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CANADIAN RAILWAY MEN PLAY HEROIC PART AT CAMBRAI

Fought With Picks and Shovels Against Rifles and Machine Guns and Held Their Own---Afterwards They Made a Safe Get-away.

(By Roland Hill.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—Against the furious counter attacks which the Huns made in the Cambrai sector, some Canadian railwaymen played a minor but very heroic part. In the scramble at Gouzeaucourt there were hand-to-hand combats with picks and shovels against rifles and machine guns, and for a time the Canadian shovel brigade held its own.

One of the railway men grading a level on the morning of the attack casually looked up from his work to find four Germans with rifles bearing down on his party. He gave one yell to his comrades, and dashing for the Huns, armed only with his pick, killed the first man, after parrying a bayonet thrust, and was belaboring the others when his friends came up and wiped out the party.

Further up the road the Canadians espied the Germans coming on in force, so the railway builders fell back in good order, the Huns hesitating, thinking they had a fighting unit to deal with—which was literally true. Most the Germans got safely away.

GALLANT STAND OF RAILWAYMEN AND BRITISH BATTALION SAVED THE PARTY FROM CAPTURE

But for the fine stand of the practically unarmed railway troops and a famous British fighting battalion who were working with them, but whose rifles were stacked some distance away the whole group would have fallen into enemy hands.

Approaching Gouzeaucourt from another direction came one of the Canadian trucks loaded down with material. The heavy shelling it ran through the driver regarded as part of the day's work. It rounded the corner into the village suddenly and found half a dozen Huns with a machine gun sitting at the main cross roads. The driver had no room to turn and no time to stop, so he charged the crowd.

AUSTRIAN PRISONERS SAY THEY ARE SICK OF THE WAR

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 5.—The officer commanding the 400 Austrian prisoners captured in the recent French success on Monte Tomba, gave the correspondent an opportunity today of going among them and talking freely with officers and men on war conditions and what the enemy still could do in carrying on the struggle.

The correspondent was told by the prisoners that the method of the French attack was an entirely new experience for them, as they seldom had undergone such murderous artillery fire. Most of the men were Moravians, Dalmatians and Galicians. The sudden French charge after the artillery fire bowled them over before they had any chance to offer resistance.

Heartily Sick of the War.

Concerning the war, they all expressed themselves as heartily sick of it, and said that the Germans were keeping the others in the fight. "We have not had warm food for days," said the spokesman for the officers, who are chiefly Hungarians.

"And our own French soldiers did not have warm food for nine days after they arrived here," said the commandant. He explained that fuel was almost impossible to get, and when no coal and light wood could be found, hot food was almost out of the question.

Asked about the war, the prisoners gave America's entry into it as an instance that all the world was against the Central Powers. One officer said the food supply was running low, but it was better in Hungary than in Austria. They thought, however, that Austria-Hungary could hang on.

Asked about the ragged condition of their uniforms, one officer said, "Yes, we are ragged and look like tramps, but what does that count in fighting?"

CREATED A BARONET

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Jan. 5.—It was announced today that the King had conferred a baronetcy of the United Kingdom on Sir Edward Morris, late Premier of Newfoundland, in recognition of long and distinguished services to the Empire.

MILITARY CROSS FOR A PRIEST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Halifax, Jan. 5.—Father Miles Tompkins, who was appointed a chaplain in the Canadian expeditionary force in 1915 and who has served 20 months in France, has, according to cable advices, been awarded the Military Cross for bravery and devotion to duty.

WILL GIVE TARDY ONES A CHANCE

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Taking the ground that perhaps many men who had failed to report, as ordered by the registrar, had legitimate excuses for their tardiness, and offering sympathetic and lenient treatment in all such cases, Lieut. George, assistant adjutant general of this district, upon whom falls the task of prosecuting the unwilling, stated today that he law would not be rigidly enforced for some days.

The number of defaulters of Thursday's draft has been estimated at 68, and then at over a hundred, but today it was stated that a number of these had reported a day late.

TO CAGE THE WILD BEAST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5.—Addressing the St. Louis Bar Association tonight, Sir Frederick Smith, attorney general for Great Britain, who is in the United States on a mission for his government, said that Great Britain is prepared to continue her struggle with Germany for twenty years more "to bring the wild beast of Germany into his cage."

"The entry of the United States into the war makes the result certain," he declared.

LONGER GAME SEASON WANTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Resolution Passed Calling for Six Months' Open Season and the Right for Each License Holder to Kill Five Deer in a Season---No Interruption of the Fishing Season Wanted.

The Municipal Council of York county this morning unanimously passed a resolution urging the Provincial Government to extend the game season so as to make an open season from July 1st to January 1st, for the duration of the war, and permit each license holder to kill five deer instead of two, these privileges to be extended only to residents of the province. The resolution was passed to assist in Food Conservation and to afford a greater measure of protection to farmers whose crops are damaged by deer. A copy of the resolution is to be forwarded to Hon. W. J. Hanna, Food Controller of the Dominion. The special committee on seed grain was given power to finance the transaction to the extent deemed necessary. The matter in dispute between the two Kingsclear councillors with regard to the removal of Mr. John McIntosh from the office of assessor was settled amicably by the committee appointed for the purpose. Mr. McIntosh is to retain office during the present term. Coun. Fox who desired his removal stated that the decision caused no hard feelings on his part.

Killing of Game.

