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WOULD LYNCH MECUM BROTHERS

Feeling is Very Strong Against Them at Anamosa, Iowa.

MECUMS ALMOST FAINTED

WHEN THEY WERE ARRESTED AT DETROIT, MICH.

They Thought They Were Going to Freedom—Immigration Officer Devlin Had No Trouble With the Prisoners.

That feeling runs high among the people at Anamosa, Iowa, over the Mecum brothers, the western desperadoes, who were deported from the Portsmouth penitentiary on Friday last, is shown by the fact that the sheriff and his staff, who went to Detroit, Mich., to take over the men from Peter Devlin, Kingston, deportation officer, stated that the people threatened to lynch the Mecums if they could get their hands on them.

"Don't bring them here alive," is the statement credited to one member of an angry mob.

Peter Devlin arrived home on Sunday after safely landing the noted criminals across the border. Many people thought that Mr. Devlin was taking great chances in making the trip over the border without some assistance, but the Kingston officer knew just what he was up against and guarded the men well and had no trouble, all of which shows that when the immigration department has a hard job on hand, they have every confidence in Mr. Devlin, and know that he will pull through all right.

Mr. Devlin left Kingston Friday afternoon on the International Limited, and arrived in Detroit at 11 o'clock that night. The trip was made without any trouble whatever with the men. The convicts put in time reading newspapers, smoking cigarettes and eating. They had the time of their lives, even though they were shackled and handcuffed. Although they said they had been well used at the Portsmouth prison, they declared that they were glad to get away from it.

They Almost Fainted.

The men were under the impression that they were going to be given their freedom. They knew that their brother had been negotiating to get them out, and they thought that he had been successful in his efforts. And as a result they almost fainted when a sheriff read a long string of charges, attempted murder amongst the lot, to them, shortly after their arrival in Detroit.

Mr. Devlin was met at the railway station by a sheriff from Iowa and five assistants, all big husky chaps, and it was quite evident that they knew just the stamp of a man they were up against and came well prepared. After reaching police headquarters, the Iowa sheriff took the Mecum brothers in charge.

Killed Eleven Men.

According to the report given out in Detroit, Ben and Charles Mecum, who are twin brothers, are the slayers of eleven men. It is also reported that unsigned letters came to Sheriff F. L. Webster, before he left Anamosa that the outlaws would be lynched if brought back alive. However, preparations were made as a safeguard against anything of this sort, and every precaution taken to make the last lap of the journey in safety.

Would Make Killing.

While on their way to Detroit the desperadoes talked freely about their escapes, and they openly made the statement that on the occasion of their being brought down to Kingston six years ago, when they started a row at the Union station Toronto, they would have shot Deputy Warden Daniel O'Leary and the other guards if they could have secured possession of the deputy's revolver. They declared that they would have shot any person who interfered in their getaway at that time.

The men, on their trip from Kingston with leg irons and manacled with three sets of handcuffs, they are known in the west as the modern James boys.

"Don't bring them back alive" was

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Tried To Wreck U. S. Transport

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 1.—An attempt to wreck the machinery of a United States transport was discovered yesterday when the engines of the ship, which had been undergoing alterations, were started for a trial, according to the Commander, who caused the arrest of one of the ship's mechanics pending an investigation.

A large wrench had been dropped into the steering gear of the vessel, according to the Commander, but the power was shut off before great damage was done.

The machinist, who is being held for Federal authorities, declares he is a native of Denmark.

Enemy Encircled.

"A severe battle ensued, lasting throughout Friday. By nightfall our troops had carried the main positions and were encircling Ramadie from the east, southeast and south at a distance under two miles from the town. Our cavalry completed the land cordon west of Ramadie, while the Euphrates runs on the north side of the town. The enemy during the night attempted to break out westward, but was headed back by our cavalry.

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Major Richard Derby, an instructor in Medical Officers Training Corps, is a son-in-law to Col. Theodore Roosevelt, which is enough reason for his being in the fight.

A MONTREAL BROKER IS LONDON'S MAYOR

The New Mayoress is Native of Halton County in Ontario.

