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Word Of Death Of Two More Soldiers

Gunner Vernon McLaskey and Pte. Eugene Kent

NEWS RECEIVED TODAY

Former Was Accountant With J. M. Humphrey & Co. — Mayor Pays Him Tribute — Private Kent Only Fortnight at Front After Being On Wounded List

Word was received this morning that Gunner Vernon McLaskey, who had given his life on the battlefields of France while fighting against the Germans. The sad news was received by Walter Barker, who had a cable from Major L. W. Barker, who asked him to notify the dead hero's relatives.

Private Eugene Kent, who enlisted in St. John with a battalion stationed here for a time, was killed in action on May 15, according to official advice which has been received by Miss Myrtle Galbraith of 242 Pitt street, a distant relative. Private Kent, who was thirty-two years of age, was a native of Upper Canada, but had spent a considerable period with the United States regular army, seeing active service in the Philippines.

On reaching the front, his proficiency with the rifle won him the dangerous honor of being selected for duty as sniper. He was wounded in last September but recovered and returned to the firing line only a fortnight before he met his death. During his stay in St. John he made many friends who will learn of his death with regret.

Gunner Gaskin Killed Moncton, N. B., May 29.—John W. Gaskin, of Coveville has received word of the death of his son, Gunner Cyrus W. Gaskin, on May 15 in action. Gunner Gaskin, who was in his twenty-fifth year, was formerly a fireman with the Canadian Government Railways. One brother, Kwart, is now serving in a battery in France. A sister, Mrs. Geoffrey Biddle, is a member of the English teaching staff. Her husband was in the same battery as the deceased. One brother, Curran, and one sister, Audrey, are living home with their parents.

Ottawa Statement Ottawa, May 29.—In today's casualty list of 118 names, there are forty-five killed, six died of wounds, and nineteen missing. Four of the latter are also reported wounded. Two previously reported missing have been located. The remaining four are wounded.

The Night List Ottawa, May 29.—The night list has 161 names with the maritime province names as follows: INFANTRY. Killed in Action. H. J. Sutherland, East Branch, River John (N. S.). C. H. Thompson, Bloomington (N. S.). F. S. Matthews, Okary (P. E. I.).

FIVE GRAIN TABLET WOULD WRECK NEW YORK'S BIGGEST BUILDING

Doctor Announces Accidental Discovery of Explosive 10,000 Times More Powerful Than Dynamite

New York, May 29.—Dr. D. DeWaltoff, vice-president of the American Medico Pharmaceutical League, announced at the annual banquet of the league here last night that he and his son, Mortimer, had discovered an explosive so powerful that a five grain tablet would suffice to wreck the tallest building in New York.

BELGIANS ARE KEEPING UP STOUT WORK ON THE YSER

Fighting Gallantly And Making Their Own Munitions

ARMY NOW EIGHT DIVISIONS

Solid Defence Important in Giving British and French Liberty of Movement On Other Parts of The Line — A Proud Record Made

Headquarters of the Belgian Army establishment behind the Allies' front. (—Correspondence of the A. P.)—Here where the Belgian army is making its own cannon, its own rifles, its own shells, its own transport wagons, its own saddles and harness, one can appreciate how other outstanding features of the war have unduly obscured the Belgian military effort since the battle of 1914.

The Belgian army has six divisions of infantry and two divisions of cavalry left to hold a line of approximately eight miles, or just about four men to the yard of front, from where particular vigilance is required because of the German tactics of constant attacks. No part of the allies' line more closely watched and explored by the enemy's patrols. A weak spot anywhere would be an invitation to a general offensive.

The Belgian army has had to work incessantly to keep up its breakthroughs and at the same time put up an unrelenting defence. The solidity of that defence, if it may not be sufficiently remembered, is an important factor in giving the British and French armies liberty of movement in operating on other parts of the line.

