

TWO ST. JOHN BOYS HOME WITH OTHERS FROM FRONT

Pte. Harold Duplissee and Gordon Nuttall in Party of Returned Wounded on Corinthian—Officer in Charge Predicts Big Change Next Spring—Steward's Daring Rescue of Soldier in Mid-Ocean.

Saturday Dec. 18. The steamer Corinthian, arriving last night, brought back twelve wounded soldiers from the front, and some forty others who had received their discharge.

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GREEK FRONTIER INVOLVING; ENEMY HESITATES TO CROSS

(Continued from page 1) grobe district, on the plateau between the Torra and Astico valleys. Along the mountain front there have been Russian Dispersed Turkish Garrison.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 21.—The following official communication was issued today: "Western (Russian) front: In the region of Viday, there have been unimportant encounters with small enemy detachments.

"In the Caucasus Saturday our scouts, under Ensign Kolesnikov, in the region of Schiban, northwest of Olti, approached within fifty paces of a Turkish outpost and attacked it with the bayonet, killed the garrison, and scattering the remainder.

"Then another detachment of Russian scouts, under command of Sergeant McGeehan, charged the Turks and bayoneted some of them, and recaptured Ensign Kolesnikov. Both Russian detachments then retired to their own positions.

"The strong detachments repulsed yesterday between Zabrana and Hamadan have not resumed the offensive."

Government Party Triumphs. Paris, Dec. 20.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Athens, dealing with the results of the elections, says: "Up to the present two hundred members of the Gounaris party have been elected to seats in the Greek parliament.

The other results, thus far obtained, show that thirty adherents of M. Theodoris, twenty of former Premier Rhabili, and seven of M. Dimitracopolous were elected. The results from six districts are not yet known."

The Patris, organ of M. Venizelos, says, with regard to the election: "The voters, by their abstention from voting, the results of the election prove that if the Liberal party had entered the campaign its victory would have been greater than on the 18th of June."

The few Himer, which voices the opinion of the opponents of M. Venizelos, maintains, on the contrary, that the paucity of voters was attributable to the mobilization and says that if the voters had been able to vote they would not have given a single ballot to the followers of M. Venizelos. Their obligatory abstention from voting, the newspaper adds, deprived governmental candidates of a number of voters."

No Heavy Fighting Here. Paris, Dec. 20.—Small engagements between Montenegrin and Austro-Hungarian troops with no important results were reported in an official bulletin given out here today. The statement follows: "On Dec. 17 enemy outposts appeared on the Karavle-Cora-Chachovich-Blelopete line. During engagements we captured more than 100 men. On the other front there were lively fusillades."

Gun Capture Reported. Vienna, via London, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued today: "Rusian theatre: There is nothing special to report. "Italian theatre: On the entire front there has been moderate artillery activity but only in the Chiasso sector and in the area of the Piave did it increase to vigorous proportions."

"Southeastern theatre: Gen. Kovess' troops stormed the strongly consolidated enemy positions on the Tara, southwest and near the town of Gerzani, north of Berane. In the fighting on the Tara three mountain cannon, two field cannon and 1,200 rifles were captured."

Allied Monitor Eosy. Berlin, via London, Dec. 20.—Entente Allied monitors yesterday shelled the German positions at Westende, on the Belgian coast, but were finally driven away by land batteries, says the official statement issued today by the army headquarters. The statement adds that German aviators attacked the town of Poperinghe, near Ypres, numerous balloons being concentrated there.

"Western theatre: Five from our coastal batteries drove off enemy monitors. On this front there was lively artillery activity and also successful mining operations were reported. "One of our air squadrons attacked Poperinghe where numerous troops of the enemy are gathered. An English biplane was shot down in an aerial fight near Brugge. The occupants of the machine were killed."

"Eastern theatre: The situation is unchanged. "Balkan theatre: In the fighting northeast of Tara, previously reported, three mountain and two field guns were captured. "Near Mojkovac fighting continued successfully for the Austro-Hungarian troops. Several hundred prisoners were brought in. There were also reports that the German and Bulgarian army corps."

