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SOLDIER FOUGHT AGAINST OPERATION

French Zouave's Action Started Debate; Physicians Deciding If Operations Legal

Paris, Nov. 25.—The Academy of Medicine has held three meetings in secret session to discuss a delicate question—the right of a soldier on active service to refuse to be operated on when an army doctor has decided an operation is necessary. In private life the question of undergoing an operation is left to the patient, if he is able to consider it, or to his nearest relatives or friends if his condition prevents him forming a decision. As a matter of fact the opinion of the doctor is almost invariably followed.

A good deal of discussion has occurred over a particular case in which a Zouave refused to submit to a certain form of electrical treatment invented by a Dr. Vincent. The Zouave had an excellent military record, but had been frightened by reports that the electric treatment was excessively painful and had resulted in the death of some of those who had undergone it.

The Zouave refused to allow the electrodes to be applied to him and struck at the doctor when he ordered him to lie down on the operating table. An undignified fight followed and the Zouave was court-martialed for hitting an officer, but given an indefinite suspension of sentence.

SUPER-ZEPPELIN CARRIES NINE GUNS

Weaknesses of Air Monster Exposed; Ruins of L-33 Inspected by Newspapermen

London, Nov. 25.—That airships of the Zeppelin type are vulnerable, that when they come in contact with things that can hit back they are helpless indeed, is what the remains of the L-33, now lying open to the public gaze in a field "somewhere in Essex," tell.

The most serious blow to the Prussians in their airship raids on London in September and October, in which they lost four airships, was the present they were compelled to make of a "super-Zeppelin—the L-33—to the British authorities.

As some compensation to the suburbs which suffered damage on the night of September 23 it may be said that the Zeppelin which caused most of it has provided means to reproduce the drawings in the construction of just such a machine—though it is doubtful whether the British want such things unless for naval reconnaissance. Otherwise they are useless, because it is no part of the British game to raid undefended places for the staying of the helpless.

Under the guidance of experts a party of newspaper correspondents had a private view of this super-Zeppelin. As was said on the morning that she fell, she looks just like the Crystal Palace in need of glazing. There is a marked depression in the centre of the framework. She is big, certainly, but whichever way she is looked at in detail she suggests the thin-skinned and mortal balloon. Yet she was the best that Count Zeppelin could do as things are. She was built this year, and it is believed that the raider was on her maiden voyage. Undamaged petrol tanks bear the date "July 14, 1916," and there are evidences to show that this date does not apply to the tanks alone, but indicates the period at which the fabric was completed and the "zepp" fully equipped for its attempt at frightfulness.

Ingenuously Constructed. There is not much about the structural details which were not fairly well known to the admiralty before, but minute examination does not detract from the tribute which may, without prejudice, be paid to the ingenious lines on which this monster of the air was built.

The weight of the zeppelin, said an officer, "with crew and full load aboard, is 60 tons," and for a full hour he talked figures full of interest.

There were six engines, he explained, each developing 250 horse-power. All were in gondolas, small and large, shaped like boats.

Bristled With Machinery. "This is one of the gondolas," he said, and showed a little aluminum 15-foot boat. The inside was bristling with machinery. In the centre was a large engine, which was started by a hand lever. In front of the engine was a little seat. "In that seat," explained the guide, "sat the man who tended the engines. Here almost touching him, sat the man who manipulated the machine gun, and forward was the place for the sailor who looked after the wireless machinery."

That gondola told the story of the "zepp." Everything was compact, well thought out, strong and efficient, with not an inch of spare room. The beauty of the work and the excellent craftsmanship were apparent to all. Some of the work probably was done by women.

ALLIES HAD BEST OF FIGHTS IN THE AIR

Continued to Show Superiority on the West Front; Official Reports

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The following official report dealing with operations on the British front in France and Belgium was issued last night:

"During the day hostile artillery has been active against our front in the neighborhood of Lesboufs and Beaucourt and on both sides of La Bassée canal. Enemy infantry south of Poiseux was dispersed by our infantry fire.

"Yesterday much successful work was accomplished by our aircraft. Twelve of our machines encountered an enemy squadron of twenty aeroplanes. As a result of a fight the hostile squadron was dispersed. One of the enemy machines was destroyed and several others were driven down damaged. All our machines returned safely.

"In other fights in the air four of the enemy's aeroplanes were destroyed. Three of our machines are missing."

French Report.

Paris, Nov. 25.—The following official report was given out last night:

"Quiet prevailed to-day on the whole front. A long-range gun fired three heavy calibre shells in the direction of Nancy.

"Yesterday afternoon our anti-aircraft guns brought down a German aeroplane. The machine fell to the north of Berry-au-Bac. The same day Quartermaster Viallet brought down his sixth aeroplane in the Somme region."

The following Belgian official report was issued last night:

"This morning a violent duel between field and trench artillery took place in the region of Dixmude. Our batteries gained the upper hand, and the engagement ended toward noon."



