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SEVEN BATTLES IN WEEK

From May 8 To 14 Bloodiest Days in History Of Western Europe

Dead Like Corn Stalks at Harvest Time—French Official Report Tells of 2,000 Germans Killed on Sunday and Monday

London, May 18.—Seven distinct battles were fought in the week just closed, and there can be little doubt that the days from Saturday, the 8th, to Friday the 14th, will rank among the most bloody in the history of western Europe, says the Paris correspondent of the Times. He adds: "Saturday night saw no lessening in the intensity of the struggle. On the Ypres front, although outnumbered and in danger of being outflanked, our men again and again hurled back German attacks. During the darkness the Germans, as though aware that with every passing hour the opportunity was slipping away, continued to hurl themselves against our lines. Men who lived through this night shut they could no longer hold their rifles. The fury of the assault was indescribable. Dawn of Sunday showed in the fields in front of Ypres, the dead piled like corn stalks at harvest time, British and German lying side by side."

Only The Formal Declaration By Italy Now Awaited

Rome, May 18.—Mobilization has virtually begun. The offices of the ministers of war and marine were open all night, the clerks working in relays on the preparations for war with Austria. Cots were placed in all departments early today. There will be no cessation in the labor until the Italian army is in the field and the navy off to sea. A strange calmness settled over the city today, it was apparent that all believed the die had been cast, and that only the formal declaration of war was necessary.

THE ORDERS MIXED

A West Side man had a narrow escape last week from getting a load of manure for fuel for his stove. He instructed a teamster to bring him a load of coals. The driver was instructed to haul a load of manure to another man's premises, and he got the orders mixed. The driver was instructed to haul a load of manure to another man's premises, and he got the orders mixed. The driver was instructed to haul a load of manure to another man's premises, and he got the orders mixed.

BRITISH SUCCESS IN AFRICA CONTINUE

Pretoria, May 18.—British successes in German Southwest Africa continue in an unbroken series. A German detachment was defeated at East Windhoek, losing 140 men and twenty-five wagons of supplies. The British casualties were three wounded.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A pronounced area of high pressure which is centered north of Manitoba is likely to move slowly eastward and cause a continuance of cold northerly winds on the Great Lakes. Light frosts occurred this morning in many parts of Ontario.

THE WAR IS COSTING ENGLAND \$150 A SECOND

London, May 18.—F. D. Acland, the financial secretary to the treasury, speaking at a meeting here yesterday, estimated the cost of the war to England at \$150 a second.

BARON FISHER AND CHURCHILL ARE AT ODDS

First Discussion in British Cabinet Since War Started—May Lead to Coalition

London, May 18.—For the first time since the war began, discussion has broken out in the British cabinet. Differences have arisen between Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Baron Fisher, of Kilverstone, First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, over Great Britain's naval policy. It was reported today that Baron Fisher would resign.

LOCAL WAR NEWS

Construction Corps Over Strength; Farewell Dinner to Lieut. Ryder

Eleven more recruits for the Canadian Railway Corps were received at West St. John, arrived here at noon today. With other recent arrivals this makes the strength of the unit 500 or 530, a little above the required establishment. The corps is daily carrying on active operations.

THOUGHT THE CANADIANS COULD NOT STAND CHANGE

Corporal Walter Wilson, Writing Home, Gives Another Instance in Which Germans Miscalculated

Thomas L. Wilson, of Chesley street, received a letter this morning from his brother, Corporal Walter Wilson, a member of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion in France. The letter said he was fighting on the battlefield, as he awaited orders. The artillery were all around him firing at the Germans and the allies were slowly but surely gaining ground. He told of the terrible light in which the Canadians achieved fame, which called forth congratulations from King George and Lord Kitchener, and said that Canada had good reason to be proud of her sons.

WAR NOTES

A German airplane, which left Germany bound for Turkey, was forced to land in Bulgaria and was taken in charge by the military authorities. A passenger of the Transylvania says that a German submarine was sighted on Sunday night, but the steamer escaped by racing away in a zig-zag course. Hugo Meyer, a German chief in Toronto hotel, has been arrested and interned. He discharged a cook who did not agree with him about the sinking of the Lusitania, and employed a German in his place.