Turning to the new national factories, which he said now numbered thirty-three, he declared they had been considerably engaged for their Allies, as well as for itself. He emphasized the unexpected success which had attended munitions work in Ireland; thanks, he said, to the assistance of John Redmond.

"David A. Thomas comes back speaking in the highest possible terms of the service rendered this country by J. F. Morgan & Co., not merely in the selection of contracts, but in the fact that they saved us many millions of pounds by their efforts to reduce the inflated prices prevailing before they took the matter in hand."

KENT COUNTY MAN KILLED; SEVERAL N. S. MEN WOUNDED

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Nathan A. Ward, of Harcourt, is the only New Brunswick man in the midnight casualty list, he being reported seriously ill in the 30th Battalion. Several Nova Scotia men are reported wounded.

The list follows: FIRST BATTALION. Died of Wounds—Frederick Horne, Chatham (Ont.).

SECOND BATTALION. Wounded—William Rosell, Bealton (Ont.). Suffering from Shock—Corporal Frank J. Hawkins, Brockville (Ont.).

THIRD BATTALION. D dangerously Wounded—Charles J. Armstrong, Ottawa.

FIFTH BATTALION. Killed in Action—David McDill, Scotland. Wounded—Company Sergt.-Major W. McLellan, Scotland; Corporal Henry Halstead, England; Fred Harris, England.

THIRTIETH BATTALION. Wounded—JOHN F. CAMPBELL, GLENCAI MILLS, INVERNESS (C. B.); SYLVESTER IVES, SYDNEY MINES (N. S.).

FOURTEENTH BATTALION. Accidentally Slight Wounded—Joseph Bourque, St. Angele De Laval, Nicolet (Que.).

FIFTEENTH BATTALION. Wounded—John Irwin, Ireland.

SIXTEENTH BATTALION. Died of Wounds—Corporal George H. Fandy, England.

TWENTY-SEVENTH BATTALION. Seriously Ill—Arthur W. Simmonds, Winnipeg.

TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION. Killed in Action—Walter E. Glennon, Montreal.

THIRTIETH BATTALION. Seriously Ill—NATHAN A. WARD, HARCOURT, KENT CO. (N. B.). FORTY-EIGHTH BATTALION. Died—Kingsley A. Evans, Beulah (Man.).

PRINCESS PATS. Dangerously ill—JOS. C. SHIFTON, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL (N. S.). ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT. Died of Wounds—Corporal John F. Usher, England.

LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE. James (Man.). Severely wounded—Acting Lance Corporal Jack McCann, Bradford (Ont.).

FIRST CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES. Slightly wounded—James W. Johnson, Beresford (Man.).

FOURTH REGIMENT CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES. Wounded—Wm. C. Elsworth, England. Suffering from shock—Richard Hockley, England.

TWELFTH REGIMENT CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES. Dangerously ill—Fred Knight, England.

FIRST BRIGADE CANADIAN FIELD ARTILLERY. Died of wounds—Gunner Ernest E. Foley, England; Gunner John O. Pearson, England.

CANADIAN DIVISIONAL CYCLE COMPANY. Seriously ill—R. Abbott, England.

NUMBER THREE CANADIAN FIELD AMBULANCE. Severely wounded—Arthur Millen, England.

LABOR'S ATTITUDE. (Continued from page 1) fortnight than in the entire first year of the war.

"There have been other developments of our work, which I dare not mention. There has been experimental work of a kind better not discussed: As to explosives, we shall be able to continue to supply ourselves, and our allies."

"As to economy, I may cite as an example new contracts for gun ammunition, which is the principal item of expenditure—the cost of eighteen-pounder shells has been reduced forty per cent, and of 4.5 inch howitzer shells, thirty per cent."

Possible To Win In Forty Days. "It is too early to talk of the danger of over-production. In the last great battle, although there was a tremendous accumulation of ammunition, the general staff with twice the quantity of ammunition they would have achieved twenty times the result. Two hundred million pounds, or the cost of only forty days of war, would produce an enormous quantity of munitions. If you had that quantity at the right moment the war might be won in forty days; whereas, without it, the war might be prolonged, perhaps four hundred days."