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PLANS FOR RECRUITING FRENCH-CANADIANS

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Announcement was made last night that Col. Arthur Mignault has been authorized, during special recruiting of French-Canadians, not only in the province of Quebec, but throughout Canada.

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STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA IS NOT SETTLED YET

Sydney, N. S. W., Nov. 25.—A halt was called in the second strike conciliation conference yesterday with convictions strong among participants that no two states are competent to settle a dispute rapidly embracing the whole federation.

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SWEDES RECAPTURED SHIP FROM GERMANS

London, Nov. 25.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says a German warship put a prize crew aboard the Swedish steamship Reserve on Thursday. Later a Swedish warship met and ordered the Reserve into Malmö, where she arrived on Thursday night. The dispatch adds that it is presumed the German prize crew will be released.

WHOLESALE-BAKERS WARNED BY CROTHERS

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—"It has been brought to my attention," said Hon. T. W. Crothers yesterday, "that certain wholesale dealers, in different parts of the country have refused to sell bread to certain retailers because they would not keep up the price."

TURKS EVACUATED TOWN WEST OF MUSH

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—The Turks have evacuated the town of Sharskhan, in Turkish Armenia, west of Mush, it was announced officially last night.

Doctor Tells How To Strengthen Eyesight 50 per cent In One Week's Time in Many Instances

A Free Prescription You Can Have Filled and Use at Home.

Philadelphia, Pa. Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weaknesses? If so, you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful free prescription. One man says, after trying it: "I was almost blind, could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully. Now they feel fine all the time. It is like a miracle to me." A lady who was restored through the principle of this prescription for fifteen days says: "The atmosphere seemed everything seems clear. I can even read without glasses." It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able to

Strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be wonderfully benefited by following the simple rules. Here is the prescription: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Bon-Opto Tablets. Drop one Bon-Opto tablet in a fourth of a glass of water and allow to dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start and inflammation will quickly disappear. If your eyes are bothering you, even a little, take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have been saved if they had cared for their eyes in time.

Notes: Another prominent Physician in whom the above article was submitted, said: "Bon-Opto is a very valuable remedy. It contains the most powerful and effective eye stimulants and is highly guaranteed by them. The superior quality guarantees it to strengthen eyes to 50 per cent in one week's time in many instances or return the money. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few prescriptions I feel should be kept on hand for useful use in almost every family."

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TWO WERE KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT SASKATOON

Saskatoon, Nov. 25.—Two persons were killed instantly and six were injured shortly after five o'clock this morning when a taxicab speeding on the road near the government elevator at the west end of the city swerved to one side and turned turtle in the ditch. John Johnson, the driver, and Miss Anna Doyle, an employee of the Cairns departmental store, were crushed to

death. The six others in the automobile, George E. Phillips, Mildred Manley, Allen Currie, Eliza Currie, Private Joseph Tartis and Johanna Doyle, sister of the dead girl, were hurt. The party was returning from a dance.

BRIDGES ON DANUBE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

London, Nov. 25.—A Rome dispatch says all the bridges across the Danube have been destroyed. An overflow of the Danube is threatening, and the population of Dobruja is running short of food.

BELGIANS APPEAL TO UNITED STATES

Apparently Washington Has Not Determined Its Attitude Regarding Deportations

Washington, Nov. 25.—Another appeal from the Belgian government for American influence against the deportation of Belgians to enforced labor in Germany was handed to the state department yesterday by M. Havelin, the Belgian minister here. It was in the form of an instruction to the minister declaring the situation was becoming more terrible every day, and directing him to beg the secretary of state "to urge the German government to consider the consequences of the crimes against humanity committed in its name."

Charge Grew, of the American embassy at Berlin, already is making informal representations at the German foreign office in behalf of the Belgians. He has not made a formal report to the German government's attitude, but it was learned to-day that sufficient information had come through unofficial channels to make it evident that the German government will deny that the deported Belgians are being forced to work in munitions plants, and contend that their deportation for employment, largely on farms, is a necessary military measure within the spirit of international law concerning the treatment of the populations of conquered territories.

For Military Duty.
The fact that enforced Belgian labor has operated to relieve for military duty many thousands of Germans was among the statements laid before the German foreign office by Mr. Grew. But this was done only on the basis of the formal complaints from the Belgian officials which he had been instructed to submit. The undertaking is of a regularly delicate nature. Mr. Grew not being the accredited representative of Belgium at Berlin, and his services as an intermediary being entirely by sufferance of the German government.

It can not be learned that the state department has decided, as yet upon a line of action in the event that the German reply is as unfavorable as it is expected to be. No effort is made by the officials to conceal their deep concern over the situation, however, especially in view of the broad intimation by Lord Robert Cecil, the British minister of war trade, that persistence by the Germans in their treatment of the Belgians might cause the collapse of the entire Belgian relief commission's work.

