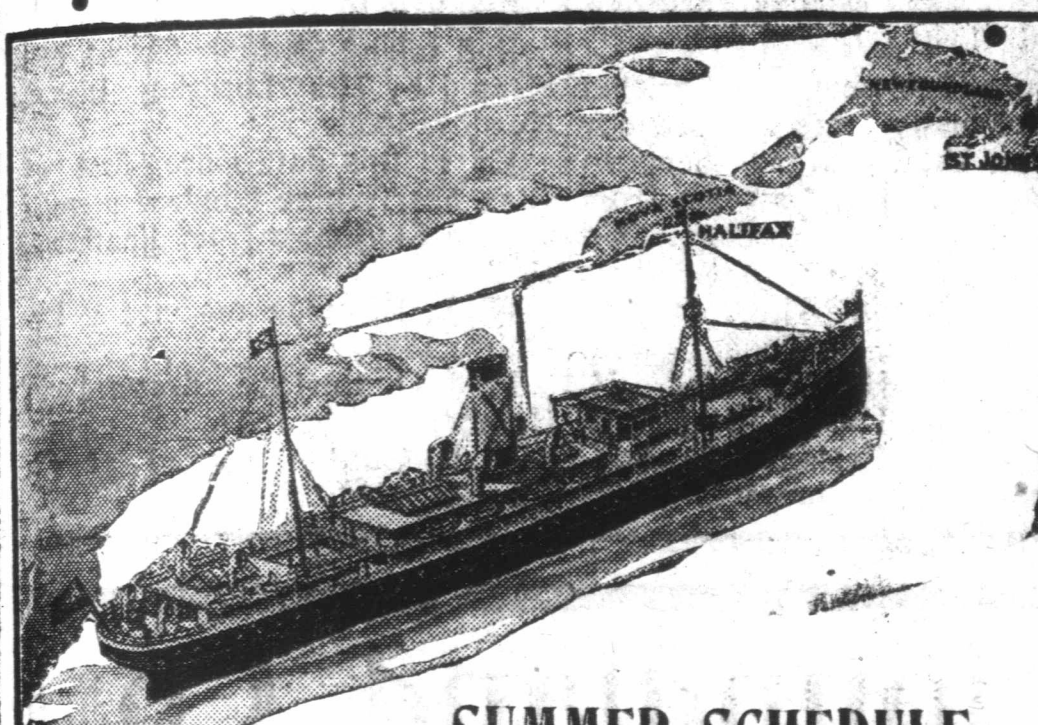


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LONDON, Sept. 3.—(Correspondence)—July 21 last was the eighty-fifth anniversary of the ascension to the throne of the first King of the Belgians and the eighty-sixth of the declaration of Belgian independence. It was made notable in Brussels by the sudden appearance before a great congregation in the Cathedral of Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Mechlin and primate of Belgium, and his deliverance of an intensely patriotic address.

Headless of the German emissaries who were present, the Cardinal predicted the speedy delivery of Belgium from the German yoke, and the coming of a time when King Albert would again rule in his capital, and when Belgium, free, would be at peace. The Cardinal went on to glorify the deeds of the Belgian soldiers who were fighting with the British and French in the West. In a burst of emotion he even regretted that it was impossible for himself and other Belgians, still in Belgium, to "clash in our arms our heroes who over there are fighting for us, or await trembling in their trenches their turn to go to the front."

The Cardinal appeared in full vestments. Almost within earshot, as he fearlessly proclaimed the future redemption of his country, there sat in his office General von Bissing, the German Governor-General of Belgium. In the congregation were representatives of the German authorities, who took down every word that the Cardinal uttered. The Cardinal knew of their presence, but ignored them.

## Chaplain Honoured By King George

Among the recipients of recent honours for conspicuous bravery in the cause of human liberty on the western battle front is Rev. Father Ambrose Madden, formerly of Ottawa University, to whom has been awarded a military cross for gallant conduct under fire. It will be remembered that Rev. Father Madden left London some months ago with Rev. Father McCarthy, and those who met him in this city will rejoice with his friends at Lindsay, at Ottawa and in the west, at the news of the recognition that has fallen to his valor.

The official record states that Rev. Father Madden manifested conspicuous bravery under heavy fire, assisted to dress the wounded, and conducted men blinded to the dressing stations. He undoubtedly saved lives by digging men out of buried trenches.

Rev. Father Madden's feats of bravery are the more notable from the fact that he was not a robust man, but on the contrary, for some time previous to his going to the northwest, had enjoyed but indifferent health. Indeed, it was the need of recovering his health that sent him to the Canadian west from his scholastic duties at Ottawa University.

Returning from the northwest where for six months he had been Catholic chaplain at a military camp Rev. Father Madden, who was full of enthusiasm for his work in the army, obtained a post as chaplain at the front, through the Right Rev. Bishop Fallon, who had been one of his tutors at Ottawa University and had been entrusted to select all English-speaking Catholic chaplains for the overseas forces.

Rev. Father Madden was born in Lindsay, Ontario, and was ordained in 1902. He is a graduate of Ottawa University.



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