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ALLIES' DESTROYERS TO CONVOY STEAMERS THROUGH DANGER ZONE

British and French Warships To Escort Them to Port

Steamer Service as Usual Despite Germany's "War Zone" Proclamation Being in Effect—Destroy All Vessels and Crews, Reported German Orders to Submarines

New York, Feb. 18.—Swift British and French destroyers will meet all threatened steamships flying flags of the allies and escort them into port, according to cable messages received by officials of steamship companies with offices in this city.

TORPEDO ALL AND LET CREWS DIE

Reported instructions to the German submarines in blockade work.

London, Feb. 18.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the London Daily News writes: From Hamburg it is learned that the German submarines which are to engage the blockade of the English coast, have received detailed instructions how to act.

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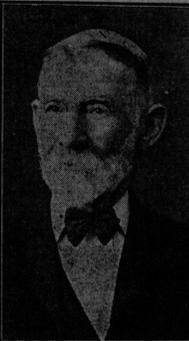
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DEATH OF GEO. F. CASE

For Many Years Connected With Express Business Here



The Late George F. Case.

At the advanced age of seventy-nine years George F. Case died this morning at his home 100% Elliott row, after an illness dating from last November. He was a particularly well known citizen.

Mr. Case is survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Susan E., at home, and two sons, James B. of this city, and Frederick A., contracting agent with the American Bridge Company, in Buffalo, N. Y.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2:30 p. m., from his late home in Elliott row.

They Now Number 130

Local Recruiting Goes on Well—Several Presentations to Soldiers Going to Front

About 180 men here thus far been signed at the local recruiting office for the 29th Canadian Mounted Rifles, not including those whose names have been taken at various other centers through the province.

The members of the Army Service Corps in West St. John are looking forward to a good time this evening when they will be the guests of the city at a supper in their barracks.

Friends of Edward Lynch tendered him a handsome watch and a pair of cufflinks as a token of their affection and respect.

Quartermaster Sergeant Payne, 6th Mounted Rifles, was honored last evening by his former associates of the street railway staff who made a surprise visit to his home, 42 Broad street.

A veteran of the imperial service, Sergeant Payne was with the Royal Artillery for eleven years and served throughout the South African war with an honored train force.

After the presentation last evening a programme of songs, music and recitation was carried out as follows:—Step dance, J. McCluskey; song, Tipperary, C. Ward; dramatic solo, P. French; recitation, R. Stewart; bag pipe selection, M. O'Connell; sword dance, E. Logan; and a play, The Coal Mine, S. Waters and W. Pines; comic sketch, J. Short and T. Ingraham; song dance, J. Dwyer; dialogue, The Coal Mine, S. Waters and T. Maxwell; song, H. Smith.

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George B. Heaton received good news in a cablegram from England today telling of the safe arrival of his daughter, Miss Edith Heaton, nurse, at Liverpool. Miss Dibley, another trained nurse, of Woodstock was aboard the same steamer, the Zealand, which sailed from Halifax.

New Offensive Against

Germans In The West

Hard Blows by British and French at Several Points Along Line—Kaiser Expected to Visit Front Soon

Paris, Feb. 18.—The new offensive movement by the allies now extends over the greater part of the battle line, and hard attacks have been delivered at half a dozen places. The gains made by the French in the Champagne district are considered unusually important because of the narrowness of the French to the German lines of communication in that region.

In Alsace, the French are strengthening their positions. This gigantic conflict has now been in progress for more than twenty-two weeks, with only one important and decisive development. This was the break-down of the German forces defending Alsace and the invasion of Alsace-Lorraine by the French.

It is believed that Emperor William will soon make another visit to the western front, and that his appearance will be the signal for another series of German assaults such as those recently made along the Aisne, northeast of Soissons.

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—The general staff of the Russian army reports that on the right bank of the Vistula the fighting has been going on in almost the same localities with great ferocity in certain sectors. On the left bank of the Vistula there has been no change.

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—The last six German casualty lists published, although containing only 17,928 casualties, some of which date from August and do not give recent heavy losses, bring the total number of lists up to 1,148, showing the total number of officers and men killed, wounded and missing as 671,048. These must be added 152 Bavarian, 107 Saxon, 114 Wurtemberg and seven naval lists.

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London, Feb. 18.—The official report on the progress of the fighting, given out in Berlin today, says the Russians taken prisoners by the Germans in East Prussia now amount to 64,000 men.

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 18.—Thomas Taylor, son of the late James Taylor, of Rosebank, attempted to take his own life last night. He returned from the Provincial Hospital, Lancaster, on Monday, and appeared to be quite well. Last night he got out of bed, secured a razor and went to the chicken house. His daughter followed, but found that he had locked himself in the chicken house. When she finally forced the door, she found her father lying on the floor with his throat cut.

Dr. McGrath attended the injured man. He was still living at seven o'clock this morning. Dr. McGrath holds out no hope for his recovery.

Thomas Adams, town planning expert of the Commission of Conservation, and formerly head of the Town Planning Department of the British local government board, which passes on all schemes for the British town-planning act, will be in St. John on March 6, and it is hoped something definite may be done to forward the town planning movement here.

