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PROBABLE DEATH OF LIEUT. WILFRID C. P. SULLIVAN

Lieut. Sullivan, Son of Sir Wilfrid Sullivan, Reported Missing on October 8th is Now Believed to Have Been Killed While Leading His Company in an Attack.

Chief Justice Sir Wilfrid W. Sullivan has received the following letters regarding the heroic death of his son Lieut. W. C. P. Sullivan of the 43rd Canadian Battalion, to which Lieut. Sullivan belonged:

The second letter was received by Lieut.-Col. W. F. C. Sullivan, Senior Ordance Officer, of Montreal, brother of Lieut. Sullivan.

B. E. F. France,
Oct. 23rd, 1916.

Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Contingents,
Westminster House, 7 Millbank,
London, S. W.

Sir,—I have received to-day your telegram addressed to the late Commanding Officer, regarding Lieut. Wilfrid C. P. Sullivan of this battalion, reported missing October 8th, 1916.

I regret to inform you that it is impossible to give you definite information regarding the fate of that Officer, and under the circumstances of October 8th there was unfortunately no alternative but to report him "Missing."

Lluet. Sullivan took part in an attack made by the battalion in conjunction with other units of the Canadian corps on the enemy trenches on the morning of October 8th. The attack was, unfortunately, not completely successful, and Lieut. Sullivan did not rtport back with those of the battalion who returned to their original lines, nor has his name been reported to us through the Casualty Clearing Stations. It cannot be stated positively that he was killed, although knowing this officer as I do the likelihood of that is very strong.

The company to which Lieut. Sullivan was attached actually gained their objective and in some cases got beyond it, but as the whole of the objective of the attack was not gained that temporary success did not avail, and consequently that company lost very codsiderably. The company commander was grievously wounded and has since died, and the latest report that I could obtain regarding Lieut. Sullivan was that he had been seen close to the company commander after he had been wounded. The company commander was ultimately brought in by our stretcher-bearers and nothing was seen of Lieut. Sullivan at that time.

I regret to say that our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Thomson, to whom your wire is addressed, was killed on the morning of that attack.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) William Grassie,
Major.
A. O. C. 43rd Canadian Battalion,
Cameron Highlanders of Canada.

In the Trenches,
Nov. 11th, 1916.

Lt.-Col. W. F. C. Sullivan,
Senior Ordance Officer, M. D. No. 4.
45 Alexander St., Montreal
Canada.

My dear Colonel Sullivan,—As you are no doubt aware by this time, our late Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. R. M. Thomson, died of wounds received in the engagement of October 8th. In the absence of Major Grassie, who is now commanding the battalion, I am temporarily in command, and your letter has come to me for reply.

In the engagement of October 8th, your brother Wilfrid was with C company in the attack. He had ceased to be the Bombing Officer of the Battalion, and was at the time Second in Command of the Company. I did not see him during the attack, but heard of him upon enquiry of a few men of the Company who returned. He was seen by one man in a shell hole close to the German trench, assisting Captain Purves, who was very seriously wounded and who later succumbed to his wounds. Apparently nothing very much could be done for Capt. Purves, and your brother went forward into the German trench which part of his Company had succeeded in entering at that point, where there was no wire. I was informed by another man that he had seen him in this trench, and that your brother had led forward his men towards the second objective. You may have heard that the attack was held up by wire, and that none of the Companies to the right succeeded in getting into the German trench. Of the party that went forward led by your brother I regret to say none returned, so far as I am aware.

Later in the day I myself saw German stretcher-bearers carrying or assisting some of our wounded to the rear of their lines, and there is a slight possibility that your brother may have been wounded and made a prisoner. I cannot conscientiously hold out much hope that he has not been killed, though I am glad to say that we have no evidence that the Germans against us on that occasion killed any of our wounded. On the contrary, they even came out in front of their lines and rendered assistance to our wounded in front.

When I was on leave, a couple of weeks ago, I saw Arthur Sullivan and told him what I knew about Wilfrid, which is exactly what I have told you above.

