

ST. JOHN WELCOMES 14 MEN WHO HAVE DONE THEIR BIT

The Scandinavian Brought Many Wounded Soldiers, Including John Beckwith and Wm. Harding of St. John—Former Had Thrilling Experiences—Nursing Sister Speaks of Capt. Kuhring's Valuable Work at Lemnos.

Monday, Dec. 6. One hundred and fourteen soldiers, wounded, ill, or despatched on special missions, and also three nursing sisters, returned to Canada yesterday on the S. S. Scandinavian, which docked at West St. John at 9:30 a.m. Included in the number were two St. John men—John E. Beckwith and William Harding, the former fared badly. He lost the use of one foot and one hand was maimed. Harding, who, incidentally, is the last returned soldier from the 26th battalion, contracted rheumatic fever when only twelve days at the front. There were several other maritime province men, including one named Bell from Moncton. The reception committee, of which C. E. Lockhart is chairman, received word only a few days ago that there were wounded aboard the Scandinavian. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Lockhart was apprised of the fact that the liner would dock at 9:30. He was not expecting it until today. He had a difficult time to get in touch with the many members of the committee, but at 9:30 a large staff was at the docks. Only a few of them were permitted aboard to confer with Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, who was in command of the returning men. The others received the instructions they needed. They presented them with chocolates, cigarettes, fruit, etc., and made things as pleasant as possible for them. The reception was magnificent despite the short notice, and the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, expressed his pleasure before his departure from the city.

Soldiers' Stirring Stories.

In their short stay the soldiers told many interesting stories to the committee. Some of them were through many engagements and had suffered badly. Others were but little injured and were optimistic about returning to action soon. Those who are back here on duty were mum concerning their duty, but spoke freely of conditions at the front. At 11:30 o'clock the entire party, with the exception of those residing here, left by special train for Quebec. They were as light-hearted as children. Their wounds did not prohibit them being good humored and jovial. The party included the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson; fourteen other officers, six sergeants, three nursing sisters and ninety-three men. Besides these the ship carried 199 other passengers.

The local men were received royally. R. S. Ritchie, secretary of the reception committee, conveyed William Harding in his car to Harding's home, Winslow street. Beckwith's brother, William, was there to meet him with a coach, and drove him to his home, 30 Brussels street. Many people were on hand to greet the men. The news of their arrival seemed to spread rapidly and many friends called to see them.

Forty Others Sent Back

Private Harding, who was in the employ of W. E. Scully, is the first of the 26th battalion to return home. He was at the front only twelve days. He contracted rheumatic fever during the campaign and stayed in hospital for a long period in a French hospital and later was conveyed to England.

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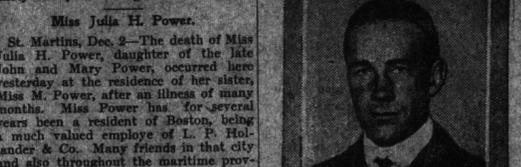
Enoch McLean.
Cumberland Bay, N. B., Nov. 29.—The death occurred at his home here on Wednesday morning of Enoch McLean in the ninety-first year of his age. He was one of the oldest members of the Second Grand Lake Baptist church. Converted in middle life, he always took a very active part in all church work and faithfully filled the office of deacon for forty years, and was always at his post ready to lend a hand and give assistance in all matters that tended to the up-building of the community. Being of a generous and hospitable nature his home was always open to those looking for food and shelter. He leaves three sons and two daughters. The sons are L. P. and E. M. McLean of St. John, and John E. McLean at home. The daughters are Mrs. Alfred J. Kilpatrick, of Edmonton (Alb.), and Mrs. George M. Larkin, of St. John. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon at the home. Preaching service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Hopkins. Interment in the Cumberland Point cemetery.

