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Each Side Makes Gains In France; The Russians Drive Enemy

Inevitable Fluctuations Along Great Battle Front But Allies Maintain Line Well — Reported Narrow Escape of Kaiser

Paris, Oct. 24—The official communication given out at the War Office this afternoon says the Germans have made progress to the north of Dixmude and in the vicinity of Labassee but that the French have made material advances to the east of Nieuport in the region of Langemarck, and between Armentieres and Lille.

The text of the communication is as follows:—"The battle continues on our left wing. The enemy has made progress to the north of Dixmude and in the vicinity of Labassee.

We have made very perceptible advances to the east of Nieuport, in the region of Langmarck and in the region between Armentieres and Lille. It is a question of inevitable fluctuations in the line of combat, which, however, maintains itself as a whole.

"On the rest of the front several German attacks, by day and by night, have been repulsed. At various places we have made slight progress. In the Woevre district, our advance has continued in the direction of the forest of Mortmare, to the south of Thiaucourt, and in the Forest of Lepretre, north of Pont-A-Moussen.

"The Germans are retreating to the south of Warsaw as well as to the west of Ivangorod and Nova Alexandria. Desperate fighting continues in Galicia on the Sandomir front. At Przysmal the Russians have taken 2,000 Austrian prisoners."

KAISER NEARLY CAPTURED?

London, Oct. 24—The Petrograd correspondent of the Central News sends the following:—

"Soldiers from the Warsaw front say that Emperor William was on the field of battle. He was almost taken a captive, barely escaping by automobile."

AUSTRIAN MONITOR SUNK.

London, Oct. 24—An official Vienna announcement says: "Returning after a successful action on the river Save, our monitor Temes struck a mine and sank. Thirty-three men are missing, but the others were saved."

BATTLE VIOLENT

London, Oct. 24—A private Berlin despatch, according to the correspondent of the Central News at Copenhagen, states that the battle raging between Nieuport and Dixmude is the most violent and the most important engagement of the entire war.

GERMAN OFFICERS DIFFER

Paris, Oct. 24—The Echo de Paris' corespondent in Bellegarde, France, has sent the following despatch to his paper:

"Major Morath, in an article in the Berlin Tageblatt, asserts that the largest battle of the war is being fought between Lille and Dunkirk. He says it is a combat of life and death, and that on its issue depends the fate of the operations in France. On the contrary, General Blume, writing for the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says he does not expect a rapid solution, believing that the battle in France will finish only when the forces of one side or the other are exhausted."

The Traitor Maritz.

Capetown, via London,, Oct. 24—The corespondent of the Cape Times at Carnarvon, Cape Colony, describing the recent revolt of Lieutenant Maritz, says:

"When Maritz came to Kakamas, in the Cape province, in the capacity of commandant of the defence force, he took away all the rifles of the local garrison on the plea that he needed them to arm a force against the Germans. Maritz went away and was returning with a force of 700 Germans and traitors, when the garrison luckily heard of his approach.

"A party of thirty-eight daring men from the garrison went to his camp in the night and succeeded in getting a supply of rifles, ammunition and horses. Maritz caught up with them thirty miles away. There was a three hours fight before the men from the garrison took to the bush, where they played hide and seek for six days before they escaped with the loss of only one man."

Belfort a Hard Proposition

Geneva, via Paris, Oct. 24—None of the German heavy artillery has arrived before Verdun or Belfort as yet, according to a correspondent of the Tribune, who has returned to Basel after visiting the French and German frontier for a week. The correspondent says that Belfort is so well armed that it would take "800,000 men with heavy artillery a long time to oust the French, which the Germans cannot afford."

Norwegian Sunk.

London, Oct. 24—A despatch from Amsterdam to Reuter's states that the Norwegian steamer Heimland, from Amsterdam to England, has been sunk, presumably by a mine. The crew was saved.

