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# Wilson Re-elected President of the U.S.?

## Striking Successes of the French Forces on the Somme--Big Advance Made

### Russ. Defeat Austrians in Transylvania

### THE BILINGUAL DECISION

(Special to The Ontario)

TORONTO, Nov. 8.—Widespread public interest has been shown in the decisions of the Privy Council in the bilingual question in Ontario.

There were two separate propositions before the Privy Council, the validity of Regulation 17, governing the teaching of French in the schools and the status of the Ottawa School Commission, established by the Government.

On the first question, the decision is that the regulation is valid, and the Legislative has control over language teaching in all the schools of the province, public and separate. On the second point the Privy Council has decided that the appointment of the Ottawa School Commission, which took from the Ottawa School trustees the management of their schools, was unconstitutional, and therefore not allowed.

The Government has the "Wobblers"

Increasing signs of weakness are betraying themselves in the Ontario government. It seems to be absolutely impossible for them to have any firmly fixed policy on anything. The difference is all the more noticeable when contrasted with the firmness of Sir James Whitney. There is something almost pathetic in the wreck of the Conservative Party and organization in this province. Governments come and go—and the going of the Conservative government in Ontario is rapid.

Nowhere is the "wobbler" greater than on the prohibition issue. The most skillful prophet could not forecast what the members of the government will think about it the week after next.

During the South West Toronto campaign, the slant of the government was against prohibition. The Prime Minister himself, although he has steered since then, gave his endorsement to a wine-and-beer license candidate. The Toronto News rocked the boat still more and Lucas made his famous "ear to the ground" speech, in which he associated his "friend Ferguson."

Now there is another turn of the wheel. Ferguson himself declares—"the temperance act is here to stay without varying one jot or tittle until the war ends." People naturally ask, "What will the government say next?"

If there is anything the public likes it is a government, it is firmness and courage. The Hearst government is neither firm nor courageous, and their break-up is coming.

## WILSON SUPPORTED BY WEST; MANY STATES ARE DOUBTFUL

Reversal of Last Evening's Situation in United States—Present Outlook Gives Wilson Twenty Majority in Electoral College Returns Coming in Slowly.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The latest returns of yesterday's voting appear to indicate the re-election of President Wilson; Hughes' majority in the east being offset by majorities piled up for Wilson in the west; both sides claim victory, but the actual figures on the latest returns give Wilson 232 and Hughes 212 electoral votes with 87 in doubt.

The doubtful states are California, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming. The returns from these states are coming in slowly, but so far they appear generally to favor Wilson.

### NEW BATTALION TO COMMENCE

254TH BATTALION HEADQUARTERS, BELLEVILLE ARMOURIES.

The headquarters of the newly authorized battalion is now open and ready to execute battalion business. Lt.-Col. A. P. Allen returned from Kingston this afternoon. An active recruiting campaign will be started immediately. A considerable number of men have already intimated their intention of signing up with this unit. It is generally expected that his battalion will meet with the same success as their predecessors, the 155th, the popular Quinte battalion which landed in England recently. Recruits may now be attested. All desiring information will find headquarters open till 10 o'clock this evening.

### FRENCH INVESTING PERONNE AND CHAULNES.

PARIS, Nov. 8.—The French War Office statement says the positions captured at Ablaincourt and Pressire yesterday were heavily bombarded by the German artillery last night. Both Chaules and Peronne are closely invested by the French who continue to press their advance against both towns.

### UNSUCCESSFUL GERMAN INFANTRY RAIDS.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—General Haig reports the shelling by the Germans of the British lines west of Beaumont and Hamel, northwest of Thiepval and unsuccessful raids by German infantry in that region last night.

### "ARABIA" TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The British Admiralty announces that the P. and O. liner Arabia was torpedoed without warning in the Mediterranean. Two lives were lost.

## FRENCH STRIKE TEUTONS HARD BELOW SOMME--ADVANCE NORTH

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Launching a strong attack in heavy rain this morning south of the Somme the French ripped open two and a half miles of the German front, and they captured the villages of Ablaincourt and Pressire and pushed on to the outskirts of Genrecourt. North of the Somme the French also made progress on the front between Les Boeuufs and Sully-Saillies. During the day they took more than 500 prisoners, including several officers.

The fighting south of the Somme began with a brisk attack against the front between Chaules Wood and a point south of the Ablaincourt sugar refinery. The French infantry dashed into the villages of Ablaincourt and Pressire with hand grenades and speedily cleared these places of Germans. Continuing the struggle the French pushed also drove the Germans back capturing the Ablaincourt cemetery and progressing south of the sugar refinery as

far as the outskirts of Genrecourt. The fighting for these lines was desperate and it was warm while it lasted.

