelous, being injurious to his character and causing wounds to his feelings. Mr. Carnew appeared for the plaintiff.

Mrs. Nellie Bly, of 15 Wharf street said Mr. Belear was her uncle. In 1913 he dropped into her home one day and took out a couple of postcards out of his pocket. She testified that he asked her to write to Mrs. Belear with whom he was not living. A card was written with a certain statement about having heard about a trip to Toronto.

Mr. O'Flynn for the defendant—Mr. Belear could not read nor write much. Witness did not say that card to me. She had not said in Mr. O'Flynn's office that that card was a joke. She did say in that office that she did not think there was any harm in writing it as it was for her uncle. The girl who was at Mrs. Bly's testified that Mr. Belear had pulled out two cards from his pocket and said that one would be a nice one to send. A picture of an auto and a girl and a woman, he gave Mrs. Bly the picture and delivered the words. The plaintiff Mr. Fred Pelkey said he and Belear were cousins. They were on friendly terms up to 1913. In December the plaintiff learned of the card, which was sent to him by Mrs. Belear, who had got it in the mail box at Trenton and a note was sent by her in an envelope accompanying the card. After a time the author of the card was learned. After the card had been sent through the mail by Mrs. Bly, the instructions of Mr. Belear, who had given postage money, Mr. Pelkey said he was shunned by his friends. One relative passed him by unnoticed and another forbade him to visit until the affair was cleared.

Mrs. Stafford told of receiving the card which was addressed to a certain person and of her sending it to Mr. Pelkey so that he would take steps to discover who wrote it.

Mrs. Belear learned on Dec. 26th 1913 of the card and had taken steps against the writer when the suit was begun by Mr. Pelkey.

Mr. O'Flynn moved for a nonsuit on contention that the words were not slanderous. The defendant told how he had dictated the card only so that one might know that he knew about a trip to Toronto for he had seen Pelkey carrying the grip. It was not jealousy that prompted him to write. He did not know any harm by the words on the card.

Mrs. Ellis of Trenton, spoke of Pelkey having spoken of a trip to Toronto. To Mr. Carnew she said this was told to her in the early fall.

Pelkey was called in rebuttal of certain statements of the defence.

HARRY GRAINE BEFORE JUDGE

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Harry Graine was arraigned in the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Hodgins on two charges, indecent assault and rape, on July 28, 1913, in Prince Edward, on which the grand jury had found true bills. On the rape indictment he pleaded not guilty and to the assault he entered a plea of guilty.

Mr. Frank Field, K.C., of Cobourg, crown prosecutor, addressing the court, said that he had carefully considered the evidence of the charges against the prisoner and in view of his having entered a plea of guilty on the indecent assault charge, the crown prosecutor desired not to prosecute the charge of rape. He believed the interests of the justice would thus be served. He was influenced in this course to shield the victim of the assault from the notoriety of a public case. Therefore he moved for the sentence of the prisoner on the indictment for indecent assault.

WELCOMED MR. JUSTICE HODGINS

The Bar Association of Belleville yesterday afternoon at the court house extended congratulations to the presiding judge of the assize, Mr. Justice Hodgins on his appointment to the bench. Mr. E. Guss Porter, K.C., M.P., was the spokesman for the legal fraternity, and on behalf of the Belleville lawyers welcomed his lordship on his first visit to this city since his appointment. Mr. Porter said many kind things of Justice Hodgins. The latter made a graceful reply.

COMFORTS FOR FIFTEENTH BOYS

Second Contingent Volunteers Received Gifts From Red Cross Last Evening.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Last evening at nine o'clock in the lecture room of the armoures, a farewell event took place at which Mrs. (Col.) S. S. Laxier presided. On behalf of the women of Belleville and the surrounding district, she presented to each of the thirty-nine volunteers of the Fifteenth Regiment who were present, a box of comforts, such as balneava cap, handkerchiefs, wristlets, etc. The gift she said was not from any one society, but from the womanhood of the district. To the boys to come, the ladies would send more comforts, marked with a peculiar mark to designate them as for the use of Belleville boys. That mark would be sent to them.

Col. S. S. Laxier bade the boys God speed, saying that at home would not think of them, as absence but "as comrades fighting our battles."

Mr. L. Col. Laxier pointed out that the Fifteenth Regiment not only in its present, but its past was bringing its message to the boys. He repeated the words: "Then let memory tell thy heart, Britain what thou wert, thou art, Gird thee in thy ancient night, Forth and God defend the right."

Col. Laxier then asked that while their departure was the sacrifice of those left behind, yet it was the glory of service to those who were privileged to go to the front.

The gathering broke up with three cheers for the ladies, given only as soldiers can do.

Col. L. W. Marsh, officers of the regiment, Mrs. W. C. Michel, secretary of the "Red Cross" and others were present.

DOCTOR'S CLEVER RUSE

Gets Back War Levy as Fee For Attending German Imperial Prince

The story of a French doctor's fee for attending a German prince has just become known.

It was when the Germans were advancing towards Scarne and Fere-Champagne. They reached Epernay, where they consumed 50,000 bottles of champagne and demanded a war levy of 7,000.