Montreal, Oct. 1.—Charles Augustine Hanson, the new Lord Mayor of London, is the founder of the firm of Hanson Brothers, stock brokers, of Montreal, and brother of Edwin Hanson and William Hanson, the present members of the Montreal firm. He removed to England about twenty-five years ago.

C. A. Hanson is married to the daughter of James Appleby, J.P., of Trafalgar, Halton County, Ontario, and, in addition to being a member of several of the leading London clubs is also a member of the Mount Royal Club, Montreal. The new Lady Mayoress is the first Canadian lady to occupy that position.

BRITISH LOSE 104,000

In the Fierce Flanders Fighting During September.

London, Oct. 1.—The severity of the fighting in which the British have been engaged during September is indicated not only by the total casualties of more than 104,000, but by comparison with the August figures which were 53,811. Casualties in some of the late August fighting in Flanders are naturally included in the September total, but this may well be offset by late September casualties not reported in time to be covered in the figures announced today. The total compares favorably, however, with the figures for September, 1916, the third month of the battle of the Somme, when the casualties were 119,549.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ALSO GOES DRY.

Vancouver, Oct. 1.—Saturday night at ten o'clock the legal sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage ceased in British Columbia. On Monday the provisions of the new Pro-temperance Act became operative and the bar and the liquor stores as known in the past go out of existence. Government dispensaries will be opened for the sale of liquor for medical, mechanical and sacramental purposes under rigid restrictions and during limited hours.

NEWSBOY WORTH \$100,000.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—William Murphy, who conducts a news stand on a downtown corner, and who asked to be excused from war service because of dependent parents, was refused exemption when investigators reported to Appeal Board No. 1 that the newsboy was worth more than \$100,000.

FRENCH ACCLAIM HEROES OF VIMY

"Canadians Have Voluntarily Thrown Themselves into a German Hell."

PARIS ADMIRES BRAVE

INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS ANTICIPATED AT LENS.

Canadian Fighting Spirit Was Never Higher Than Now—Lumbermen Have Charge of Several Hundred German Prisoners.

London, Oct. 1.—Interesting developments are anticipated at Lens. Canadian fighting spirit was never higher than now, and has been especially encouraged by this week's British-Australian irresistible advance in Ypres region amid such place names as Abraham Heights, Toronto, Calgary, Grange, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Regina Cross, recalling Canadian endurance in the same region in the earlier stages of the war.

Describing the Canadians' present activities around Lens, a French journal says: "These are the men who took the terrible position at Vimy, who encircle Lens each day a little closer, and who up there are part of that formidable battering ram which is smashing down gates of imprisoned Belgium.

Canada's Finances Strong.

French writers generally continue their eulogies of Canada's war efforts, and they record with wonderment the Canadian Government's further advance of \$150,000,000 to Britain and comment on how strong Canada's finances must be.

Pierre Soulaire, in Le Figaro, has an article welcoming Canadian soldiers on leave in Paris, and says: "In the morning they march sedately along the boulevards. In the afternoon they are on cafe terraces, acclaiming one another with the cordiality peculiar to men who are always facing risks of death. Toward evening, their voices are heard in refrain in the music halls. They show their boxing tendencies. They amuse themselves in their own way, sometimes a little noisily, and even a trifle embarrassingly.

Paris Admires the Brave.

"Amuse yourselves, Canadians; cry if you feel like it. Paris is indulgent to the brave who sacrifice themselves to an ideal. She admires you, particularly you who have been under no conscription, who have voluntarily thrown yourselves into this hell created by the ferocious Boche, because you love justice, England, and France.

War Tidings.

The Russian destroyer Ochoznik was sunk by a mine in the Baltic. Eleven of the crew were saved.

Capt. George Guynemer, the famous French aviator, was killed early in September near Poelkapelle.

It is stated that the problem of obtaining supplies for the army is now engaging the attention of the Russian government.

The delay in the mobilization of the Greek army for use on the Entente side of the war has been due to lack of equipment, which is to be furnished by France, Britain and the United States.