Practically ever since Wilfrid joined the battalion, while Bombing Officer, he has messed with my Company; and during our tour in the Somme my Company and his messed together, so that we had seen a great deal of each other and become very close friends. Without my dwelling on the subject, you can understand how deeply I felt his loss, and my sincere sympathy goes out to your father and yourself, to whom his death must be a severe shock. Wilfrid was always an energetic and conscientious Officer, and the gallantry with which he led forward the heavily punished remnant of his Company in the attack in which he met his death was such as we had ground for expecting of him.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) W. K. Chandler,
Major,
43rd Battalion.
Cameron Highlanders of Canada.

(Lieut. Sullivan first enlisted in an English Regiment, the 7th Dorsets, in which he was a Lieutenant in the cavalry, but he got permission to transfer to the 43rd Canadian Battalion, of which his brother, Arthur, was one of the officers.)

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MR. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE IS PREMIER OF ENGLAND

Mr. A. Bonar Law Having Declined to Form a Ministry Mr. D. Lloyd George was Tendered the Honour and has Accepted. Lord Derby Throws More Light on the Cause of the Political Crisis. Former Cabinet Lax in its Grip on War Situation. Favoured Small War Committee which Could Act Quickly and See That Action Agreed on Was Carried Through.

(Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, December 6.—Bonar Law has declined to form a Cabinet and presumably Lloyd George will be called on.

LLOYD GEORGE SENT FOR.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, December 6.—The King has sent for Lloyd George.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Lloyd George, it is announced, has consented to form the Ministry in conjunction with Bonar Law.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Speaking at a public meeting today Lord Derby threw further light on the cause of the political crisis. He said it had become apparent especially in the matter of man power that no serious grip was being maintained by the government on the position which existed.

What was required, he said, was a small committee which could come to a decision quickly on any question and make the department concerned carry out the decision arrived at. Unless that were done there would be grave danger that the plans of the General Staff might fail in the coming year. For this reason Lord Derby said he associated himself with the proposals of Lloyd George which provided that the war committee should consider all the real questions in regard to the war constituting in fact a war cabinet. Its duties would be to consider carefully every proposal possible and looking forward anticipated what the policy should be. Having adopted a policy he said the committee would stick to it and see it through. It was proposed further that the Premier should be required to attend all meetings and have power to veto all proposals of the committee. The difficulty arose over the composition of the committee.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, December 6.—Though Sir Edward Carson is mentioned as a member of the next government, a friend is quoted as saying his position is one of detachment from the crisis. One thing is certain, he would not take office under Asquith.

The Times says that everything is up in the air, and it is suggested that Premier Asquith, who resigned yesterday, may be compelled by the parliamentary situation to return to power. The Times says that Carson has recently made a great name for himself and gained the respect of many members, formerly bitter opponents.

SECOND SEA LORD.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Admiral Sir Cecil Burney has been appointed second sea lord of the Admiralty. He was Jellicoe's second in command in the grand fleet.

ASSAILING ASQUITH.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

NEW YORK, December 6.—An Associated Press London cable says that the anti-Asquith press assails him for failing to conduct the war efficiently while his especial champion, the Daily News, defends him and violently attacks Lord Northcliffe. There is a pretty general concurrence in the press in the belief that the salvation of the situation lies with Bonar Law, Carson and Lloyd George. They are regarded as necessarily, the nucleus of whatever Cabinet is formed. There is talk of some post being given Northcliffe. The question of a general election is dismissed as unthinkable. In an interview, John Redmond, the Irish leader, says that the Irish party is excluded from any responsibility in the direction of Empire affairs so long as self-government is denied Ireland.

SUMMARY OF WAR SITUATION

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Bucharest, capital of Roumania is in the hands of the forces of the Central Powers. Exactly one hundred days after the declaration of war by the Roumanians against them finds the Teutonic Allies in control of about 50 hundred square miles of Roumanian territory, virtually one half of the Kingdom, running from the Transylvanian Alps northwest of the capital, to the Danube, south of it, and a large part of Dobrudja and probably still on the heels of the retreating Russian and Roumanian armies which have been endeavoring to hold them back.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the fall of Bucharest came the news of the capture of the important railway centre, of Ploechti the last railroad in the west and gives them the head of the line running northward to Jassy where the capital of Roumania is now situated.

