

RUSSIAN FORCES CLOSING IN ON CZERNOWITZ AND KOVEL

Heavy Fighting About Czernowitz—Austrian Communications Cut—Capture of Kovel Will Interrupt German Communications With Riga—Activity Continues at Verdun—Reported Uprising in Bohemia—Italians Repulse All Austrian Attacks.

RUSSIANS PROGRESS IN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE CZERNOWITZ.

LONDON, June 14.—Petrograd despatches report that the Russians are making substantial progress in their efforts to capture Czernowitz. The Russians have interrupted the Austrian communications by cutting the railway running north from Czernowitz. Heavy fighting is in progress in the eastern, south-eastern and northern outskirts of the city. West of Lutsk, the Russian forces are close up to Kovel, next to Lemberg, the most important railway centre back of the eastern Austrian lines, the possession of which will enable the Russians to destroy the German communications running to Riga.

FRENCH TAKE GERMAN POST AT VENISEL.

PARIS, June 14.—War Office reports a violent artillery engagement last night near Vaux. East of Soissons the French carried a German post at Venisel. At Songern in the Vesges the French raided the German lines capturing a number of prisoners.

SERIOUS REVOLT IN BOHEMIA.

GENEVA, June 14.—An unconfirmed report has been received here of a serious revolt in Bohemia on June 9. According to the report there was street fighting in Prague.

DANISH STEAMER CAPTURED.

COPENHAGEN, June 14.—The Danish steamer Askoe has been captured by a German warship in the North Sea and taken to Hamburg; the Askoe carried no cargo.

ITALIANS REPULSE ALL AUSTRIAN ATTACKS.

ROME, June 14.—The War Office today announced that Austrian attack along the line of the Posina in the southern Tyrol, made after heavy artillery preparation Monday night, were everywhere repulsed by the Italians.

ELEVEN ADDITIONAL OFFICERS' NAMES IN CASUALTY LISTS.

OTTAWA, June 14.—Eleven additional names of officers wounded were received by the Militia Department this morning.

WILSON, MARSHALL AND VICTORY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 14.—Wilson and Marshall and victory in November was the program of the delegates who crowded into the Coliseum here today for the opening session of the Democratic National Convention.

CANADIANS TAKE BY STORM POSITIONS NEAR ZILLEBEKE.

LONDON, June 14.—Canadian troops, in what the British official statement describes as a "gallant and successful assault" southeast of Zillebeke, recaptured a former British position over a front of more than 1500 yards. Notwithstanding a severe shelling the Canadian retained the ground gained, which is being consolidated.

The text of the statement follows: "At 10.30 in the morning the Canadian troops made a gallant and successful assault southeast of Zillebeke. Their objective was our old position in that neighborhood, all of which was captured on the front attacked, extending from the southern portion of Sancturay Wood to a point about 1000 yards north of Hill 60, a total front of over 1500 yards.

"In the course of the assault heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy and three officers and 123 men were taken prisoner. "Our troops were subjected to a severe shelling for several hours after gaining the position, but were well supported by our artillery and retain the ground gained, which is being consolidated. Heavy bombardments by the enemy continued during the day, to which our artillery replied effectively. "Attempts of hostile infantry to counter-attack were frustrated by our artillery fire."

ITALIANS CAPTURE STRONG FOE LINE.

LONDON, June 14.—Continuing their counter-offensive against the Austrians after they had weakened their forces in the Tyrol, the Italians, after effective artillery preparation, launched a brilliant attack in the Lagarina valley and took by assault the strong Austrian line extending from Parmesan height to the east of Ain and Amezzo mountains and along the whole Rio Romina, it was announced at Rome today. This successful stroke drew upon the Italians many Austrian counter-attacks, but these were all repulsed.

NOVA SCOTIA NOMINATIONS.

HALIFAX, N.S., June 14.—This is nomination day for the Provincial elections in Nova Scotia. The Liberal (government) and Conservative candidates were nominated in every constituency in the province. The election takes place on June 26.

THE GENEROSITY OF RAWDON STIRS COUNCIL BY ADDRESS

Mr. Montgomery Receives Letter of Appreciation from Belgian Relief Hdqrs.

Mrs. Montgomery, wife of Mr. Thos. Montgomery, Reeve of Rawdon, has received the following letter expressing the gratitude of the Toronto Women's Patriotic League for a cheque of \$470.50 for Belgium Relief.

