

AVIATORS NOT STRAPPED DOWN

Were "Switch-backing" at Time of Accident, Not "Looping."

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, June 22.—Investigation made by experts is said to have revealed that the aeroplane accident which resulted in the deaths of Lieut. R. A. J. Warneford and Henry Beech Needham, the American writer, on June 17 was due to the fact that the men were not strapped to their seats. It is now believed that Lieut. Warneford was "switch-backing," and not attempting to loop the loop when the accident occurred.

Mr. Needham was thrown out first. He was struck and killed by the propeller before he reached the ground. Lieut. Warneford fell first, but the injuries he suffered when he struck the earth caused his death a few minutes later.

The body of Mr. Needham probably will be sent to the United States aboard the French Line Steamer Chicago sailing from Bordeaux.

Music and Drama

BRANT THEATRE

Another all feature bill is being shown at the Brant Theatre the first half of this week. The clown seal is a very clever act and reflects much credit on the skilled trainer. The educated animal performs difficult feats of juggling with great ease and precision, and it is a pleasure to see such polished acting. Mazie Hughes and sister offer one of the prettiest dancing exhibitions ever seen here. Both of the pretty maidens are very graceful dancers. Marmeen Four also offer a very pleasing act, presenting a melange of musical oddities.

The quartet's singing is excellent and their handsome costumes lend a pleasing finish to their act. The extra feature is Charles Chaplin in "Dough and Dynamite." This roaring two reeler was shown at the Brant some time ago and it proved so popular to hundreds of people then, that a return date was requested. As a result "Charlie" may again be seen in one of his best and funniest pictures, being shown the first three days of this week.

Another instalment of the popular "Who Pays" series is also being shown, and with several other photographs, completes a very superior program.

James Slidden of Toronto, dropped from a bridge at Elora one hundred feet to the rocks below, being crushed to death.

Duff Sanderson, an employee of the Thestral Lumber Company, was reported murdered in a lumber camp back of Thestral.

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FRENCH KNOCK AT SOUCHEZ IN ALSACE

Attackers are Only a Few Miles From the Northwest of the Village.

Paris, June 22.—Metzeral on the River Fecht, in the Vosges, which was occupied by the French on Saturday was taken by assault, the War Office announced last night, after the outlying cemetery and the railway station had fallen into the hands of the advancing troops. The Germans apparently retreated with great precipitation, for the advance of the French lines was straightway pushed forward to the south of the village, and for a considerable distance to the east.

To-day the war office reports that in addition to this gain in the advance on Colmar, the approaches to the village of Bonhomme have been captured and some of the heights in the neighborhood have been taken. Bonhomme is only about three miles from the French border in Alsace, but it is on another direct road to Colmar, being about the same distance from that city as Metzeral, 15 miles. The Bonhomme road runs down through the Vosges through La Poutroye and Kaiserberg, crossing the Fecht about five miles from Colmar, which is on the Ill.

There has been little activity in the much fought for German ground north of Arras to-day. Progress has however been made in the direction of Souchez and the capture of several trenches has brought the attackers near the northeast of the village, and all the ground conquered has been conserved. Air squadrons bombarded the aviation parks of the enemy, setting fire to four hangers and damaging two aeroplanes and a captive balloon. The success gained by the Germans at Ypres and in Russia by the use of gas was repeated in the western border of the Argonne. During an intense bombardment wavy poisonous projectiles the French advance line was bent at certain points, two companies being buried in the overturned trenches. An immediate counter attack, however, enabled the French to regain the lost positions. Gains of the preceding day were enlarged on the heights of the Meuse, and progress was also made in Lorraine.

According to reports received here the French aeroplane swoop on the German hangar at Evere, near Ghent, resulted in the death of 44 German soldiers and of two women, and the wounding of 137 other persons.

Announcement has been made here that the French postal service is handling mail in 90 towns and villages in Alsace, all of which now bear the names they had 45 years ago. Minister of War Millerand, replying to the request of Ferdinand Buisson, president of the League for the Rights of Man, that lists of French killed, wounded and missing in the war be published, takes the stand that such a step does not appear at all necessary at this time.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Mr. Herbert Chrysler and his friend Mr. West of Toronto, spent the week end with Mrs. Chrysler, 84 Albion St.

Rev. Dr. Waller, principal of H. C. on College, London, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watrous, "The Gables," River Road.

Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. MacKenzie leave to-morrow on a visit to their son, Rev. A. MacKenzie, Lakeland.

On Sunday, at Tranquilly Sabbath School, Mrs. G. A. Chrysler spoke, with the aid of a chart, to the scholars on the four effects of alcohol on the system.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hall, who have just returned from their wedding trip to Ottawa and Montreal, have taken up their residence at 153 Brock street.

Mr. James T. Whittaker leaves for Hamilton this evening where he will sing at the annual banquet given by the male members of the staff of the Right House.

The Misses Ada and Grace and Mr. Russel and Robbie Dinsmore of Brantford, also Mr. and Mrs. Will Wheeler and family of Newport spent Sunday at Fairfield, the guests of Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Wrecks.

