

Great War Machine Still Idle; Serious Riot in City of Halifax

A WILD MOB SETS FIRE AND PARTLY WRECKS CITY HALL, HALIFAX

Dangerous Riot Starts Over Arrest of Sailor and Rescue Party Develops into Mob of Sailors, Soldiers and Others, Who Attack Building, Damage Court Room, Throw City Patrol Wagon into Harbor, Batter Automobile Truck, Cut Hose and Do Other Damage.

Police Fire Over Heads of Mob and No One Seriously Hurt—Situation Became So Serious Saturday Night That It Was Necessary To Call Out Militia—Bale of Hay Soaked With Gasoline Thrown Burning into City Engineer's Office.

Halifax, May 26.—Mob rule prevailed in the downtown section of this city last night when a crowd of soldiers, sailors and civilians attacked the City Hall and caused damage estimated at \$5,000. The police court was wrecked, most of the windows in the building were smashed, the office of the city engineer damaged by chemical used to extinguish an incipient blaze started by the rioters, the city patrol wagon was thrown into the harbor and an automobile and motor bicycle taken from the wagon shed and badly shattered.

As far as is known no one was seriously hurt in the melee.

The trouble started about eight o'clock in the evening, when two British sailors were arrested by Policeman Isnor in Barrington street, for refusing payment for the purchase of a cake of soap. One of the sailors was taken to the police station at City Hall, but the other escaped, and evidently enlisted the sympathy of a number of soldiers and bluejackets, for the police were notified about five minutes later that a large crowd had collected at a street corner a few blocks away. A squad of five policemen attempted to disperse the gathering, but failed and returned to the station.

Smash Windows.
The crowd followed them and when they reached City Hall several soldiers were arrested for creating a disturbance. This excited the anger of some of their comrades and when the policemen had entered the station persons in the crowd threw stones at the windows. By this time it was dark and the police considering it impossible to check the rioters, remained in the station. Stones flew thick and fast and almost every pane on the north side of the building was broken. Not satisfied with this, and seeing that there was no resistance, the unruly gang became bolder.

Court Room Damaged.
Some of the rioters smashed open the door of the police court and went only destroyed woodwork there. The magistrate's bench was damaged and the prisoners' box torn down. The hoodlums then forced their way into the wagon shed. From this they took the police patrol wagon which they ran down the hill to a wharf, hurrying it into the harbor. An automobile belonging to a Halifax man now overseas and a policeman's motor cycle were also taken out and battered up badly. These have since been recovered.

Several Shots Fired.
When the rioters endeavored to lead away a horse stalled there, one of the police fired several blank cartridges in the air and the crowd ran, leaving the police in possession of the shed. The gang next turned its attention to the city engineer's office on the west side of the building. A bale of hay, soaked with gasoline, was thrown burning into the office. Fire fighting apparatus was rushed to the scene, but the engine hose was cut by the rioters before it could be connected with a hydrant. The firemen, however, were able to extinguish the blaze with chemical.

Militia Ordered Out.
The police, meanwhile, had sent in a call to the military for assistance and a detachment of two hundred soldiers was sent to City Hall. This was about 10:30 o'clock. The arrival of the soldiers cooled the ardor of most of the rioters, but stones were thrown spasmodically and the shouting and din continued. Finally the police decided to release the arrested soldiers and sailors. Shortly after their release, the mob began to disperse. The arrival of a strong north-

BITTER ATTACK ON THE Y. M. C. A. BY VETERANS

Resolutions Adopted By Ontario G. W. V. A. Censuring Religious Organization.

SOLDIERS PRAISE SALVATION ARMY

Claim Y. M. C. A. is Purely Commercial Concern and Hypocritical.

Hamilton, Ont., May 26.—The G. W. V. A. of Ontario concluded its convention here on Saturday. The afternoon and closing session was marked by a debate on the Y. M. C. A. which ended in the passing of a resolution censuring it in connection with its activities on behalf of the soldiers overseas. A number of delegates spoke out against the "Y," calling it an association of "four-flushers and hypocrites."

The general tenor of the remarks on the work of the Y. M. C. A. overseas was that it charged higher prices than similar organizations for what it sold and gave very little away, with the exception of an occasional cup of coffee near the firing lines.

