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## HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

### French Capture Another Section of Enemy Trenches

**Desperate Struggle For Possession of the Village of Fleury Is Still Going on---Body of General Mercer, Killed in Action, Has Been Recovered.**

PARIS, June 27.—The French have recaptured another section of the trenches at Thiaumont in the Verdun sector, according to an official statement issued by the War Office today. The struggle for the possession of the village of Fleury is still progressing. Three Allied aeroplanes dropped 65 shells on German ships near the Belgian coast. The statement follows:

"On the left bank of the Meuse a night attack with grenades against one of our trenches west of Hill 304 was repulsed easily.

"On the right bank local operations during the night enabled us to make further progress in the region of Thiaumont. The fighting was rather spirited in the region of Fleury, where the situation is unchanged. On the heights of the Meuse a grenade attack on our positions near Mouilly broke down under our fire and the enemy retired.

"In Belgium three of our aeroplanes which were engaged in a reconnaissance fired 65 bombs on German ships near the Belgian coast."

#### Body of the Late General Mercer Was

##### Recovered and Given a Soldier's Burial

OTTAWA, June 27.—Details of the death and burial of Major General M. S. Mercer and the work of the Canadians at the front are conveyed in a cable received today at the Militia Department from the Canadian representative in the field.

It states: "The body of Major General Mercer was recovered from a demolished dugout in the Armagh wood. All the buttons and decorations on his tunic had been cut off, but rank badges had not been touched. Examination showed that the General had been severely wounded in the leg and had also received bullet wounds in the head, either of which would have been sufficient to cause death.

"General Mercer's body was carried back and buried in a military cemetery close to Poperinghe. A large number of officers, including the corps commander and the late General's staff, attended the funeral. Some of the latter had travelled all night in order to be present.

#### Canadian Troops Now Settled Down in the New Quarters They Recently Took Over

"During the past few days quieter conditions prevailed on our new front. All ranks have been busy settling down in the new area recently taken over. The late occupants had left the trenches in the best possible order.

"Enemy parties were reported both day and night and were more than once dispersed by our fire. A patrol of an eastern Ontario battalion dispersed a German working party with bombs. At various points the enemy concentrated a number of trench mortars on our front trenches, but on each occasion his fire died down under heavy retaliation from our trench mortar and howitzer batteries.

"Our patrols have maintained their activity and accomplished much good work."

#### MANY VICTIMS OF AIR RAID.

BERLIN, via London, June 27.—A report on the aeroplane raid on Karlsruhe, June 22, shows that 110 persons, including five women and 75 children were killed and 147 persons injured, including twenty women and seventy-nine children.

The French official communication issued on the night of June 22 said that in reprisal for successive bombardments carried out by the Germans on the open towns of Bar-le-Duc and Luneville, French aerial squadrons had bombed Treves and Karlsruhe. A flotilla of nine aeroplanes had dropped forty shells on Karlsruhe, the statement said.

#### FIGHTING IN EAST AFRICA.

LISBON, June 26 (via Paris).—A German attack on Portuguese East Africa last month was repulsed, the War Office announced today, as follows: "Germans attacked Unde (in Portuguese East Africa, at the border) on May 28th, and were repulsed. The Portuguese casualties were two, the German casualties were eight. Many are wounded or missing. German boats carrying arms were sunk while entering the river."

### CANADIANS IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, June 27.—Casualties reported by the Militia Department today include the following:

Infantry.  
Killed in Action.  
Sergt. George O'Brien, Truro, N. S.  
Lance Corp. Leslie T. Stokes, Louisville, N. B.  
Pte. Levi Verge, Newfoundland.  
Dangerously Ill.  
Pioneer James Warren, Glace Bay, N. S.

Admitted to Hospital.  
Co. Q. M. Sergt. John W. Wise, Halifax.

Wounded.  
Pte. Adolphus Bettie, Pessekeag, N. B.  
Pte. Malcolm Albert Campbell, St. John.

Pte. A. Melanson, West Bathurst, N. B.  
Pte. Wm. Morgan, Newfoundland.  
Pte. Alvan Pierce, Rockport, N. S.  
Pte. John Powell, Newfoundland.  
Pte. Thos. Earl Williams, Halifax, N. S.

Pte. Robt. Squires, Glace Bay, N. S.  
Pte. Royal Rushton, Truro, N. S.  
Sergt. Harold Scribner, Hampton.  
Pte. Elvin Baker, Little Shemogue, N. B.

Pte. Wilbur Barton, Sunbury, N. B.  
Pte. Alfred Berthelotte, Eel River, N. B.  
Lieut. Ernest Hugh Simpson, Kentville, N. S.

Missing.  
Pte. John Ellsworth, Campbell, St.

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### GENERAL PUBLIC IS APATHETIC OVER THE TRIAL OF CASEMENT

**Spectators Following the Case are Mostly Those Who Have Nothing Else to do---Witnesses the Same as at the Preliminary Examination.**

LONDON, June 27.—The second day of the trial of Sir Roger Casement for high treason opened with no change in the apathetic attitude with which the general public regards the case. Although the Chief Justice of England is presiding over the trial, and the prosecution is being conducted by the highest law officers of the Crown, it might seem to outsiders only an ordinary society divorce case, for all of the popular excitement it arouses, and from the type of audience it attracts.

The principal reason offered for this lack of interest is that the attention of the country is focused upon the continent, where what possibly may prove the decisive phase of the great war is at a crucial stage on both the eastern and western fronts.

