

BRITISH DRIVE FOE FROM AIR IN AEROPLANE ONSET

Royal Flying Corps, Hundreds of Machines Strong, Carries of fensive Completely Into German Territory—Some Machines Fly as Far as Fifty Miles Back.

With the British Armies in France, April 8, via London.—Under a blue Easter sky, befecked only here and there with bits of filmy white cloud, British aviators by the hundred continued today their work of re-establishing beyond all question of doubt their supremacy in the air.

The loss of 28 machines in two days' bombing fighting, photographing and observing is counted by the airmen, as a small price to pay for the work accomplished, considering the number of machines engaged, coupled also with the fact that all these operations were within the German lines.

Against the loss of the British machines must be placed 15 German airplanes actually seen to crash down and 31 driven down damaged, most of which are believed to have been destroyed.

CUBA HAS DECLARED WAR GERMAN SHIPS SEIZED

President of Island Republic Signs Resolution Unanimously Passed, Pledging Full Use of Resources in War Against Germany—Four Vessels Seized.

HAVANA, April 8.—Assistant Secretary of State L. G. Patterson today handed passports to Dr. Frederik von Verdun-Vernois, the German minister. The minister and his party are expected to sail for Spain April 15.

The affairs of the German legation will be looked after by the Spanish minister. Havana, April 8.—Cuba, not yet out of her teens as a republic is at war with Germany.—The first of the Latin-American countries to range herself alongside the United States and the entente allies.

At 7.16 last night President Menocal affixed his signature to the joint resolution passed unanimously late Saturday afternoon by both the senate and the house, without a dissenting voice being raised, thus putting into effect the declaration that a state of war exists between Cuba and the imperial German government.

The joint committee appointed Friday by the senate and house agreed early yesterday afternoon upon the phraseology of the resolution to be presented, and the stage was set for quick action before either branch of congress convened.

Following the reading of the joint resolution Representative Alfredo Betancourt, speaking for the Conservatives, made an impassioned speech in favor of its adoption. He was frequently interrupted by tremendous applause, the entire house and galleries rising to their feet, cheering and clapping wildly.

Then, by a rising vote, the house unanimously adopted the resolution, which follows:

Make War on Germany "Article 1. Resolved, that from today a state of war is formally declared between the Republic of Cuba and the Imperial Government of Germany, and the president of the republic is authorized and directed by this resolution to employ all the forces of the nation and the resources of the government to make war against the Imperial German Government with the object of maintaining our rights, guarding our territory and providing for our people, prevent any acts which may be attempted against us and defend the navigation of the seas, the liberty of commerce and the rights of neutrals and international justice.

"Article 2. The president of the republic is hereby authorized to use all the land and naval forces in the form he may deem necessary, using existing forces, reorganizing them or creating new ones, and to dispose of the economic forces of the nation in any way he may deem necessary."

The Cuban authorities last evening seized the four German ships interned in Havana harbor.

CANADIANS HELD RIDGE POSITION.

With the British Armies in France, April 9.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—The British today delivered a strong blow against the Germans from the region southwest of Cambrai to a point south of Lens. They swept over the German positions from the south of Arras northward on the famous Vimy Ridge, fighting for the possession of which cost the French 100,000 casualties earlier in the war. Once before the British gained the crest of this ridge, but under a tremendous concentration of German guns, they were compelled to give it up.

TABLET TO LATE LT. H. Y. CARROLL

Impressive Ceremony at Dedication of Brass Memorial at Christ Church on Easter Sunday

At Christ Church on Easter Sunday morning, an impressive service took place when Rev. Dr. R. C. Blagrave dedicated and unveiled a beautiful brass memorial tablet to the memory of the late Lieut. Horace Y. Carroll, who was slain at Regina Trench in France Oct. 21st, 1916. The tablet was veiled with a large flag and several khaki-clad men participated in the ceremony of dedication, among them being Col. D. Barragar, Captains Ernest Green and Harry L. Wallace, and Lieut. E. R. Hinchey. The tablet has been erected on the south wall of the church.