After the battle of the Marne, when the Prussian troops were in full flight, one of the Imperial princes was seriously wounded. He was at once conveyed to Epernay, which was still being guarded by a few German troops. But not a German surgeon was to be found in the town, so a staff officer went in search of a French surgeon. He was advised to go to Dr. Vernon a celebrated surgeon, who was promised a princely fee if he would attend to the Imperial patient.

The doctor, bearing in mind the war levy demanded from his native city, fixed his fee at the sum of 7,000. The paymaster of the German army sent the amount demanded the same evening to the mayor in gold pieces bearing the image of the Emperor William.

HEARTY SEND-OFF TO THE DEPARTING VOLUNTEER

There was a fine demonstration at Foxboro last night to do honor to Mr. Cluysburn Gay, son of Mr. I. B. Gay, who has volunteered for active service, and who left for Kingston to-day with the 49th regiment.

A meeting was called in the public hall and Mr. John Holgate occupied the chair. Addresses of a patriotic nature were delivered by Rev. W. A. Jones, and J. P. MacInnes, Dr. J. A. Faulkner and Mr. Harford Ashley. The citizens presented the young volunteer with a wrist watch, and after the conclusion of the meeting the Foxboro band conducted him home.

Mrs. J. A. Faulkner and Mr. Mowat Watt were responsible for the arrangements resulting in so pleasing a tribute to the departing soldier.

MORE WILL LIKELY ENLIST

Recruiting will likely continue at Belleville for the second contingent, the 21st battalion of which is mobilizing at Kingston and there is strong probability that a number of men will leave next week to drill at Kingston.

The class for officers and N.C.O.'s drills every evening. There are now twenty-five young men endeavoring to secure certificates. This is the largest class in the memory of many.

OBITUARY.

LATE LEWIS ROGERS.

After ailing for only two weeks, after a strenuous railroading career, Engineer Lewis Wilson Rogers, who resided at 234 Sydenham St., Kingston, passed away at his residence on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The deceased was born at Lamesdown fifty-five years ago, and for the past sixteen years had been a resident of Kingston. During this latter period Mr. Rogers was engineer on the U.T.R. suburban train between Kingston inner station and Kingston junction. Previous to this he was employed as an engineer on the main line of the G.T.R. railroad system. It was at this time that he resided in Belleville for a number of years on Foster Avenue. Some sixteen years ago he was transferred to Kingston suburban service. He was a prominent engineer and had been in the employ of the Grand Trunk for thirty-five years and passed through many accidents without an accident. Deceased was a member of Mora Lodge, No. 11, A.F. and A.M., Belleville, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Division 189, Belleville and Cataract Lodge I.O.O.F., Kingston. He was an Anglican in religion and a member of St. Paul's church, Kingston.

Mr. Rogers was very popular among his associates and bore an excellent character. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Helen, residing at home. Three brothers and four sisters also survive: Charles of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Albert of Montreal and William, A. S. Gananogue; Mrs. George Nuttall, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. McKendry and Miss Jappie, all of Gananogue. The funeral was conducted this afternoon. Service was held at the residence, where Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald officiated. The remains were buried in Castarqui cemetery under I.O.O.F. auspices.

He won many friends by his gentle and unassuming demeanor and his high regard for the rights and feelings of others. His passing will be heard with regret by those of his way men throughout the county who at one time or other came in contact with him.

LIEUT. FITZGERALD LOST EYE AT FRONT

Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, M.A., of Kingston, well known to Anglicans in Belleville as he has preached here on a number of occasions, received word Tuesday morning that his nephew, Lieut. Gerald V. Fitzgerald of the Leinster Regiment, was severely wounded in the left eye while leading a bayonet charge in Chappelle on the Belgian frontier. The letter was from the lieutenant's sister in Watford, Ireland, and stated that Lieut. Fitzgerald had been fighting for three days when he was struck in the eye by a German rifle bullet. As there was no eye specialist at the base hospital, the injured man was sent by Calais and Dover to Wimington, where he was operated upon last Friday and the eye removed.

BLUFFED THEM ALL.

Kingstonian Was Taken for German in Napanee.

Paul Sehtagne, an electrician with the Bell Telephone company, Kingston, was in Napanee a few days ago, and while at a local hotel he was pointed out as a German. Paul is no German, as everybody in Kingston knows, but just by way of a joke he did not deny the charge of the men in the hotel. Instead, he took of his coat and offered to settle matters with everybody in the hotel, one at a time, Queensbury rules to govern, but the men who had put such a grave charge against him fell down. The story when the affair reached home before him, in this little role, and Paul and his many friends are now having a great laugh over the incident.

TIPPERARY.

How would an additional verse to Tipperary answer to be sung by our gallant young boys who are going to the front?

It's a long way from dear old Belleville
It's a long road to go
It's a long road from dear old Belleville

And the sweetest girls we know
Goodbye dear old Belleville
Farewell our lovely bay
It's a long road from Belleville
But we'll all come back some day.