George A. Briggs.
Friday, Dec. 3. The death of George A. Briggs occurred yesterday morning at his home, 55 Clarence street. He had been in failing health for about a year. Mr. Briggs was a native of St. John and had been engaged for the last seven years as a carpenter in the York Cotton mill. Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Miss Amanda C., at home, and two brothers, Henry M., of Willow Grove, and Joseph, in Australia. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen O'Leary.
Friday, Dec. 3. Mrs. Helen O'Leary, widow of Jeremiah O'Leary, died at the Mater Misericordiae Home yesterday morning after a lengthy illness. She was in the eighty-second year of her age, and is survived by three sons—John, Timothy and Henry, all in the city. She resided for the greater part of her life in St. James street. She was well known and highly respected, and many will regret her passing.

Mrs. David Murray.
Harcourt, Nov. 30.—The death of Mrs. David Murray occurred on Friday morning at her home, Smith's corner, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. The late Mrs. Murray was in her 81st year, and besides her husband, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

ACHIEVED GREAT FLIGHT



Victor Carlstrom, young aviator, who last week flew from Toronto to New York, in a record-breaking flight, using bi-planes favored by Allies in Europe.

was supported by two bridesmaids, Miss Lillian Chapman and Miss Williamson, while the groom was supported by Fred Ferris. A good number of friends of the contracting parties were present and witnessed the ceremony. After the wedding a delectable luncheon was served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson, Champlain street. This morning the happy pair left for Jemseg in the Grand Lake District, where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return they will reside in West St. John.

Webber-Dakin.

Digby, Dec. 3.—A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage last night, when Rev. Robert McArthur, pastor of Grace Methodist church, united in marriage Edward Charles Webber, one of Digby's enterprising merchants, to Elizabeth Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Dakin. After the ceremony the bridal party was conveyed to the Waverly hotel, where a luncheon was served to a large number of invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Webber, who are receiving congratulations from a large circle of friends, will reside in Digby, pending the present at the Waverly.

Beaman-Sands.

A marriage of much interest to friends in the North End was solemnized at the residence of the officiating clergyman, 41 Cedar street, Wednesday evening last, when John Frederick Beaman and Miss Cecelia Ellen Sands were united in marriage by Rev. B. H. Nobles.

McFadden-Maggs.

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 2.—(Special)—A very pretty wedding and one of unusual interest took place this evening at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. William Maggs, Main street, when her daughter, Miss Louise Maggs, was united in marriage to J. Herbert McFadden, the well known and popular barrister of Sussex. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Arthur, was attired in her traveling suit of navy blue with black picture hat. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. C. Rice. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden left on the west C. P. R. for a honeymoon trip to Boston and New York. At the depot a host of friends gathered who gave the happy couple a rousing send-off and wishing them much happiness.

Long-Dunham.

The wedding of Clifford Cecil Long to Miss Dorothy Muriel Dunham took place on Wednesday evening at the home of Captain George W. Rose, Adelaide street, when Rev. B. H. Nobles officiated in the presence of a few friends. After the ceremony, luncheon was served. Numerous gifts testified to their popularity. Mr. Long has been in the west for several years, but has returned to reside in St. John, and with his bride, will make his home in Adelaide street.

Mrs. Paul Sweeney.

Fredericton, Dec. 5.—(Special)—Mrs. Paul Sweeney, of St. John, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. McLeod, passed away here this morning from heart disease. The deceased had been visiting her parents for the past fortnight. While on a visit here last spring, she was seized with a serious illness from which she never recovered. She was a well known and popular member of the Great West Life Insurance Company, resides in St. John. He will arrive here tomorrow morning after which the funeral arrangements will be announced. The late Mrs. Sweeney is survived by her husband, her parents, two brothers and three sisters. The brothers are Harry W. McLeod, assistant to the chief engineer of maintenance of the C. P. E. at Winnipeg, and Sapper William R. Y. McLeod, now serving in England, with the Canadian engineers. The sisters are Mrs. A. J. O'Neill, of Fredericton; Mrs. Harry E. Belyea, of St. John, and Miss Pauline McLeod, at home.