When the council resumed business Saturday morning Coun. Pond seconded by Coun. B. D. Clarkson moved the following resolution:

Whereas, the Dominion Government is a present urging the people of this province to conserve the meat supply, particularly pork and beef, and Whereas, the forests of our province abound with game and streams with fish, and

Whereas, the farmers of this province are anxious to carry out the directions of the Food Controller in the matter of raising wheat, the said farmers contemplating the clearing of new land, which land will be generally situated and bounded by the forests of the province, and the said farmers feel that great damage will be done the wheat crops by the said game, especially deer, therefore

Resolved, that the county council petition the Provincial Government praying that the open season for shooting big game be extended to include the period in each year from July 1st to January 1st, provided that the privilege be extended to the farmers of the province only, and be it further

Resolved, that the said county council petition the Dominion Government praying that the residents of the province be allowed to fish in the rivers and streams of the province continuously during the open season, and be it further

Resolved, that the provisions of the above mentioned resolutions apply only during the continuance of the present war, and be it further

Resolved, that petitions be presented to the Provincial and Dominion Governments embodying the provisions of this resolution.

Both mover and seconder spoke strongly in favor of the resolution because deer destroyed crops and because the meat was much needed.

Draft of the Turkish Peace Terms is Sent to Russia

REMARKABLE SUICIDE OF MAJOR POWELL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Jan. 5.—A verdict of suicide was returned in the investigation into the death of Major Vernon Harcourt Powell, Canadian Artillery, who shot himself at a pleasure rifle range in London. The deceased was a scout-master in Canada. He was blown up in a dugout in France, receiving serious injuries, but apparently recovering after returning to England.

He left a note saying the shooting was entirely his own fault, but it must have been written some time prior to the shooting. He also wrote an unintelligible letter to his mother. Before turning the rifle on himself the deceased scored eleven successive bullseyes.

PERSONAL.

Mr. D. A. Phelan of St. John, is in the city.

Sergt. B. A. Bell of Chatham, is a guest at the Queen.

Dr. A. P. Crockett is in the city.

Free Passage of Dardanelles, Evacuation of Turkish Territory and Demobilization of Black Sea Fleet is Asked---Other Important Points Presented.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Free passage of the Dardanelles for Russian ships, Russian evacuation of Turkish territory and the demobilization of the Russian Black Sea fleet are asked for in the draft of Turkish peace terms presented to Russia, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd.

Turkey, it is said, is to retain her regular army in consequence of the condition of war against the Entente. The main points in the draft presented by the Turkish delegates are given in the despatch following:

WOULD GRANT FREE PASSAGS TO RUSSIANS THROUGH DARDANELLES AND BOSPHORUS

1. Frontier lines to remain as before the war.
2. Within two years of the conclusion of peace the contracting parties shall appoint a convention respecting sea trade and consulates.
3. War losses incurred by individuals to be expounded.
4. Guarantees to be given for the territorial integrity and development of Persia on the basis of her entire independence.
5. Free passage for Russian ships passing through the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus.
6. Mobilization within limits for national defence.
7. Russia to undertake to remove her armies to territory within the previous Russian borders in six or eight weeks after signing the peace agreement, leaving one division to safeguard her frontier.
8. Russia to demobilize her army of special Armenian units and also to demobilize the Black Sea navy.
9. Turkey to retain her active army in consequence of the continuation of war against the Entente.

NO FRESH DEVELOPMENTS FROM RUSSIA TODAY REGARDING THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Pending the resumption of conferences at Brest-Litovsk today, no fresh developments are reported regarding the peace negotiations. Special despatches from Petrograd report attempts by the German delegates at Petrograd to make some sort of a clandestine agreement with the members of the constituent assembly.

The Daily News correspondent says that the Germans are trying through a neutral diplomat to get into communication with members of the assembly. Their object is obvious, as the parties opposed to the Bolsheviks are quite ready to profit by the Bolshevik refusal to make peace.

THE GERMANS WILLING TO RECOGNIZE BOLSHEVIKI AS REPRESENTING MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE

The version of the correspondent of the Daily Mail is that the Germans have been putting pressure, direct or indirect, upon the government in connection with the summoning of a constituent assembly, as the Germans have been making it pretty obvious that they are willing to recognize the Bolsheviks as representing a majority of the Russian people or even as temporary trustees of the sovereign power.

The Austro-German delegates in Petrograd profess to believe and to have information that the Allies have decided to break relations with Russia. Perhaps this is the reason why the British embassy has taken pains to assure Trotzky that the departure of Sir George Buchanan is purely on account of ill health, and he would have left last March but for the persuasions of former foreign minister Terestchenko.

No Delegates on Hand.

London, Jan. 5.—When the delegates of the Central Powers arrived at Brest-Litovsk to resume the peace negotiations they found no Russian delegates there, according to a Vienna despatch to Zurich by the Exchange Telegraph Co. All that awaited them was a telegram from the Russians asking for the transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Among Maritime men in the casualties are the following:

Infantry. Previously a prisoner of war, now interned in Switzerland, G. Keeley, Sydney; Lieut. J. D. Gunn, Halifax. Wounded—W. S. Currie, Truro, N. S.; F. L. Mills, Amherst, N. S. Mounted Rifles.

Previously a prisoner of war, now interned in Switzerland—Major R. T. Armstrong, St. John.

MORE AID FROM THE WEST.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Jan. 5.—The Halifax Relief Fund of this city tonight forwarded to Halifax the sum of \$1,250, making a total of \$2,750 thus far sent.

STRONG PROTEST FROM THE WEST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Regina, Sask., Jan. 5.—A strong protest was wired today to Hon. N. W. Rowell, acting premier, by Premier Martin, on behalf of the Saskatchewan government to the Federal order-in-council issued last month, with regard to the issue and sale of securities of provinces and institutions subject to provincial control.

ACCIDENTALLY INNOCULATED.

Quebec, Jan. 5.—While performing an inoculation operation on a patient, Dr. M. D. Brochu, a noted oculist, attached to a number of loose needles, accidentally scratched his hand and is now in hospital. The condition is not serious.