The appeal submitted here yesterday was in substantially the same language as the instructions sent by the Belgian foreign office on Thursday to Madrid

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

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Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. G. Alton, Saskatoon; Pte. H. W. Field, Montreal; Lieut. K. G. Mackenzie, Kamloops.
Died of wounds—Pte. A. Harvey, Moorefield, Ont.
Missing—Pte. D. Lamonte, Quebec; Pte. A. Cotrel, Toronto; Pte. Chas. Dupont, Sherbrooke, Que.; Pte. J. Lantot, Three Rivers, Que.; Pte. A. Malet, Montreal; Pte. H. Mitchell, Montreal; Corp. J. Plane, Montreal.
Previously reported missing and wounded: now reported missing—Maj. Geo. Rothnie, Kamloops.
Previously reported missing: now officially reported prisoner of war—Pte. E. A. Hurt, Fort William.
Previously reported wounded: now wounded and missing—Corp. W. A. Touchette, Barrie, Ont.
Dangerously ill—Pte. R. K. Norman, Campbellton, N. B.
Wounded—Pte. A. Anderson, Winnipeg; Pte. R. A. Balby, Winnipeg; Lieut. C. E. Bentley, England; Pte. Wm. Bertin, Bathurst, N. B.; Pte. C. J. DeBeck, Penticton, B. C.; Pte. J. H. Reed, Toronto; Pte. G. E. Siddall, Hamilton; Pte. Wm. Smallman, Saffin, Man.; Pte. E. Sower, Aymer, Que.
Mounted Rifles.
Previously reported missing: now believed killed in action—Pte. G. Forsay, Grand Bank, Nfld.
Wounded—Pte. T. E. Burgett, Cape Cove, Que.; Pte. J. McDonald, Algoma, Ont.
Artillery.
Died of wounds—Gnr. J. B. Harrigan, Boston, Mass.
Wounded—Gnr. S. E. Armstrong, Peterboro, Ont.; Gnr. H. Hamilton (on duty), Toronto; Gnr. S. Logan, Lethbridge, Alta.; Gnr. J. Miller, Belleville, Ont.
Engineers.
Wounded—Sapper R. B. Morden, Belleville, Ont.
Medical Services.
Seriously ill—Pte. H. G. Overall, Winnipeg.
Infantry.
Previously reported killed: now officially reported missing and believed killed—Major J. S. White, Calgary.
Missing—Pte. A. Boiesart, Ottawa; Pte. P. LeFrancis, Sherbrooke, Que.; Pte. Emil Beaudet, Asbestos Mines, Que.; Pte. J. Bernard, Sherbrooke, Que.; Pte. H. Blais, Naperville, Que.; Pte. J. DuBois, Beauport, Que.; Pte. A. N. Macdonald, Pinette, P. E. I.
Previously reported missing: now killed in action—Pte. W. St. John, Alexandria, Ont.
Previously reported missing: now missing and believed killed—Pte. J. Edwards, Quebec.
Previously reported missing: now wounded—Pte. J. T. Hawkins, Calgary; Pte. W. Marshall, Leominster, N. S.; Pte. S. Trig, Calgary; Pte. J. J. Britto, Quebec; Pte. A. Caldwell, Caldwell's Mills, Ont.; Pte. F. Carter, Toronto; Pte. R. Colburn, Shules, N. S.; Pte. J. P. Collins, Dartmouth, N. S.; Pte. F. Comtois, Montreal; Cpl. I. M. Conley (on duty), Kingston; Cpl. J. Descares, Quebec; Pte. T. Durand, Montreal; Pte. W. J. Endicott, Aymer, Que.; Pte. A. Gihault, Aymer, Que.; Pte. J. D. Graham (on duty), Saskatoon; Lieut. H. Green, Richmond, Ont.; Pte. J. Gunn, Fisherman's Point, N. S.; Lieut. E. Hall, Quebec; Pte. J. A. Hotte, Montreal; Pte. A. Hurst, Kingston; Pte. J. A. Ireland, Medicine Hat; Pte. B. Lamarre, Lowell, Mass.; Lieut. E. T. Leslie, Milton West, Ont.; Pte. E. St. Lloyd, Toronto; Pte. A. Lobb, Toronto; Capt. W. R. McGee, Pembroke, Ont.; Pte. Wm. McKie, Saskatoon; Pte. E. D. McKillop, West Lorne, Ont.; Pte. A. O. Mann, Toronto; Pte. T. Martin, Saskatoon; Pte. H. Miller, Brantford; Pte. S. Milligan, Toronto; Lieut. R. S. Moore, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. J. Murphy, Saskatoon; Cpl. F. G. Osborne, Iron-quois, Ont.
Mounted Rifles.
Previously reported wounded: now missing—Pte. J. A. Napier, Reston, N. B.
Artillery.
Wounded—Gnr. W. J. McLaughlin, St. Teresa, P. E. I.
Infantry.
Died of wounds—Lieut. L. J. Head-tall, Lieut. R. T. Hinton, Lance-Corp. C. J. Swann.
Died—Pte. D. Stewart.
Previously reported dangerously wounded: now died of wounds—Pte. H. Wilson.
Missing—Pte. J. McDonald.
Previously reported missing: now unofficially reported prisoner of war—Pte. S. S. Hayner.
Suffering from gas poisoning—Pte. G. Donald.
Suffering from exhaustion—Pte. R. Middlemore.
Wounded, but returned to duty—Pte. A. A. Adams.
Wounded—Lieut. D. Ashby, Pte. D. Cameron, Pte. W. B. Carr, Pte. Wm. Davin, Pte. J. G. Perry, Pte. C. A. Hanson, Pte. J. Hodgkinson, Pte. I. A. James, Pte. H. W. Jones, Pte. A. Pike, Pte. E. A. Pollard, Pte. A. J. Shute, Pte. L. G. Smith, Pte. A. Waite, Pte. H. Watson, Pte. J. Wetherell, Lance-Corp. F. White, Pte. G. Alderson.
Previously reported wounded: now unofficially reported prisoner of war—Pte. W. Hagan.
Mounted Rifles.
Dangerously wounded—Pte. W. P. Slatte.
Artillery.
Wounded—Bomb. B. Larbaestier, Gnr. A. B. Risk, Gnr. Turner.
Cavalry.
Seriously ill—Trpt. C. J. Gibson.