The ceremony was a simple one. After the responses, Dr. Blagrave repeated the prayers and the flag was removed from the tablet. The prayers were:

"O Lord God Almighty, who makest wars to cease and bringeth to naught the councils of princes; we praise Thy Holy Name for the precious lives that have been laid down in the cause of righteousness, liberty and truth. More particularly do we bless Thee for the noble life of him to whose memory this day we dedicate this tablet. May it please Thee to accept it this day from our hand as a dear memorial of a greatly beloved friend and brother, who has made the great sacrifice and whose soul Thou hast taken, we trust to Thyself. Accept it also as an ornament to this church, consecrated to Thy honor and glory. And we further beseech Thee O Heavenly Father, by this token of a freewill offering, that thou wilt shortly bring about among all nations a righteous and abiding peace. These things we humbly ask through mediation of Him, who this day, rose triumphant over death, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."

"Jesus Christ, son of the living God, that reigneth from the Tree whose leaves are for the healing of nations; wipe away all tears from the eyes of them that mourn; give them the hope of reunion in Thy Father's House and make them to know and feel that their loved ones have not died in vain. Hear us O Thou who didst weep by the tomb of Lazarus, and who art the Resurrection and the Life even Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen. "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen."

The inscription on the tablet is as follows:

Pro Patria In Loving memory of Horace Yeomans Carroll of the 77th Battalion, Ottawa, who gave his life for Canada and Liberty at "Regina Trench," Somewhere in France," October 21, 1916. Erected by His Mother and His Brother, Lieut. J. C. Carroll.

For all our beauty and peace and joy We will owe to our lads, like you."

At the top of the tablet are Union Jacks crossed and a cross in the center. The motto at the bottom is taken from Robert Service's "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man." At the foot of the memorial were placed Easter lilies. The lilies on the altar of the church had been donated by the friends of those gallant boys of Christ Church who have fallen in action in Belgium and in France.

CHRISTENING AT PICTON.

The Christening last Sunday afternoon in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene of small Master Hepburn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Hepburn, was a beautifully impressive ceremony, and though he is a war-time baby, everything breathed so of peaceful gladness that it seemed easy to banish from thought the world of conflict and sorrow into which he had been born, and just remember the immeasurable store of love, joy and hopefulness he represents. And so it was in the presence of sympathetic and interested friends the sturdy small lad was received into the church fold, by the rite of baptism and given the name by which he will be distinguished through future life. Named for an uncle, who is on duty in the service of King and country overseas, Bernard Robert Hepburn, the 2nd, appeared sweetly unconscious of responsibilities he was assuming, but all the same perfectly prepared when the time came, to do his part in maintaining traditions of dignity and loyalty which have ever been family characteristics. Rev. Mr. Barber's sympathetic personality made itself felt during the ceremony and gave a special interest to the solemn occasion. Miss Dorothy Johnson of Belleville, sister of the baby's mother, was Godmother, while a brother, following with his battery close behind the retiring Germans in France, with Mr. Colin Hepburn, were God-fathers. Mr. A. E. Wilson and Mr. F. Hepburn, however, stood as proxies.—Picton Times

HARRY BURKE DIED OF WOUNDS

Belleville Boy Gives His Life For the Empire

The sad news was received in the city yesterday at noon, that Sergt. Harry Burke, "had died of wounds" "Somewhere in France" while in defence of his country. Sergt. Burke was born in this city nearly twenty-nine years ago, and was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burke. He received his early education in St. Michael's Academy, and later entered into business with his father, where he was up until the time of his enlistment with the 155th Batt. in February 1916.

Sergt. Burke was a young man of sterling qualities, one who had the faculty of making many warm friends. That his death is deeply felt is evinced by the sincere regrets heard on the streets today from so many. He was very popular with all classes of citizens, and always took a deep interest in all manly sport.

To the bereaved family the sincerest sympathy will be extended in the loss of a loving son and brother.

FUNERAL OF LATE G. BROWN.

From his home on the Front of Sidney the funeral of the late Grant Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, took place Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the house, an interment at Belleville cemetery. Rev. L. M. Sharpe conducted the services. Floral tributes were placed on the coffin from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vandervoort, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Vermilyea, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vermilyea, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vermilyea, and Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, and from the teacher and pupils of the fourth concession school where he used to attend, and was loved by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, two brothers and two sisters at home and one brother in France.

MOIRA

Sugar-making seems to be keeping the men folk busy around here at present.

Mr. J. F. Herity returned home on Tuesday last having spent a few days in Toronto.

Mrs. M. J. Morton is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. Richards, of Tweed.

Mrs. W. Shaw, of Ivanhoe, is spending the week at the home of her father Mr. Geo. Hollinger.

