

CELEBRATION OF REAL PEACE NEWS BEGINS

**PUBLIC OBSERVATION OF
EVENT THIS AFTERNOON**

**United Service of Thanksgiv-
ing at 2 o'clock—Great Pa-
rade Followed—Much
Enthusiasm.**

The welcome news of the signing of an armistice by German commissioners came over the wires at an early hour this morning. The good news did not take long to circulate and at about eight o'clock Christ-church Cathedral chimes announced the news to some of the unsuspecting public. The rumor of Thursday seemed to have put a damper on the spirits of the public but as today's news is doubly confirmed there was a big organized celebration this afternoon. Citizens were on the streets this morning purchasing flags and confetti for the celebration this afternoon. Faces are beaming and everything shows the prospect of things being lively during the rest of the day. Today will be a gala day for the numerous citizens and in spite of the sickness religious services will be held this evening in various churches.

Public Celebration
The city council met this morning and a public holiday was proclaimed for this afternoon starting at noon. At two o'clock this afternoon united service of thanksgiving was held in front of the Post Office. At 2.30 o'clock a parade was organized including the Fredericton Brass Band and the District Depot Band. Returned soldiers the G. W. V. A. and other local bodies turned out for the parade. His Worship Mayor Hanson has requested that the citizens of Fredericton illuminate their business stands and private dwellings this evening to help in the celebration.

Already flags have been put up for the celebration and costumes of all descriptions are being seen on the streets. The merry makers are distributing confetti to the four winds of the Heavens and things promise to assume a very lively form this afternoon and this evening.

Holiday Tomorrow
A public holiday was proclaimed by the Lieut. Governor for tomorrow and more celebrations will follow. The town of Marysville heard the news early this morning and the cotton factory closed. The streets were paraded by crowds waving flags and showing the greatest excitement.

Celebrating Peace News
The first to celebrate the Peace Armistice which was signed last night was the Aurora Borealis, which was displaying all its attractions in the northeastern sky. The sight was a very pretty one.

Brunswick Street Baptist Church
A forty-five minute service of Thanksgiving and Praise for the Allied victory and the conclusion of hostilities will be held in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church this evening at seven o'clock.

Day of Thanksgiving
An extra edition of the Royal Gazette is issued today proclaiming tomorrow Tuesday as a public holiday and day of Thanksgiving for the great victory that has been won by the armies of Great Britain and her allies.

Receives Good News
Major F. A. Good is in receipt of a communication from London as well as one from the authorities at Ottawa stating that the condition of his son Capt. G. Alvah Good is greatly improved. A communication from a friend of Capt. Good in London states that he is almost entirely recovered from his injuries inferring that he has regained his power of speech.

Death at Victoria Hospital
The death occurred at the Victoria Hospital this morning of George H. Briggs of Chipman after a lingering illness. The deceased was a well known farmer of Chipman and is survived by his wife. He was sixty-four years old. The body will be taken to Chipman on Tuesday for interment.

Death of Child
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raymond have have the sympathy of their numerous friends in the death of their son Douglas G. Raymond who died Saturday night at the age of four years six months from meningitis of the brain. The funeral took place at 3.30 Sunday afternoon Rev. J. S. Sutherland conducting the service. The deceased is survived by his parents one brother and three sisters.

Killed by Machine Gun
Mrs. Charles Jones of St. John has received a letter from Lieutenant Horatio N. C. Crowell, of the 38th Battalion, giving particulars of the death of her son, Pte. C. E. K. Jones, who was reported killed in action on September 29. Private Jones and his party were putting up a stiff fight along the Douai-Cambrai road and were subject to a severe machine gun fire. Private Jones was killed instantly, being hit in the head. The officer describes Private Jones' action as courageous, cool and intrepid. He was a U. N. B. man and well known in Fredericton.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE DESTROYED RESIDENCE AND SHOP IN DEVON OWNED BY JAMES DAVIDSON