Vienna Report

London, Oct. 24—The official Austrian statement given out at noon Friday is contained in a despatch from Vienna, by way of Amsterdam to Reuter Telegram Company, it says:

"While yesterday, in the battle south of Przmysl, our heavy artillery had been especially active, severe fighting developed today on the banks of lower San, where, at several points, we allowed the enemy to cross the river. These Russian forces have now been severely attacked by our troops, and pressed against the river. At Zarzecza we captured over a thousand Russians.

"Parts of our troops suddenly appeared before Ivangorod and beat two Russian divisions. We captured 3,600 prisoners, one standard and fifteen machine guns.

Queen's Brother in Hospital

London, Oct. 24—The Duke of Teck, brother of Queen Mary, who was invalided home from the front, suffering from gastritis, was visited by the king and queen in a private hospital in London yesterday.

Germans Leave Antwerp

London, Oct. 24—A despatch to the Times from Flushing dated Friday says: "A telegram from Breda, Netherlands, states that only a few hundred men of the German Landsturm remain in Antwerp. The staff left the Hotel St. Antoine and during the night of Wednesday and the early hours of Thursday, the last of the garrison troops marched out of the town, the passage of the columns occupying ninety minutes. The troops went southward, by the railway.

"The whole environs of the town are deserted and the German railway staff, which has been occupied in rebuilding the bridges and railway lines, has disappeared. The Bavarians threw machine guns, probably unserviceable, into the Scheldt."

Back to Antwerp.

Antwerp, Oct. 24—Antwerp gradually is returning to normal conditions. About 150,000 of its 850,000 inhabitants have returned to their homes.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was near Lake Superior yesterday has passed with great rapidity to the Atlantic and the western high area with lower temperature spreading over Ontario and Quebec. The weather is fine and mild in the western provinces and showery in Ontario. The general weather outlook is quite unsettled.

Cooler and Showery.

Maritime—Fresh to strong west shifting to north winds, showery tonight and part of Sunday; much cooler.

New England forecasts—Unsettled tonight and Sunday; probably rain; cooler Sunday; moderate southwest to west winds.

PAY $80 OR GO TO JAIL FOR TEN MONTHS IS SENTENCE OF SOLDIERS

Arthur Upham of the artillery and Leo Jones of the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons, two soldiers who caused a disturbance in Charlotte street on last Tuesday night, were sentenced this morning to pay $80 or go to jail for ten months each. The magistrate said he hoped that others who wore the king's uniform, would take a lesson from the punishment given the offenders.

Three sailors who were arrested on the same night for creating a disturbance in Prince William and Water streets were allowed to join their vessel which sailed this afternoon.

After opening 3-8 off to 3-8 up the Chicago wheat market tended to harden but later sagged below last night's level all round.

COLONEL J. L. McAVITY TO COMMAND BATTALION FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

His many friends will be pleased to know that Col. J. L. McAvity, O. C. the 62nd St. John Fusiliers, has been appointed to the command of the New Brunswick battalion to be raised for service overseas. While the authoritative announcement from Ottawa has not yet been made, it is understood by the Times through centres closely in touch with militia workings that the appointment will be publicly made within a few days.

When the first news of trouble in Europe came, Colonel McAvity was one of the first militia officers in New Brunswick to wire his services to the department in whatever capacity they would be required. He was not given a post with the first Canadian expeditionary force, being requested to attend to details of the local defence, which he did most capably. For several weeks he has been endeavoring to interest the authorities in the formation of a New Brunswick regiment to represent this province on the line of fire. That scheme hung in abeyance until the announcement of the muster of a second contingent was made, when Colonel McAvity resumed active recruiting though specific orders to this end had not been given. He merely took the names of those who would be willing to go in a New Brunswick battalion, and already has a fine start made.

Although the official announcement of his appointment has not yet been made there is every reason to believe that the report of it is correct, and that it will be made public very soon.