Dear Mrs. Montgomery.—On behalf of the Belgian Relief Committee, T.W.P.L., I want to thank you most warmly for your splendid cheque for \$470.50 from the township of Rawdon, for Belgian Relief. You should indeed be proud of the results of the canvass and considering the constant drain on people for patriotic purposes, I think Rawdon township did magnificently.

We are very glad to have such a handsome addition to our funds and I should be grateful if you would express our appreciation to those who contributed, wherever possible. Enclosed please find a receipt. I also enclose two newspaper cuttings you may not have seen which give a slight account of part of the Belgian work we are trying to support. The other part of our work is in collecting money for the purchase of wheat by the Central Executive at Montreal.

You may be interested to know Canada's 6th gift ship will sail in a few days, the "Gothard", with 197,000 bushels of wheat as well as carloads of beans, peas, etc. We can well imagine how welcome it will be.

It is weary work waiting for the end of this war and it is only by being constantly busy that the time goes so quickly.

Canada is doing her part very well, don't you think so. Of course we could do better, but I wouldn't like to be one of those who did not try to help through these sad and dreadful times. Thanking you most warmly for your splendid support.

Yours Very truly,
(Mrs.) Helen M. Pepler,
Convener.

THEY MUST NOT DANCE

Members of the Catholic Faith in New York Warned.

Catholics in Belleville are waiting to learn what action the Church authorities are going to take on the latest order of Pope Benedict in placing a ban on dancing. In New York on Sunday last the churches of the city were crowded, when the following letter was read by instructions of Cardinal Farley:

Rev. and Dear Fathers—You are hereby notified that pursuant to a decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, dated March 31, the faithful are forbidden under severe penalty all dancing at church entertainments, whether arranged for already or planned for in the future.

NO WORD OF CASUALTY

Friends of Walter Craig Have Had No Message from Ottawa.

Relatives of Private Walter Craig, do not believe that he is killed, for they have not had any advice to that effect from the Record Office, Ottawa. The only intimation of anything wrong to a soldier of the name of Craig comes from a cable which is indefinite and from an inquiry made at Ottawa. The friends are hopeful that Monday's report was an error.

EGG-LAYING RECORD

Early last December P. S. D. Harding of Smiths Falls bought ten Barred Rock pullets from Hamilton Stewart of Drummond and kept them in a box six by eight feet in size during the winter. For each month from December to May he kept a record of all the eggs laid by these ten pullets, and at the end of May, six months in all, he found that his barred rocks had beaten the international egg-laying record, having laid on an average for each month 100.2 eggs. The record for the six months was as follows: December 50; January 109; February 154; March 220; April 238; May 231. The total number of eggs laid was 1,002, or an average of 100.2 each month.

MASSASSAGA PARK.

The following are registered at Massassaga Park Hotel:—
Mr. Earl Acher of Welland.
Mr. R. W. Lewis of Thorold.
Mr. J. E. Constable of Toronto.
Mr. H. Doyle of Newmarket and Mr. H. Saunders spent the day at the park.

RENFREW BARBERING HIGHER.

The tonsorial artists of Renfrew, representing eight shops, have unanimously agreed to close their places of business on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week at 6 o'clock, this arrangement to hold good throughout the year. Henceforth shaves will be 15c. straight, with certain other advances. Parents who send their children for hair-outs on Saturdays, which practice has long perturbed the souls of barbers, will in future find the cost for hair-outs on that day more than on other days.

CITY'S CREDIT IS EXCELLENT

Patriotic Debentures Sell at 102 1-16—Brokers Estimation of Belleville.

Belleville's credit is one to be proud of. While some people are ever knocking the city, bankers and brokers throughout the country give Belleville an enviable position. Mayor Ketcheson states the \$30,000 of Belleville Patriotic Fund debentures have been sold at the rate of 102 1-16; thus the city not only realized the \$30,000, but \$618.90 of a premium.

An extract from a letter written by one of the largest bankers in Canada, himself an unsuccessful tenderer for the debentures proves the excellence of this sale—"The price you have obtained ranks you a little better than that made by any Ontario city for some time."

Mayor Ketcheson told the council last evening—"If you have anything to sell, you must advertise it in the proper channels. Through our city clerk we have been able to present to the large bond houses a correct financial statement of the city's indebtedness. This and proper advertising are responsible for the high price obtained for the bonds."

A few days after the city purchased war bonds to the extent of \$50,000 and after the treasurer had collected \$2,000 the first dividend, the brokers offered to take them back allowing a premium of 1.500.

Ald. Smith paid a tribute to the work of Mayor Ketcheson, Ald. Woodley, City Clerk Holmes and City Treasurer Price for their share in the excellent financial condition in which the city finds itself.

