

SOLDIERS FROM CANADA SUFFER HEAVILY BUT CONDUCT MAGNIFICENT

"Well Done, Canadians," is Cry in England—Glorious News from Ypres District—Guns Under Command of Major Frank Magee of St. John Lost But Are Recaptured from Huns in Brilliant Charge—Many German Prisoners Also Captured—Believed Enemy is Making Desperate Effort to Smash British Line.

London, April 25, 11.15 p.m.—The great attack in Flanders, originally levelled at the French, has been transferred to the British lines held by the Canadians, on the immediate right of the French, and here, for two days, the men from the dominion have been engaged in a deadly contest with the Germans. The latter state, in their official report, that they have made further progress toward Ypres and that the British counter-attacks have been repulsed.

The French account, on the other hand, declares that the Allies' counter-attacks continue with success and that the British hold all their positions, and repeat the charge that the Germans are using bombs containing asphyxiating gases.

The war office on Saturday gave out the following: "The fight for the ground into which the Germans pushed the British line at the Ypres, near the town of Ypres, is still continuing. The loss of this part of the line laid bare the Canadian division, which was forced to fall back in order to keep in touch with the right of the neighboring troops.

"In the rear of the latter had been four Canadian 4.7 guns, which thus passed into the hands of the enemy. But some hours later the Canadians made a most brilliant and successful advance, recapturing these guns and taking a considerable number of German prisoners, including a colonel.

"The Canadians had many casualties, but their gallantry and determination undoubtedly saved the situation.

"Their conduct has been magnificent throughout."

TRYING TO BREAK BRITISH LINES.

The German rushes in Flanders and the Woivre, where they claim to have had considerable success, are believed to be the forerunners of another big effort to break through the Allied lines in the west. For many days Belgium has been sealed from the observation of neutrals, while reinforcements from Germany were being moved to the south to take part in the new offensive, which they hope is to carry them to Calais and possibly break the resistance of the Allies.

MAJOR FRANK MAGEE'S GUNS.

Ottawa, April 24.—The 4.7 guns with the Canadian division are part of the heavy artillery brigade. They are 60 pounders from Montreal under the command of Major Frank C. Magee, of the heavy artillery battery of Montreal. The officers are Major F. C. Magee, of St. John; Capt. G. E. Hall, Montreal; Lieut. W. A. Irving, Quebec; Lieut. J. A. Ryan, Montreal, and Lieut. W. H. Robb, Montreal.

NOT KNOW WHAT REGIMENTS.

Ottawa, April 24.—Military headquarters authorities state that they have absolutely no means of telling what Canadian regiments were involved in the fighting of Thursday and Friday in France. Information as to the disposition of the troops has not been officially communicated to Canada. It is known, however, that the 4.7 guns with the Canadian division are part of the heavy artillery brigade. They are 45 pounders from Quebec under the command of Major F. C. Magee, St. John (N. B.), with Captains G. E. Hall, Montreal; Lt. W. A. Irving, Quebec; Lt. J. A. Ryan, Montreal, and Lt. W. H. Robb, Montreal, as second, third, fourth and fifth, respectively, in command.

DONE WHAT WAS EXPECTED OF THEM.

Ottawa, April 24.—They would never leave these guns in the hands of the Germans, said Major General Sam Hughes, minister of militia, regarding the Canadian victory, when shown the British war office statement. "They have done what was expected of them, and we all know that they could do that and that was their duty. Yes, this despatch makes us proud of them. I am sorry that the despatch says there were many casualties, but we must be prepared for these, however many of them."

CANADA LOOMS UP LARGE.

London, April 25.—Canada loomed up prominently on the bulletin boards of the Saturday evening newspapers in London. "Canadians Saved the Situation," "Well Done Canadians," and "Bravo Canada." These were some of the headlines which appeared. In reference to this evening's statement from the war office, the Evening News says: "The war office gives us, in this message, the kind of prompt news we want. Today's glorious bulletin will live always in the military chronicle of the empire. The despatch reveals that the left of our line which was unavoidably left uncovered by the French retirement, was held by the Canadians, who were in the first battle line and eager for the dash. The Germans did not capture their guns. They fell into them when the Canadians were swept back. Later, and with what impetuosity and grim resolution we are left to imagine, the Canadians made a counter-attack, and retook the four guns they had left behind, and also made German prisoners. Unhappily their casualties were heavy, but all around the empire will echo the praise of the war office for their conduct."