No details have as yet come through concerning the attempts to drive off the armies of General von, Falkenhayn and Field Marshal Von Mackensen or whether the Roumanians or Russians succeeded after the entry in makinv their escape behind the Bucharest lines. Previous to the announcement of the capture of Bucharest and of Ploechti, unofficial advices had indicated that four divisions of the defenders were in a hazardous position in the region due west of Bucharest and in danger of being enveloped.

With the fall of Bucharest the Teutonic Allies are now in possession of four capitals of the Entente Allied States, the others being Brussel, Belgrade, and Cettinje.

In the northwest, in the Carpathians region, near the Bukowina and along the Moldavia front the Russian offensive, begun as a division against the Teutonic advance into Roumania, apparently is meeting with little success. In the Carpathians, west of Jablonitza, the Russians occupied heights but later were shelled off the positions by the Germans. To the south they succeeded in penetrating to the second line of German defnces in the Trotus Valley, but were held by the defenders from further advance. North of Oituz Pass and southeast of Kodzia Var Sapely, the Austro-Germans took positions from the Russians.

Additional fortified heights northeast of Budimirtsa, in Serbia, have been captured by the Serbs from the Bulgarians and Germans, according to the Saloniki War Office, while the Bulgarians are reported by Berlin to have expelled the Serbs from positions near Gradeshnitza.

Heavy bombardments is in progress north of Monastir.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON VERDUN.

The Germans have again essayed somewhat intense attack on the Verdun sector launched in on the slopes east of the famous hill 304, near Avocourt. According to Paris the attack was partially successful, the Germans gaining a footing in some advanced French trenches. Otherwise on the French front there have been only bombardments and operations by raiding parties.

In the Austro-Italian and Russian theatres big guns are still doing the greater portion of the warfare. The Russians have heavily shelled Naray Uvka region in Galicia.

STEAMERS SUNK BY GERMANS

German submarines have been bombing Funchal and have sunk the French gunboat, Surprise, and a British and French steamer. Thirty-four members of the crew of the gunboat perished.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK BY GERMANS

NEW YORK, December 6.—The steamship John Lambert listed as an American vessel was shelled and sunk without warning by a German submarine off the Isle of Wight on November 22, according to her crew brought here to-day from Bordeaux. The vessel was on her way to Havre to be turned over to the French, but still was American.

QUIET IN ATHENS

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Official telegrams show that Athens is quiet, at least temporarily. Steps are being taken to safeguard the British colony, memof which have already gone to Piereaus.

THE 2800, MONSTER "MIKADO" ARRIVES IN MONCTON YARDS

MONCTON, Dec. 4.—One of the chief topics of interest in local railroad circles today is the arrival in the local C. G. B. yards, on Sunday, of the 2800, the first Mikado type engine on the Canadian Government Railways, and one of the most powerful freight locomotives in Canada.

TWO ISLAND HEROES COMING HOME TONIGHT

Miss Gillespie, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Committee received a telegram yesterday from Halifax stating that Privates Leonard Chaisson and Thomas Knockwood were leaving Halifax and would arrive home tonight. Pte. Chaisson is a son of Mr. Leo Chaisson, 104 Euston St. He had joined a regiment of Canadian Engineers in one of the western provinces during the early days of the war and has been in France nearly two years. He was wounded in the hip and has been invalided home. A brother William, is with one of the Island units now in France. He also was wounded and in a hospital for some time but is on duty again.

Pte. Knockwood is a native of Lennox Island and joined the 55th Battalion of New Brunswick. He also was in several engagements and was wounded in the head and eye. An interesting letter from him to his pastor, Rev. John A. McDonald, was published in the Guardian some weeks ago.

They will both receive a warm welcome home.

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ST. JOHN'S PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SUBMARINES

(Special to the Guardian.)