Queens County Soldier In Casualty List Today

Gunner Bramble of Muestis Landing—Six From Maritime Provinces

Wounded—Frederick William Hubbard, Canning, N. S. Missing—Maynard Burgess Slack, Wallace, N. S. Killed—Roland Hill Chapman, Amherst, N. S.

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DAUGHTER DYING; FATHER SEES IN DREAM

Remarkable Story Told by Captain of Vessel Now in Port Here

The captain of a vessel now in this port tells a remarkable story about a dream that came to him one night on the Atlantic, while on the voyage to St. John. It was the night of the 26th of April. After being on deck for a considerable time he retired to his cabin and turned on the light in question. He slept and dreamed that he saw the members of his family around him, weeping.

Second Division Safe in England

Now at Shorncliffe, Says General Hughes, Until Time Comes to Join First Division in Flanders

Ottawa, Ont., May 18.—Major-General Sam Hughes announces that the Second Canadian Division has landed safely in England and that he to Shorncliffe, where it will be temporarily quartered, prior to taking its place with the first division on the Flanders front.

MAJOR STURDEE IS AT FRONT

Few of First Contingent in England—One Man Back in 24 Hours, With Arm Shot Off

Few of the men of the first Canadian contingent now remain in England, judging from letters received recently from Shorncliffe. Heavy drafts are being sent forward at regular intervals and, at the first of this month 4,000 men went off to France within a week.

NOT INTENDED TO SINK LUSITANIA

Only Cripple Her, is Now Said to Be Specious Plea—German Reply May Be Sent Thursday

Paris, May 18.—Germany's reply to the American note will be sent on Thursday, according to the Matin's Amsterdam correspondent. He says he is informed it will justify the attack on the ground that the submarine commander has affirmed that only one torpedo was fired, which convinces him that the second explosion was due to the fact that the ship carried munitions of war. The report is said to state that the torpedo was fired in such a way that the Lusitania would not have sunk if she had not had explosives aboard.

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TOBACCO AND MAPLE SUGAR FOR THE SOLDIERS

The Canadian soldiers at the front will certainly appreciate the efforts of the Volunteer Chapter, I. O. O. F., who are sparing neither time nor pains to supply them with some of the luxuries of camp life in the form of tobacco and maple sugar. This morning Miss Rosemary McAvity and Miss Edith Miller, recent and secretaries, were at the front in sample boxes receiving contributions, and the success achieved was evidenced by the large quantities sent them. The lady members have also placed boxes in tobacco stores and hotels and will receive contributions of cigars, cigarettes, etc. for the boys in the trenches.

THREE MATTERS IN PROBATE

In the probate court today the will of David Patterson, merchant tailor, was proved. He gives his furniture in his house in Castle street to his daughter, Alice Maud, and also the sum of \$800; to his daughter, Myrtle Gertrude, wife of Charles Cherey, \$200; to his son, James Marshall Patterson, a like sum, and to his son, Harold Barrett Patterson, \$200. The rest of his property he directs his executor and trustee to divide equally among his children, and he nominates and appoints John A. Sinclair of St. John, barrister-at-law, executor and trustee. He was sworn in as such. There is no real estate, personally \$800; life insurance \$1,000. MacRae, Sinclair & MacRae, are executors.

IN THE COURTS

The case of the King vs. John Hunter charged with stealing \$10 from Robert White was tried before Judge Forbes this morning under the Specially Titled Act. The deposition of the complainant was read, and the evidence of Policeman William A. Dale and Detective A. Worrell was heard. It was charged that White gave him \$10 to buy cigars and tobacco and he did not return. Hunter said he looked for White but could not find him.

CONSTRUCTION CORPS AT HOME

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps are to give an evening at eight o'clock in the Odette hall, West St. John. During their stay in St. John the members of the corps have made many friends, and the affair this evening is something in the way of return for the courtesies which have been extended to them.

BYE-LAW MATTER

William Quinn, reported by Policeman McNamee for violating one of the sections of the street traffic by-law, was fined \$10. It was allowed to stand by slight net gain and then a fall of 1 cent or more all against him.