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COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH DEATH TO RECOVER BODY FROM RIVER

Crowds Hold Breath as Intrepid Rescuers Attempt to Save Unknown Woman From Angry Waters of the Niagara.

NIAGARA FALLS, June 27.—Four men risked their lives last night to recover the body of an unidentified woman from the lower river. The body was recovered and towed back to the Maid of the Mist landing, on the Canadian side, the men had battled for it most of the night with the swift currents of the lower river and they were almost swept to their death in the rapids below.

Wrestled With Death

Those who figured in the recovery of the body and fished with death to bring it safely to the landing were James Coxworth, William Shellington, 22 years old, of Norristown, Pa., a member of the Canadian military police stationed on the Canadian end of the upper bridge; E. L. Grimm of Niagara Falls, Ont., and George Speedie of Toronto, employees of the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls, Ont., and Red Hill, a veteran river man who has rescued more than a score of persons from the rapids and falls.

Chief Credit for Recovery

The chief credit for the recovery of the body belongs to Shellington, but the others aided him in bringing it safely to shore. William Braasbroek of Niagara Falls, Ont., figured in the rescue.

Shellington was just going off duty on the bridge when the body was seen to pass under the bridge. He clambered over the railing and went down the ladder at the Canadian end of the bridge. He ran along the water's edge following the body as it tumbled through the water. At Lower Eddy, which is opposite the Aluminum Company of America's lower river plant the body drifted in towards shore. Shellington found a long pole, waded through the water, stepped on the body with the pole and clung on, fighting with the current.

Alarm Carried to Cities

Meanwhile the alarm was carried to the two Falls cities and the banks on each side of the river were soon lined with people, who shouted encouragement to Shellington as he fought with the current to keep the body from drifting out into the middle of the stream, and on to the rapids below.

Grimm started out from the Maid of the Mist landing on the Canadian side in one of the heavy rowboats moored there. He kept to the middle of the stream. Before he realized his danger he was in the swift current between the bridge and swift drift which leads on to the rapids. Those on the banks saw him pulling hard on the oars and for a time it was thought that he would be carried into the stronger current. For a half hour he pulled and tugged, the little boat seeming to stand still in the middle of the river.

As Grimm battled with the current Speedie got out one of the lighter skiffs moored at the boat landing and started out to his rescue. He knew little of the river, but he kept on, hoping to throw a line to Grimm and

LOCAL TRADES COUNCIL PASS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING REGENT ACT

Criticize Treatment Handed out to Strike Leaders in Winnipeg—Good Work for Beck and his Concessions to Men on Chippewa Work.

The Trade and Labor Councils held one of the most successful meetings last night that has been held for some time with an exceptionally large number present. The municipal committee reported the sale of Government fish at McClelland's store good. Each member having purchased some and found it to be in first class condition.

The organization committee reported work done since the last meeting, and two new unions became affiliated with the Trades and Labor Councils, and delegates were given seats. The unions were sulphur workers of Merritt and Thorold and the hod carriers and common laborers.

Join in Demonstration

The Dominion Day celebration under the auspices of the G. W. U. A.

THE SPECIAL HOLIDAY

In view of the difficulty which arises should Monday be a holiday the Mayor stated today that any public holiday which is observed under the proclamation issued shall begin at 10 a.m. Further, milk and bread men are permitted to make their regular deliveries. This is done to permit house holders and others to get in their food supplies. Bakers delivering on Saturday cannot supply enough bread to carry people over until Wednesday, the time they would have to go if every place was closed up all day Monday. Under these circumstances the proclamation provides that stores may be open Monday till 10 a.m.

Went Down Ladder

Hill was summoned by the immigration officers on the bridge and he went down the ladder to the water's edge, joining Shellington who still held the body out of the swift current. Glassbrook and John Douglas of Niagara Falls, came to their aid.

Few knew the river like Hill. Lower eddy where Shellington held the body was familiar to him as it was there that he rescued Roth when the ice bridge went out on February 4, 1912. Hill brought a line which was thrown from the bridge and this he gave to Shellington who made the body fast. Then Hill stood on the shore and shouted instructions to Grimm and Speedie in the two boats. By following his instructions the two men pulled their boats out of the swift current towards shore.

When Grimm reached the quieter water he collapsed and the four men on the bank drew his boat to safety. By a hand-boat Speedie reached the body. While the men fought with the current the people who thronged the gorge banks encouraged them by shouting and the tooting of automobile horns.

Towed Body Up River

Glassbrook and Hill got into Speedie's boat and the former rowed up along the river bank towing the body. Grimm followed with Douglas and Shellington. The men made the turn around the upper bridge abutments carefully and pulled in at the Maid landing while the crowds on the gorge banks cheered.