The Italians hold foremost place in the development of the airplane, which is practically a hotwitzer; that is, a mere means of lifting huge pro-

GERMANS TEMPT STARVING FINNS

Allies Must Help Them or They Will Turn to Enemy.

SWEDES HAVE PROMISED

TO TRANSPORT CARGOES ACROSS THEIR COUNTRY.

At Present It Looks as if Finland Must Face Starvation or Accept a Proposition Germany Has Offered.

Stockholm, Oct. 1.—Finland is on the verge of starvation. In the northern part of the country 300,000 people are now living on fish and ground pine bark. When the ice comes fish will be unobtainable and the pine bark will not be nourishing. Unless the allies act in concert with the Finnish Government there will be thousands of deaths this winter, and the Finnish people will be forced to turn to Germany for aid.

A Big Funeral; Care of Prisoners

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Dublin, Oct. 1.—The funeral procession which followed the body of Thomas Ashe, Sinn Fein leader who died in prison, from the City Hall to Glasnevin Cemetery, yesterday, was extremely large, exceeding in numbers that of the Parnell funeral in 1891. The Irish Volunteers wore their uniforms and carried hurley sticks, although these were offenses against recent military regulations. There was also a firing party at the graveside.

The Government authorities did not interfere with the demonstration which was most impressive. The embittered feeling over the death of Ashe was much allayed by the change in policy of the treatment of prisoners under the Defence of Realm Act. The prisoners are now allowed to associate together and are separated from the ordinary criminals. They are also allowed to receive food from the outside. The hunger strike was abandoned when the Lord Mayor carried this decision of the Government to the prisoners.

CHINA IS SUFFERING

From Severe Floods and Thousands Are Homeless.

Peking, Oct. 1.—Thousands of square miles of territory west of Peking are under water to an average depth of eight feet. In the city the Japanese concession is completely submerged, and the consulate and soldiers have been removed to the Italian concession, which is situated on higher ground. The larger portion of the British and French concessions are covered with water. The native city resembles Venice, sampans and boats being the only means of transportation. The water is still rising. It is impossible to forecast when it will subside, as it may be months. Thousands of Chinese are homeless, and it is impossible to find accommodation for them on the foreign concessions.

DELAY IN HIGHWAY WORK

Only Five Miles of Clayton-Cape Vincent Road Done.

Watertown, N.Y., Oct. 1.—Only five miles of the Clayton-Cape Vincent state road will be finished this fall according to latest advice. The contract was set three years ago. The shortage of labor is responsible for the delay. With this road completed one of the prettiest drives in Northern New York will be open to motorists. From Watertown to Cape Vincent to Clayton to Watertown will make a sixty-six-mile state road trip.