On the British front today the Germans heavily shelled the region about Les Boeuufs. The British retaliated by shelling the German front in the neighborhood of Armentieres and Wytchete, near Ypres.

The Germans dropped incendiary bombs on Nancy, doing no damage. On the Verdun front intermittent cannonading prevailed.

The French announced today that a total of 71,532 men and 1449 officers had been taken by the allies in Somme offensive between July 1 and Nov. 1. Of these the French captured 40,796 men and 890 officers. The allies also took 173 field guns, 130 heavy guns, 215 trench mortars and 535 machine guns. Of these the French captured 77 field guns, 101 heavy guns, 104 trench mortars and 235 machine guns.

## RUSSIANS WIN BIG VICTORY IN TRANSYLVANIA ADVANCE

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Word of an important Russian victory in the region of the Tulghes Pass, northwestern Transylvania, was received from Austrian sources last night, but details are still lacking, and Petrograd had nothing to announce about it today. The official communication issued by general headquarters of the Austro-Hungarian armies today says that after several days' stubborn fighting near Tulghes, Transylvanian front, the Russians pressed back the Austrian front some kilometres.

The Austrians also admit they have evacuated Dedul Mountain in the face of the massed fire of the Russian artillery.

These operations are believed to be the beginning of a big Russian drive. The Russians are advancing on a wide front

between the region of Kinlilaba and the Tulghes Pass towards Transylvania and Hungary. The official communication from Petrograd which deals with developments of two or three days ago, announces the winning of several successes in this region. For the past three days the Russians have been recording the capture of heights from the Austrians.

In connection with the new campaign, the Russians announce the winning of several successes in the mountains. South of Dorna Watra near the frontier triangle of Roumania, Bukovina and Transylvania, the Slav forces launched impetuous attacks in the valley of the Dorsek and Poutna Rivers, taking in two days' fighting seven machine guns, 15 officers and 800 men.

## RECEPTION TO RETURNED BOYS

Citizens Paid Tribute Last Evening to Roy Walters and George Stitt.

Two returned heroes of the great war, Roy Walters and Geo. Stitt were last evening welcomed home by the citizens of Belleville. The streets were alive with people at seven thirty as the band of the 235th, Mayor Ketcheson and council, the fire department and citizens in automobiles, proceeded from the market square to the residence of Mr. Chas. L. Walters, Catherine Street, where George Stitt of the Patrias had been the guest for dinner. A large crowd gathered in front of the Walters' home and Mayor Ketcheson, Ald. Deacon and Woodley entered and were introduced to the young heroes. When they appeared on the steps they were cheered by their fellow citizens and the band played stirring military airs. The returned boys took seats in Ald. Deacon's car along with Mr. Chas. Walters and Ald. Deacon. Ald. Woodley's auto led off the procession, then came the band playing "Soldiers of the King," followed by "The British Grenadiers." The triumphal car came next

## HUNTER FELL DEAD IN BUSH

D. E. Minns of Baltimore Came up With Two Indians Skinning Deer in North Country—Suddenly Expired.

Special to The Ontario

D. E. Minns of Baltimore, who was on a hunting expedition in Grimsthorpe township, about thirty miles north of Madoc Village, died in a strange manner this morning. The story of his death as given by an eye witness is that Mr. Minns was approaching two Indians who had just shot a deer and were skinning it, when he toppled over.

No wound was found on him and it is thought heart failure may have caused his death. Whether over-exertion in walking or excitement at the sight of blood was responsible, is not known.

At once one of the Indians started 18 miles through the bush to notify the coroner, Dr. Harper of Madoc. The unfortunate man was about 65 years of age. He was a brother of Mr. W. S. Minns of Yeomans street, Belleville and Inspector Minns at Madoc. He is said to have complained of heart trouble for a long time, his sister-in-law while passing through Madoc on his way north

NEW CONSTABLE ON JOB. Police Constable Jarvis has been sworn in and is learning the rounds of the streets. He is wearing civilian clothes.

### SCAFFOLD BROKE

Heavy Radiator and Four Plumbers Fell at Children's Shelter.

Eugene Harkins, Tom Holland, and two companions named White and Scott, had a narrow escape yesterday when a ceiling radiator they were erecting at the new Children's Shelter fell on them. The four young men who are plumbers were standing on a scaffold of iron piping with a radiator, seven feet long, and weighing over three hundred pounds poised above their heads. They were purposing fastening it to the ceiling, when the weight of the young men and the iron, caused the scaffold to give way the piping being snapped off. The young men fell to the floor and the radiator tumbled on them. Eugene Harkins seeing that Thos. Holland was likely to be caught between the wall and the radiator put out his right hand and saved Mr. Holland's head. Mr. Harkins' however had his hand crushed. The others fortunately escaped. The injured man had his hand dressed at the hospital and will be unable to work for some time.