UNUSUAL DEPOSIT AT A BANK IN N. SYDNEY

Pet Minorca of Manager Beggs of Bank of Nova Scotia Lays an Egg For Him At The Institution.

North Sydney, C. B., May 26.—In unusual bank deposits, perhaps one never heard of before, was made in the Bank of Nova Scotia when a black minorca hen deposited a large egg on the steps of that institution. Manager Beggs, who is particularly fond of hens—and eggs, too—has a large flock which he reared in the basement of the bank. Occasionally this particularly Minorca bird wanders around to the front entrance, sometimes following her kind master into the lobby. On this occasion she felt like showing her appreciation and at the same time making a record, and after a little thought and a few clucks, she decided to set down to business, with the above result.

OLDEST RESIDENT OF MONCTON PASSES AWAY

John Nelson Chapman Briggs Dies, Aged Ninety-Four Years.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, May 26.—The death of John Nelson Chapman Briggs, at the age of 94 years, which occurred Saturday evening, removes Moncton's oldest citizen. Little more than a week ago Mr. Briggs suffered a paralytic stroke from which he failed to rally. Deceased was formerly a well known building contractor. He was born in Coverdale, Albert Co., but had lived in Moncton over forty years having previously resided at Latis Mountain some years. He is survived by three sons, Augustus, Moncton, Mark, Stillsville, James, Boston, and one daughter, Mrs. Robert McFarlane, Moncton. One brother and one sister also survive.

COL. SHARPE, M. P. JUMPS TO DEATH FROM WINDOW

Montreal, May 26.—Col. Sam Sharpe, M. P., of Uxbridge, Ontario, recently returned from England, where he has been undergoing treatment in an hospital for a nervous affection, met his death at the Ross Pavilion of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Saturday, by jumping from a second story window and falling on the concrete pavement below.

Col. Samuel Simpson Sharpe, Conservative Unionist member of Parliament for North Ontario, was born at Zephyr, Township of Scott, Ontario County, Ontario, March 13, 1875, the son of George Sharpe, an Englishman, and Mary Ann Simpson, a native of Londonderry, Ireland. He was educated at Uxbridge public schools, Toronto University and Osgoode Hall, Toronto. He became a barrister and was town solicitor of Uxbridge for ten years. For several years he was major in the 34th Regiment. He raised and took to England in 1916 a battalion for overseas service. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1908 and 1911 as a Conservative, and in 1917 as a Unionist. In Belgium he was a Methodist.

THE CANADIANS RAID ENEMY

Nova Scotia Troops Figure in Action—Marshal Haig's Report.

Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field, via London, May 24. (By William, Canadian Press Correspondent)—Fourteen prisoners and a machine gun were captured, numerous enemy posts destroyed and many dug-outs bombed in Canadian raids this morning. The enemy were on the alert and showed better morale than the troops encountered during recent weeks. In many places they offered a vigorous resistance. The major raid of the morning was carried out by troops from Alberta. Nova Scotia troops raided the enemy posts further south. The raid was a third was rushed, with the capture of three prisoners while at least eight of the enemy were killed and the rest wounded while running away.

HINDY IS NOT DEAD ONE, BUT HAS FEVER

Field Marshal in Strassburg Hospital in Serious Condition.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 26.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the German general staff, is in a hospital at Strassburg, suffering from typhoid fever, according to reports from that city. These reports state that the report of von Hindenburg's death is incorrect, but that his condition is critical. Typhoid fever is said to be spreading rapidly in the German army.

ENEMY ACTIVE. LIEGE RAIDED.

London, May 26.—Increased activity was developed last night by the German artillery in sectors east and northeast of Amiens, as well as on the western side of the Lys salient in Flanders, the war office reported today. British raiding parties took numerous prisoners and several machine guns in successful operations both by day and at night.

THE GERMAN FORCES WITH MANY CANNON ENTER MONTDIDIER

BULGAR TROOPS FIRE SHOTS AT EMPEROR KARL

Austrian Monarch and His Empress Attacked But Not Injured.

ROYAL TRAIN WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED

Several Members of Entourage Hurt—Hun Submarine Sunk By British.