MURDER VERDICT AGAINST CODERRE

Sherbrooke Lieutenant Killed Sergt. Ozanne Finds Coroner's Jury

London, Dec. 20.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Willful murder was the verdict of the coroner's jury against Lieut. Geo. Coderre, of Sherbrooke (Que.), of the 41st Battalion, in respect to the death of Sergt. Ozanne, of the 9th Mounted Rifles.

Lieut. Coderre, who is already in custody, sat beside his lawyer all day, and received the verdict without a word of emotion. Still wearing khaki, he followed the proceedings with close interest, and showed impatience when difficulties arose because of an interpreter.

Although the testimony of Orderly Lance Corporal Keller provided a sensation in the matter, the climax was reached today when a letter written to him by Coderre in prison was read. This was in French, with but little punctuation, and a translation was given the court. Addressing the orderly as 'Joe,' the writer said that the crime had been discovered, that some one saw the orderly strike the deceased, and that he, Coderre, would save him if it cost \$5,000.

"While I was under arrest, I was between you two commenced. He struck you, and you wanted your revenge. You struck him in a bad place, and seeing you stung him, you finished him. As you have been seen to strike him, it is no use trying to put it on me."

The writer further urged Joe to make a written admission that he committed the deed, promising to provide legal defence, and look after his wife. "The letter was handed to them, resulting in the release of the two orderlies held under guard until a few days ago. Starling Evidence.

Keller, the servant of Major Hughes, was on the stand for two and a half hours. Unable to read or write, and speaking little English he was interpreted by the Anglo-French lady acting interpreter, who understood the proceedings. Major Keller, who was very obscure, and caused the substitution of the Canadian interpreter, but Major Begin rendered it with the same result.

Beyond this, Keller said Coderre asked for a towel and water, and told him to scrub the floor, and covered the bloodstains.

"Every appeal that has been made to the workmen," he said, "has been met. The workmen are not unmindful of their responsibilities. What the ministers sought to do is to pass a bill guaranteeing to trade unions the re-establishment of the status quo at the termination of the war."

Helped to Remove the Body. A fellow orderly, Desjardins, came in to the house, and Coderre made them go down to the cellar to help him. Seeing the body at the foot of the stairs, they recoiled, and Desjardins refused to do anything. Keller later brought the

blankets from his bed, on Coderre's order, and with him carried the body to the stable, where the latter built it up with straw. Coderre also gave a leading hand to the witness, and told him to burn it. This was found by the police half consumed. Keller was also given a bloody carving knife, produced to clean.

Lieut. Coderre, Desjardins, the second orderly, corroborated the story, both orderlies explaining their failure to report the affair until next morning on the ground of fear of Coderre, who took supper in the house, as usual, with the wife and children. Among other witnesses important evidence was given by Quartermaster-Sergeant Alphonse Martin, of the 9th Rifles, who at the request of Coderre, sent packing case, four feet by three feet, to the house.

Major Hughes, of the 41st, caused the arrest of Coderre in camp. The medical evidence showed the throat slashed from ear to ear, and the fractured skull, with 45 wounds in the head and face.

An officer of the 69th Battalion at present quartered in this city was at one time acquainted with Lieut. Coderre, who has been mentioned in England for the murder of Sergt. Ozanne, of the 9th Mounted Rifles.

The officer stated that he knew Lieut. Coderre when he was connected with the 41st Battalion, and had never before transferred to the 69th.

That the theory that Lieut. Coderre might have murdered Sergt. Ozanne for his money, he thought hardly reasonable. Lieut. Coderre, a well-to-do merchant at Sherbrooke and reputed to be very wealthy. Coderre was very free with his money on all occasions, and thought nothing of spending \$100 on one evening's enjoyment. He was never in need of money, always carried a "roll" on his person and never had to work during his life time for a living.