COL. J. L. McAVITY

MORE NEW BRUNSWICK TOWNS JOIN ORGANIZATION FOR THE PATRIOTIC FUND

One by one the towns in New Brunswick are joining in the organization of a provincial branch of the patriotic fund and Sussex and St. Stephen have now joined with Newcastle, Bathurst, Woodstock, Andover, Chatham and St. John. Mostly all the towns in the province have started a fund and it is expected that they will gradually join in the larger organization.

Local Fund Now Is $53,000.

St. John's contributions to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, including $1,500 being held by the municipality of Kings at the call of the committee, and several other subscriptions not yet paid in, has now past the $53,000 mark. The amount already deposited in the bank is about $50,800. With the co-operation of the other sections of the province it is expected that New Brunswick's total fund for the relief of the soldiers' families will exceed $100,000.

The following amounts were acknowledged this morning: Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, $20; Mrs. W. O. Raymond, $10; Dr. G. F. Mathew, $5; John D. McLaren, West St. John, $20.

Collected by Wm. Golding and J. O'Brien:—

Chas. Bromwell, $1; Fred Ramsay, 50c.; Isaac Phillips, $1; E. Thorne, 50c.; Edward Kilpatrick, $1; Carlton Meisner, 50c.; Mrs. Fenwick, 25c.; Eldon Schofield, $2; James Quigg, $2; James Mills, $2; James Keenan, $1; E. G. Horne, $2; Frank Joyce, $1; Patrick Joyce, $1; Mrs. T. O'Brien, $1; Mrs. J. McFarlane, 50c.; James Hanlon, 50c.; Hugh Cullinan, 50c.; John O'Reilly, 50c.; W. Haggarty, $1; John Carey, $1; Friend, $1; John Dawson, $1; Geo. Reed, $1; Mrs. Ed. Furness, $1; James Dowling, 50c.; Chas. Haggarty, Jr., 50c.; Thos. Kilpatrick, 50c.; David Hanlon, 50c.; M. A. Craft, $5; Chas. Haggarty, Sr., $1; Lawrence Garey, $1; James Garey, $1; W. Simpson, $1; James Hennessey, $1; J. Doyle, $1; Maynard Downey, $1; P. O'Keefe, 50c.; John Willis, $1; Chas. Gillis, $1; Harold Collins, $1; Fred Trafton, 50c.; Wm. Anderson, $2; Tony Ross, $1; Pat. Murphy, $1; Ed. Burgess, 50c.; L. J. Fleming, $2; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cushing, $25; Louis Ready, $10; Mrs. Wm. Avery, $1; Patrick Tole, $5; Sidney Anderson, $1; Andrew Fox, $1; Michael Cullinan, $1; Henry Magee, $1; Fred Linton, $1; Harry Cole, $1; Prosper Juimond, $1; James McMaster, $1; John Shanks, 50c.; Wm. McMaster, Sr., 50c.; Chas. Splane, $1; Henry Truswell, $1; Albert Dunham, $1; Andrew Lawson, 50c.; Alfred Wright, Sr., 50c.; James Goldie, 50c.; Heber Reed, 25c.; Walter Walker, 25c.; Alfred Wright, Jr., 25c.; John Haggarty, $1; Geo. Walker, 25c.; W. Crossin, 25c.; James Splane, 50c.; Byron Estabrooks, $1; Frank Crawford, 50c.; Fred Cusick, 50c.; Thos. Marsland, $1; John Paterson, 50c.; W. J. McMaster, Jr., 50c.; Isaac Toner, $1; Ernest Scott, 25c.; Will Kingston, 50c.; Dan Morrison, $1; Frank Linton, $1; Joe Calnan, $1; Frank Hopkins, $1; Albert Chessman, $1; John Kilpatrick, $1; F. W. Parsons, $1; Geo. Kimball, 50c.; James Brawn, 50c.; Philip Burke, 50c.; Joe Stacey, 50c.; John Dock, $1; Will McColgan, $1; Ed. Babineau, 50c.; Paul Bastarache, 50c.; Friend, 50c.; J. T. O'Brien, $5; Wm. Golding, $5.