and Rome for presentation to King Alfonso and the pope. It reasserts that Belgians are being forced to work in munitions plants and in the building of fortifications.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The following statement was given out last evening by the militia department.
"During the past few weeks F. B. McCurdy, M. P., parliamentary under-secretary, and the officials of the department of militia and defence have been giving much time and consideration to recruiting and mobilization."
"The system of recruiting by battalions has resulted in a large and rapid enlistment, upwards of 37,000 men having been enlisted. The practice of sending complete battalions overseas necessarily has caused the accumulation of a number of senior officers in England, because, following the formation of army divisions at the front, the additional battalions sent to England necessarily were called on to provide reinforcements for battalions in the fighting line."
"The fact that battalions at the front are being broken up will not cause any surprise to the officers commanding. Almost a year ago official notice was sent out by the department to all general commanding officers that no assurance could be given by officers commanding battalions that such could be kept intact after leaving Canada. Furthermore, the senior Canadian officers in France have asked repeatedly that no officer be sent to France above the rank of lieutenant, as they naturally wish to promote those in the trenches who have acquired knowledge and experience in action."
As Drafts.
"It is altogether probable that the practice of authorizing, recruiting and sending battalions overseas intact will be discontinued, and further, that some of the battalions at present authorized and recruited in Canada will be converted into draft battalions."
"The natural desire of every soldier enlisted is to get to the front at the earliest possible date, and the new system of recruiting reinforcements instead of the battalion system, as previously followed, will come as good news to those anxious to get overseas."
"There are a number of battalions in Canada which have not as yet been able to recruit up to strength, and the advisability of amalgamating such with other similar battalions is receiving the consideration of the department. It is expected that a number of senior officers now in England will be given an opportunity of reverting and going to the front. Unless their services can be utilized for military duty, they will be given an opportunity of returning to civil life until their services are further required."

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Phoenix, B. C., Nov. 25.—Four-year-old Roderick McPhee died at 3 o'clock this morning of a fracture of the skull sustained in a sleighing accident on Thursday afternoon. Speeding down a steep grade on a sleigh, the boy ran into a guard railing, was carried through by the momentum and fell 20 feet below. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McPhee.

Nervous Headache



Pain is a blessing in disguise. It is Nature's danger signal to warn you that there is something wrong in the system. While headache may result from a variety of causes, it most frequently denotes a starved condition of the nerves. The brain is the headquarters or "central" of the nervous system. Here nerve force is consumed at an enormous rate. If there is any lack of rich, red blood from which to form new nervous energy the brain is first to feel it and the head aches. Headaches may be stopped by powerful drugs, but that is like breaking the semaphore which warns the engineer of danger. The only wise way is to increase the amount of rich, red blood in the human body by using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and thereby feed the starved nerves back to health and vigor. Not only will the headaches disappear, but you will sleep well, feel well and gradually regain strength and confidence. The Nerve Food will sharpen the appetite, improve digestion and build up the whole system. In this way the headache will prove a blessing. It has warned you of approaching nervous collapse while yet there is a foundation on which to build good health. Do not be talked into accepting a substitute. Imitations disappoint.

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DEPORTATIONS SPUR THE ALLIES FORWARD

Note Sent by Viscount Grey to Belgian Minister in London

London, Nov. 25.—Viscount Grey, the minister of foreign affairs, has sent the following note to M. Hymans, the Belgian minister in London:
"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 16th of November, in which you were good enough to communicate the solemn protest of the Belgian government against the measures of forced labor and deportation imposed by the German authorities on the Belgian population."
"Your government will not expect from this ally any elaborate expression of the horror and indignation which they, in common with the whole world, feel in the presence of these practices, hitherto resorted to only in connection with the slave trade. It will be enough if I assure you that his majesty's government is ready to support the Belgian government in every step it desires to take for securing the cessation of these atrocities and the punishment of the perpetrators."
"His majesty's government, however, has one assurance to give the Belgian government at this moment: namely, that it will use its utmost power to bring the war to a speedy and successful conclusion, and thus liberate Belgium, once for all, from the dangers which continually menace her as long as the enemy remains in occupation of her territory. This is the cardinal aim of all the allies—and the people of the British empire already have been inspired by this latest proof of German brutality to renewed determination to make every sacrifice for the attainment of that end."