Laid at Rest

LATE WILLIAM WOOD

The funeral of the late William Wood took place yesterday from the residence upon Oxford street to Mt. Hope cemetery, when the Rev. Marshall conducted the obsequies before a large number of friends and relatives. The flowers were profuse and many tokens of sympathy were received. The pallbearers were as follows: David Young, James Steves, William Iver, Albert Crooms, George Snider, Leslie Wood.

Capt. Pequequet Writes Home From Hospital

A graphic account of the battle of Langemarck in which the Canadians played such a prominent part, is lost so heavily in brave men, is given in a letter received recently by Mr. James Pequequet, from his son Captain Albert Pequequet, and to the Courier by Mr. A. Pequequet, jeweler, Market street. The letter was written under date of May 4th, from the Boulogne Hospital, in which Capt. Pequequet was confined. Since then, however, he has been transferred to an English hospital, and is rapidly regaining his health.

While in the hospital at Boulogne he was visited by Sir John Rose-Bradford, physician to King George V., and by Major McDermott, M.C., as well as several other important personages who visited the hospitals. He also refers to Capt. Irwin, another Y. M. C. A. attache. He says he has no definite information, but thinks that Capt. Irwin is dead. The letter in part is as follows:

"On Thursday night, April 22nd, there had been some terrific bombardment in the vicinity of Ypres, but we didn't think anything of it, for it often sounds like that, so I retired about 10 p.m. We then were at Waton, nearly eighteen miles from the line of fire, and were doing rest hospital work with about 100 sick. We were attached to the brigade which was back quite a ways resting at the time. About 11 a.m. I was awakened by the hurrying about of our boys, and on getting up to enquire as to what was happening, I learned that the Germans had given way and were on the run. In fact some had already reached our town. I also learned that our R.O.M.C. were ordered up immediately with the first brigade to the attack, so I got to sit up, but just as I was about to fall in, the O. C. came up to me, saying, 'Pegg, I wish you would remain behind with Capt. Boyce to look after the wounded, for in case of a general retreat they would all have to be moved to safety. I can assure you that I felt rather disappointed at not having the chance of a little excitement, but consoled myself with the thought that perhaps the work I had been allotted to was even just as great, so back I stayed.'"

"The first thing I did was to go to the 28th Divisional Ammunition Column O.C. to see if he would give us three or four large lorries in case we were ordered to retreat, and I found him very agreeable. This was a great relief for they had gone off, leaving us without an ambulance of any kind. Capt. Boyce and myself then went over all the patients to see who would like to sit up in a retreat. This done we just sat up and waited for developments."

"At 7 a.m. our O. C. came back with the news that the Canadians had been rushed up and fought the German troops with bayonets and had retaken the lost ground, and were holding their positions, but that the loss of life was appalling, for the Huns were pouring poisonous gas fumes into our trenches, and relieving our minds as to a retreat, but told us to be always prepared."

"That afternoon I mounted one of the ambulances and went up myself to do a little work for our boys, who were pretty nearly all in. The sights I saw were simply terrible. I can assure you that my nerve was tried, but on I went, shells bursting on all sides, and our foremost ambulance was completely blown to pieces, with the two drivers. Fortunately it was otherwise empty. These big 16 and 17 inch shells were playing havoc with Ypres. We had at one time to stop the car in order to drag a couple of dead horses out of our path. Our work carried us right up to St. Julien, where we were right in range of the German machine guns. It truly all seems like a bad nightmare to me. In our little unit we lost four killed and many wounded. Amongst them was my friend Capt. Duval, a Baptist from Grande Ligne, Que., and Capt. McGibbon. Both these were seriously wounded, and the former may lose his leg."

"If anybody deserves the V.C. it is our stretcher-bearers, who behaved like heroes, and worked without sleep for nearly three days, under the most trying conditions, and it was only by mere force that they were compelled to give up."

On Sunday night I came back to Waton, for our sick now numbered 314, so that meant work. I worked there until I was driven to my bed by Capt. Graham on Tuesday night. I had hated to have to leave off, but I was all in with pain. I tried to do my little part, but could not hold out to the finish. On Thursday they took me away on a stretcher to an ambulance and carried me to the clearing station at Hazelbrooke, and there held me overnight, and on the following morning I was carried over to the Red Cross train and brought to Boulogne."

"The terrible loss of life is so dreadfully sad. Our fellows simply went to them like mad men, and many were the cries of mercy. The warfare of the enemy is hellish beyond words. One has to be hit to see it for oneself. They were actually seen destroying our wounded, among whom was a major friend of mine. Our poor 4th Battalion was wiped out, all my personal friends were killed, and only 119 out of 1,000 reported next morning."

"Capt. Young was wounded, but to what extent I have not heard as yet. As to the others I know nothing, only that Harry Coghill is safe."

Some 150 London, Ont., men have to date applied to be sent to England for work in munition factories, and many more applications are expected.

The Canadian Phoenix Insurance Company of Brandon, gives notice in this week's Manitoba Gazette, that it proposes to go into voluntary liquidation on July 8.

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