DEATH OF F. B. VERMILYEA.

The death occurred at an early hour yesterday morning of Fred B. Vermilyea, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Vermilyea, 137 South Charles Street. He was born in the fifth month of 1861 in the year 1861 and had spent all his life in this vicinity. He was single. He had been in ill health many years. Surviving are his parents, three sisters and two brothers. Deceased was an attendant of Bride St. Methodist church.

THREE-LEGGED CALF.

A grade Ayrshire cow on the farm of Wilbur McArthur, near Martintown, dropped a three-legged calf recently. The calf is still living and is well developed in all particulars except for the shortage of leg supply. On May 8th at less than two weeks old, it weighed 1100 lbs. The calf walks around, runs about and kicks up its heels in a truly marvellous fashion in spite of its handicap. The calf, which is a male, is much the same as any other except that it has no front shoulder and leg. The right front leg is longer and stronger than normal and is placed in towards the center of breast. This enables the calf to stand or run around.

SUIT OVER A WILL.

Before Judge Ward in the Surrogate Court on Wednesday, an effort was made to break the will of the late Mr. Louise Vandusen who died at Colborne on March 24th. By her will she left a life interest in five acres of land at Colborne to her husband, Allen Munro Vandusen, at his death to go two-thirds to her nephew, Edward A. Thomas, and one-third to her niece, Jessie Louise Stocks, both of Belleville. A niece of Mr. Vandusen brought the action, which was entered in his name, and alleged that she was of unsound mind and under influence. The husband claimed he should be given the property absolute, to dispose of as he pleased. Judge Ward found the will to be all right, and ordered that it be probated.

GOOD CROPS IN HUNTINGDON.

Mr. John L. Foster of the Second Concession of Huntingdon was in the city yesterday and informed a representative of The Ontario that crop prospects in the section in which he resides never were better. His early sown spring grain is now fully a foot high and growing luxuriantly. Meadows promise marvellous yields and the outlook for the big fruit crop is most promising. The production of milk owing to the abundant pasturage is considerably higher than it was a year ago. Farmers are doing no complaining in his neighborhood.

APPEAL HEARD.

Graham vs. Pritchard—W. N. Panton, K.C. for defendants, appealed from an order of Local Master at Belleville. W. S. Morden, K.C. for the plaintiff. Reserved.

WELCOME TO PRENTICE BOYS

Kindred Lodges Extend Greetings to Visiting Grand Lodge, P.A.P.B.

The 'Prentice Boys' last evening held an open meeting in the Maiden City Lodge Room at which greetings were extended to Grand Lodge by the representatives of sister lodges. Bro. C. A. Rutan occupied the chair and welcomed the delegates. Among the speakers were the Grand Master of Gananoque, who referred to the bilingual question and urged the absolute necessity of every child in Canada receiving an English education. Mr. W. C. Mikel, K.C., Junior Deputy Grand Master Rolson from the East, A. R. Walker, County Master, L.O.L. 274, Percy K. Fisher, Past President of Sons of England, Milton Bateman W.M. of L.O.L. 274 and Wesley Merritt, W.M. of No. 30 Loyal True Blues. The speakers touched on the aims of the 'Prentice Boys' in relation to events of the present.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 1916

Belleville, Ont., June 14, 1916. There appeared recently in the public press an article dealing with the above examination, which has had the effect of confusing certain candidates. The article referred to contained the Time-Table for the examination so far as it relates to Group II subjects. The subjects of Group I are under the control of the local Board of Examiners, and examinations in these subjects are held in very many of the centres throughout the Province, but as each Board has the right to examine or not as they may decide, the official Time-Table issued by the Department of Education does not mention the subjects of Group I. It was the official Time-Table that appeared in the press.

For the whole Inspectorate of South Hastings, including Belleville and Trenton, the full Time-Table is as follows:

- June 21—9.00 a.m. Nature Study
- 10.30 a.m. History
- 1.30 p.m. Composition
- 3.30 p.m. Spelling
- June 22—9.00 a.m. Arithmetic
- 1.30 p.m. Literature
- June 23—9.00 a.m. Grammar
- 11.00 a.m. Writing
- 1.30 p.m. Geography.
- H. J. Clarke, B.A., Public School Inspector.

LOOKING FOR RECRUITS

Bombardier J. A. Dench, 74th Battery, C.F.A., is in the city looking for recruits for his unit. He is a former insurance and real estate agent of Belleville. Men desirous of enlisting may see him at the armouries or Hotel Quinte.

