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A CANADIAN AIRMAN HAS BEEN AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS

Alan A. McLeod of Winnipeg Performs Deed of Valor---Was Attacked by Eight Enemy Machines and Destroyed Three of Them.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 2.—The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieutenants Allan Gerrard and Alan Arnett McLeod, an 18-year-old Canadian boy from Manitoba, a member of the Royal Air Force, for deeds which stand out even among the exploits in this branch of the service.

Gerrard, when on an offensive patrol with two other officers, attacked five enemy airplanes, shooting one down in flames. He then attacked an enemy airdrome, engaging single-handed some nineteen machines, which either were landing or starting off, and crashed one of them against the airdrome. A large number of machines the nattered Gerrard, but seeing one of his companions in difficulty, he went to his assistance and destroyed a third enemy machine.

Fresh enemy machines were arising from the airdrome and he attacked them one after another and only retreated when ordered to do so. Five machines pursued him, but he turned, although apparently wounded, and repeatedly attacked them until, overwhelmed by numbers, he was driven down.

WAS ATTACKED BY EIGHT ENEMY MACHINES WHILE FLYING AT ALTITUDE OF 8,000 FEET

McLeod, while flying at an altitude of 5,000 feet, was attacked by eight enemy machines, which dived at him from all directions, firing from their front guns. By skilful manoeuvres he enabled his observer to fire at each machine in turn, shooting three down.

By this time both McLeod and his observer were wounded and their machine in flames. McLeod climbed out on to the plane, controlling the machine from the side, and by slipping deeply, kept the flames confined to one side, thus enabling the observer to keep on firing until the ground was reached. He dragged the observer from the flaming machine, and though again wounded by a bomb, persevered until he had placed his companion in safety, when he fell from exhaustion due to loss of blood.

LOYAL INDIA OFFERS RESOURCES AND MAN POWER TO THE EMPIRE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 2.—A message from the Viceroy of India to the King-Empress is given out officially. It says: "A conference of the ruling princes and representatives of all classes of the people of India, assembled at Delhi, has authorized a resolution passed unanimously to convey to your majesty, the King-Empress, an expression of India's dutiful loyalty, in response to your gracious message, and assurance of her determination to continue to do her duty to her utmost capacity in the great crisis through which the Empire is passing. India is determined that Your Majesty's confidence that she will not fail the Empire in its hour of crisis shall be fully justified, and that the man-power and resources of the country shall be utilized to the greatest possible extent in the cause of the Empire."

WILL OPPOSE A COMPROMISE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Dublin, May 2.—The Southern Unionist committee, to which Sir Edward Carson, has written a letter saying the question of Home Rule should not be reopened in the present condition of Ireland, has organized a large body of Unionists outside Ulster in opposition to the compromise accepted by the Unionists at their convention. Their adherents include members, professional men and several former judges, but few business men. They number about 11,000, and may present a serious obstacle to the settlement of the Home Rule question.

BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD

Toronto, May 2.—Baptist home missions in Quebec and Ontario are in a healthy and prosperous condition, according to reports reported at the half-yearly meeting of the Baptist Home Mission Board, which concluded its business here yesterday. The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand after all accounts were paid. The salaries of missionaries were increased in most fields.

COL. AUDET PASSES AWAY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Montreal, May 1.—The death is announced of Lieut.-Colonel Audet, who passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital at the aged of 77 years. The late Col. Audet was at one time secretary to the late Sir Joseph A. Chaplain, and was a prominent figure in local conservative circles during the premiership of Sir John Macdonald. For several years he was in charge of the archives of the department of state at Ottawa.

HOME RULE BILL IS DEFERRED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, May 2.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer and government spokesman, declared in the House of Commons Wednesday that he could not say when Irish Home bill would be introduced. This, according to lobby correspondents of the morning newspapers, covers the fact that the introduction of the bill has been deferred and hope of its presentation next week has now been abandoned.

CLAIMS OF RED TRIANGLE FUND WELL PRESENTED

LARGE AUDIENCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Capt. Geo. S. Dingle, of Montreal, and Rev. George Adam of London, the Speakers Last Night.

The work of the Y.M.C.A. among the troops of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and the claims of the Red Triangle Fund were well placed before the people of Fredericton last night at the City Opera House by Capt. George S. Dingle of Montreal, and Rev. George Adam of London, England. A large audience was in attendance and the members of the eleven teams which will work in Fredericton on the 7th inst. in the "drive" for the Red Triangle were seated upon the stage. His Worship Mayor Hanson was chairman and Lt. Col. W. J. Osborne also was present.

Col. Osborne, after the address by the two representatives of the Y. M. C. A. delivered a brief address in which he spoke of his personal recollections of the magnificent work done by the Y.M.C.A. at the front and the necessity for the public to support this organization. On his motion a vote of thanks was tendered the two speakers.

Striking Addresses.

Both addresses were striking. Capt. Dingle went into details of the work of the Red Triangle in all sections where troops were stationed, both in France and England, and the information which he gave was of great value and interest. Rev. Mr. Adam of the Y.M.C.A. in its war work and spoke along general lines of the needs proved to be a most stirring speaker. Besides dealing with the Y.M.C.A. (Continued on page 4.)

MACHINISTS STRIKE.

300 Employed in B. C. Shipbuilding Plants Demand More Pay.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Victoria, B. C., May 2.—Machinists employed by the engineering and shipbuilding plants, numbering 300, went on strike this morning when employers failed to comply with the demands submitted for an increase in wages.