CHIHUAHUA ATTACKED AGAIN AT DAYBREAK

Janes, Nov. 25.—Francisco Villa and his bandit forces resumed the attack on Chihuahua City at daybreak to-day, according to Carranza officials. After the opening of the third day's fighting in Villa's effort to wrest Chihuahua City from General Trevino's forces. Communication with Chihuahua City still was unimpaired, indicating the attack was directed from the southeast and southwest of the city.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY
Victoria Times, November 25, 1891.

The well known yacht Casco, belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Samuel Merritt, of San Francisco, has been sold to Captain Dier, of Victoria, B. C., for \$6,000. She has been lying in Oakland creek since her return from a cruise in the South Seas with Robert Louis Stevenson. About six months ago agents of the French government wished to buy the yacht for service as a revenue vessel at Tahiti, but the price they offered was too low. She will be fitted out for a sealing cruise.

F. H. Moorehouse, travelling auditor of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Montreal, is in Victoria on an official visit.

Ripe raspberries were picked by Dr. McGregor in his garden here yesterday. The berries are fully and freshly ripened, with a luscious taste.

Spark Guards, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.75. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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County Court Business—For the December term of the county court, which opens on Monday, December 4, there are entered seven new cases, there are twenty-two cases remaining over from previous months to be dealt with, and seven judgment summonses are to be heard. No applications for naturalization are before the court at the coming term.

Patriotic Aid Society.—The following are among some of the recent subscriptions received by the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society: Officers and crew of steamer Lecho, \$17.80; staff Bank of Toronto, \$9.70; C. P. R. ticket office employees, \$7; employees of P. Burns & Co., \$15; employees B. A. Paint Co., \$21; The Pattern Makers, chief engineer's department, navy yard, \$5; employees of the riggers department, navy yard, \$16.75; Dominion government department of public works; resident architect's office, \$30.50; resident engineer's staff, \$14; H. M. C. dry-dock, \$33.60; employees Victoria-Phoenix Brewing Co., \$71.59; Shawanigan Lake Lumber Co., \$270; Friend from Saskatchewan, \$5.

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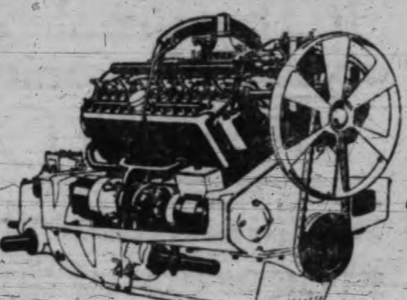
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HON. JAMES DUNSMUIR GIVES HANDSOME SUM

Red Cross Receiving \$7,000 for Operating Theatre in Paris Hospital

A magnificent gift to the Victoria City and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has been made by the Hon. James Dunsmuir, who is giving a cheque for fifteen hundred pounds (\$7,000) to cover the cost of an operating theatre in the new hospital which is being presented by the Canadian Red Cross to the French nation.

On Wednesday last information was received from Toronto that the Canadian Red Cross Society would build a hospital of a thousand beds in Paris, to be handed over when completed to the French nation for the treatment of the allied sick and wounded. This letter gave the estimated cost of the various buildings, and immediately the Victoria executive wired that this branch would undertake the building of the operating theatre at a cost of \$7,000. The following day a reply was received from Toronto that this part of the hospital had been allotted to the Victoria branch.

It was not until the meeting of the general committee at the Temple rooms on Friday afternoon that this latest undertaking of the branch was made known. Mrs. Dunsmuir was present at that meeting, and early last evening advised the honorary secretary treasurer that the Hon. James Dunsmuir was forwarding a cheque for \$7,000 to cover the cost of the operating theatre.

Needless to say there is great rejoicing at the headquarters of the Victoria and District Branch of the Red Cross Society to-day, the news of Mr. Dunsmuir's handsome contribution having been received with the greatest enthusiasm by the workers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunsmuir have shown in the most practical form their interest in Red Cross work since the war broke out, besides being regular subscribers to the fund having contributed a motor ambulance through the local branch. This latest gift is a further proof of their practical sympathy.

The Victoria Red Cross is now ascertaining if it will be allowed to provide the equipment for the operating theatre, and will doubtless undertake the raising of funds for this purpose by popular subscriptions or otherwise in order that the vital part of this great hospital may be entirely provided by the Red Cross branches on Vancouver and the adjoining islands.

A NEW PROBLEM

City Required to Contribute to Workmen's Compensation Fund Under Statute.