Collected by A. W. Anderson:

Mrs. John Kirch, $2; Mrs. M. Lloyd, 25c.; Salopian, $1; A. W. Anderson, $5; Samuel Linton, $1; G. F. Doherty, $2; F. H. Whaland, 50c.; Daniel C. Wetmore, 50c.; S. J. Lunney, $1; Mrs. P. Duffy, $1; S. S. Elliott, $5; R. J. Ritchie, $1; Thos. R. Steeves, $1; J. Wells, 50c.; C. Esler, $1; G. Esler, 50c.; W. J. Lowry, $1; S. Vial, $2.

Collected by A. H. Clark:—

Mr. Lawrence, $1; John Greene, $2; Geo. Harris, $1; John Bosence, $1; Chas. Warren, $1; Allen Thorne, 50c.

For the Belgians.

The cash contributions received by Mayor Frink for the Belgian Relief Fund now total $9,459.09. Amounts acknowledged today are as follows: Richard Assott, $10; Mrs. Horace King, $10; Miss Ollie M. Mott, $1; R. W. Tilton, $5; William Hawker, $5; Rev. C. A. S. Warnford, the rectory, Annandale, Queens county, from residents of parish, $84.80; Baird & Peters, $100; J. R. Miller, $3; Daniel McEwen, Bathurst Village($1; Margaret I. Fearon, $1; Dr. George Mathew, $5; Whitehead pie social, per Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, $30.50; Municipality of Kings County, per G. O. Dickson Otty, $1,500; L. C. Dingee, $2; Mrs. M. B. Edwards, $16 Two Sackville Teachers, $2; John D. McLaren, West St. John, $5; employes Stetson Cutler & Co., $196.50; the people of Cloverdale, Carleton County, N. B., $63.25; Queen's Own Lodge, I. O. G. T., Cambridge, Queens county, $5; Richmond Corner Ready Helpers, per Mrs. J. Henry Tay, $10.

A Fine Showing

The donation to the Belgian relief fund by the employes of Stetson, Cutler & Co., are as follows:—F. C. Beatteay, $25; A. C. Burke, $5; P. L. Jordan, $5; C. Allen Beatteay, $2; J. W. Lingley, $2; A. Mildred Berry, $2; Eunice L. Tapley,

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THE LANCASTER FUND

A meeting of the Lancaster Patriotic Fund Committee was held last evening in the court house, Fairville. The following being present: Councillors John O'Brien, Wm. Golding, J. E. Bryant, Messrs. Walter Ross, Richard Stewart, J. J. Hennessey, Amadore W. Anderson, Nat. McGuire, G. H. Allan, Rev. W. P. Dunham and the secretary, S. M. Wetmore, Walter Ross, treasurer reported that $602.25 had been handed to him from the collectors and paid in by him to C. B. Allan, treasurer of the city fund. Councillors O'Brien and Golding handed in $134.25 last evening besides what is included in the treasurer's report. They also said that W. E. Earle had promised $20 a month from January, 1915, during the war period if it did not exceed fifty months. The staff of the Provincial Hospital have volunteered $50 a month so long as the war lasts.

S. M. Wetmore and W. O. Dunham collected $72 in Beaconsfield and are not through yet.

A matter which came in for a good deal of discussion was whether amounts subscribed by Lancaster residents to the city fund should not be claimed in the totals of the effort put forth by the local collectors. The aggregate for the parish may seem to be somewhat small but it should be remembered that among the gifts acknowledged are G. S. Mayes, $1,000; Partington Pulp Mill, $250; Ready's Breweries, $250 and D. C. Clark $100; besides other contributions of smaller denomination which have been paid into the city funds. All those quoted reside in Lancaster parish and the committee feel that all contributions emanating from this section should be so credited.