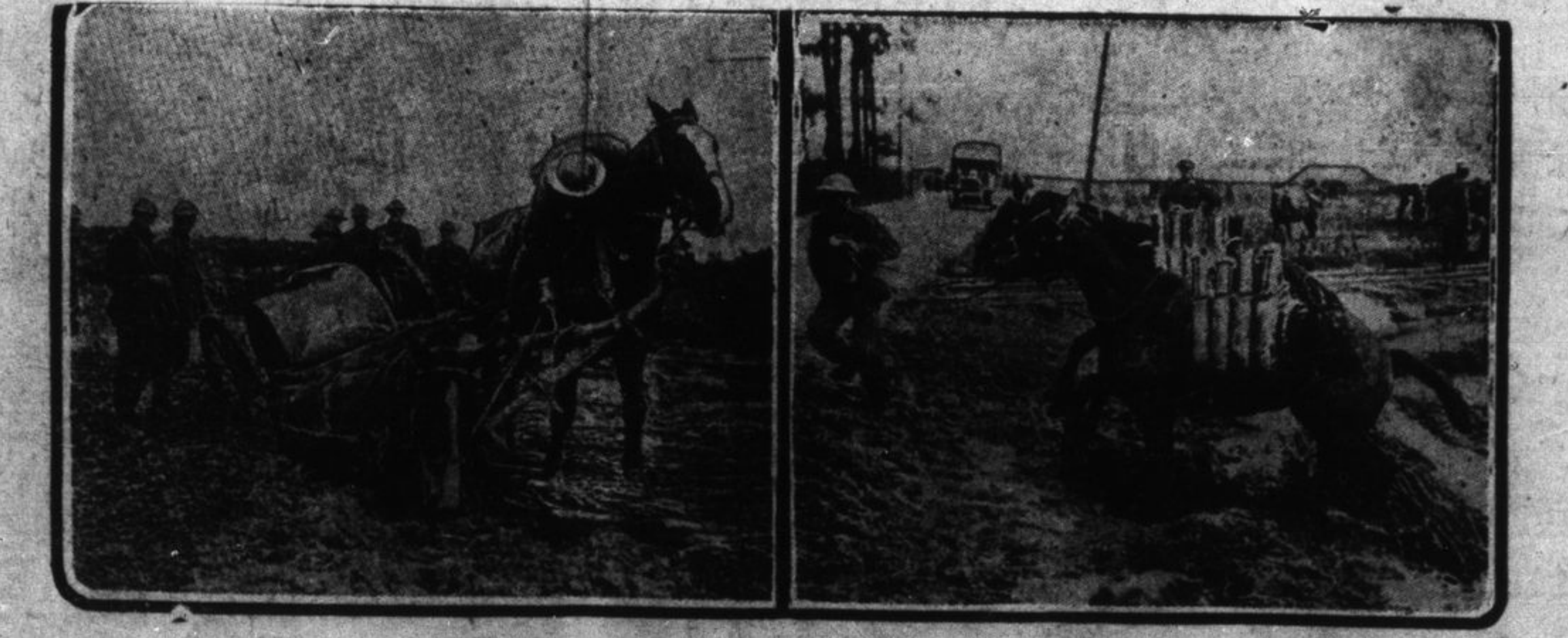
HE ADMITS FORGING HIS BROTHER'S NAME

And Then Deserting—Kingston Military Authorities to Investigate Peculiar Case

Sarnia, Oct. 1.—On instructions received from the military authorities at Kingston, Provincial Detective Stringer recently arrested George E. Little of Bridgen as a deserter from the 24th Renfrew Battalion. On his arrest, Little produced rejection papers, showing that he was a physically unfit. The Kingston authorities were notified and in reply they forwarded the original attestation papers, bearing the signature of George E. Little, and orders to arrest the man. He was brought to this city and remanded to jail to await the arrival of the escort from Kingston. On being shown the attestation papers, he admitted that the signature resembled that of his brother, who was sailing on the steamer Sanlac. On the arrival of the boat here Detective Stringer arrested Arthur Little, and he admitted that he was the man who had enlisted at Renfrew, signing his brother's name to the attestation papers, and later deserting. Kingston military authorities have been notified, and the two men will be taken there to settle the question of identity.

Senator is Ninety.

Montreal, Oct. 1.—Senator Geo. Charles Desaulles, of St. Hyacinthe, Que., was ninety years of age on Saturday. He was the second oldest member of the Canadian Senate. Hon. MacKenzie Bowell is four years his senior.



ALMOST STUCK IN THE MUD OF FLANDERS. The first photograph shows that small branches have been laid down on the mud to give the horses a slightly better footing, the water cart is a heavy one, and one of the animals so employed has given up the struggle and collapsed. The last is a scene behind the lines, showing a pair of pack horses taking their load of shells up to the guns, and the nature of the ground over which they have to go. Both horses and the soldier in charge have considerable difficulty in extricating themselves from the mud.

WAR BULLETINS. The Turks have resumed their atrocities in Armenia. The Italians continue to win ground toward Trieste. British guns are within range of the Ostend-Lille railway. Five raids were made on London in seven days. Several German planes were brought down. British casualties are light. Fourteen hundred prisoners and many guns were taken by the British from the Turks in a sweep on their position by General Maude.