Belgium lost all her manufacturing establishments and all her resources of raw materials in the defeat of the allies at Charleroi and in the retreat from Antwerp. For the reconstruction of Belgium industries immediately after the termination of the heroic defence of Belgium soil, 30,000 men were sent to America to purchase machine tools for the manufacture of everything the army mechanics released from military service were ready to operate them. Fourteen thousand workmen are today employed in these establishments.

Unable to call a session of parliament to revise receding laws to accord with the new situation, the government could only appeal to the patriotism of refugees in England and France. The response was such as to reconstruct the English branch of the famous banking houses. For many years prior to the war Mr. de Rothschild was a prominent figure in English racing circles, and in 1904 his horse St. Amant, won the Derby.

William N. DeGrace, Shipigan (N. B.) Wounded. G. O. O'Hendry, Sydney (N. S.) Joseph Cameron, Sydney (N. S.) Jeffrey Drake, Clam Harbor (N. B.) Selly Butt, New Melbourn (Nfld.) C. A. Stephens, St. John (N. B.) Charles Morell, Northfield (N. B.) J. W. Taplin, Jr., New Glasgow (N. S.) Lance Corporal John McAuley, Sydney (N. S.) John Scott, St. John (N. B.)

H. J. Evans, St. John (N. B.) H. T. Goodwin, Clarke's Harbor (N. S.) Wounded and Missing. Herman Black, Oxford (N. S.)

SAVATION ARMY TO SEND AMBULANCE UNITS WITH AMERICANS

New York, May 29.—Miss Evangeline Booth, head of the Salvation Army in the United States, announced at a meeting of officers of the army here last night that the organization's war board had decided to raise \$100,000 to organize and equip ambulance units for the new American army.

The war department, she said, had accepted the board's offer to supply twenty-five ambulances for the first contingent of the draft army battalions for Europe.

STEEL FREIGHTER LAUNCHED

One of the First Turned Out in American Yards Since U. S. Entered War

New York, May 29.—One of the first steel steamers to be built in an American shipyard since the United States entered into the war is the 9,000-ton twin screw steel freighter Scandinavia, which is to leave the ways at a shipyard near here late today.

British and French Beat Back Enemy; Bad Day For German Airmen

London, May 29.—Hostile raiding parties were driven off during the night southwest of Lens and west of Messines, says today's official statement. "We made a successful raid north of Ploegstreet Woods. The enemy's artillery was active last night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and on both banks of the Scarpe."

FURTHER FRENCH SUCCESS

Paris, May 29 (noon).—The French have captured a German post north of Valenciennes in the Verden region, according to an official announcement issued by the defence this morning. Two German attacks in the region of Hurthebis, on the Champagne front, were repulsed. The Germans attacked after a violent bombardment. Seven German airplanes were brought down in aerial engagements by French pilots yesterday, and twelve others, seriously damaged, were compelled to land within the enemy lines.

FEARING U-BOATS, MAY NOT GO TO GRAND BANKS

Lunenburg Fishermen It Is Said, Will Stay Home

NEWFOUNDLANDERS ARE GOING

Do Not Consider Danger Sufficient to Warrant Loss of Catch in Year When Prices Promise to be Higher Than Ever

New York, May 29.—An Associated Press dispatch from St. John's, Nfld., today says: "Newfoundland fishermen do not share the fear expressed by some followers of the sea in Nova Scotia that German submarines may catch the Atlantic and work havoc in the fishing fleets gathered on the Grand Banks. Ward has been received that the fishing fleet of 130 vessels from Lunenburg, N. S., which usually seeks cod on the Grand Banks is likely to abandon this region this summer because of such apprehension.

Local fishing interests consider the danger insufficient to warrant staying away from such prolific fishing grounds and as prices for the catch promise to be higher than ever this year, the fishermen are said to be the fleet from this colony will be even more active than usual on the Grand Banks.