Small flags numbering 750, contributed by Glendon H. and T. G. Allan, are to be utilized in a flag day, the proceeds of which will go to the fund. Details are to be arranged by Rev. W. P. Dunham, Walter Ross and G. H. Allan.

The question of closing the fund business was discussed but, as some collectors had not finished, it was decided to keep it open for a while yet.

CODE ADDRESS IN CABLEGRAMS

The British censor announces through the C. P. R. telegraphs and the Commercial Telegraph Company that, effective on October 26, code addresses, registered prior to July 1, 1914, may be used in cablegrams between Canada and all other British territory, including Egypt, and also to British allies, France ,Belgium, Russia and Japan. The advice states that code signatures are not allowed.

THE EARL GREY TO KEEP ARCHANGEL HARBOR OPEN

London, Oct. 24—A Reuter despatch from Archangel, Russia, says the icebreaker Earl Grey, acquired from the Canadian government, has arrived and that the Russian government hopes the vessel will be able to keep the port of Archangel open until the beginning of December or later.

ANOTHER SON IS BORN TO SPAIN'S QUEEN

Madrid, Oct. 24—(Via Paris)—A son was born this morning to Queen Victoria of Spain.

The Queen of Spain is a granddaughter of the late Queen Victoria of England. The son born today is her sixth child. The others are three sons and two daughters.

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STILL ANOTHER HOUSING PROJECT

Matter Laid Before Mayor Frink Today — The City Spreading Out

Another housing scheme has been laid before Mayor Frink and will be presented to tthe Common Council at the next meeting. This also plans to take advantage of the legislation permitting the city to guarantee a portion of the bonds of a company for the erection of moderate priced dwellings.

Representatives of the East St. John Land Syndicate, headed by B. L. Amdur, waited on Mayor Frink this morning and outlined their plan to him. They own a large tract in Rothesay avenue opposite the entrance to Ashburn road. The property has been laid off in building lots and a beginning made in the construction of roadways; several houses have been erected and others are in the process of construction.

The syndicate proposes to organize a company to erect dwellings in large enough numbers to make the work economical and are willing to accept the city's assistance in the way of a guarantee of their bonds. The street car line extension is now past their property and this, with the I. C. R. suburban service will give close connection with the city.

Speaking of the proposals which have been made for the development of areas outside the city limits Mayor Frink said this morning that these movements indicate the near approach of the time when St. John will have to get away from the little town idea and spread out her boundaries to provide for the growth of the city and to take in the districts which are being built up on all sides of the city. The increase in population cannot be conveniently accommodated within the present city limits and, if the newcomers are to be given the benefit of city facilities, it will be necessary to include additional territory within the limits. He said that there was no doubt but that a satisfactory arrangement could be reached with regard to taxation in the new districts until their development and the provision of civic improvements made it fair to charge them the full tax rate.

THOS. NAGLE SEIZES ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY CO. PROPERTY

Fredericton, Oct. 24—Sheriff Howe, under an execution issued at the suit of Thomas Nagle of St. John has seized the office furniture and an automobile belonging to the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, and will sell this at auction.

An Austrian, who gave his name as William Cosmick, was arrested here last night. Among papers found on him was one signed by Mayor Frink of St. John, certifying that he was a British subject. He is out of money and is trying to reach St. John. He was allowed to go this morning for $1 a barrel. The demand for shipment is not very brisk. Pork by the carcass is selling for twelve cents a pound.

Mrs. George A. Johnson, of Nashwaaksis, died last night, aged eighty-two years.

The Dalhousie University football team arrived her this morning, and are playing the U. N. B. aggregation this afternoon. John Dolan of this city is referee.

Rev. D. W. Roberts, of Glasgow, will occupy the pulpit of Brunswick street Baptist church here tomorrow.