**Acetylene Gas Collected in Cellar and Lighted Lantern Caused
Explosion—Occupants Escaped Through the Windows in
Night Clothing—Miss Alice Norwood, Nurse, Suffered a
Broken Leg—Leonard Davidson was Ill with Pneumonia—
Heavy Financial Loss.**

The residence of Mr. James Davidson in Devon and his butcher shop which stood a few yards away was totally destroyed shortly after five o'clock this morning by fire which followed an explosion of acetylene gas. The explosion tore a side out of the house which was of wood and shook the adjacent part of the town and its noise was heard for a long distance. The occupants of the house with the exception of Mr. Davidson and his son Frank, who had arisen before the explosion escaped from the building in their night clothing. The Devon fire department confined the fire to the property in which it started although adjoining buildings were threatened.

Cellar Full of Gas
There seems to be little doubt that the cellar was full of gas. One story is that Sunday night while a rifle was being examined in the nearby shop it was discharged and the bullet penetrated the walls of both shop and house and punctured the pipe of the gas system which had been installed seven years and which had given good service. At about five o'clock this morning Mr. Davidson went to the cellar with a lighted lantern to start a furnace fire. There was an explosion which hurled him out of the cellar, wrecked the house and set fire to it.

Went Through the Windows
Other occupants of the dwelling were Mr. Davidson's wife, his son George and wife and child, his daughter Mrs. Stanley Taylor, another son Leonard who was ill with pneumonia and the attendant nurse Miss Alice Norwood of Gagetown. All were compelled to escape from the building by the windows of the various sleeping rooms they occupied. The sick man and the nurse leaped from an upper story. The fall of the patient was broken by part of the building and he was not seriously hurt but the nurse was not so fortunate breaking one of her legs. The occupants of the house were accommodated temporarily at the residence of Mr. Andrew Love and Mr. Leonard Davidson and Miss Norwood as soon as possible were taken to Victoria Hospital in Fredericton.

All More or Less Injured
All those in the house at the time of the explosion suffered more or less from shock and injury. The owner of the building when blown out of the cellar was severely burned and was cut about the face and head. He was able to go to the nearby shop and get out the safe a rifle and some other articles. Others suffered cuts and bruises.

es. The escape from death was little short of miraculous as the flames had complete control of the house within a few minutes of the explosion. The loss is heavy and there is much sympathy for Mr. Davidson and family. No furniture was saved.

Neighboring Buildings Damaged
The glass in windows of neighboring houses was broken either by the explosion or the heat of the flames. At times roofs showed signs of catching but the efforts of the firemen and others kept the flames down.

SERGT. B. BOONE FROM OVERSEAS WITH HIS BRIDE

**Devon Man Who Left With the
First Contingent Returns
Today—Being Warmly
Welcomed.**

Another Devon boy has arrived home from overseas. He is Staff Sergt. Bert Boone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holland Boone of North Devon. He left with the 1st Field Ambulance from Valcartier in September 1914 and has seen extensive service overseas. Staff Sergt. Boone returns with an English bride. He and his wife are being welcomed by his many friends.

Staff Sergt. Boone proceeded to France about a year after arriving in England. He escaped being wounded or gassed but was returned to England on account of poor health. While there he took a course of instruction at the Military School in Salisbury.

On account of ill health he entered hospital in July. On September 4th he was married to Miss Mae Breredon. Sergt. Boone states that the voyage from England lasted about nine days. No excitement took place on the way across as no submarines appeared.

He states that Lieut. Walter Irvine also of Devon at the time he left was in line for promotion to Flight Commander and that he was instructor in Hanley Page bombers. The good work of Lieut. Irvine is being closely followed by his many friends.

Anniversary of Big Fire
Today is the anniversary of the big Fredericton fire of November 11th, 1850. The fire destroyed a large number of buildings in this city and will be remembered by many of the older citizens.

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