The body is that of a woman between 45 and 50 years old. The only clothing on the body was black shoes and black stockings. She wore small gold earrings. The hair is sandy. The body had been in the water for sometime and is in bad condition.

A few weeks ago a woman's small Panama hat with a black and white band and a handbag containing two small purses was found near the water edge just above the Goat Island bridge in this city. It was believed even that the hat and bag had been left there by someone who went over the falls. There was nothing in the bag to identify the owner. The body recovered may be the body of the owner of the bag and hat.

Tribute to Beck

The report of the Welland Canal situation was not so favorable. A tribute was paid to Sir Adam Beck as a big man on a job with broad minded views.

A resolution was passed condemning recent legislation regarding so-called treasonable act, and the treatment meted out to the strike winners in Winnipeg.

FARMERETTES AGAIN RULE IN NIAGARA BELT

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont., June 27.—Once more the farmerettes rule in the Niagara Fruit Belt, more being daily added to their numbers as schools and colleges close. The fruit farmers say they can use the services of all the farmerettes they can get this summer, and there seems little reason to believe the labor market will be overstocked with them.

Farmers' wives and daughters are sometimes seen in the fields walking behind a harrow, and also assisting in getting in the hay. Haying is at its height now, and the wet weather of a few weeks ago has made the crop a very heavy one.

The canning factories of the district, some of them, at least, have adopted a new system with reference to female labor. Some factories particularly the one here, will employ only Canadian women in preparing the fruit and vegetables for canning, provided they can get enough of them. High wages are paid. Hitherto Polish girls have been brought in from Buffalo to do the work.

EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENT

Municipalities on About the Same Basis as Last Year, With Only Five Changes.

The equalization of the assessment of the county for 1919 as fixed by the county council on Saturday afternoon, differs very slightly from that of last year.

Humberstone township is decreased \$53,000, and Humberstone village decreased \$25,000. The increases over last year are—

Stanford	2,180,217	3,276,638
Thorold	1,212,604	1,602,356
Wainfleet	1,878,520	1,931,153
Willoughby	980,380	848,252
Bridgeburg	1,543,789	1,319,305
Chippawa	2,386,459	1,839,069
Port Erie	692,007	631,477
Humberstone	710,225	540,503
Port Colborne	2,349,452	1,159,754
Thorold Town	2,021,166	1,319,502
	\$21,532,292	

WHY SHIPS SENT TO SCAPA FLOW

Internment of German Fleet in Britain Result of Compromise.

PARIS, June 27.—The Council of three, composed of Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau and President Wilson, discussed the scuttling of the German fleet at Scapa Flow. The council had before it and examined fully the facts relative to what took place with regard to the ships at the time the armistice was signed.

The following statement, the news agency says, may be regarded as an official explanation:

"At the time of the signing of the armistice the British Admiralty and the British Government strongly urged that the German ships be surrendered. The French military authorities, however, put forward the view that for the purpose of the armistice the surrender of the German ships was not absolutely essential. They were most anxious that the armistice should be concluded, having regard for the very serious loss of life daily on the western front. Insistence upon surrender of the fleet, they felt, might delay the signing, for which, despite rumors to the contrary, Marshal Foch was as desirous as anyone.

"The French (therefore) suggested that the German ships be interned in neutral ports, a course which they believed would not be regarded by the enemy in the same way as would the surrender of the ships. This view was supported by Admiral Benson (American naval representative in Paris).

"Ultimately a compromise was reached providing for the internment of the ships in a British port."

By the way, do you keep a your music in the music cabinet and under the seat of the bench; or do you stick it up on the top of the piano?

VETS GET READY FOR CELEBRATION

Last Touches Being put on Programme for July 1st. Event.

The Great War Veterans have sent an order to the weather man for good warm weather on Dominion Day for their celebration. All details have been completed for the day's programme and from every indication it should prove one of the most successful demonstrations ever held in this city.

From ten o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night every minute will be filled with interest. The day will open with a monster parade through the city, ending at Montebello Park. The afternoon will be devoted to an extensive programme of sports in Montebello Park.

The evening will be devoted to dancing and band concert and a big boxing card at the Grand Opera House.

BROKEN TROLLEY WIRE INTERRUPTS THE TRAFFIC

A broken wire at Wood Bros. ammeny, on the Thorold Road this morning, caused considerable inconvenience and delay to the passengers who had occasion to travel by local car of the N. S. & T. The auxiliary were kept very busy repairing the break for a considerable time, necessitating transfers to be made on each trip.

GOOD SERVICES RECOGNIZED

Fire Chief Early has received a cheque for \$50 from F. A. J. Shepard, manager of the St. Catharines Cold Storage and Forwarding Co., in recognition of the able work of the fire department in the recent fire which destroyed the Company's warehouse on Geneva street.