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WEDDINGS

Vincent-Josephson. The wedding of Gunner Walter C. Vincent of the siege battery to Miss Blanch Josephson, of the 1st Battalion, was solemnized Wednesday by Rev. Dr. Raymond, rector of St. Mary's church. The ceremony was attended only by relatives of the bride and groom.

Clark-Moore. In Main street Baptist church at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening the Rev. Bernard Clark of Bear River (N. S.) and Miss Grace Edna Moore of Middleton (Conn.), were united in marriage by Rev. D. Hutchinson, D.D. Mr. Clark is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clark of Bear River, and his parents were present at the ceremony, returning to their home yesterday morning. The bride and groom are still in the city. They will make their home at Bear River.

Peasman-Welch. The wedding of Hugh Weston Peasman, of the local staff of the bank of Montreal, and formerly of Halifax, to Miss Anna Hazel Inalek Welch, of Woodstock (N. B.), took place Wednesday evening in St. David's Presbyterian church, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan officiating.

Sabine-Fullerton. An interesting wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Frederick Fullerton, Tower street, West St. John, when their daughter, Mabel, was united in marriage to Mr. J. H. Sabine, of Saskatchewan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. T. Sabine, brother of the groom. The bride is a graduate nurse of Boston and the groom is a prosperous farmer of Neepawa (Sask.). The good wishes of many friends are with the newly married pair.

Ross-Wiggins. Andover, Dec. 16.—A wedding of interest to the people of Andover and Perth, the bride being assistant postmistress at Perth for several years, took place in the Episcopal church at Four Falls at 12 o'clock Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, when Miss Alice Foster, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wiggins became the wife of Arthur Sherwood Ross, of Four Falls. Rev. J. R. Hopkins performed the ceremony. The bride, who looks very pretty in a gown of cream crepe de chine, was escorted by her father, Mr. Newcombe, a friend of the groom, was best man and Miss Annie Wiggins, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The wedding was dressed in pink chiffon. After the marriage a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents where a number of relatives and friends gathered to wish the young couple every happiness through their wedded life. The wedding gifts were many. The guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burke of Fort Fairfield (Me.), Mrs. M. L. F. Carvell and Miss Johnston of Perth and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Heffernan of Andover.

Newcastle, Dec. 16.—The death of Frank Masson, plumber and tinsmith, occurred suddenly after only a week's illness late Tuesday night. Deceased, whose son, William, was called home from Alcorn (Sask.) lately because of illness late Tuesday night. Deceased, whose son, William, was called home from Alcorn (Sask.) lately because of illness late Tuesday night. Deceased, whose son, William, was called home from Alcorn (Sask.) lately because of illness late Tuesday night.

OBITUARY

Miss Bridget McDonald. The death of Miss Bridget McDonald occurred Wednesday afternoon at her residence, 140 Brussels street, after a lengthy illness. She was a daughter of the late Richard and Margaret McDonald and is survived by three sisters, Mary, Annie and Elizabeth all at home.

Mrs. Albert E. Cheesman. Mrs. Albert E. Cheesman died Wednesday night at her home, 31 Prospect street, Fairville, after a brief illness. Besides her husband she is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGeehan, her brothers, Philip and Richard, and four sisters, May, Katherine, Margaret and Jean all of this city. She was in the twentieth year of her age and was well known and respected.

Miss Claire Kelley. Frederick, Dec. 16.—W. S. Kelley of the Victoria Hospital staff has received word of the death of his sister, Miss Claire Kelley in Los Angeles, Cal. She was suffering from tuberculosis and gave up a position as stenographer in New York more than a year ago to seek a change of climate. She is survived by two brothers and three sisters. The body is being brought home for burial.

Dr. Fred A. Cook. Frederick, Dec. 16.—Dr. H. H. McNally received a telegram from Yorkton (N. Y.), this morning, announcing the sudden death of his brother-in-law, Dr. Fred A. Cook. He was operated upon for abscess a few days ago, and was thought to be on the road to recovery. The deceased was connected with the public schools and was prominent in Yorkton. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Bessie McNally of this city, whom he married two years ago.

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