CRITICAL MOMENT HERE.

London, April 24.—Discussing the latest German effort to break through the British lines at Ypres, the military correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The critical moment has arrived. The immediate objective of the Germans is the capture of Ypres, which they regarded as the key to Calais. For this movement picked troops have been transported to the Flanders front as evidence by reported reports from Holland and the elaborate movements of troops in Belgium. The British blow at Hill No. 60 was an effort to strike first.

"If the German report of the capture of four heavy guns is true, the enemy must have made an advance of at least two or three miles, as heavy guns are never placed near the front, and often are four or five miles behind the advanced trenches.

"The Germans still are bringing up large reinforcements, throwing every available man into the gap. They have probably half a million men available, without depleting the eastern front, and many men might be spared from Poland where the roads render military operations impossible for the present."

NOT EQUALLED IN HISTORY.

London, April 24.—The Daily Mail's correspondent in northern France, in a despatch describing the British attack on Hill No. 60, southeast of Ypres, says: "The British success was due largely to the speed of the tunnel engineers, for the explosion of the British mines anticipated by only a short time a similar move of the German engineers. Hill No. 60 is only 200 yards long. The fighting here has been more terribly concentrated than in any spot in history. The whole hill is mined, trenched, sandbagged and covered. Some of the enemy's trenches are still virtually on the hill within twenty yards of our trenches.

"The Canadian troops have been specially commended by the British commanders for the speed and precision with which they dug themselves in after capturing the hill.

London, April 23, 11.15 p.m.—Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, communicates the following order today's date:

"Yesterday evening the enemy developed an attack on the French troops on our left in the neighborhood of Birschoote and Langemark, on the north of the Ypres salient.

"This attack was preceded by a heavy bombardment, the enemy at the same time making use of a large number of appliances for the production of asphyxiating gas. The quantity produced indicates long and deliberate preparation for the employment of the devices, contrary to the terms of The Hague convention, to which the enemy is subscribed.

"The false statement made by the Germans a week ago, to the effect that we were using such gases, is now explained. It obviously was an effort to diminish neutral criticism in advance.

OVERCOME BY FUMES.

"During the night the French had to retire from the gas zone, overwhelmed by the fumes. They have fallen back to the canal in the neighborhood of Beaulieu. Our front remains intact, except on the extreme left, where the troops have had to retreat to their line in order to conform with the new French line.

"Two attacks, delivered during the night on our trenches east of Ypres, were repulsed. Fighting continues in the region north of Ypres.

"This morning one of our aviators, during a reconnaissance which he completed successfully, damaged a German aeroplane and forced it to descend. Our flying corps has brought down another German machine near Messines."

The Germans claim that, with a rush launched against them, it is believed here that these operations are but the commencement of another battle of Ypres.

Although a despatch received from Holland tonight gives a rumor that the Germans are about to fall back to the Liege line in order to have troops ready for possible use against Italy should the Allies join the Allies, it is considered more likely in military circles here that the Germans are expected to reach Berlin tomorrow.

Canada. North Head won the game by a score of 11 to 6.

Vernon Urquhart left here last Monday for Port Jervis, where he is employed.

Cleveland Richardson, who has been visiting friends in different parts of Nova Scotia and St. John, returned to his home at Castalia, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ann, of Wedgport (N. S.), who has been visiting friends here for the past few weeks returned to her home on Monday.

Mrs. Ray Lewis, who was suddenly called to Eastport (Me.), by the illness of her cousin, returned to her home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Irvine, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Dalsell, of Castalia, returned to her home in St. John on Monday.