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. Dec. 6.—The Colonial government permitted it to become known today that the reports that German submarines were in the Atlantic resulted in cancelling the despatch of a draft of recruits for the Newfoundland battalion which had been planned for the last of November. Measures for coast defense have been revised. Lights are allowed in this city but coast lights are ordered dimmed. A fleet of patrol boats has also been organized to scout in the vicinity of Cape Race and the Grand Banks. These boats are equipped with wireless and will give warning in case of the approach of hostile vessels.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)

TORONTO, Ont., December 7—Strong winds and gales from west and northwest; showers or snow flurries, mostly fair. Stationary or lower temperature.

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BUCHAREST TAKEN BY TEUTONIC ALLIES

Berlin Reports Fall of Bucharest and Important Railway Junction North of City, Capture of which Endangers Roumanian Army.

(Special to the Guardian.)

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—By wireless to Sayville. Bucharest the capital of Roumania has been captured, it is officially announced today. Ploetchi, an important railway junction town, 36 miles northwest of Bucharest was also taken. The capture of Ploetchi on the main railway line running north from Bucharest cuts the main railway line of retreat for the Roumanian armies operating in the Bucharest region. The official statement does not indicate whether the entry of the Teutonic forces into Bucharest and Ploetchi was simultaneous. The capture of Ploetchi before that of the capital was far more serious for the Roumanians. Many military observers looked for the Roumanians not to attempt the defense of the capital to the last expecting the evacuation in time to save the forces defending it by withdrawal by the railway route remaining to them. The taking of Bucharest virtually completes the conquest by the Teutonic forces of the southern section of the Roumanian kingdom, embracing a territory of more than 5,000 square miles.

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The pictures shown yesterday afternoon and last night, and to be shown again this afternoon and tonight in the Prince Edward Theatre are indescribably splendid. They are real pictures of actual war conditions, taken on the spot, not posed for, but of actual living and moving activity in the trenches, in the field, in the air, on the sea and in the munition factories. Nothing, not even a visit to the scenes pictured, could give one such an idea of the tremendous activities now in progress in the training of men, in the preparations for war and of Britain's stupendous might as these pictures. Acres of men under arms marching, trench fighting, cavalry movements, aeroplanes in action— everything that goes on in the battlefield except the killing. There is nothing gruesome or morbid about the pictures. They are such as children will enjoy and be profited by, such as men and women interested in the war will look at with pride and confidence and amazement and never forget. It is to be regretted that the showing of those pictures ends tonight. They should be seen by the whole province, for they are both an education and a revelation. The theatre was filled at both showings yesterday, it will be filled again this afternoon and tonight. The Guardian's advice to every one in city or country who can possibly do so, even at the expense of leaving something else undone, is to see these pictures this aftrnoon or tonight. They will not be shown here again and those who miss seeing them will have cause to regret it. There are ten films in all, approved by the British Government as educative and representative of Britain's preparedness. The show lasts nearly two hours and every minute is a revelation. Don't miss it.

NO APPROPRIATIONS FOR WELLAND CANAL

OTTAWA, Dec. 5—The estimates for the coming session will contain no appropriation for the new Welland canal. The work is going to be stopped this month till after the war. This announcement was made by the Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals today.

The matter has been under consideration all the autumn and the decision which has been reached is not a surprise. Several considerations have led up to it. One is the shortage of labor and the high rates that are being demanded by those who are at work. Another is that the money is required for the purpose of the war, while the work is so far progressed on the four contracts under way that when the remaining five are awarded the whole task will be finished at once.

The work already done, being rock cutting, will not deteriorate through stoppage; while navigation, of course will be served by the old Welland canal. A saving of many millions a year will be effected.

In connection with the general plan of economy, work on the Hudson Bay Railway will not be stopped, but it may be curtailed Harbor works will go ahead.

40,000 CIVILIANS DEPORTED FROM GHENT

(Special to the Guardian.)

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 6.—According to advices to the Telegraff from Ghent more than 40,000 residents of Ghent have already been deported.

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