Mr. Adams will be in Halifax next week, and besides conferring with a joint committee from the provincial government, city council and City Improvement League, will speak in the legislative assembly chamber, deliver another public address, and also speak before the Commercial Club. Practical results are expected to follow his visit to Halifax.

It is expected the town planning committee of St. John will arrange for meetings for Mr. Adams in St. John. It has been suggested that he might address the Canadian Club and also a public meeting, besides holding a conference with the town-planning commission. Mayor Frink and W. F. Burditt have been in consultation concerning the matter. The importance of Mr. Adams' visit will be universally recognized.

The funeral of David McMaster took place today from the Fairview station upon the arrival of the Montreal train. Burial services were conducted by Rev. J. J. McNeill, and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Mrs. K. M. Titus took place this afternoon from her late residence, St. James street. Rev. F. S. Porter officiated at burial services, and interment took place in Fernhill.

The engine attached to the Maritime Express bound to the city this afternoon met with a slight mishap near Penobscus and in consequence the train was delayed for about two hours and forty-five minutes.

BRITISH REPLY WELL RECEIVED

New York Papers' Comment on Sir Edward Grey's Answer to American Protest

New York, Feb. 18.—The Tribune this morning says editorially: "Sir Edward Grey's reply to our state department's protest against the inconveniences caused to American shipping by a neutral territory to a belligerent, we do not challenge a free exercise of the right of search or a pretty large discretion on Great Britain's part in declaring what is and what is not contraband."

"It will probably be conceded by most Americans that the German government's action in taking control of all food supplies eliminates the normal distinction between food and contraband, and that the British press courts will give a hearing of their merits to cases of seizures coming before them. Beyond that there is always the recourse of diplomatic intervention and arbitration."

The World says:—"The formal reply of the British government to the American protest against interference with neutral commerce is notably friendly in tone and the facts recited will impress the reader with the truth of the assertion that no effort is being spared to avoid inflicting avoidable injury on neutral interests."

London, Feb. 18.—The reply of Sir Edward Grey, to the United States shipping protest is given hearty approval in an editorial in the Times which says: "It is a powerful defence of the British position founded upon those arguments of law and fact which appeal with a peculiar force to American statesmen, as to our own it comes appropriately on a day when Germany boasts her intention to trample all laws and customs of the sea under her feet."

Washington, Feb. 18.—Great Britain's answer to the American protest about detention of vessels denies that American ships and cargoes are detained or that detentions have been responsible for depression in American industries. It adds that if American commerce is depressed "the cause ought, in fairness, to be sought elsewhere than in the activities of the British fleet."

FOR SIGNAL STATION The work of installing the new steel signalling staff on the Cape Breton railway is progressing. The first section has been placed in position and the men are engaged making it secure. The steel staff is replacing the wooden one which was blown down a few months ago during a violent wind storm.

FIVE BRITISH VESSELS SUNK BY IRON PRINZ

Crews of Four Steamers and One Schooner Reach Buenos Ayres

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 18.—Four British steamers and a British schooner of a total tonnage of 11,874, have been sunk off the east coast of South America by the German converted cruiser, Kron Prinz Wilhelm. This was learned today from Captain Dreyer of the German steamer Holger, which arrived last night with 314 persons comprising the crews of the destroyed British ships.

The steamers sunk were the Highland Brea, 4,842 tons; the Potaro, 2,810 tons; the Hemisphere, 2,280 tons; and the Semantha, 1,942 tons. The three masted schooner Wilfred M, 199 tons, was also sent to the bottom.

The Holger was summoned from Pernambuco by the cruiser to take aboard the passengers and crews of the British vessels. After leaving the Kron Prinz Wilhelm the Holger was pursued near Montevideo by two British cruisers, but succeeded in escaping, owing to a heavy fog.

The passengers say that they received good treatment from the Germans.

BAG OF MAIL IS STOLEN IN MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 18.—A bold robbery occurred at the I. C. R. station about 10 o'clock on Monday night, when a bag of mail which had just arrived on the Maritime Express from Halifax, was stolen from a truck on which it was placed from the mail car. The postal authorities say there was no registered mail in it.

ROBBED DEAD MAN'S STORE AS BODILY LAY IN CASKET

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ON SAD ERRAND

William J. and Frank Doherty of Montreal, came to the city today on the noon train, summoned here by the sad tidings of the death of their father, William Doherty, at his home in Douglastown.

VISITING OFFICIAL

A. Jones, of the staff of the engineering department of the C. P. R. Montreal, is in the city making a study of local properties of the company. He visited the terminals at West St. John yesterday.

BOMB NET OF WIRE ABOVE KING'S RESIDENCE

Guarding Buckingham Palace Against Attack by Germans From Air

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MAYOR'S VIEWS ON NEW TAX MATTER AND VALUATORS' POWER

"The city stands to lose by the proposed legislation, which would relieve men who work in the city, but who live in the county of any obligation to pay city taxes," said Mayor Frink this morning. "While the rule is to work both ways, there are at least ten times as many men living in the county and working in the city as there are living in the city and working in the county."

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

PHILIP AND PHERDINAND. A small advertisement or notice.

Moderately Cold. Synopsis—A pronounced area of high pressure with fair, moderately cold weather, extends from the Great Lakes to the maritime provinces. Temperatures were quite high yesterday in the eastern provinces, but a moderate cold wave is now spreading in from the north-west.