

BOMBARDMENT FOILED BY FRENCH ARTILLERY

Terrific Fire Opened on German Batteries, Doing Damage to Them.

FIGHTING FOR KNOLL

Southern Eminence Objective of French Attacks — German Aeroplane Destroyed.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PARIS, Dec. 8.—A French and British artillery gave the Germans a taste of its efficiency today by opening fire with great violence in the face of a heavy German bombardment in the Argonne and Givency sectors, on the front between the Somme and the Oise, and in the Fouguescourt region. Observations made by aeroplane confirmed the efficiency of the work of the gunners.

Southern knoll, in the Champagne, is being contested for by hand-to-hand fights with grenades, with the French making progress to the east of that position. Reservoirs containing asphyxiating gas were destroyed by French batteries on the front between the Argonne and the Meuse.

A French aeroplane at an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet above the ground chased a German machine and opened fire on it at a distance of twenty yards with machine guns, thereby causing it to catch fire and explode. The bodies of the two occupants fell in the French lines near Tilly.

The Belgians report shelling a German convoy and German field works and batteries.

French machine guns during the night prevented the repair of German field works which had been battered to pieces in a previous bombardment near Hettus. A French curtain of fire put a definite check to a German attack west of hill No. 140, north of Arras. The Salmur mill in the vicinity of Rove was bombarded and destroyed by French artillery after it had been ascertained that the enemy had organized it for defence. Further progress was made in the advanced trench in Champagne, while the German line had partially captured yesterday.

FOUR MILLIONS FOR RED CROSS PURPOSES

Lord Lansdowne at Meeting Referred to Failure of Hun Poison.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—It was announced at a meeting of the British Red Cross in London this afternoon that a recent one-day collection taken around the empire in behalf of the Red Cross had resulted in the fine sum of \$4,000,000.

Lord Lansdowne, in thanking the British overseas dominions for their share of the collection, referred to President Wilson's message to Congress. This president, he said, "had gratified in burning words the contrary of intrigue and corruption which has taken place, not only in America but elsewhere, in order to join the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of the national life. Was it not something to know that in a great part of the world the virus had been innocuous?" he asked, and said he felt proud of the fact that "the campaign of conspiracy and intrigue had stood no chance of success in Great Britain's dominions."

DOCTOR EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY

Death of Lance-Corp. Baker Held to Be Due to Insufficient Lighting.

Verdict exonerating Dr. B. D. from all blame, and stating that the man's death was due to lack of sufficient lighting on the Dufferin bridge, was returned by the coroner's jury, investigating the death of Lance-Corp. John Baker of the 10th Military Police, at the late night.

Baker was killed when a motor car, driven by Dr. Murray, of the 10th Military Police, was on the bridge at the time of the exhibition grounds.

Seven witnesses testified as to the lighting on the bridge and Police-McLennan stated that although he was in conversation with Baker when he was killed, he was unable to recognize him as he lay on the ground.

Corp. James Craigh averred that the man was taken to the camp hospital in 11 minutes.

Summing up the evidence, Coroner Johnson emphasized the fact that the doctor's car was without headlights in accordance with the new regulations, and he thought the accident might never have occurred there been headlights on the car.

SPORT-RULE BLOW TO CANADIAN WOMEN

Prevented From Taking Passage on Adriatic at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Because they were not supplied with the new passport required by the British Government, one hundred would-be passengers, mostly Canadian women, who were planning to go to England to spend the Christmas holidays with their husbands in the Canadian contingent, were barred from sailing for Liverpool today on the White Star liner Adriatic.

New regulation compels all British passengers entering England to be supplied with a passport with a photograph of the passenger. The women applied in vain to the British consul, being told that the rule makes it necessary to obtain a passport before the grant of any passport. The sailing of the

COL. ROBERT M'EWEN WINS DRUMMOND CUP

Byron Southdown Breeder Establishes New Record at Guelph Winter Fair.

BECOMES HIS PROPERTY

Trophy Had to Be Won by Same Breeder Three Years in Succession.

By a Staff Reporter. GUELPH, Dec. 8.—With a pen of five of the best appearing and best quality Southdown lambs that have ever been exhibited at the Winter Fair, Col. Robert M'Ewen of Byron, Ont., won the Drummond trophy yesterday.

Col. M'Ewen won the cup with exhibits of Southdown lambs of the same strain in 1913 and 1914, and now possibly in the eyes of the sheep men in the Dominion.

Entry specifications called for the best pen of five lambs, pure bred or grade, all the same breed, and the uniformity of size and appearance of the animals was a big consideration in the judging. Standing side by side in their pen, the colonel's Drummond trophy winners appeared to be of the same height and build to the fraction of an inch. Newly trimmed, their wool was almost a snow white, coloring off to a gray at the nose. According to experts, the winners were perfectly shaped at the head.

New File to Hold.

During the years the Drummond trophy has been open for competition it has changed hands six times, and before this year J. & D. Campbell, Woodville, has been the only competitor to hold the cup two years in succession, in 1907 and 1908, but in 1909, when a win would have given him the trophy permanently, his exhibit was beaten by John Kelly, Shakespeare.

From 1910 to 1913 the cup changed hands yearly, being held by John S. Gosnell & Sons, Highgate; Peter Arkell & Sons, Teeswater; James Roy, Bornholm, and in 1913, 1914 and this year by Col. M'Ewen. The colonel, it is said, bent every effort to produce a pen of winners this year, and finally captured the trophy, and seems to have turned out the champion pen of all time.

NOTORIOUS CASE ENDS WITH NOLAN'S RELEASE

Last Prisoner Convicted of Welland Canal Conspiracy Dupe of Luke Dillon.