Miss Evelyn Salisbury returned home on Wednesday after spending the past month with friends in Cobourg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ketcheson spent Monday evening last at Mr. G. Vandewaters'.

Mr. Fred Ketcheson is on the sick list; we hope for his recovery soon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sils, of Zion, visited at Mr. E. C. Salisbury's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haight took tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vandewater on Sunday evening.

UNION EVANGELICAL SERVICE

At the union meeting of the evangelical churches at St. Andrew's on Good Friday, Rev. Chas. G. Smith was the preacher. He took as his subject "The Cross of Jesus." The Cross is the great magnet of the world, the centre of its concentrated thought—all the greatest poems, musical compositions, works of sculpture, and paintings dealing with the sacrifice of Christ. It is the great unifier of the church, the one hope of the church, for nothing can separate Christians who believe in the Cross as fundamental. The Cross is the divine mystery of the universe. How to get rid of sin is the great problem of life and the Cross is its answer, although it is not fully understood, because the finite mind cannot grasp the infinite. Today we know it is much easier to believe in the Cross in view of the world war, when we see the martyrdom of men in the cause of righteousness. The boys in the trenches are coming nearer to the understanding of the Cross, but all the same perfectly prepared when the time came, to do his part in maintaining traditions of dignity and loyalty which have ever been family characteristics. Rev. Mr. Barber's sympathetic personality made itself felt during the ceremony and gave a special interest to the solemn occasion. Miss Dorothy Johnson of Belleville, sister of the baby's mother, was Godmother, while a brother, following with his battery close behind the retiring Germans in France, with Mr. Colin Hepburn, were God-fathers. Mr. A. E. Wilson and Mr. F. Hepburn, however, stood as proxies.—Picton Times

TRENTON HONORS RETURNED HERO

Major Bywater Given a Splendid Banquet by Canadian Club.

On Thursday evening the Canadian Club gave a banquet in honor of Major Bywater, who has lately returned from the front. Major Bywater has always been an ardent supporter of the Club from the day of its birth till the day he left Trenton to play his part in the wider field of service. When the testing day came and men were being weighed in the balance, he wasn't found wanting, but heard the call of the Empire and answered, "Here am I, send me." From that day he has viewed the Empire as a man. In view of these facts, it was considered only right that the Canadian Club should do his honor, hence the banquet on Thursday night.

About 7 p.m. about 104 members of the Club (more would have come had there been room) sat down to a sumptuous feast. But the feast of good things for the body was as nothing compared with the after feast of good things for the mind and heart. This feast was served up steaming in the form of after-dinner toasts—to the King, to the Empire, to Major Bywater and the boys across the sea, to the town and to the sister Canadian Clubs. The speakers connected with these toasts were the President, Robert Whyte, B.A., Colonel Ponton, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, Major Bywater, Mayor Ireland, P. J. O'Rourke, Rev. Mr. McLeod, Pres. of Brighton Canadian Club, and Rev. Mr. Smith, Pres. of Belleville Canadian Club.

Musical talent was by no means lacking. Mr. Pimlott, of Belleville, a young singer of great promise, and possessing a remarkable voice, inspired the gathering with his stirring songs and touched the heart to pathos with his plaintive notes. The whole gathering too joined in two or three rousing patriotic songs.

A unique feature of the banquet was the reading by the author, D. A. MacIntyre, formerly of Deseronto, of a most spirited poem, "To the Boys at Langemark and Ypres." The Club welcomes to its membership a bard of such splendid gifts. After dinner, the President, Robert Whyte, B.A., briefly reviewed the work of the Club. The Canadian Club was formed four years ago. During that time it has held thirty meetings, all told—six this term—but this was the first occasion it had tendered a banquet to anyone. It is without disparagement to say that the speeches of the evening were those of Colonel Ponton and Major Bywater in response to the toasts, "Our Empire" and "Our Guest and Our Boys Across the Sea," respectively.

Colonel Ponton, on rising to respond to the toast, "Our Empire," paid tribute to Canadian Clubs, calling them power houses on the line centres radiating inspiration and patriotism. He congratulated Pres. Whyte on being the first president throughout Canada to link up the Canadian Club with the High School by inviting the boys to attend the meetings. The speaker then turned to the army and navy, the right hand of our Empire. That army was well-represented here in Major Bywater—a living centre.