RIOTS IN HAMBURG BECOME SERIOUS

Many Have Been Killed in Street Disorders—Trouble Increasing in Berlin—Field Marshal's Opinion.

LONDON, June 27.—The killed in the rioting at Hamburg number 185, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Disorders are increasing in Berlin the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam reports. Many streets there are barricaded and there have been serious engagements between government troops and mobs.

In military circles in Berlin, the dispatch adds, it is asserted that a counter revolution will be as soon as a Communist revolt against the government is started.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, in reply to a request from Minister of Defense Noske, concerning the Allied rejection of German reservations in the peace treaty, said that in the event of a resumption of hostilities according to a Berlin dispatch, the Germans would be able to reconquer Posen, and maintain the frontier to reckon on success in the west. The field Marshal is said to have added:

"favorable issue to our operations is, therefore, very doubtful, but as a soldier must prefer an honorable fall to an ignominious peace."

A report from Berlin on Wednesday said that Field Marshal von Hindenburg had resigned from the chief command. Later dispatches said that General Grosner had succeeded him.

Representatives of industrial councils have assumed full political and military powers in Hamburg and are sitting in the Town Hall, according to advices from Berlin, quoting newspaper advices received there. General von Vorbeck has been ordered to Hamburg with strong forces to restore order.

Hamburg, it is added, was damaged seriously in the fighting for possession of the town hall. The industrial commission reported in control there consists of twelve men.

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, June 27.—The area of low pressure has passed to the lower St. Lawrence Valley while the high area from Manitoba is moving south eastward over the Great Lakes. Rain has been general in southern and eastern Ontario and in Quebec and has occurred more locally in Saskatchewan.

DENTAL SURVEY

To be Made of Children of the Lower School Grades.

HAMILTON, June 27.—A dental survey of the pupils of the lower grades of all the public schools was decided upon here by the board of health, following a conference with Dr. Manning, of the public school clinic. It was pointed out that, by correcting the teeth of the children when they were young, the troubles of after years were minimized, and the general health of the scholars benefited. Arrangements for the survey were left in the hands of Ald. Davis, chairman, and Dr. Roberts.

OXFORD HONORS MANY NOTABLES

Degrees Conferred on Leading Men of the Allied Countries.

OXFORD, Eng., June 27.—A distinguished company of noted men from the allied countries were honored by Oxford University with degrees of Doctor of Civil Law. The ceremony was held in the Sheldonian theatre. It was the culminating feature of the annual Exaetia, or commemoration exercises.

The event was rich in ceremonial pomp, fostered by the traditions of this famous institution.

Earl Curzon, chancellor of the university, presided, and, according to custom, solemnly went through the prescribed formula of proposing the degrees to the House. After the House had as solemnly granted the degrees, the recipients were summoned in turn by the public orator.

Those upon whom the degrees were conferred were:

Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Major-General Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, chief of the British Imperial Staff; Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, first sea lord; Marshal Joffre of France; General Pershing and Herbert C. Hoover of the United States; and Baron Makino, head of the Japanese Peace Conference delegation.

Former Premier Orlando of Italy and Premier Ignace Paderewski of Poland, received degrees by proxy.

Each of these men, as they were presented with their degrees, bowed their thanks and took their seats. No speeches were made by those to whom the degrees were given, and the ceremony was concluded quickly.

BIGAMY CHARGE AGAINST SIMPSON

Case of Alleged Duplicity With Wives Comes up This Morning in the Police Court—Held Over for few Days.

Benjamin Simpson, on a charge of bigamy, was before the Magistrate this morning. He married Lilian May Dickson, of this city, while he had a wife and one son, 14 years of age, in the Old Country, to whom he was married on September 26th, 1896, by Rev. W. A. Stanfield, of Leeds, England.

Through his counsel, J. W. Hird, who appeared in the absence of Mr. M. J. McCarron, the case was remanded until next Thursday.

A NARROW ESCAPE

An accident which might have proved fatal occurred on the Thorold Road on Wednesday, at noon, near the Whitman and Barnes plant. While Ward Hagar was driving his horse along the road the animal became frightened at something invisible to the driver and dashed away at a furious rate throwing Mr. Hagar to the roadway causing serious intestinal injuries. He was taken by automobile to his home and medical aid summoned. At the present writing he is doing as well as can be expected.

LAID OVER AGAIN

The case against A. A. Cockburn and Harold Hamill for selling over hours, remanded from last week and which was to be heard this morning, has again been laid over until next Thursday.

To learn to empty the lungs completely needs much practice but when once learned the long phrases never worry the singer.

HOLIDAY TO BE PROCLAIMED ON RECEIPT OF PEACE NEWS

GIVEN A GOOD HOLIDAY

Cornelius Monahan who appeared before Magistrate Campbell on Thursday morning on a charge of vagrancy, and who was given three hours to get out of the city, was again arrested last night while trying to sleep in a vacant building. He was sent to Burwash to spend the next six months.