I am yours,
J. J. B. Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Simpson have returned to the city after their honeymoon which was spent in eastern cities.

OFFICERS FOR TWENTY-FIRST BATTALION

They Were Announced at Headquarters Yesterday—Lt. Col. W. St. Pierre Hughes in Command.

The following officers have been appointed to command the 21st Battalion, the infantry regiment being formed in the 3rd Division:

Officer Commanding: Lt. Col. W. St. Pierre Hughes, 14th Regiment.
Senior Major, Major C. C. Bennett, P. M. Staff.
Adjutant, Capt. A. K. Henning, R. C. Regiment.
2nd Major, Major D. H. Maclean, G. G. F. G.

COMPANY OFFICERS.

Captains—R. T. M. Scott, (R.M.C.), G. F. G.; J. F. Wolftrain, 40th, (T. B. Cauldwell, 42nd; T. D. Hunt, 43rd; F. Kennedy, 45th; J. H. Sills, (R.M. C.), 46th; S. M. Gray, 69th; E. Jones, 44th; H. W. Cooper, 46th; Lieutenants—A. W. Black, G.C.F. G., H. Pense, 14th; W. Macnet, 14th; W. G. C. Spriggs, 16th; W. A. S. Morrison, 40th; H. O. Dennis, 40th; J. Underwood, (R.M.C.), 42nd; E. A. Lowell, 45th; E. W. Cooper, 46th; W. Kennedy, 46th; W. Frink, 47th; M. I. Sheppard, 59th; L. Miller, (R.M. C.), 49th.

Three additional lieutenants are to be appointed.

Officers specially employed—Signaling Officer, Lieut. A. M. Strong, (R.M.C.); C.C. Machine Gun Section, no appointment yet; Transport Officer, Lieut. G. L. Sparas, R.I.; A. McCully, W. C. D. D., quartermaster, and W. H. Sheppard, 14th Regiment, paymaster.

JUDGE REFERS TO EUROPEAN WAR

At Opening of Fall Assize Here This Afternoon

"The court is meeting under circumstances in the minds of all of us, and which are unexampled in the history of our Empire for one hundred years," said His Lordship, Judge Hodgins yesterday afternoon, addressing the grand jury at the county court house for Hastings.

The war in which our Empire is engaged has taken up our thoughts and interests to a large extent. One hundred years ago there was the same sort of war, for the dominance of the r-o-e, waged by one of the most commanding figures in the world. The present situation is similar. There is a difference however in the point of numbers engaged and the brutality with which the war is being carried on. There are now in the field British troops ten times the number of those that fought at Waterloo. To the credit of the nations then engaged there was not then the absolute disregard of human life and in the method in carrying on the conflict. The cause of war, we all agree is a just and righteous one. Even if it were not, the disclosure of the aims of the Prussian monarchy and its disregard of decency and the rights of weaker states would justify this war on the score of humanity.

His Lordship made these remarks in order that the grand jury in its presentment after the first count since hostilities broke out, might make reference to the need of men. He hoped they would realize the serious duty resting on every part of the Empire to do its utmost. This cannot be done unless men are sent to the front. Much good might be done by encouraging volunteers to enlist, the sentiment coming from such a representative body as the grand jury.

The judge then referred to criminal cases, pointing out to the jury their duty.

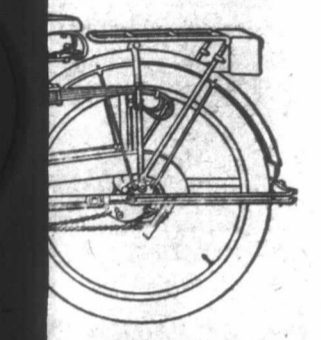
Mr. Frank Field, K.C., of Cobourg is the crown prosecutor.

Following is the composition of the grand jury—

Angus Nicholson, foreman
Arthur Alexander
George Brown
Joseph Burns
Adam Corrigan
Archibald Collins
Sidney Cotterell
H. E. Fairfield
Gordon King
Thos. J. McAlpine
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Wilfrid Smith
Robert Sullivan

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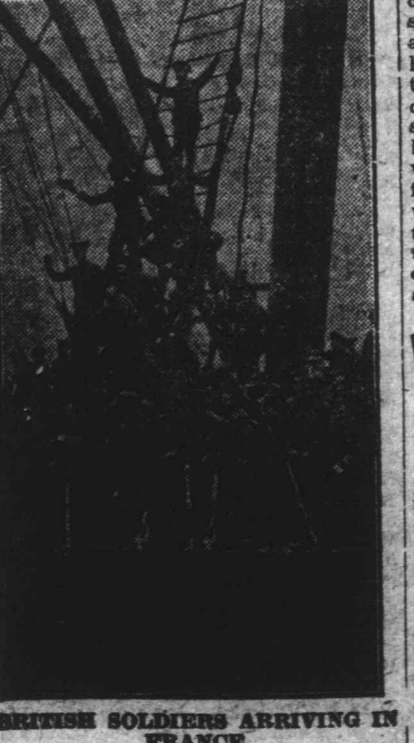
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