The consideration of expenditures for the coming year brings up at the city hall a question which has not hitherto developed, and that is the provision to be made by the city for insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act for its employees on outside work, including police and fire departments.

The protection has to be effective on January 1. The city at the time when between 1,000 and 1,200 men were engaged in the boom days of construction, did not insure its employees on construction work, because the policy premiums to the ordinary employer's liability companies would in one year have cost a larger sum than all the compensation claims ever paid over the period. Only one lawsuit arose for failure to accept a settlement by a workman, so that the city has been singularly free from claims of this character.

No one has any idea what the city will have to pay, and thus it is not possible to make any provision in the budget. The board has not yet been appointed, and therefore there is no authority to instruct the officials. The municipalities throughout the province are anxious to know what sums will be required to meet their obligations.

Interesting Lecture
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SUNDAY, 7.30 P. M.
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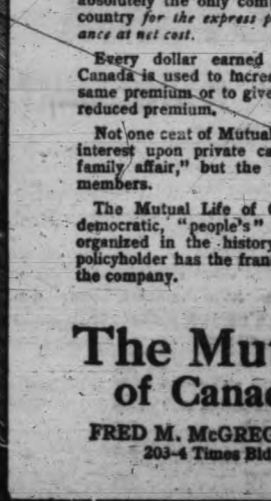
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RAPPAHANOCK IS NOW GIVEN UP FOR LOST

Berlin Claims She Was Sunk by Submarine; Crew of 37 Missing. London, Nov. 25.—The British steamship Rappahanock long overdue in England from Halifax, has been given up for lost.

Further details of the remarkable experience of the crew of the little fishing schooner Director which telegraphic dispatches this week reported putting back to Prince Rupert after drifting far out to sea, show that Capt. Saranio and his three fishermen had a hairbreadth escape.

WIRELESS REPORT

- Nov. 25, 8 a. m. Point Grey. Overcast. S. E. light; 29.1; 40; sea smooth. Cape Lazo. Overcast. S. E. 29.6; 48; sea rough. Spoke str. City of Seattle. 9 p. m., Seymour Narrows, southbound.

CHINESE RELEASED

Over 200 of Russia's List Proceeded to Vancouver This Afternoon. The remaining 207 Chinamen of the original 285 who were landed at William Head from the liner Empress of Russia last Monday, were brought up from the quarantine station this forenoon by the steamer Princess Mary.

ASIATIC AT HONGKONG

The C. P. O. S. liner Empress of Asia, Capt. W. Davidson, reached Hongkong at 10 a. m. yesterday, according to advices received by J. J. Forster, general agent of the company with headquarters at Vancouver.

CHICAGO TO ARRIVE AT DAYBREAK MONDAY

Following Her is Kamakura With 1,168 Tons Consigned Here

The inbound Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Chicago Maru reported by radio gram this morning that she would reach William Head at daybreak on Monday.

The Japanese liner Kamakura Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet, is also due here next week, being posted to make here from Hongkong and Seattle.

Another Oriental liner due on port of the end of next week is the Montego, of the C. F. O. S. fleet, which is now on passage from Yokohama with a large cabin list of passengers and 6,000 tons of Oriental cargo.

HAD REMARKABLE DRIFT

But for Second Set of Sails Director Would Never Have Reached Port. Further details of the remarkable experience of the crew of the little fishing schooner Director which telegraphic dispatches this week reported putting back to Prince Rupert after drifting far out to sea, show that Capt. Saranio and his three fishermen had a hairbreadth escape.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Tacoma, Nov. 24.—Arrived: Str Admiral Dewey, from Seattle. Sailed: Strs Umattila, Ravalli and Baja California, for Seattle. San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Arrived: Str F. S. Loop, from Seattle, via Tacoma; str President, from San Diego; bgo Rufus E. Wood, from Port Angeles; in tow of tug Dauntless; Jap str Kwanto Maru, from Yokohama; str Hardy, from Coos Bay; str Santa Monica, from the Columbia river; str Doris, from Aberdeen; str Quintault and Svea, from Grays harbor. Sailed: Strs Adeline Smith, for Coos Bay; str Capt. A. F. Lucas and bgo No. 95, for Seattle.

KEEPS CHILDREN WELL MAKES THEM ROBUST

HERE IS GOOD ADVICE FOR THE HEAD OF EVERY FAMILY. Rapid growth, work at home and in the school room, are sure to tax the strength of every child, and often prove the beginning of a chain of weakness that lasts through life.

SIAM MARU LEAVES

The new O. S. K. freighter Siam Maru, after discharging 450 tons of Oriental freight here, left at 10.30 o'clock last night for Seattle.

WAS FIRST NEUTRAL TO BE TORPEDOED

Tanker Belridge Is Due at Esquimalt To-morrow Night for Drydocking

Yarrows, Ltd., of Esquimalt, have closed a contract to overhaul and effect minor repairs to the Norwegian tanker Belridge, which yesterday passed up to Vancouver from Port San Luis with a cargo of 69,000 barrels of fuel oil for the Union Oil Co.

