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German Shells Burst About Trenches Where Canadians Fight For Empire

Our Men Have Baptism of Fire and Bear Themselves Splendidly — Kept Under Cover Much of Time as Death-dealing Shells Fall About — Some Said to be Wounded — Unconfirmed Report Tells of Winnipeg Men Whipping Germans in Bayonet Fight

Boulogne, Feb. 26.—The first and second brigades received their baptism of fire under circumstances to test the courage and endurance of the men. The big Jack Johnstons began coming thick and fast, and just behind the trenches the ground was excavated in all directions and men spattered from head to foot with flying dirt.

Then the enemy began to get the range and we had to stay under cover every minute. Two men of the first battalion were buried under a heap of earth, and companions risked their lives digging them out. What made it hard was that we had to sit tight under the attack and could not reply.

Believe Germans Will Hit Hard Again In Western War Theatre Allies Well Prepared and There is Decided Change For Better in Their Forces and Equipment

London, Feb. 26.—The impression is gaining ground among British and French military commentators, that Germany is preparing for a fresh expenditure of energy in the land campaign along the western front.

TURKS SAY THREE WARSHIPS DAMAGED Constantinople, Feb. 26.—The Turkish headquarters reports:—"Ten big armored vessels on February 25, again bombarded the Turkish forts at the Dardanelles for seven and a half hours."

MARITZ, REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED, NOW SAID TO BE PRISONER London, Feb. 26.—A Reuters despatch from Capetown says it is reported there is a report that Maritz had been executed by the Germans for treason.

FORMERLY OF ST. JOHN James A. Miles Dead in Lynn, Mass. A former resident of St. John, James A. Miles, died in Lynn, Mass., on February 6th from paralysis.

SAHILOR IN COURT John Lacey, a sailor on the steamer Manchester, inventor, appeared in police court this morning on charge of refusing duty.

Colder Maritime—A few showers today, turning much colder tonight, with strong winds and gales from west and north.

SAYS GERMAN NAVAL ATTACHE HATCHED PLOT

Stegler Declares Boyed Sent The Spy Lady to England

PUT TO DEATH IN TOWER Substitute For Stegler Declared To Be on Steamship Franconia on Way to England — German Official in Washington Denies All

New York, Feb. 26.—Federal authorities today were conducting a rigid investigation into a statement made by counsel for Richard P. Stegler, a German naval attaché, arrested on Wednesday night, to the effect that Captain Boyed, naval attaché of the German embassy in Washington had furnished an American passport to Carl Hans Lody, a German spy, who was put to death in the Tower of London, in last November.

Stegler also said that Dr. Foch had told him that Captain Boyed had carried through the scheme that made it possible to secure an American passport for Lody, and that Boyed sent him to England, where he was executed.

ALL READY FOR FLAG CAMPAIGN HERE TOMORROW Workers to Start From K. C. Rooms at 8.30

HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR FLAG E. L. Rising's Fine Offer—Many Have Helped Towards Success — The Names of the Leaders and the Volunteers in Patriotic Work

The bugle call to muster will sound at 8.30 a. m. tomorrow for an active force of 850 patriotic women to begin their onslaught upon the city, its public and private buildings, its stores, its streets, and in fact any place where it would be possible to set a flag.

WHEAT HAS SLUMP Chicago, Feb. 26.—Selling that bordered on a panic nature swept the wheat market down more than five cents a bushel today.

MISS SARAH FARRY The death of Miss Sarah Farry took place early this morning at the residence of her sister, Mrs. James Ready, Manawagonish road.

BOSTON & MAINE TRAIN RUNS INTO WASH-OUT Claremont, N. H., Feb. 26.—An east-bound train on the Claremont branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad, ran into a washout on the bank of Sugar River, a mile outside this town today.

BANK CLEARINGS The St. John bank clearings for the week ended February 25 were \$1,242,844, same period last year, \$1,408,782.

THINK THEY WILL MOVE TO AMHERST EARLY NEXT WEEK

More Recruits Signed on Today — Several Presentations — Moncton Soldier Injured

The word among the members of the 4th C. M. B. now on duty in St. John is that they will be moving to Amherst for mobilization probably on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Reports From Moncton Moncton reports that Major Markham and Lieutenant Atkinson are enlisting recruits for the 4th Mounted Rifles, Captain H. H. Stammers is recruiting for the 40th Battalion.

Close of Evangelistic Campaign—Dollar Day a Success Moncton, N. B., Feb. 26.—Rev. Esack W. Kenyon, of Spencer, Mass., who for several weeks has been conducting an evangelistic campaign in the Highfield street Baptist church here brought the series to a close last night.

LEGISLATION GROWS OUT OF TIME TAKEN IN CUTTING ESTIMATES Notice has been given that a bill entitled "An act to confirm the assessment of the city of St. John for the year 1915" will be presented to the legislature.

THE BLOCKADE HAS NOT KEPT BRITISH SHIPPING IDLE London, Feb. 26.—The British Admiralty issues a memo of the number of arrivals and sailings of overseas steamers of all nationalities, at and from United Kingdom ports during the present year.

W. M. LAWTON DEAD Was Formerly of Scott & Lawton of St. John. William E. A. Lawton, of High street, received word at noon today telling of the death of his father, William Lawton, which took place this morning at his residence in Hampton.

CORPORAL WILSON WRITES FROM FRANCE Thomas L. Wilson of Chealey street, received a card yesterday from his brother, Corporal Walter Wilson, who is in France with the Divisional Cycle Corps.

THE BOYS' CLUB A fine humorous entertainment was given by members of the Girls' Club for the benefit of the Boys' Club last evening at their rooms, 261 Union street.

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CHEERFUL NEWS FROM MEXICO

General Obregon Gives Assurance That Everybody Yet May Have Chance to be Killed

Mexico City, Feb. 26.—General Obregon last night issued a manifesto to the nation severely criticizing the clergy, bankers and rich foreigners for refusing to contribute to the aid of the poor in the tax recently levied.

THREE DIE IN THE SING SING CHAIR

All Executed For the Murder of Women in Greater New York

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Three men, seven from Greater New York, were put to death in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison early today.

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ST. JOHN HIDE CO. HAS VISIT FROM THIEVES

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LIUENT. MCINTYRE HAS MEN AT INDOOR RANGE No 13 Platoon Practice Shooting and Make Good Scores

Number 13 platoon, 96th Battalion, in command of Lieutenant Percy D. McIntyre spent this morning at the city rifle range, Chipman Hill, and did some excellent shooting.

DR. J. D. PHINNEY IS VERY LOW TODAY Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 26.—The condition of Dr. J. D. Phinney, K.C., is very critical today, and it is believed that the end is not far off.

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