GERMAN INFLUENCE BEING USED TO KEEP MEN FROM SERVICE

Washington, May 29.—German influences are encouraged to encourage to army registration and the selective draft, uncovered in Texas by a federal grand jury investigation, already have resulted in eleven indictments. Other arrests on the same charge, made in various cities by agents of the department of justice, apparently are not so closely linked with German influence, but are being investigated.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTION PLOT IN CHICAGO IS ALLEGED; SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE

Chicago, May 29.—Three men and two women are held today for investigation on a charge of conspiracy to defeat the conscription law on June 5, and other arrests are expected to follow soon, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh, chief investigator here of the federal bureau of investigation. The names of these in custody were not made public, but federal agents said that the leaders of the alleged anti-conscription conspiracy are under arrest.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. E. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was over Ohio yesterday morning is now centered near New York and showers have occurred in the southern part of Ontario. The weather is cool in the western provinces, accompanied by showers in southern Alberta.

Ottawa Valley.—Northeast winds, partly fair, some local showers today. Wednesday, fair, stationary or lighter temperature.

Occasional Showers Maritime.—Fresh to strong easterly winds, becoming showery. Wednesday, fresh winds, occasional showers.

New England.—Cloudy tonight. Wednesday fair, warmer on mainland, moderate to fresh winds, mostly northwesterly.

Public Accounts Being Probed

Committee Of The Legislature At Work

PROBABLY SOME ST. JOHN BOYS IN THESE GAMES

Soldiers' Baseball League — A Match at Vimy Ridge With General Horse One of Spectators

British Headquarters in France, May 29, via London.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—The old adage of "all work and no play" has its application in war as well as in peace. The baseball season on the western front is in full swing. Under the very shadow of Vimy Ridge a great game was played yesterday afternoon before an all-Canadian audience on a bit of the battlefield on which the shell holes had been filled in and a rough grandstand erected for the officers and other spectators, including General Horse, commanding the first British army, who has become an enthusiastic fan.

MOB BEATS COLORED MEN; ONE IS SHOT

Racial Trouble in St. Louis—Several Hundred Negroes Driven Across River

East St. Louis, Mo., May 29.—A mob of perhaps 2,000 persons went through the negro quarter during the night, shot one colored man, seriously wounding him, beat a score into unconsciousness, drove several hundred negroes across the Mississippi river bridge into St. Louis, Mo., and then dispersed early today. The assault began after a report had been circulated that a white woman had been insulted and two white men held up by negroes just after a committee from the central trades and labor union had attended a meeting of the city council to make a protest against the importation of any more colored laborers into St. Louis.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS ARE AGAIN UNITED

Make Up at Meeting of National Council and Will Send Delegation to Stockholm

Paris, May 29.—The long standing split in the French socialist party was headed at a meeting of the national council yesterday. The result was due to M. Moutet and Cochin, two Russian delegates. The majority faction withdrew its opposition to sending delegates to the Stockholm conference on certain conditions which were agreed to by the minority and a solution embodying the compromise was voted unanimously.

LEONARD'S FIFTH KNOCK-OUT IN THE LAST FIVE WEEKS

New York, May 29.—When Benny Leonard won the light-weight championship of the world from Freddie Welsh here last night he scored his fifth consecutive knockout in as many weeks. Referee McPartland stopped the bout when Welsh was hanging helplessly on the ropes in Leonard's corner. It was a technical knockout and will be credited as such.

NEW PREMIER OF HUNGARY

Zurich, Switzerland, via London, May 29.—An official telegram from Budapest says that Emperor Charles has appointed Count Julius Andrássy premier of Hungary.

WALL STREET NOTES

(J. M. Robinson & Sons' Private Wire Telegram) New York, May 29.—International Nickel Company year ended March 31, 1917, balance increased \$1,809,700. This amount is equivalent to \$7.78 a share and is based on 1,673,284 shares of common stock of \$25 par value against \$6.70 a share in preceding year.

