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## FURNESS WITBY & CO., LTD. Halifax. Germany's Pledges and The United States

Washington, Nov. 3— Conclusive evidence as to whether Germany violated her pledges to the United States in the sinking apparently without warning, of the British freighter Marina, with the loss of six American lives, is not expected by State Department before the latter part of next week.

Secretary of State Lansing made a statement yesterday explaining that the state department held that Germany's pledges not to sink merchant ships, without proper provision for safety of the persons on board, applied to merchantmen armed for defence, as well as to unarmed vessels. Germany's last specific word on armed ships, however, was her memorandum announcing that they would be treated as war vessels, and the fact that the Marina carried a 4.7 inch gun is expected to play a conspicuous part in the exchanges that will follow, if it is established that she was attacked without warning.

The large \$50,000 coal unloading bridge of New Ontario Dock, Sault Ste Marie, was destroyed by a gale, just as was the first bridge on the same site.

## HOW NOVA SCOTIAN HERO WON VICTORIA CROSS

For the "most aggressive gallantry" John Chipman Kerr, of Fox River, Cumberland County, was awarded the Victoria Cross. He and his brother, C. Roland Kerr, enlisted in Edmonton a year ago. They passed through Halifax on the 27th of April last. In July they were at the Ypres salient and when the time came for the great offensive on the Somme they were transferred to that front. It was in the fighting northwest of Courcellette that Kerr won the most coveted honor of the British soldier.

Leaping from the trench Kerr killed and wounded many Germans and compelled sixty-two others to surrender making it possible at a critical moment in the attack for his battalion to capture 250 yards of important trench.

It sounds like a paragraph from a work of fiction. But British official despatches do not deal in fiction and here is the report sent from headquarters to Ottawa:

"The most aggressive gallantry was displayed by a private belonging to an Edmonton battalion. He was taking part in a bombing attack when the advance was arrested and the supply of bombs became exhausted. Although one of his fingers had been blown away at the second joint by a German bomb, he jumped out of the trench and ran along the outside, firing at point blank range at the enemy killing and wounding many of them. The remainder, sixty-two in number, thinking themselves about to be cut off thereupon surrendered. He, with two other men, escorted the prisoners across open ground, under heavy fire, to a support trench, and then returned and reported himself for duty to his company commander before his wound had been dressed. This action undoubtedly made it possible for the battalion to capture and hold 250 yards of trench at a critical moment in the general attack."

In the same battle the brother of the hero of the Victoria Cross was wounded and they are now together in hospital.

A government aeroplane factory is to be established in Canada, probably in Toronto, costing approximately a million dollars, and it will be equipped to turn out six machines weekly. These machines will be purchased by the imperial government.

Despite the growth of the Prohibition movement in Canada, there seems to be as much spirits as ever consumed in the Dominion. The Inland Revenue Statement for September shows a total revenue of \$2,123,812, as against \$1,950,109 for the same month of a year ago, an increase of \$173,703.

## MANY WOODSMEN IN ST. JOHN

Two score Nova Scotians, mostly French Acadians, arrived in St. John Monday evening on the steamer Empress from Digby. Half of the men will go to the woods near Westfield and the other half to Musquash. The men will receive from \$30 to \$35 a month with free board and lodging. In all about 200 men from Digby and Yarmouth counties have passed through St. John during the past two weeks on their way to lumber camps.

The Rev. Howard Sprague, D. D., one of the most profound scholars in the Methodist Church of Canada died at Sackville on the 29th ult. He was dean of the theological faculty at Mount Allison. He was born in Newfoundland. He graduated from Mt. Allison in 1862. He held many important pastorates in the Maritime Provinces. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and one son.

## CONSCRIPTION IN AUSTRALIA LOST BY \$3,000

Melbourne, Australia, via London, Nov 1—The anti-conscription lead in the balloting on the question of compulsive military service is only slightly reduced the following in the latest returns which show the following results: against Conscription 966,000, for conscription, 883,000.

## Eben E. Rexford, Whose Work Will Long Endure, Called the King of Sentimentalists

Eben Eugene Rexford, the author of "Silver Threads Among the Gold," who died on Wednesday last at his home, Greely Bay, Wisconsin, has been declared by many to have expressed in his works more truly and more sympathetically than any other poet the love and affection that exist in a family. His poems have won widespread popularity and those best known best known, such as Grandmother's Garden, and Lover, followed the same tenor. He was a sentimentalist endowed with the power and art to render it in verse detracting, but rather enhancing, the fineness and beauty of the thought. His greatest success remains a work of immortality and probably years after the remnants of the mortal being of the author have become inseparable from the clay, the beauty of the lines will be enjoyed.

## "SILVER THREADS AMONG THE GOLD"

Darling, I am growing old. Silver threads among the gold Shine upon my brow today; Life is fading fast away. But, my darling, you will be Always young and fair to me— Yes, my darling, you will be Always young and fair to me.

When your hair is silver white And your cheeks no longer bright

With the roses of the May I will kiss your lips and say:— Oh, my darling, mine alone, You have never older grown— Yes, my darling, mine alone.

## WALKED 13,000 MILES

Chicago, Oct. 27— Eddie White Eagle, Comanche Indian, is in Chicago today at the end of a 13,000 miles walk for which he said he was to receive a prize of \$10,000, but he has been unable since his arrival to find the men who were to pay him the money. White Eagle and two companions left Chicago Oct. 16, 1915, walked to New York and back to San Francisco, where his companions and the Indian finished the trip alone. He said that he had worn out thirty five pairs of shoes on the journey.

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