AIMED BLOW AT CANAL

With Walsh, Other Two Tried to Dynamite Locks at Thorold.

Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, Dec. 8.—When Nolan, the last of the three Welland Canal dynamitards, walked out of the Portsmouth penitentiary a free man on Tuesday afternoon, having been deported to the United States, as announced in yesterday's World, the last chapter of one of the most celebrated cases in Canada was recorded.

Nolan was one of the tools of Luke Dillon (alias Carl Dullman), who was a shoemaker, in business in Philadelphia. Dillon engineered a scheme which had for its aim the blowing up of the Welland Canal locks near Thorold, Ont. Walsh, the third man implicated in the deal, died in the penitentiary several years ago. Dillon was given his liberty two years ago.

Along with Nolan and Walsh, Dillon undertook to aim a blow at Canada, on behalf of the Fenian organization of the United States. Their scheme was wrong and all three were captured.

Speedy justice was administered and the wrongdoers were sentenced to life imprisonment, in the penitentiary at Portsmouth.

The attempt to blow up the locks took place on April 21, 1909. In order to gain the favor of the Clan-Na-Gael, Dillon undertook to blow up the canal. He had been active in bringing to justice the murderers of Dr. Cronin of Chicago, and his business had been boycotted. He was given Nolan and Walsh as henchmen. The scheme he had planned failed owing to circumstances, but had it succeeded, the whole country around the canal would have suffered.

There would have been lost, and Canadian shipping would also have been held up.

It was alleged that during the time Dillon was in prison, he declared that his sole object in making the attempt on the canal was not to cause loss of life, but to deal a blow at England.

Strong efforts were made to influence the department of justice to release Dillon, and they were eventually successful. A fund of \$50,000 was raised by his friends, and it was claimed that Dillon's part against the scheme of Dr. Cronin went a long way in influencing the Canadian Government to free the dynamitard and deport him.

Negotiations have been under way for some time for the release of Nolan, the last of the three men accused and his release on Tuesday did not come as a surprise to those who knew the facts of the case.

Adriatic was delayed more than an hour while the passengers left the ship.

The Adriatic carried a large number of passengers and a big cargo of war munitions, the freight totaling nearly 18,000 tons.

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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BARRED FROM CANADA

Girl Who Married Soldier May Not Be Let Return With Husband.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A peculiar case over the immigration regulations is engaging the attention of officials here. A woman and daughter wish to go to Canada together. The daughter, who is only 15, married some little time back a Canadian soldier, who now has been invalided as unfit for further service. He declares that his parents in Canada will receive the young wife, but obviously the statement might prove incorrect and if she is entitled to go, there still remains the question of whether the mother should be allowed to go also.

A Montreal business man, who wished to return, has met with considerable difficulty. He is well known on this side and did business here with numbers of people without his bona fides being questioned. He, however, left all his papers of identity at Montreal. Consequently he has found considerable difficulty in arranging the return journey.

NEW C. P. R. MANAGER.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Dating from the new year, H. S. Carmichael has been appointed manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Charing Cross. H. G. Dring has been appointed general passenger agent for Great Britain and Europe.

EXHIBITS OF LEGHORNS LARGEST IN HISTORY

Breeders Showing at Guelph Winter Fair This Year Set Up New Record.

By a Staff Reporter.

GUELPH, Dec. 8.—In every branch of their business the poultrymen of Ontario this year report an improvement over last year.

One hundred members of the Canadian Leghorn Breeders' Association met in the lecture-room at their annual convention to elect officers and hear the reports of the year.

The Leghorn breeders put in the largest number of exhibits of any club in the history of the provincial fair and say that with the increasing membership and improving of their stock they will even outdistance their record next year.

The financial situation of the club is the best in its history, reports Secretary T. J. O'Rourke. The secretary was returned to office by acclamation and the rest of the officers were elected as follows: President, R. H. Pond, Woodstock; 1st vice-president, E. Orr, Brantford; 2nd vice-president, J. J. Spracklin, Windsor. Directors—G. J. Hern, Orillia; R. Billings, Woodstock; R. K. Tizer, London; W. Ferguson, Brantford; A. E. Dean, Tredonia; Club judges—W. Billings, St. Mary's; Geo. Robertson, Ottawa. Provincial representatives—F. Banford, Montreal; F. A. White, Calumet; G. Johnston, Sharnbrook; W. B. Morris, St. James, Man.

REPRISALS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT OF WAR

P. J. Mackie Writes Interesting Letter to London Daily Mail on Conflict in Europe.

The following letter from The London Daily Mail of Oct. 26 last, from the well-known Scottish distiller, P. J. Mackie, will show the lines on which the people in the home country are working with a view to the proper termination of the war and will commend itself to all loyal subjects in the overseas dominions of the empire.

To the Editor of The Daily Mail.

Sir: Your most excellent article on "Reprisals" by "An Englishman," reflects the opinion of all business men.

Had our "always-too-late government" carried out reprisals months ago there would not be the same difficulty in recruiting today. The want of recruits today is a reflection from the country of want of confidence in the government.

They should at once commandeer all German money, land and property in the empire. Germany has already done this; we can suffer nothing more, and we shall never get a penny of what they owe us.

The same should apply to Zeppelin raids, submarines, everything.

What we want today to restore confidence is an alliance for fifty years between the allies and their colonies, giving preferential trading to the exclusion of enemy countries and un-

friendly neutrals. You would then find a change in the neutral powers, who are shy of us today.

We should then be in a position to listen to terms of peace whenever Germany wishes peace. It would mean keeping prepared. In any case, whatever happens, we shall have to do that in the future.

Peter J. Mackie, Glasgow.

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