William Forsythe, of Seal Cove, who has been visiting friends in St. John for several weeks, returned to his home on Wednesday.

John Small has returned to his home for a visit after an absence of several years in Boston.

Coleman Ingalls arrived here from Grand Harbor this week to take charge of the Marathon Hotel.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, April 22.—While the steamer Viking is undergoing her annual overhauling the motor boat Casco, a few years ago, was the Canadian Sardinia Company, will take her place on the St. Stephen and Deer Island route.

Herman Wry's new dwelling house which is being erected on Porter street is nearing completion.

Mrs. James Douglas, who has been a patient at the Chipman hospital, is daily improving.

The officers of the St. Croix Golf Club held a meeting at the home of Mr. W. E. Gray, vice-president; Jas. W. Douglas, secretary-treasurer; J. Wells Fraser, P. MacNichol, Wm. Murdoch, W. I. Jarvis, A. D. Ganong, executive committee.

The Maine Water Company has been notified by the town council that after June 28, 1915, they will not furnish the company with water at the price now paid for water supplied them by the St. Stephen Water Company.

Mrs. James Douglas, wife of Manager Douglas, of the Royal Bank of Canada, has returned home after a pleasant visit of a month in Halifax.

Dr. W. Carter, who is superintendent of education, returned to Fredericton this morning.

HAVELOCK.

Havelock, N. B., April 22.—The ladies of Havelock held a very successful Book Social, in the Public Hall, on Wednesday. A pleasant social afternoon was spent by the women of the village and guests of the house.

The Westfield friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Macaulay sympathize with them in the death of their son, who occurred last night at their home in St. John.

The late Mr. Macaulay's family have suffered for a number of years at Ononoke, where young Mr. Macaulay was well known.

"What's that piece of cord tied around your finger for?" "My wife put it there to remind me to post a letter to her. I did you post it?" "No, she forgot to give it to me."

CHIPMAN.

Chipman, N. B., April 22.—Mrs. G. H. King and Miss Vera King returned on Monday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Logan, K. C., has been quite ill for the past week and is still confined to his apartment at the Terrace Hotel.

Mrs. L. J. Moffatt, who has been spending the past three weeks in town, has returned to Pugwash, where her husband is doing relieving duty at the customs office in that place.

Mrs. C. R. Smith and Miss Rose Smith gave a very delightful dance to a large party of young folk at their home, "Colonial Hall," on Friday evening last. The floor and music were perfect and there were about eighty guests.

A number of the officers of the 2nd E. F. Regiment and the Mounted Rifles are present. Mrs. Smith received her guests wearing a very handsome gown of rose silk and chiffon; Miss Rose Smith, charmingly gowned in white satin.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Worrell (Shabrook), Miss Rose Smith, Helen Fuller, Miss Margaret Delahunt, Miss Blanche Phillips, Miss MacKinnon, Misses Canfield, Miss Vivian Woodcock, Miss Helen McLeod, Misses Beatrice and Hazel Nichol, Miss Jean McGregor, Miss Osborne, Miss Baker, Miss Mary Power, Misses Montserrat, Miss Bartheaux, Miss Helen Christie, Miss McGinnis, Miss Mary Rathford (Boston), Miss Lavolette (Montreal), Miss Peg Thompson, Miss Gwendolyn Pugsley, Miss Ida Thompson, and Messrs. Major McLean, Capt. L. A. Beaulieu, Lieut. R. Lefebvre, Lieut. D. Lavolette, Capt. L. N. Plante, E. Farrell, Harold Tennant, H. Thompson, R. G. McKay, G. Watson, H. M. Ross, W. A. G. Ross, Harry Smith, Mr. Lawson (Moncton), George C. Bradley, John Power, W. M. Murdoch, R. Brennan, L. E. Tremont, E. Lawrence, and Lieut. W. A. Landry (Dorchester).

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Many friends of St. Clair Fraser, who has been ill, are glad to see him out of his home, where he spent the winter.

The Young People's Union of the Baptist church held a social in their parlors on Monday night. An interesting programme was given the first part of the evening, after which the young people enjoyed games. At the close of the evening dainty refreshments were served.