Mrs. J. H. Armstrong.

The death of Mrs. Armstrong, widow of J. H. Armstrong, occurred Saturday morning at her home, 511 Lancaster street, West St. John. She was 81 years of age. She was a native of St. John, and was born in West St. John, and had lived there all her life, and had been held in high esteem by her neighbors. She was a member of the Carlton Presbyterian church.

Miss Christina Brodie.

Monday, Dec. 6. The death of Miss Christina Brodie, daughter of Isabel and the late W. B. G. Brodie, of this city, occurred yesterday. She is survived by four brothers. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

WEDDINGS

Sinspatt-Young.
An interesting event took place on Wednesday evening in St. Stephen's church, when Frederick C. Sinspatt was united in marriage to Miss Helen Maud Young. The marriage took place in the presence of immediate relatives. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Albert McCartney, was neatly attired in a becoming dress of traveling suit. Rev. Gordon Dickie was the officiating minister. In some of the ex-members, Messrs. Posters, Garland, Sharpe and James Aikin again seek re-election. No assurance has been obtained that in these cases where Conservative members resigned either under compulsion, because of irregularities in regard to wage contracts, or for purely political reasons, in the case of Manitoba members, no such assurance can be obtained. Meanwhile the government fears to invite a contest. It is possible that the seats may be left unrepresented all session.

BRAND WHITLOCK GIVEN GREAT WELCOME HOME.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 6.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, arrived here at 8 o'clock this afternoon and was greeted by the entire city, which had made the day's holiday for the returning former mayor. He declines to reply to questions relative to conditions in Belgium and the reason for his return. He stated, however, that he will leave for New York on December 28 and go direct to Brussels.

"I'd face a dragon to win that girl. In fact, I'd welcome a dragon to face." "Your wish may be granted. Wait until you see her mother, my boy."

26TH ESCAPES REPORTS OF DISASTER TO FOUR KILLED IN 3RD C. M. R. MIDNIGHT LIST HAS NO MARITIME PROVINCE NAMES AND NO CASUALTIES IN FIRST BATTALION, AS REPORTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The 26th New Brunswick battalion is not mentioned in the midnight casualty list. Despite reports as to disaster to the 1st battalion there are no casualties in this unit reported. The Mounted Rifles suffered, four being killed in the 3rd regiment. The list follows:

SECOND BATTALION.

Died of Wounds—Lester C. Neuman, Ottawa.

FOURTH BATTALION.

Wounded—Harry Yates, Edmonton (Alta.). Previously Reported Killed in Action, Between May 21 and 22, Now Safe, and Serving with the 32nd Battalion—Jos. Ramsay, Scotland.

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.

Killed in Action—Geo. Saville, Oakville (Ont.). Wounded—Harry Selverwright, Montreal.

FOURTEENTH BATTALION.

Killed in Action—Lance Sergeant Wm P. Fegan, England.

SIXTEENTH BATTALION.

Died of Wounds—Javins Mans, Paris (Ont.).

EIGHTEENTH BATTALION.

Killed in Action—Edward Goodier, England; Wm. McMillan, Scotland.

NINETEENTH BATTALION.

Wounded—Lance-Corporal Jos. Seymour Ditchburn, Rosseau (Ont.); Seymour Clissold, England.

DIED OF WOUNDS—Wm. J. Rankine, 1st Cameron Highlanders.

TWENTYTH BATTALION.

Killed in Action—Wm. Turrell, England. Died of Wounds—Richard Hallas, England.

TWENTY-FIRST BATTALION.

Wounded—Edward Addyman, Windsor (Ont.). Severely Wounded—Geo. W. Thomas, Baltimore (Ont.).

Shell Conscience—Harry McMillan, England.

TWENTY-FOURTH BATTALION.

Wounded—Corporal Thomas Canon, Ireland.

TWENTY-SEVENTH BATTALION.