THREE DEATHS FROM CANCER

Deaths from cancer in the city have not in the past been very numerous, and the fact that three deaths from this cause were reported at the office of the board of health this week is considered unusual. In all twelve burial permits were issued by the board. Death in the other cases resulted from paralysis, two; and laryngitis, accident, convulsions, heart disease, pneumonia, inanition and tuberculosis, one each.

MAKING SHELLS.

The Nova Scotia Steel Co. have been given a contract for the manufacture of shells for the Canadian government, and are turning from 200 to 300 out of their shops at Trenton each day. The Angus shops at Montreal are turning out on an average of 600 shells daily for the government.

AWARD CONTRACT.

Frank E. Jones has been awarded the contract for the electric wiring of the steamers which will carry the British remounts from this port.

The Carman murder case will likely go to the jury this afternoon.

Mobilize New Brunswick Section of The Second Contingent In St. John

For the last few days a report has been in preparation by the local militia authorities concerning the possibilities for the mobilization of Canadian troops in St. John particularly and as to housing accommodation. The report is ready and was today given to two visiting officials from the headquarters of the 6th Militia District, Colonel Houlison, district engineer, and Major E. W. Dean. They made an inspection of the military properties today with the object of securing an intimate knowledge of the facilities to ascertain what is possible in the way of accommodation.

The report is understood to have spoken favorably concerning the facilities at St. John for the mobilization of a part of the second Canadian contingent and there is every reason to believe that the muster of at least the New Brunswick battalion will take place here, as was hinted at fully a month ago in the Times. In fact orders from Ottawa a few days ago named St. John as one of the militia bases. There is also a possibility that this may be one of the ports of embarkation for the next force to leave Canada. The choice will certainly lie between Halifax and St. John, but it is likely that the former will get the greater share because of its being a fortified naval base.

Partridge Island can do its share towards housing the men quite comfortably, also the new armory. Other buildings which have been thought of are certain structures on the exhibition grounds, and if necessary there are other buildings about the city which could be quite easily made into a barracks for the period of training before departure for England. By the time the second contingent is on the high seas, headed for Britain and possibly before that it is felt that most of the Canadians now at Salisbury Plains will be on the fighting line in Europe and their quarters at the training centre will be given over to the later arrivals for further seasoning.

Orders to recruit here have not yet come to hand, but so far as the infantry are concerned, they will be brought back from Halifax early next week by Col. J. L. McAvity, who will go there tomorrow to consult with the officials at headquarters.

German Torpedo Did It

Bold Dash of S 90 After Sinking Japanese Cruiser on Last Saturday

Tokio, Oct. 24—It is officially announced that the navy department now believes that the Japanese cruiser Takachiho, which was sunk in Kiao Chau harbor on October 17, was torpedoed by the German torpedo boat destroyer "S 90."

Previous official announcements had it that the cruiser had been sunk by a mine, but German and Chinese reports credited the S 90 with the feat.

Unofficial accounts say that the S 90 masked by heavy seas, dashed out of the bay and launched her deadly torpedo She then ran the blockade and was pursued by the enemy's destroyers. Foreseeing what her fate would be, her commander drove her on the shore and fired the magazines. The captain and the crew of sixty escaped in the direction of Shanghai and were taken in charge by Chinese soldiers.

FORMER GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOY WINS PRAISE IN BATTLE

Major George Cory, Mentioned in Despatches, Lived in Saint John

Distinctive honors have been bestowed on a former St. John man on the French battlefield by the commander of the British forces in the field, General Sir John French. In one of his recent despatches he mentioned Major George M. Corey, D. S. O., a former St. John boy, who is popularly recalled by old school mates, and who left here several years ago when his father, Charles G. Corey, who was well known as an insurance adjustor, agency manager, removed with his family first to Halifax and latterly to Toronto. When here he resided in Coburg street.