Geneva, May 26.—The train bearing the Emperor and Empress of Austria from Constantinople, where they had been a brief visit, reached Vienna yesterday in a dilapidated condition. Advice from the Swiss frontier town of Buchs give additional details to the reports previously received here of the attack on the Austrian royals. The train came by way of Sofia and was stoned by Bulgarian troops. Seven some rifle shots were fired and several members of the royal entourage were injured by glass from the broken windows. Not a cheer was heard when the Austrian royal couple passed through Bulgarian stations, there being only comparatively small military demonstrations.

Big Hun Submarine Sunk.

London, May 26.—A German submarine of the cruiser type was sunk on May 11, in the latitude of Cape Vincent by a British submarine. The admiralty made this official announcement tonight. Cape St. Vincent is on the southwest extremity of Portugal. The statement says: "One of our escorts reports that on May 11, in the latitude of Cape St. Vincent, she sighted and sunk a German submarine of scout cruiser type. A heavy sea was running at the time. Shortly afterwards another enemy submarine was sighted, but by swift diving she escaped the fate of her consort. "This being the first cruiser submarine destroyed it has been decided to depart from the usual course of not announcing the destination of individual enemy submarines."

SENSATION CAUSED IN COUNTY TIPPERARY BY ARREST OF A WOMAN

Miss Bruns, Austrian Subject, Secretary to Major Edwards, Horseman, Taken Into Custody By Police and Military Officers.

London, May 26.—A sensation was caused in Tipperary yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph by the arrest of Miss Bruns, an Austrian subject who has been serving as secretary to Major Edwards, who owns a stock farm at Bansha, in County Tipperary. She was taken into custody at the Edwards home and removed to Dublin. The charge against her was not announced. Edwards, a well known sportsman, was at home, preparing to go to the Limerick Junction races in which he had a horse entered, when the arrest was made. Two motor cars with police and military officers drove to the house and authorities spent several hours searching Miss Bruns' papers and correspondence before arresting her. She had served as Major Edwards' secretary for the past four or five years.

THREE SOLDIERS TAKE A FATAL DRAUGHT

Drink Deadly Wood Alcohol in Winnipeg and All Succumb.

Winnipeg, May 26.—Sergeant W. A. Knox, Pte. A. Holbrook, and staff Sergeant A. V. Jenson, returned soldiers, are dead after drinking wood alcohol as a beverage. Holbrook was proprietor of a bath house and in the course of a friendly drinking bout the three men apparently drank from a bottle of crude alcohol used for external applications. Considerable interest in this case owing to the lateness in preferring the charge and other circumstances.

Lull in Artillery Fire Gives Enemy Opportunity To Get Into City, But Many Airplanes Make It Hot For Him—Photographs of City of No Man's Land Show It Has Not Been Seriously Damaged—City Twenty-Two Miles Southeast of Amiens.

Proof of Allies' Superiority in Air and Growing Magnitude of Sky Activity Being Demonstrated Daily—Enormous Allied Air Fleet, Probably Greatest in History, Masses in Challenge To Germans, But the Teutons Decline To Give Battle.

FRANK L. AKERLEY IS ACQUITTED OF ATTACK ON A YOUNG WOMAN

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Gagetown, May 26.—Frank L. Akerley of Wickham, after a trial lasting three days, was acquitted of having ravished May Robertson, the daughter of Wilford F. Robertson, also of Wickham. The attorney general and John R. Dunn represented the crown. The accused was defended by Daniel Mullin, K. C. of St. John, and R. St. J. Freeze of Sussex. Mr. Mullin addressed the jury with great eloquence and force for over two hours and a half. The attorney general gave a lengthy address and the jury, after being charged by His Honor Judge Barry retired and brought in their verdict after an hour's deliberation. The prisoner was found guilty on the charge of adultery which was also laid in the indictment. It is understood that a reserved case has been applied for in connection with the conviction on this count. Considerable interest has been aroused in connection with this case owing to the lateness in preferring the charge and other circumstances.

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Charlottetown, May 26.—Rev. Jas. C. McGuigan, son of George McGuigan of Hunter River, was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic church by Bishop O'Leary at St. Augustina's Church, Rustico, today.