Suffering from Shrapnel—Henry J. Mansfield, Winnipeg. Died of Wounds—John Bayn, Scotland.

TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION.

Wounded—David Collins, Ireland; Stanley New, England; Charles H. Best, England.

THIRTY-FIRST BATTALION.

Wounded—Herbert J. S. Brown, England.

REPORTS OF DISASTER TO 1ST BATTALION UNCONFIRMED; WEEK'S FIGHTING DESCRIBED.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Word has been received here that the 1st Canadian Battalion had been badly cut up in a recent engagement at the front. The casualties are said to be high, but details have not been received by the militia department.

NO CONFIRMATION OF STORY.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—(Special)—There is nothing in the cable advices received by the militia department to corroborate the story printed in several Canadian newspapers today to the effect that the 1st battalion had suffered heavy losses in a recent engagement. Tonight's casualty lists show seven killed and 23 wounded yesterday, and the casualties of the preceding few days have been comparatively light.

Canadians Were Protected by Artillery.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Events on the Canadian front last week are dealt with in the weekly report of the general representative to the minister of militia today. It reads as follows:

"During the week of Nov. 26 to Dec. 9 the general situation on the Canadian front underwent no material change, the weather being unsettled and variable. Frost and light snowfalls at the commencement of the period were followed by warmer weather and heavy rainstorms towards its close. The enemy displayed great activity in aerial reconnaissance throughout this period. On several occasions his aeroplanes have directed artillery fire against our positions until driven off by our anti-aircraft guns. Our snipers and machine gunners have taken full advantage of this situation.

A German Trick.

"On the morning of Nov. 29 a group of ten German troops in the trenches displaying a white flag and calling out, 'Comrades—good Canadians.' They did not attempt to come across and disappeared on being fired at.

"The latter half of the week was marked by increased activity on the part of the enemy's artillery, but our artillery maintained its superior weight of fire. On the afternoon of Dec. 1 the enemy heavily bombarded sections of our front line trenches, in retaliation for the bombardment of his positions by British forces on the night. Little material damage was done, and the necessary repairs were rapidly effected. Our heavy artillery responded with good effect against the enemy's batteries and front trenches. The Germans were seen leaving the trenches during our bombardment.

Weather conditions have afforded an opportunity for increased activity by our patrols, suspected enemy listening posts have been visited and bombed, and much useful information brought in by patrols.

Canadian Patrol Men Encounters.

"A patrol of our 13th battalion, Royal Highlanders, passed through unopposed gaps in the enemy's wire to within thirty feet of the German parapets, and after completing the reconnaissance, returned unobserved. Enemy patrols have been more active and a few encounters with our patrols have occurred.

"On one occasion our patrol, under Lieutenant H. Pym, of the 2nd battalion, exchanged bombs with the enemy. At least one German was accounted for. Our patrol returned safely. On another occasion our patrol of three men discovered an enemy patrol of five near the German wires. By the light of flares sent up from the German trenches our patrol was enabled to disperse the enemy patrol with bombs.

"On the night of Dec. 1-2, a German party was discovered in cutting our wire in front of a trench which had been heavily shelled during the previous afternoon. The enemy was driven off. On the same night the enemy's wire was cut in several places by our 16th Canadian Scottish battalion, and a patrol under Lieutenants H. MacLaurin and A. C. Morley, which advanced towards the enemy's lines. Three Germans were encountered. Heavy machine guns and anti-aircraft rifles were opened from the enemy trenches and our patrol withdrew after wounding two of the German sentries.

"The health of our troops continues good. (Signed) "AITKEN, General Representative."

GERMAN BALKS AT RECALL OF HER AACHES

Washington, Dec. 6.—Germany notified the United States today that she desired to know upon what grounds the state department asks the withdrawal of Captain Boy-Ed, the naval attaché of the German embassy here, and of Captain Von Papen, the military attaché. Secretary of State Lansing received the request from two sources—from Count Bernstorff, the ambassador, and from the Berlin foreign office, through Ambassador Gerard.