Rev. Mr. Wilkins in proposing the toast to "Our Guest" pointed out how Major Bywater had been one of those who in peace had prepared for war. He had given unselfishly a great deal of time to this work and had become the patron and founder of the H.S. Cadets—forty of whom had answered the call. The Major was not one who said "Go!", but "Come!" He had been offered positions of honor or influence in England. But unlike so many who prefer the office and home to battles, he had scorned the offer and had been willing to "revert" and went to France, where he gave of his blood, and now the Canadian Club honored itself in honoring him.

Major Bywater, in responding, thanked Colonel Ponton for the inspiration he had been to him in times past; he thanked the Canadian Club for the honor of which he was unworthy. He exhorted his hearers not to forget the private soldier for it was he who deserved the honor more than the officer. He spoke of Pte. Heagle, who had been the first Trentonian to give his name. He referred most feelingly to Major Mowat, his companion in arms, and Capt Hudson, both of whom had offered the supreme sacrifice. The hearty welcome he had received in Trenton was worth the trip to the front. He spoke of the spirit of England, the ever-growing determination to smash through to Berlin. This spirit was only quickened by such atrocities as the murder of Nurse Cavell.

Space does not permit the printing of the remaining speeches, which were well worthy of publicity.

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DANCING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

If the person who has signed the nom de plume "Parent" to a letter in last night's paper regarding the B. H. S. will come out like a man and state who he is we will take great pleasure in replying. But if he does not disclose his identity he is not worth replying to and his statements are as irresponsible as the manliness of his character. Yours faithfully, J. F. Wells.

A MIDNIGHT WALK

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EMMANUEL CHURCH VESTRY

The annual vestry meeting of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church was held last evening. The report of the rector, A. M. ... showed the usual activity. The rector's report showed all departments of the church in excellent condition and balances to their credit. The following were elected as follows: Rector's warden, F. Weese; People's warden, E. T. Thompson; Vestry Clerk, J. W. Barlow; Auditors, A. S. Large and R. H. Ketcheson.

Vestrymen: Geo. Warham, Wm. Cook, A. S. Large, W. Ridley, Geo. Naylor, E. Dodds, Thos. Thompson, Glencoe Thompson, Henry Thompson, J. Rigby, W. Corham, John Worrell and H. Clarke. Delegates and deputies to general council were appointed.

FULLER

Everybody sweet in Fuller now? Well, I guess so. Maple syrup time you know!

Mr. Harold Christie spent Thursday in Stirling.

Mr. L. J. Burke returned home on Wednesday after spending a few days with his son, Arthur, of Bay side.

The snow storm of last night just seemed to come in time to suffice the latter appetite.

Mr. Daniel Collins spent Saturday in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollinger paid a flying call to Madoc one day this week.

Mrs. L. Mitts and family highly entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Green and family one evening last week.

We believe the Glen factory is to have an addition this summer as a number from other factories intend coming here. What a busy little town Fuller is!

Mr. Hallett intends having sawing machine tomorrow.

Mr. Frank Kellar has purchased a new Ford.

Mr. J. Geen's left for Belleville today with their Overland.

NEWS OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Twixt Ontario And B. C. Lt.-Col. L. A. Ducharme died in St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg, recently, of cancer, at the age of 76 years.

There were eleven murders in Alberta last year, and eleven persons committed for trial. Two were convicted.

Lieut. J. H. Storer, who for a number of years belonged to the North West Mounted Police has been killed in action.

Practically a quarter of a million animals passed through the Calgary stockyards in 1916, valued approximately at \$10,110,000.

A branch of the Red Cross Society has been opened in Yorkton, Sask. where Red Cross supplies will be made up daily.

At the Brandon livestock show there were 1600 birds in the poultry classes. The city of Calgary will invest \$100,000 in the war loan.

D. W. Shields, of Anderson, Sask. died as a result of injuries received in a recent C. P. R. wreck at Chaplain. Five other men were injured.

Statistics show that practically all of the cities of the west owning street railways have had a deficit of from \$20,000 to \$50,000 since starting.

The 229th Battalion, of Moose Jaw, has been quarantined with diphtheria. There are twenty-nine cases, but only one death has occurred.

Five hundred dollars was netted at the Jewish annual fall, held in Winnipeg. This money is to be used to further Jewish education among the children.

John McLennan, who was the youngest conductor on the Edmonton Dinnegan and British Columbia railway was killed at Westlock, 55 miles north of Edmonton.

No surgical operation is necessary in removing corns of Holloway's Corn Cure be used.