SHAVES COST FIFTEEN CENTS.

Belleville barbers will charge 15c for a shave henceforth instead of ten cents. This will include a neck shave. These tonsorial artists are also going to cultivate the cool breezes in the warm Wednesday afternoons of July and August and September by knocking off at noon. Haircuts remain unchanged.

JUNE SESSIONS

The June sessions of the county court have already been concluded, a number of the causes being arranged for other dates.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

A man named Henry Cole of Lost Channel was today given a preliminary hearing on a charge of assault. On the evidence Magistrate Masson committed him for trial. The accused was taken before the County Judge and pleaded trial by him. The date was fixed for June 29th. Cole was admitted to bail.

BELGIAN RELIEF

"If any of those who cavil at sending relief supplies into Belgium could only see personally the plight of the 'uffering people they would come back eager for the continuance of the work.

There should be wholesale starvation if the importation of food into Belgium were stopped."—F. C. Walcott of the Rockefeller Foundation. The Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal, is conducting the relief work for Canadians.

STARTING A DAIRY.

A. C. Hardy has awarded to Thomas Davidson, a contract for the erection of a building on Avondale farm, which it is expected will be of concrete and modern in every detail. Mr. Hardy proposes to establish in this new building a dairy for which 100 cows will be kept on hand. The skimmed milk will be fed to calves and cream placed on the market.—Brookville Recorder.

PRENTICE BOYS AT BAPTIST CH.

Rev. Chas. Geo. Smith Addresses Delegates to Grand Lodge Last Evening.

The members of the Grand Lodge of 'Prentice Boys who are in session here, met in the Baptist Church last night for Divine service. Rev. Chas. Geo. Smith, B.D., conducted services and preached the sermon. Miss Laura LaVoie presided at the organ and Mr. Harry MacKay rendered a solo "The Plains of Peace."

Mr. Smith took his text from Gen. 1:3 "Let there be light." "Lux fiat." This, he declared was the aim and ideal of the Protestant religion, to defend the right and to extend the light. The speaker paid tribute to the noble line of reformers through the ages, and to the brave defenders in the siege of Derry in the 17th century. He then proceeded to give an historical survey of the principles won by our forefathers, including soul-liberty, separation of church and state. The non-interference by any religious hierarchy in matters of conscience or religious belief. The speaker then outlined the fundamental tenets of Protestantism, which he enumerated as follows:

- (1) The supreme authority of the Scriptures as a sufficient rule of faith, and the duty and privilege of every intelligent being to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them.
- (2) Christ as the sole head and founder of the Christian church.
- (3) The doctrine of soul-liberty, and the approach of every soul directly to God, and to be the recipients of His grace and salvation.
- (4) The separation of church and state, and the equality of all denominations before the law.
- (5) A spiritual church composed of followers of Jesus, under the direct guidance of the Divine Spirit.

The speaker declared for the utmost publicity in all church polity and the freedom of the press, and he also paid a tribute to the Sentinel as being the Protestant Palladium of Canada and worthy of hearty support and increased circulation. The service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

EAST HASTINGS FARMERS AND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BASKET PICNIC.

Will be held in Mr. S. Moul's Grove, Halston on Wednesday, June 21st. Baseball match between two local teams. Address by W. C. Mikel, K.C. Belleville, and Mr. A. D. McIntosh, Stirling. Refreshment booth on ground. Everybody welcome. Executive:—Elisha Maynes, Mrs. F. Shannon, Miss Alice M. Long, S. S. Tucker.

FLOWERS DESTROYED.

Three flower gardens in West Belleville have been destroyed by some person, apparently a man, for the marks of his boots point to an adult. Mr. Reid, Cedar and Moira streets, had a large bed of peonies torn up, the plants being thrown out on the road and grass. Mr. L. B. Cooper's plot of flowers was also attacked with less damage. The police are hot on the trail of the offender.

CRUSHED BETWEEN LOGS.

Little Phyllis Kippen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kippen, who was injured on Tuesday evening last, by being crushed beneath two heavy logs while at play in the yard, was removed to St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, yesterday for an examination. An X-ray photograph was taken of the little one's limbs, and the discovery was made, that the right leg was severely fractured, below the knee. Dr. Purvis, set the fracture, and the child is resting as well as can be expected.—Brookville Times.

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Mrs. W. W. Hudgins of Madoc left yesterday for Empress, Alta. She will be joined at Toronto by her daughter, Miss Helen, who is attending Westminster Ladies' College. They expect to spend several months in the West.