### WEDDING BELLS

SOUTHERN WOOTEN

A pretty wedding took place this morning at eleven o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Catherine street, when Miss Hazel Harriett Wooten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wooten, became the bride of the Rev. Alfred Poulter, of St. Oia. Mrs. J. N. Clarry presided at the piano and played the wedding march. The ceremony was performed in the drawing room by the Rev. J. N. Clarry, B.A., of Holloway St. Methodist Church, in the presence of a large number of guests. The bride was gowned in white silk crepe, trimmed with taffeta silk and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Miss Florence Wooten, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and the Rev. Douglas Davis, of Dunchurch, Ont., did honors for the groom. Miss Kathleen Wooten, the bride's sister, sang very sweetly, "The Sunshine of Your Smile."

After the marriage ceremony, the bridal party partook of a sumptuous repast, after which Mr. George T. Woodley in a felicitous speech, pronounced the health of the bride, Dr. G. O. Dupran that of the groom and Rev. Clarry toasted the parents and Rev. Douglas. Davis proposed "the success of the allied forces." The dinner tables were becomingly decorated with smilax and pink and white mums.

Rev. Mr. Poulter and his bride left on the afternoon train for their future home at St. Oia, followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.

The bride was the recipient of very many beautiful gifts, including a cabinet of silver from Holloway St. Church, where she was a valued member of the choir.

### BULGARIANS' VAIN ASSAULTS ON SERBS.

PARIS, Nov. 8.—The French War Office announces that the Bulgarians took the offensive yesterday against the Serbians in the Cerna River region on the Macedonian front south-east of Monastir, making three unsuccessful attacks which cost them heavily.

### WOUNDED.

Harry W. Boyd of Belleville, has been reported wounded.

### HARRY WESTLAKE KILLED.

Harry Westlake, son of Mrs. Jane Westlake, 328 Coleman Street, was killed in action on October 27th.

## SIGNALLER CARL KILLED IN ACTION

Gallant Sidney Boy, A Former Teacher, Falls After Only a Few Weeks at the Front.

Today's casualty list contains the name of Hubert Carl of Sidney township and reports that he was killed in action. He was the son of Mr. J. G. Carl who resides near Chatterton, on the road to Stirling. The young man enlisted with the 80th battalion, along with his brother, Miller. Both young men were members of the teaching profession. After arrival in England they were attached to the signalling corps and went to their front about Sept. 1st. They worked together while in the field.

Signaller Carl was a young man of fine proportions, tall, and of athletic frame. He was a manly open-hearted boy, filled with a desire to do his duty to his King and country in the war. A multitude of friends throughout the country will hear with deep grief of the premature close of so promising a career, though all will share in the honor of so noble and patriotic a sacrifice.

### RECORD OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

Mr. M. S. Sprague, North Front street has received a doubly interesting war souvenir from Germany. It is a picture postcard on which appears a group photo of twelve war prisoners who have been confined in hospital. In the front line appears the photo of her son, Melburn, who when very seriously wounded was taken prisoner by the Germans, and whose story appeared some time ago in The Ontario.

The card is from Pte. James Brown of the Princess Pats who was also confined at the prison hospital. The picture shows the men all clad in striped pyjamas.

The card contains the following self-explanatory message:— Stuttgart Oct. 4 1916. Your son left here yesterday for Aachen (Aix la Chapelle) on route to England. This photo did not come to hand until today so I promised Melburn I would forward one to you kindest regards.

James Brown. The photo shows Pte. Sprague with only one leg the other having been amputated in Belgium soon after the action when he was wounded and taken prisoner. It is quite probable he is now in England, where he was to be returned in exchange for German war prisoners.

### SUIT OVER PASTURE

In division court yesterday before Judge Willis, Jonas Pope sued Wm. Orr for a balance alleged due him for pasturing three colts in Thurlow. Pope contended that the bargain was made for \$21 and sued for \$16, there having been \$5 paid. Orr claimed that Pope agreed not to put more stock into the field than would leave good pasture. He said he was obliged to take his colts away because the pasture ran poor and that the damage he sustained was more than the balance. Judgment was given for \$7 and costs for the plaintiff.

There were two commitments for non-appearance. Another debtor summoned for default was allowed until next court to pay the installments in arrears, otherwise commitment will follow.

### BELLEVILLE BOY KILLED

Sidney Sanford of the 39th Battalion was killed recently in action. He was born in Belleville 24 years ago and at the time of enlistment he was working at Frankford on canal construction. He was the youngest of the family and was unmarried. Mr. B. A. Sandford of Belleville is a brother. He leaves four other brothers, George, Fred, Nolton and Randall.

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