HEADS INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY TELEGRAPHERS

Seattle, Wash., May 29.—H. B. Peters of St. Louis was re-elected president of the International Order of Railway Telegraphers at the biennial convention which closed last night after selecting St. Louis as the next place of meeting.

MARTIN RE-NOMINATED FOR THE REGINA SEAT

Regina, May 29.—The Liberals of the city of Regina have re-nominated Premier Martin as candidate for the legislative seat.

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SOME INFORMATION LACKING

Agricultural Committee Hears Plan to Divide Province Into Ten Districts With Agent For Each — Address by Mr. Reek

Fredericton, May 29.—The public accounts committee met this morning with Mr. Loudon, auditor general, and Mr. Cruikshank, deputy provincial treasurer, in attendance. Mr. Magee said he noticed that the first few pages of the accounts were taken up with the transactions of the treasury board. As the majority of the members of the committee, including himself, were new to the work they would require a good deal of information as to the powers which this board possessed and how they were acted on.

Mr. Cruikshank explained that whenever an appropriation for any of the departments was exhausted and it became necessary to raise more money to carry on the business of the department application was made to the treasury board, stating the circumstances and that body either recommended a further appropriation or not as seemed best. The board's recommendations had in all cases to be confirmed by the government council. There was no limit to the amount which they might recommend, so far as it was concerned.

Mr. Loudon said that prior to 1909, when the audit act was passed, each department kept its own banking account and made overdraws when required. These were taken care of at the next meeting of the legislature by the appropriations then made. In Nova Scotia applications for an increased appropriation were made direct to the executive and authorized by what is known as a governor's warrant. Personally he thought that procedure was better than the treasury board system.

Mr. Lezer (Westminster) said that it appeared that the legislature had nothing to say in the doing of the treasury board because they did not know what had been done until the following year, when the accounts were published. Mr. Pinder thought that that committee had nothing to say with regard to what the treasury board did, the legislature being the only body which could control it.

Mr. Magee agreed but said that it was in the power of the public accounts committee to make such recommendations to the legislature as would enable them to deal with the board. The grants to the New Brunswick Tourist Association and the Fredericton Tourist Association were then taken up and some surprise was expressed that two bodies having similar aims should both be subsidized. The matter was stood over for further consideration.

Mr. Cruikshank was asked about the deposits by the Fredericton Trust Company which consist of \$100,000 mortgages assigned to the province by the company. He said that there were no means of finding out the value of these mortgages or what the property comprised in them was worth. They were mostly out west in the neighborhood of Winnipeg, partly city mortgages and partly other properties.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE IN NATIONAL SESSION

Victoria, B. C., May 29.—About 200 delegates in attendance at the annual meeting of the national chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. Last evening the first social function took place in the legislative buildings, which were illuminated in honor of the occasion. It took the form of a reception tendered the delegates by the provincial president, Mrs. Henry Croft, and regents of the municipal chapter and the members of the cabinet attended.

KILLED BY SOLDIER ON GUARD AT MANUFACTURING PLANT

New York, May 29.—S. P. Biderman, fifty-one years old, a canal boat captain, was shot and killed by Private Herbert Taylor, a nineteen-year-old infantry man at Long Island City today. According to the police report, Taylor fired in self defence while on guard at a manufacturing plant. Biderman, the police were informed, was ordered away from the property and raised an iron bar in an attempt to strike Taylor.

WELL ENJOYED

A very interesting musical entertainment was held last evening in the Exmouth street Methodist school room under the auspices of the Young People's Society. A large audience filled the room and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Those taking part in the programme, which was under the direction of Miss M. G. Myles, were—Miss Mabel Shaw, Miss Doris Champion, Miss Ethel Parlee, Miss H. A. Myles, Miss Hilta Galley, Miss Flossie Adams, Miss M. G. Myles, Miss F. M. Beville, Miss Basin, Arthur Hopkins, Charles Salmon, Harold Hopkins, and Gordon Stevens.