#### CHIEF JUSTICE COMPELLED TO INSIST THAT THERE SHALL BE NO LAUGHTER IN COURT

The spectators at the trial, besides members of the bar, consist mostly of men about town who have no useful task to do elsewhere. The atmosphere of the court room is not that of a trial for life, and the Chief Justice was compelled yesterday to insist that there must be no laughter in court.

The laughter was evoked by the rich brogues and smart repartee of the Irish soldier witnesses.

The prosecution today resumed the introduction of testimony immediately the court opened.

#### WITNESS TELLS OF THE MOVEMENTS OF CASEMENT AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN IRELAND

The witnesses were the same as those called at the preliminary hearings at the Bow Street Police Court, and few new points were brought out during the early proceedings.

Witnesses gave accounts of the movements of Sir Roger and his companions, Capt. Robert Monteith and Daniel J. Bailey from the time of their landing on the morning of Good Friday in a boat from the German submarine near Tralee until the arrest of Sir Roger a few hours later.

John McCarthy, an Irish farmer, described finding the boat in which the three men were said to have landed, and told of discovering buried on the beach two handbags containing revolvers and ammunition.

#### FLAG OF THE REVOLUTIONISTS EXHIBITED IN THE COURT ROOM CREATED QUITE A STIR

Mary Gorman, a pretty servant girl with a pronounced Irish brogue, identified Sir Roger as one of three men she met hurrying away from the beach early Friday morning. She was followed by Thomas Hearn, a sergeant in the Irish constabulary, who told of tracing Sir Roger to the ruined fort in the vicinity of which he arrested him.

Sergeant Hearn identified revolvers, maps of Ireland and a flag of the revolutionists which were found in a handbag. There was a stir in the court room as the big green emblem of the rebels was spread out in the centre of the room and all eyes turned toward the prisoner. He shifted uneasily in his seat, and then leaned back with folded arms, smiling nervously as he gazed at the flag.

#### CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENCE BRINGS OUT EVIDENCE OF GENERAL UNREST IN IRELAND

Alexander Sullivan, chief counsel for the defence, volunteered the information to the court that the emblem on the flag was similar to that of the city of Limerick. Mr. Sullivan cross-examined the police witnesses at length in regard to the general unrest in Ireland, and brought out the fact that the people of the south were arming themselves against those of the north and against conscription, and that after the Curragh incident, when the military refused to serve against Ulster, the southerners felt they could not trust the soldiers to protect them against the Ulster volunteers.

One police witness said that although the carrying of arms and drilling went on unhampered by the authorities, the landing of arms would have had a very grave effect.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CITY CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

**Beautiful Summer Weather Graced the Occasion---  
Interesting Exercises Carried Out by the Pupils  
in Presence of Many.**

Beautiful summer weather greeted the closing of the public schools of the city today. As usual, there was a large attendance of visitors in all departments where the regular school work and the special exercises were watched with interest.

The presentation of certificate, of course, was the most important part of the day's proceedings, which began at ten o'clock. Secretary Sampson made the presentation at the York Street School, Mrs. Philip Cox at the Regent Street School, Mr. J. W. Spurden at the Smythe Street School, and Mr. J. J. Weddall at the Model School.

#### The High School Closing.

There were no sessions of the Fredericton High School today, the closing exercises taking place last night in the Assembly Hall of the school. The programme proved most enjoyable and the exercises were very largely attended.

In addition to closing exercises at the schools in the city this morning, there were also interesting exercises at the Doak Settlement and Morrison's Mill schools.

#### Regent Street School.

At the Regent Street School there were special exercises in some of the departments in addition to demonstrations of the regular work of the school. In this school Dr. Philip Cox of the U. N. B., gives five cash prizes. The winners were as follows:

1st department, Mary Lifford; 2nd department, Roy Ward; 3rd department, Lytle McGrath and Nora O'Brien; 4th department, Melrose Broderick; principal's department, grade VII., Margaret McLaren, grade VIII., Walter Lawlor.

This afternoon the pupils of Principal J. A. Hughes' department were his guests at an entertainment with which it is customary to close the school year.

Grades VII. and VIII., comprising the department of Principal Hughes, took up the subjects, spelling, reading, Latin, arithmetic and history during the session. The blackboards of this department were adorned with drawings connected with the courses in nature study. The record of perfect attendance in this department contained the following names: Walter Lawlor, Louis McGinn, Theo. Morris, Rita McGinnis,

Margaret McLaren, Evelyn Murphy, Frances McCarthy and Rita McCarthy.

In the department of Sister Clarice, consisting of grades V. and VI., those with perfect attendance were Thomas McGinnis, Maurice Cain, George Rowan, Vincent Jamieson, Clement McGinnis, Gregory McGinnis, Agnes Feeney, Stella O'Connor, Helen O'Connor, Mary Mackey and Mary McCarthy.

Grades III. and IV., Sister Adrian's department, had the following in the record of perfect attendance: Marion McLennan, Thomas Rowan, David Lifford, Charles Mackey, Victor Burns. The pupils of whom honorable mention is made were as follows: Grade IV., Edward Carten, Katherine Cox, Helen Hughes, Thomas Rowan, Alphonse Sears; Grade III., Joseph Hurley, Mollie Carten.

In Miss R. Davis' department those with perfect attendance in grades II. and III., were as follows: Walter Myhrall, Frederick McGinnis, Francis O'Donnell, Elbridge Keenan, John O'Connor, Roy Ward, Douglas Keenan, Earle Rowan, Joseph King, Lytle McGrath, Mary Ivory, Helen Allen, Mary McGinnis.

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