

WILL NOT BELIEVE NEWTON IS GUILTY

Munition Worker Favorably Known by St. Catharines Church People.

HABITS WERE GOOD

Boarding Mistress Has Great Confidence in Man Held by N. Y. Police.

ST. CATHARINES, April 24.—If Harry L. Newton, St. Catharines munitions foreman, who is being held in New York on charges of offering to kill J. P. Morgan, blow up the Wolland Canal munitions factories and public buildings, is found guilty, it would be hard to prove him such in the eyes of a number of St. Catharines church people, to whom he became well and favorably known in the few months he was here.

According to his boarding-house mistress, who made the statement today, he was of most exemplary habits, remained at home nights except when he went to church affairs, and was a regular Sunday schooler. He showed evidence of being well educated, and purchased heavily in books, always of good literature, articles, presents to others were always articles of this kind.

Regarding the shell found in his trunk at Buffalo station, she states that it was offered to her by a man who she identified as Newton. She further states that he was a heavy collector in postage stamps, and during his absence from St. Catharines letters but one have been from postage stamp collecting agencies.

SERBIAN RELIEF FUND.

MONTREAL, April 24.—The Serbian Relief Association has been organized under the auspices of the Montreal Council of Women. Mrs. Hugh Mackay, 29 Macgregor street, was chosen president. H. B. Walker of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is honorary treasurer. Various committees to oversee gathering and forwarding of relief for Serbian war victims have been named and are preparing their work.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

doing so they win the victory, so it is highly important to obtain a correct estimate of what the Germans are aiming at. Why should they continue an operation where they probably lost 300,000 men, a liability out of all proportion to the liability of the French? Verdun and elsewhere, merely lines of trenches, part real and part dummy, that is not to gain a few hours and defended for days. It is evident that it is not to gain a few of these by losses out of all proportion to the results that the Germans are fighting.

The best explanation of the reasons prompting the Germans to keep up their offensive is that the politicians who control present German military strategy to the utmost, and further demonstration will incline French opinion to receive with favor an offer of peace terms which could be sprung at a propitious hour. In other words, the Germans have been reduced to a extremity of fighting only for political ends, and not the destruction and disarmament of French and British armies. This intention of the Germans has been countered by the publications of the news of the coming of a reinforcement to Russia. In the ordinary course of campaigning such a transfer would be kept secret. When Britain makes up her mind how she is going to raise her armies to their maximum, it will further discourage the Germans and encourage the French spirit of resistance.

Only mining and artillery activity and the bringing down of a German aeroplane were reported from the British front last night. The mining operations have spread to Neuve Chapelle. A British aeroplane is missing.

Continuing their policy of frightfulness, the Germans last night sent three zeppelins meandering over the southern counties of England, dropping bombs and incendiary shells. The results of the raid in killed and wounded are yet unknown. It is evidently hoped by these assassins of the night to terrorize England. The object of the raid is to break down the morale of their opponents. In this peculiar form of armed violence the Germans have been allowed to have a clear field. It is obvious that a return in kind against Germany, in the minds of the German general staff, neutralize the effects of the raids over England by despatching upon German towns would only incite the Germans to fight harder. It has been explained by the publication of studies of the German character. All past psychological history has shown that the German is a brave fellow and a bully coming on, but an abject poltroon in crushing defeat. It has been knowledge of this German trait that has led the leaders to conceal losses and checks.

Sir Roger Casement, the Irish knight, who rallied to the Kaiser when the British navy broke out, and plotted against his country, was captured by the coast of Ireland, and was sunk. Sir Roger evidently persuaded the Kaiser that Ireland was ripe for a revolt, and would rise as soon as he made his appearance. Egomism in Sir Roger can no further go. Sir Roger had previously tampered with Irish prisoners of war in Germany in attempts to induce them to join the German army or to join his essays to carry out his against the British Empire wherever hatched has been foiled.

Pursuing their campaign in the Armenian theatre with great vigor the Russians have stopped a Turkish offensive launched in the direction of Kharput, which strategic point thus has come closer to their grasp. They have upon Trebizond from their advanced guards rendered Turkish attempts to advance Samson, 200 miles up the coast from Trebizond. The Russians are evidently making head by roads with the interior of Asia Minor and other parts in connection are joined with immense coal deposits by railway. It is therefore the Russian military policy to occupy all the coast, so as to cut the Turks off from the Black Sea.

Passo della Sentinella (Sentinel Pass) over the summit of Sexton, on the Drave River, about 6600 feet (2717 metres) above sea level, has been captured by the Italians, who are thus slowly progressing northward.

In fighting which has again broken out on the western frontier of Egypt the British war office announced yesterday that the forces of the British were attacked in an outpost by about 600 natives and beat them off, and that a small body of yeomanry posted in Quatia Village, just on the border, was assailed by 3000 tribesmen and evacuated the place. Forty tribesmen were killed and 30 were taken prisoners by the Australians. Quatia Village is merely held as an outpost. It is probable that enough troops are within call to make short work of any native demonstration.

In the East African campaign British troops under Gen. Vanderventer have defeated the Germans before Kondo, in the Irangi district, and occupied the place, Gen. Smuts reports. The Germans suffered considerable losses, and they retired in the direction of the central railway. Thus forces of Gen. Smuts have pushed on 85 miles beyond Umbuge, where he was last reported.