REXTON.

Rexton, N. B., April 22.—Mrs. J. W. Howard, of Kent Junction, is visiting Mrs. R. G. Glavan.

Mr. and Mrs. James McLellan and family, who have spent the past two years in Australia, are returning to their home in West Galloway.

McLellan arrived here Monday by Mrs. McLellan and children were detained in Campbellton on account of the illness of their eldest child, David, who is now recovering.

James Clark has returned home from Maine, where he spent the winter.

Freeman Atkinson, who has been suffering with an attack of pleurisy, is able to get out again.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society have sent a large number of socks to Lady Tilly for sock day.

Richard Wood has gone to Buctonche to enter the employ of J. D. Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. James Price have come from Rogersville and are occupying the house which they recently purchased from George Hudson.

George Orr has gone to Montreal to resume his duties on the dredge Pacific.

The river is clear of ice and vessels are being fitted up for the season's work.

NORTH HEAD.

North Head, Grand Manan, April 21.—The schooner Emily, Captain Thomas Antle, arrived here last week loaded with seal skins. She is discharging at Woodward's Cove, the cargo being the property of H. E. Fraser.

George Cook left here last week, en route to Halifax, where he will join the annual spring catch of herring.

Mrs. Charles Dalsell and daughter, Hazel, left here on Monday for Lunenburg (N. S.), where they have employment during the summer months.

An exciting game of baseball was played on Tuesday afternoon in Albert Park, between North Head and

two suits of pyjamas, three grey flannel field shirts, twenty-eight magazines, and six books.

Samuel Farrell, of Liverpool (N. S.), en route home from Ottawa, spent several days of the past week in town.

The guests of his cousin, Mrs. Thomas Quinn, who have been issued by the officers and staff of the wireless station, to a social dance in the Town Hall, Thursday evening, April 22.

The chaplains of the hospital, Mr. J. W. Murray, Mr. Morley, Robert Armstrong, John Robinson, J. D. Buckley and C. D. Manny.

Major W. H. Belyea, of the 20th battalion, St. John, spent a couple of days of the past week at his home here, returning Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Belyea accompanied her husband to St. John. An interment that is being looked forward to with much pleasure is the musical comedy, Let Me Explain, by Newcastle's amateurs on Friday and Saturday nights of this week.

Entertainment is given under the auspices of the Red Cross Society and judging from the big advance sale of tickets, it promises to be a well patronized affair.

Miss Willie Bell has returned from a pleasant visit to Montreal.

Mr. Herbert Morrell, of the Royal Bank of Canada, has been transferred to Campbellton.

The many friends of Miss Olive Williamson are pleased to hear that she is much improved in health.

PARRSBORO.

Parrsboro, April 22.—Miss Clara Warner has returned from Truro, where she has been the guest of friends for the past fortnight.

Miss Winnie Alkman, of Liverpool (Eng.), is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. G. Alkman.

Mrs. F. A. Rand spent a few days in town last week with Miss May Jenks.

Mrs. Hilton Tucker returned on Saturday from Halifax, where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Strachan.

Mr. H. C. Blair, of Ottawa, spent the week-end in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tucker.

Mrs. W. J. Gibson with her daughter, Mrs. Claude Durant, recently spent a few days in Halifax with her daughter, Miss Elsie, Ethel and Ada Gibson.

Rev. Colin McCarrie, of Springfield, was the guest of Rev. V. M. Purdy on Monday.

Mr. J. G. Holmes, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Boss in Athol, returned yesterday.

Mr. J. C. Craig, of Amherst, inspector of schools, is paying an official visit to town this week.

Mr. H. T. Smith returned on Monday from Halifax, where he has been a patient at the Infirmary.

Mrs. Edmund Spiker and Miss Myrtle Atkins, of Spencer's Island, were in town for a few days last week, the guests of Mr. Johnson Spicer.

Mr. Ernest Pattison, of Halifax, spent the week-end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell, of Amherst, were in town for a few days last week.

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