POSTIES DISAPPOINTED

LONDON, ONT., June 27.—Employees of London Post office have drafted and forwarded to Ottawa a strong protest against the re-classification bill, adopted by Parliament last week. The men declare in their resolution that they are bitterly disappointed and that they expected greater consideration from Parliament upon the conclusion of hostilities. Now they say that they have found that some of them actually have their salaries lowered under the new regulations, whereas they had anticipated that their needs for higher pay would be acknowledged.

MAY EXPEL MEMBERS

DENVER, COLO., June 27.—For participation in the general strike in Canada several hundred members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers face expulsion from that organization, according to discussion on the floor of the brotherhood's convention here yesterday.

News of the return to work of the Canadian strikers next Thursday and the arrival yesterday of Arthur J. Lovell, Vice-President of the Brotherhood from Canada, where he was delegated to investigate conditions, precipitated debate on this subject.

LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late L. I. Hunt whose death occurred at Rochester, N.Y., on Monday last, was held from the family residence, Ormrod Street, Thorold, on Thursday afternoon, and was largely attended.

Rev. R. D. Hamilton, of Welland Avenue Church, St. Catharines, and Rev. R. S. E. Large of the Methodist Church, Thorold, officiated at the house and graveside. Those who acted as bearers were Dr. C. Macartney, J. R. Dinwoodie, Leslie McMann, Albert J. Wilson, J. H. Barker, O. R. Steadman. The floral tributes were many and beautiful and conveyed to the cemetery by special motor.

FORD MAKES PLAN TO RETURN WAR PROFITS TO GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27.—Henry Ford yesterday asked Secretary Glass to send an expert to examine the books of the Ford Motor Company, to determine the amount of Mr. Ford's share of the profits on war contracts which he desires to return to the government.

Commissioner Roper instructed the Detroit branch of the Internal Revenue bureau to supply Mr. Ford with expert assistance.

INTEREST OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO BE CHALLENGED BY THE MISSION

Clergy and Laymen Uniting to Carry out a Week of Intensive Mission Activity in This City in September.

ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETED.

Below is given the programme outlined by the Union Evangelistic Mission of St. Catharines for active work here this season:

THE AIM:—To meet the spiritual challenge of the hour for our city by united effort. To re-awaken and deepen the religious life of professing Christians. To bring the claims of the Gospel to the attention of the unchurched of our city.

THE METHOD:—By common and simultaneous effort to challenge the interest of the community as no single church could do. Co-operation and Freedom. By united action to concentrate the religious forces of the city on all that part of the work that may well be undertaken in common; while leaving each church to

Resolution Unanimously Passed Last Night at Public Meeting Called by Mayor That Whole Day be set Aside to Celebrate Notable Event.

At a public meeting called for last night in the Council Chamber for the purpose of discussing plans for a suitable celebration on receipt of the news that peace is signed, a resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Smith seconded by Mr. Arthur Robinson, that the Mayor be requested to proclaim the day next following the receipt of news as a public holiday and that the City Council be requested to bring to inform the people of the "electric flash."

This was unanimously adopted although not all present thought it well to make a whole holiday on Monday. However, no person voted against it and the Council, when asked by the Mayor if they approved of the idea, all endorsed the proposal.

The conclusion was not arrived at without a good deal of discussion touching upon various phases.

Chair Makes Statement

The Mayor in opening the meeting said the meeting had been called to hear the views of all concerned. The City Council had been active since Sunday last in trying to make suitable arrangements and had decided that if the news had come through early this week that a half holiday would have been proclaimed. The uncertainty now of the day when peace would be signed coupled with the fact that Wednesday was a half holiday and then Saturday the chief business day of the week being followed by Sunday and then Dominion Day coming on Tuesday made the situation somewhat perplexing.

"This meeting has not been called however," said the Mayor, "as a result of insistent demands of citizens as stated in an evening paper. To say the least I regard that kind of comment as arrogant and mischievous nonsense. There have been few demands indeed and the small attendance at this meeting tonight is indicative of the lack of interest. We recognize though that the signing of peace will be an important epoch in the history of the world and should be suitably observed."

Two Phases to Event

His Worship also said there were two phases to the event, the one which would give vent to the feelings of people in a sort of spontaneous combustion, the other was the serious side which might well take the form of a sacred service or services. He then asked for opinions as to the best programme to be carried out.

Opinions of Citizens

Mr. John Madill said there was so much uncertainty as to the arrival of the news that he did not think much of a programme could be planned.

Mr. Arthur Robinson said that to many of the retail merchants a holiday Saturday afternoon and evening standpoint he would sooner see things closed two days any other time than to have business places closed on Saturday.

Ald. Westwood believed it would be best to make the holiday on Wednesday.

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