It was said by the British War Office yesterday that the British are continuing their bombardment of the Turkish position at Sannaiyat in Mesopotamia, and are again going to attack it. The Turks were shelled all day Sunday. The battle will be continued night and day till a decision is reached. The Turks are kept on the defensive.

NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR LEAVES FOR PETROGRAD

Francis Conferred With Central Powers' Ministers at Stockholm.

STOCKHOLM, via London, April 24.—David R. Francis, the new American ambassador to Russia, left today for Petrograd after two busy days spent in Stockholm. The German and Austrian ministers to Sweden, by direction of their respective governments, held lengthy consultations with Mr. Francis while here concerning Teutonic interests in Russia, and also with regard to the prisoners' camps which Mr. Francis cumulated.

NO PAPER CHURCH FOR THIS BAPTIST PASTOR

He Strikes All But Few Names From Roll of Membership.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Declaring he would not be pastor of a "paper church," Mr. Kemp announced at a meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church tonight that he had struck from the membership roll 1211 names out of a total of about 2500. He had taken this action, he said, because the members dropped their names because they were not interested in the church was "ecclesiastical hypocrisy." Mr. Kemp recently came from Scotland to Calvary Church, one of the oldest and most prominent in the city of the Baptist faith.

FUNERAL OF JOHN PEACH OF MARKHAM TOWNSHIP

The funeral of the late John Peach, one of Markham Township's pioneers, took place on Saturday afternoon. The late Mr. Peach, who was over eighty years of age, lived practically all his life in the township, coming to Canada in 1814, to April, 1816, has enlisted the magnificent total of 7621 men, exclusive of British reservists. The total number of applicants received last week was 82 and 49 of these were accepted. These figures show a sharp decline from figures of the previous week, when 213 applicants were received and 111 accepted.

STILL DICKERING OVER MCKITTRICK PROPERTY

HAMILTON, Tuesday, April 25.—With the object of clearing up the outstanding matters between the cemetery board and the McKittrick Company, a joint meeting of the board of control, cemetery board, and representatives of the McKittrick Company was held yesterday. The chief point which they wished to clear up was whether the new proposition of the McKittrick Company would cause the old agreement.

WOODSTOCK'S BATTALION NEEDS TWO HUNDRED MEN

WOODSTOCK, April 24.—The 168th Battalion needs 200 more men, and Col. McMillen has appealed to the public for the necessary number that will bring his battalion up to strength before they go to the front. Woodstock people expected the battalion would be organized this summer, but Col. McMillen said today the battalion would move to London, Ontario, in the near future.

ALL HAMILTON WILL BE POLISHED ON MAY FIRST

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HAMILTON, Tuesday, April 25.—Pte. William Howson, a former member of the 168th Battalion, who resides at 248 East Cannon street, and Sgt. J. McKillop, of the 168th Battalion are two more recent soldiers who have done their "bit." Both men owe their return to shrapnel wounds.

WILL FACE CHARGES TODAY.

HAMILTON, Tuesday, April 25.—Charles O'Neil, a soldier, charged with having obstructed a police officer in the discharge of his duty, and Joseph Crocchi, an Italian fruit peddler, charged with the theft of \$20 from a private residence, will appear in the criminal court today.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

HAMILTON, Tuesday, April 25.—Sgt. Steve Miklasi and Chris Semkon, 57 West Murray street, were arrested last night by Constables Kay and Mellon on a charge of assault on a woman named Sobriga. Thomas Roman and the address was also arrested on a charge of a breach of the liquor act, preferred by Sgt. May.

SHOULD BE OBJECT LESSON.

HAMILTON, Tuesday, April 25.—T. M. Wright, chairman of the fire, police and jail committee, stated yesterday that the fire at the asylum school be an object lesson to the government to pay for fire department service at the mountain institution.

EX-GOVERNOR OF DONGOLA DEAD.

LONDON, April 25, 8.40 a.m.—Gen. Augustus de Saurin McErdell, who had seen wide military service and formerly held the post of governor of Dongola, died yesterday at Dundee.

ROUMANIA'S KING GENEROUS.

LONDON, April 24, 11.16 p.m.—The King of Rumania has given 1,250,000 francs for distribution among the population of Bucharest, who are suffering from the dearth of food, according to Reuter's Bucharest correspondent.

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Official War Statements

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Russian

The official communication from Russian headquarters yesterday reads: "The southern army, the commander-in-chief of the army, spent part of the day in religious exercises in connection with the members of his staff. An enemy aeroplane was brought down by anti-aircraft guns near Fiebigersart. On the remainder of the front there was only an exchange of fire. "Austrian forces in the east region of the enemy made attempts to advance to the forest of Kharput, but were all frustrated by our advance guards. "In the region of Ashkela, the fighting continued. We stopped the Turkish offensive in the direction of Kharput."

French.

Yesterday afternoon's French official communication reads: "To the north of the Aisne, a German reconnoitering party endeavoring to penetrate our lines on the plateau of Paissy was repulsed with losses. "To the west of the River Meuse last night we dispersed several reconnoitering parties of the enemy. "The strong attack in the neighborhood of Thiaumont Farm, east of the Meuse, broke down completely in front of our lines. "A British biplane was put out of action after an aerial engagement east of Arras. Its occupants, consisting of officers, were captured. "In the eastern and Balkan fronts, there is nothing to report."

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