German Artillery Again Showing Great Activity

Bombardment Began Early This Morning in the Neighborhood of Merris---German Attack on the French Front Proved a Failure.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 2.—The German artillery became active this morning in the Villers-Bretonneux sector, on the Amiens front and in the neighborhood of Merris, on the Flanders front, it is officially announced. The text of the statement reads:

"The enemy's artillery developed considerable activity early this morning in the Villers-Bretonneux sector and in the neighborhood of Merris. Some activity was shown also during the night in the Arras, Lens and St. Venant sectors. No infantry action is reported."

THE FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT TELLS OF SUCCESSFUL RAIDS WEST OF COUCY LE CHATEAU

PARIS, May 2.—A German attack last night on the Thennes sector failed, the French War Office announced this afternoon. French troops made raids on Le Monchel and west of Coucy le Chateau. The statement follows: "North of the Avre a German attack on French positions in the region of Thennes was broken up by the French fire. Other German efforts north of Chavignon and northwest of Rheims gained no greater success. The French carried out a number of raids, especially near Le Monchel, west of Coucy le Chateau and north of Pont-a-Mousson, and brought back twenty prisoners."

GERMAN OFFICERS ARE KEPT BUSY MAKING EXPLANATIONS TO THEIR MEN, THESE DAYS

British Headquarters in France, May 1.—The Australians today rushed an enemy post near Meteren. The German field recruit depots are being heavily drawn upon to replace recent casualties. The 13th reserve division has just received a company of 250 boys of the 1919-20 class who had only eight weeks' training and were not to be engaged in fighting unless absolutely necessary; but the fact that they are now with the division in the battle line suggests the anticipation that they may have to be used.

Prisoners say there has been a good deal of explaining away in progress behind the enemy's lines. When an attack is repulsed the German officers tell the men it was not seriously intended as an offensive manoeuvre, but merely as a reconnaissance in force to test the strength of the enemy.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG REPLIES TO QUEEN MARY'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO THE TROOPS

LONDON, May 1.—The following telegram has been sent to Queen Mary by Field Marshal Haig in reply to a message of congratulation to the troops for their valiant stand:

"The message of your majesty sent to the army and air force in the name of the women of the British Empire will inspire with new strength and fresh determination all those brave men from every part of the Empire who on the battle fields of France and Flanders are fighting so gallantly for all they hold most dear. They who with their own eyes daily see the women and children homeless, and once peaceful and prosperous villages and towns ruined and in flames, have resolved that their own loved ones and homes shall not share that suffering. No loss can be too great, no sacrifice too extreme to save their country from such a fate. Side by side with our gallant Allies, whose wrong we feel as our own, we will persevere in the fight against all odds until victory is at last achieved. In this great struggle we are heartened by the love and confidence of the women of the women of the British Empire, of which your majesty's most gracious message has given such moving expression."

DROWNED IN CHAMCOOK LAKE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
St. John, May 2.—It is believed that Daniel Irwin and Samuel MacFarlane were drowned last night in Chamcook Lake, near St. Andrews, their boat being found overturned in a cove of the lake. They had gone fishing early yesterday morning. Each leaves a wife and four children. Irwin was captain of Sir William Van Horne's yacht. The lake is being dragged for the bodies.

ASSEMBLY TO MEET IN JUNE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Toronto, May 1.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church will meet this year, as usual, on the first Wednesday in June but the Commissioners are to be asked to pay their own railway fares. This was the decision of the emergency committee of the Presbyterian Church which met today to discuss the proposal to postpone the meeting of the general assembly till next year.

PASSPORT FOR DUBLIN'S MAYOR

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, May 2.—There is no reason to suppose that the Lord Mayor of Dublin will be refused a passport to the United States by the Secretary for Ireland, to whom he has decided to apply, says a despatch from Dublin to the Daily News today.

INSURANCE MAN DEAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Kitchener, Ont., May 1.—George Wegnast, managing director of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Canada, died suddenly at the Kitchener Waterloo Hospital this evening following a breakdown, after a serious operation. He was born in 1860.

FRENCH CHILDREN UNDER A TERRIFIC GUN FIRE

Two Were Rescued by English Troops From a Trench at Neuve Eglise---Another Had Close Call.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in Flanders, May 1.—The recent fighting in Flanders has furnished many unusual and trying experiences for civilians living near the front, but none of these was more amazing than that of two tiny French children who are in a British military hospital. These tots were among the few unfortunate persons in Neuve Eglise when the Germans overran that place. The town immediately became a storm centre, which was continually changing hands, and German soldiers took these two little children in the trenches for their protection. During a counter-attack the British stormed and captured the trench. They found the little ones safe and sound and brought them back. The children had been living under terrific gunfire and how they escaped death cannot be accounted for. Another French baby was found by two British signalmen at another place. As the child had no protection, the soldiers took it with them to their billet in a barn. That night the signalmen went to sleep with the baby between them, so that no harm might come to it. German airmen bombed the barn and both the Tommies were killed; the child escaped injury and later was rescued by other soldiers.

THE BUDGET SHOWS THAT CANADA IS DOING HER PART IN THE WAR

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 2.—The Times says that the budget presented in the House of Commons at Ottawa on Tuesday, shows in a most remarkable way both the financial burden which the Dominion is bearing and the resiliency of her trade and industry despite it. "The effect of the budget," it says, "is to give a concise impression of the great and increasing importance of Canada's share in the war. It reaches us at the same moment as Hon. Mr. Rowell's communication in affirmation that the Canadian government is determined to fulfill to the utmost its pledge that the Canadian forces in Europe shall not suffer for want of reinforcements."