The United States will reply promptly. Mr. Lansing will not discuss the facts, nor will he give the sources of information concerning the activities of the attaches in connection with naval and military matters, to which the state department objected. Without reference to the reasons which prompted the state department to ask the withdrawal of the attaches, it is stated, the United States will stand upon the established understanding among nations that an infraction of a diplomatic officer has made himself disagreeable is sufficient to cause his removal.

It was broadly intimated in Germany's request for information that if the United States based its action on anything else than the developments of the Hamburg-American line conspiracy trial in New York, or the case of James F. Archibald, the American war correspondent, who secretly carried papers for Captain Von Papen, as well as Dr. J. D. H. Wilson, the German attaché in Berlin, the Berlin foreign office might contest the withdrawal of the two officers.

The German position indicates too, that the United States is expected to get safe conduct home for the two officers, if it wishes to be rid of them, although it is authoritatively stated that Germany will make no request for this service.

As explained in German quarters, the embassy takes the view that it and its attaches virtually have been placed before the bar of public opinion by the state department's action, and that the information through unusual, is proper, under the circumstances. On the other hand, it is known that Secretary of State Lansing considers that Count Von Bernstorff might have drawn an inference as to what rendered the attaches objectionable to the German government, when the secretary informed him that the officers no longer were acceptable to the United States, and offered to obtain safe conducts for them if Germany so desired.

Mr. Lansing made his request for withdrawal with the full approval of President Wilson, and it was made very plain today that there would be no discussion of the facts which led to the action.

Secretary of State Lansing is of the opinion that the phrase person non grata is one which indicates a mental attitude.

Tom Hood, the punster, once described the meeting of a man and a lion, and in doing so he said—"The man ran off with all his might, and the lion with all his might."

PARLIAMENT LIKELY TO MEET JANUARY 12

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The official proclamation summoning parliament is expected to be issued this week. It is understood that the date of the opening has been fixed for Wednesday, January 12, as already foreshadowed by your correspondent.

No decision has yet been reached by the government in regard to the filling of the eight vacancies—six Conservative and two Liberal—now existing in the commons. The government is delaying the issuing of writs for by-elections in the hope that some arrangement may be reached with the Liberals, whereby Kings county (N. S.), Carleton (Ont.), Lisgar and Brandon (Man.), will not be contested. In some of the ex-members, Messrs. Posters, Garland, Sharpe and James Aikin again seek re-election. No assurance has been obtained that in these cases where Conservative members resigned either under compulsion, because of irregularities in regard to wage contracts, or for purely political reasons, in the case of Manitoba members, no such assurance can be obtained. Meanwhile the government fears to invite a contest. It is possible that the seats may be left unrepresented all session.

MARITIME WINTER FAIR AT AMHERST

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 6.—The fifteenth Maritime Winter Fair was duly opened to the public this morning. The attendance was not so large as usual on opening day, but there was a fairly good crowd present during the evening. Judging began at 2 p. m. Harold Etter, of Westmoreland Point, winning for the third time, and therefore became owner of the silver cup donated by M. J. O'Brien, contractor of Montreal, for the best Short Horn animal of any age. The official opening took place at 8 o'clock tonight, with Hon. M. McKinnon, minister of agriculture for P. E. Island, as chairman. The following were the speakers: Address of welcome, Mayor Avard and Warden Drysdale; reply by Hon. James A. Murray, minister of agriculture for New Brunswick; opening address by Hon. A. P. McDonald, lieutenant-governor of P. E. Island; address by Hon. E. H. Armstrong, commissioner of public works for Nova Scotia; address by John Bright, live stock commissioner, and address by J. H. Drysdale, director of experimental farms.

The speakers were very enthusiastic and the number and quality of the exhibits. Reference was made to Colonel Campbell, the president, who had heard the call of duty and was going to the front.