The Belridge was one of the first neutral vessels to be torpedoed by a German submarine, being hit while on her maiden voyage shortly after the war broke out. Although extensively damaged she did not sink, being towed to a British port, and the German government paid compensation for the action.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON STEAMER POWHATTAN

Boston, Nov. 25.—The M. & M. line passenger and freight steamer Powhattan caught fire off Block Island early today. In response to her wireless calls for assistance the coastguard cutter Acushnet and Gresham started for the scene.

TRANS CONTINENTAL SERVICE

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Through Canadian Pacific Tourist Car, Nov. 28, Vancouver to Halifax. Xmas Passenger Sailing From Portland, Halifax. Southland, Dec. 1, Dec. 4. Canada, Dec. 16, Dec. 17.

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LARGER SHIPS FOR NORTH PACIFIC RUN

Japanese Captain States Phenomenal Trade Development Means Increased Tonnage. That vessels of much larger tonnage than those at present engaged in the trade will be operated by Japanese lines between the Orient and North Pacific ports after the termination of hostilities in Europe is the opinion of Capt. K. Higo, master of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Inaba Maru, which sailed from this port for Yokohama.

THE UNION STEAMSHIP CO. OF B. C. LTD.

Sailings to Northern B. C. Ports: S.S. "CAMOSMEN" leaves Vancouver every Tuesday at 9 p. m. for Campbell River, Alert Bay, Port Hardy, Shushartie Bay, Namu, Bella Bella, Burt Inlet, Ocean Falls and Bella Cooia.

Day Steamer to Seattle

THE S.S. "Sol Duc" Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m. for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Fort Willoughby, Port Townsend and Seattle, arriving Seattle 8.30 p. m. Returning leaves Seattle daily except Saturday at midnight, arriving Victoria 9.00 a. m.

FATAL LAUNCH ACCIDENT

Four Sailors Killed When Pinnacle Swept Under Blades of Sternwheeler. San Francisco, Nov. 25.—Four United States sailors met death here today and half a score were injured when a launch carrying 35 men of the supply ship Glacier's crew was swept under the paddle blades of the sternwheeler river steamer Apache.

FISHERS FOR LUMBER TRADE.

Called into the lumber trade by the scarcity of carriers for this class of cargo, two vessels of the Alaska cod-fishing fleet, the schooners Golden Gate and Equola, of the Union Fish Company, of San Francisco, have been chartered by the Charles Nelson Co. to make voyages from the North Pacific coast to Hawaii.

Through Tourist Sleepers

From Vancouver to Shippole at West St. John. The C.P.R. are operating through tourist sleepers from Vancouver to Shippole at West St. John in connection with following Christmas sailings:

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DINNER SHELLS WHILE COOKS HIDE
Soldier Writes of Experiences in the Firing Line; Souvenirs Plentiful
The following is part of an interesting letter which has been received from a Victorian on active service in France:

CANADIAN CADETS
(Contributed.)
Battalion Orders.
On Friday, December 1, at Central school grounds the battalion will parade for drill under battalion commander.

FRENCH REGULATING SUPPLIES OF FOOD

Two-Pound Loaves; Pastry Under Ban; No More Loaf Sugar

New York, Nov. 25.—The Tribune's investigation, culminating in the latest French food regulations, says...

BILINGUALISTS WOULD CO-OPERATE

Statement by Chairman of Ottawa-Separate School Board

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—"We are open to conciliation. In fact, I would not call it conciliation, but reason."

PROOF



"Well, old chap, how did you get this?" "One of the fellows dropped a Mills bomb, filled me up with a lot of pieces, bashed up the sergeant-major and three or four men, and killed my fox-terrier."

STRENGTH MAINTAINED AT NEW YORK TO-DAY

Substantial Gains Made by Steel Issues; Copper Stocks Active

(By Wise & Co.) New York, Nov. 25.—The stocks opened strong and during the day maintained their strength...

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FINANCIAL NEWS

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Table listing Montreal stocks and their prices, including items like Ames Holden, Bell Telephone, and various industrial stocks.

WHEAT CLOSED LOWER ON CHICAGO MARKET

Table listing wheat prices on the Chicago market, including items like No. 1 Hard, No. 2 Hard, and various grades of wheat.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing Victoria stock exchange prices, including items like Blackbird Syndicate, Cap. Cons. S. & R., and various local stocks.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

Table listing New York curb prices, including items like Ariz. Copperfields, Can. Copper, and various commodities.

BANK OF MONTREAL ESTABLISHED 1817 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., President; R. B. Angus, Esq., Vice-President; etc. Capital Paid up - \$16,000,000. Reserve - 16,000,000. Undivided Profits - 1,321,193. Total Assets (Apr. 1916) 390,421,701.

NO GERMAN SHELL FELL IN RAMSGATE

British Official Report Makes Clear German Naval Raid Absolute Failure

London, Nov. 25.—The following official report was issued today: "Six German destroyers during the night of Thursday, attempted to approach the north end of The Downs, but were seen by a patrol vessel. The enemy fired about twelve rounds and quickly steamed off. One shell hit a drifter without injuring any of the crew and only damaging her upperworks. No shell fell anywhere near the open town of Ramsgate."