Major Cory attended the Grammar School here, and was a favorite with his fellow pupils. When his father's business interests demanded his transfer to another city the boy, then about fifteen years of age, was taken with him and since then only at intervals have friends in St. John heard of him. Young Corey took out a commission in the imperial army, and rapidly rose to a position of honor. He saw service in India and later was with the Dublin Fusiliers in Ireland. After that he was appointed to the staff of the British war office, and now his friends have heard again of his distinguishing himself in that his daring has brought him mention from the commander of the fighting English, Sir John French. He is probably the first Canadian to be mentioned in despatches. He probably will be heard from again.

FOOTBALL BOYS ENTERTAINED

The visiting players of the Fredericton Football team and members of the St. John High School team were entertained at a delightful supper in the Y. M. C. A. building last evening, served by ladies of the Y. M. C .A. auxiliary. The tables were decorated with the colors of both schools ,and pennants were hung about the room. W. J. Myles of the St. John High School staff presided. After a hearty supper of roast moosesteak and fried mackerel followed by ice cream, cakes and fruit, an entertaining programme was well carried out. After a toast and three cheers for the king, Mr. Myles gave a talk on present-day football. Miss Marion Harding entertained the guests with a reading, and was heartily encored. A toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Captain Donelly of the local team, and responded to by Captain Carter of the visiting team. H. O. Bonk sang a solo, and an address was given by T. H. Hutchinson, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. A toast to the ladies was responded to by Messrs. Skinner and Barraclough. At the close of the banquet, the national anthem was sung. Miss Edna Leonard proved a very efficient accompanist. The Fredericton boys will play Rothesay school at Rothesay this afternoon.

NEWS FROM BATTLE FRONT TO WIFE HERE

Mrs. Whitworth Gets Letter From Husband Who is Fighting in France

A letter which, to the outsider, carries little news of importance, but which to the recipient means more than all the news of awful battles in the European struggle, was received by Mrs. A. E Whitworth, of Brussels street, from her husband this morning. The communication is dated from St. Nazaire, France on October 4, and in it Private Whitworth of the Worcestershire regiment who is with the British expeditionary forces at the front, states that he is all right and hopes to be back home again in the spring. In the letter he sends regards to several of his friends in the city.

Mr. Whitworth was in a reserve in the Worcestershire regiment and was living here when the war broke out.

MOTHER OF COLONEL J. A. McDOUGALL DIES SUDDENLY

Commander of Princess Louise Hussars Had Just Left Home

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 24—Col. J. A. McDougall, commander of the 8th Princess Louise Hussars, on arrival in Moncton this morning, was met by friends who informed him of the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. Coll McDougall, at McDougall's. He left home only two hours before.

Mrs. McDougall had been in poor health for a long time, but it was not thought the end was near. A friend in Moncton placed an automobile at the colonel's disposal, and he went back home. Mrs. McDougall, who was more than eighty years of age, was born in P. E. Island, but had resided at McDougall's nearly all her life. She is survived by her husband, one son, Col. J. A.; three daughters—Mrs. Joseph Mugridge and Mrs. Ronald McDougall, of McDougall; and Miss Annie at home.

OPEN MEETING.

A well attended meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last evening in Oddfellows' Hall, Union street, addressed by F. Hyatt and James L. Sugrue, each speaking on phases of the labor movement in Canada and elsewhere. They were given an attentive hearing. It is the intention of the council to continue a series of meetings each Friday evening during the winter for the purpose of spreading knowledge of labor questions among St. John workmen. M. J. Burns presided at the meeting.

THE MARKET.

There was an abundance of poultry in the country market today, and prices were somewhat easier. Chickens ranged from 80 cents to $1.50 a pair, fowl from 90c. to $1.25, and ducks brought $1. There were no turkeys. Moose meat was rather scarce, bringing 20 cents, while venison sold from 18 to 20c. Lamb brought 10 and 20 cents, probably the highest price at this season for some years.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND CASES OF CHOLERA

Geneva, Oct. 24—The Swiss government has been officially informed that there are about 200,000 cases of cholera in Austria-Hungary.