NEW WESTMINSTER BROTHERS REUNION IN ARMY HOSPITAL

London, Nov. 25.—A singular meeting occurred at the Canadian hospital at Ramsgate. Sapper Scott, of the Canadian Engineers, observing the arrival of a batch of new patients, found amongst them a brother of the 7th Bn., in whom he had long believed missing. Five other brothers are buried in Flanders. The family belongs to New Westminster, B. C. The father, a marine construction engineer, came to work in an English shipyard. The Ramsgate Hospital Magazine, which narrates the incident, says it ought to make uninitiated Canadians squirm.

YALE DEFEATS HARVARD ARMY WINS FROM NAVY

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 25.—Yale football to-day emerged from the mire of eight years to Harvard and scored a six-thirty victory over the Crimson team. It was a game marked by frequent look-a-likes, one of which was a principal factor in the touchdown made by Neville, which was Yale's only score. Legero, rushing into Harvard's territory in the second period, fumbled the ball, which slipped 10 yards to Harvard's 15-yard line, where Gates pounced on the ball and saved the day for Yale. Although Harvard's defenders gave strong resistance, Yale's attack battered it down a yard or two at a time until Neville rushed over the line for the first touchdown. Yale has made in the past nine years of its football rivalry with Harvard. The contest was witnessed by a crowd that approached 80,000, which packed the massive bowl.

TORONTO LABOR MEN FORM POLITICAL PARTY

Toronto, Nov. 25.—The aggressive section of the local labor forces has decided to form a party for political action. The platform of the party will be public ownership, tax reform, free education, abolition of the senate, abolition of the property qualification for aspirants for seats on municipal councils, abolition of the deposit required of candidates for parliament, equal suffrage for men and women, proportional representation, eight-hour day and the adoption of the initiative and referendum system. The question of the name of the new party will be settled at the next meeting.

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COAL MINERS WILL STRIKE ON MONDAY

Calgary, Nov. 25.—A strike order has been sent out by the executive of the coal miners' union of District 18, of the United Miners of America, Southeastern British Columbia and Alberta. Many of the local unions already have decided to lay down their tools on Monday morning and it is probable that all the unions will have decided upon similar action before that date. The strike therefore, is staged for commencement on Monday morning.

Calgary, Nov. 25.—Unless some action is taken by the Dominion government or the operators concede the demands made by the union, practically all the miners employed in District No. 18 of the United Mine Workers of America, southeast British Columbia and the contiguous part of Alberta, will declare a strike at midnight tonight. With President Graham, of the union, and International Board Member Rees on the train somewhere between Fernie and Ottawa, where they have been summoned for a conference with government officials, it is difficult to discern how anything can be done that would avert a strike.

When the news was received late yesterday afternoon that delegates from the union were to attend a conference at Ottawa it was held the strike would be postponed at least until they had reported, but evidently the men are determined to go out without waiting for any further advice. Secretary Carter, of the union, who is in Calgary to-day, informed a Western Associated Press representative that the strike certainly would begin to-night. The government, according to Mr. Carter's view, has been dilatory in not taking action before it was too late to avert a break.

WOMEN EXECUTED BY CARRANZISTAS

Field Headquarters, American Punitive Expedition, Mexico, Nov. 25.—Three Mexican women were executed by firing squads on Wednesday at El Valle on the ostensible charge, preferred by Carranzas adherents, that they had attempted to kill Colonel Gonzalez Diaz, commander of the Carranza garrison at El Valle. Papers were said to have been found on the women incriminating them. The triple execution was held at sunrise. The women faced the rifles without weakening. This is the first trio of women executed in this part of Mexico.

VILLA BANDITS WERE REPULSED ONCE MORE

Juarez, Nov. 25.—The Villa bandits were repulsed again early to-day by the Carranza forces defending Chihuahua City, according to a message received at military headquarters here. The message said the bandits had been driven clear of the suburbs after desperate efforts to take the city by storm.

ASHMEAD-BARTLETT KILLED IN ACTION

London, Nov. 25.—Capt. Ashmead-Bartlett, second son of the late Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, was killed in action on November 14. He sent a message, received at almost the same time as the official telegram announcing his death, reading: "Good-bye, mother. We are just going over."

GREECE WILL MEET DEMAND OF ENTENTE

Government Has Decided Not to Resist Request for Munitions

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NO FINANCIAL AID FROM THE OUTSIDE

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AGRICULTURAL BODY OF COWICHAN MEETS

Fall Fair Was Great Success; Committee to Investigate Financial Standing. A committee consisting of K. Duncan and J. H. Whitmore was appointed to go into the whole financial standing of the society and to report. The meeting then adjourned for a fortnight to receive this report and to elect officers.

STATEMENT IS QUITE TYPICALLY PRUSSIAN

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AUSTRIAN STATEMENT

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