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LEADERS IN THE WAR.

Strict Censorship Has Hindered Knowledge of Generals.

One of the remarkable results of the strict censorship has been the anonymity of the lesser generals of the war, who undoubtedly have come into prominence during the past four months on the greatest battlefields of all history. It is true that Gen. Sir John French has mentioned a number of British commanders who have assisted him in Northern France and in Belgium, but if we except the tribute to Gen. Smith-Dorrien for his retreat from Mons, the commendation has been of the nature of praise rather than generally distributed.

The only German name that has been brought to the fore has been that of Von Hindenburg, on whom has devolved the difficult and important task of resisting the Russian onslaught in the east. Von Kluk has disappeared from the headlines, and the world does not know whether his advance on Paris and his subsequent retreat to the Aisne have gained him a place among the immortals or not. Little more has been heard of Von Buelow and Von Elnem. The Crown Prince of the German empire, the Duke of Wurtemberg have frequently been mentioned, but there has been a constant suspicion that these royal names are used in lieu of those more closely identified with German strategy.

In the early days of the war Gen. Paul Pau was mentioned so frequently that his ubiquity, according to war correspondents, was equal to that of the German Crown Prince. But Pau disappeared several weeks ago from the French despatches and in his place the recent French communique mentions a number of generals without investing any with undying fame. The most prominent of Gen. Joffre's assistants is Gen. Foch. But to the cursory reader there is but one French name that stands out, that of Joffre, upon whom has rested the responsibility of the general strategy of the allied forces fighting the Kaiser's western army.

The Grand Duke Nicholas emerges in bold relief from the many Russian generals engaged. It is safe to say that the ordinary man could not name one of the Austro-Hungarian generals who have fought so valiantly in Galicia.

Atrocities in Canada.

Canadians will be interested in an article in the Cologne Gazette recently from an American correspondent, in which he describes the experience of a German-American writer, who has spent the greater part of his life in the States and in Toronto the police pay daily domiciliary visits to houses of German-Canadians, and their mails are all opened. German newspapers, especially the New York Staats Zeitung, are prohibited, and any person found with a copy is liable to a penalty of five years' penal servitude. These enormities are not printed in the United States, but the correspondent of the Cologne Gazette knows all about them from other sources. "Lately, the correspondent adds, a meeting was dispersed by Canadian police, merely because some person recited a German poem, which happened to have some nasty verses about England."

Responsibility and the "Blues" usually the result of constipation, quickly succumb to Rexall Orderlies. Sold only by the Rexall Store, 10c., 25c. and 50c. boxes.

Paul Cedar, of Tilbury, got two years at Kingston for stealing a horse from Geo. Moore, a Windsor liveryman.

NOT FAR FROM HOME

News Gathered From Our Ex- changes and Various Sources

Strathroy has a 40-mill rate.
Chatham will prevent dogs running at large.

It has been decided not to operate the Gluecoze causing factory this season.

James Clements, merchant tailor, Bluehelm, died after a few days' illness with a paralytic stroke.

Ridgetown ratepayers will vote on a \$12,500 by-law for the installation of a hydro electric system on May 10.

Christopher Dart, only son of J. A. Dart, formerly of Ridgetown, died suddenly at Saskatoon, aged 29 years.

Neil Cooper, a well known auctioneer for many years prominent in the municipal life in London, died with pneumonia, aged 61 years.

While cutting down timber Neil C. Campbell, of Howard, captured a pair of white squirrels, which he presented to the superintendent of Housean Park.

Mary McCall, widow of the late John McCall, died at her home in Ekfrid, aged 87 years. She was one of the pioneers of the township. A son and a daughter survive her.

Mrs. Thomas Ewart, who in 1837 had the honor of meeting and conversing with Dr. David Livingstone, of African fame, is dead at her home in Lambton county, aged 88 years.

After twenty five years' service in the Traders Bank and three in the Royal, after the amalgamation of the two, James Watson, manager of the Leamington branch, will retire on May 1.

The barns and outbuildings of Mrs. O. McKellican, near Sombra, were destroyed by fire, caused by burning of brush which reached a stack near the barn. The loss is \$2,000, with a small insurance.

David Marshall, M.P., president of the Dominion Canamers, was in Essex last week and announced that of the company's plants in the county only two, those at Tecumseh and Sandwich, would be operated. These will be limited to partial capacity.

The house and outbuildings of A. A. Cook, of Dawn, were burned, together with clothing, household furniture, some stock and implements and \$2,000 in bills and gold. Mr. Cook and his son and wife were seriously burned and were rushed to a doctor in automobiles. The fire was caused by a defective chimney.

James Goff, residing near Ridgetown, died in a London hospital from blood poisoning. He was laying tile when he suffered one of his fingers and a couple of days after his arm began to swell and he was removed to the hospital where his arm was amputated, but he died the following day. Deceased was 48 years of age, and leaves his mother, four brothers and a sister.

Gordon Clysdale, a young farmer living in Moore township, was killed while driving home after his day's work in the fields. He had hitched a land roller behind the wagon to take it home, and the rattling of the outfit on the gravel road frightened the horses, which ran away, hitting a mail post on the road and throwing him out on his head. He died shortly after being picked up by neighbors.

Henry Livingstone, an old and well-known citizen of Ridgetown, passed away suddenly on Wednesday evening, aged 77 years. After supper he went to do a few chores at his barn when he was overcome with heart failure and died in a few moments. He was a native of Scotland, and came to Canada in the 70's, settling in Ridgetown and followed his trade of carpenter. He served terms on the council and high school boards, and for several years was chief of St. Andrew's and the Caledonian Society. His widow and three daughters survive him.

KILLED BY ELECTRIC CURRENT

Two Men Meet Instant Death at Chatham
When Their Ladder Touch a Wire

Chatham, April 27.—Samuel Ford and Louis Beachard, two employes of the local hydro system, were electrocuted at the Ontario hydro-electric sub-station just outside the city, this morning.

Ford came here when hydro was first installed, and Beachard is a Chatham boy. They had been working as linemen on the local system. They were placing an extension ladder against the side of the station, preparing to go up and repair the lightning arresters. One of the men slipped, and the ladder fell against a wire carrying 25,000 volts of electricity. The current was carried down a fine wire which ran down both sides of the ladder, and immediately killed both men.

Thomas Pickering, another lineman, who was also holding the ladder, was thrown a distance of 20 feet but escaped with a badly-burned hand.

There ought to be a good market for householders, in which many of us are planning to raise in the garden this year.

A special election has been called for May 5 to vote on a proposal to abolish the licensed saloon in Alaska. Women now vote in Alaska and they will be an important factor in deciding the issue.

Col. McLean, M.P., wants 100,000 Canadians in the fighting line and 50,000 reserve.

REGIMENT ALMOST WIPED OUT

George Percival, of Dunwich, Shot Through Leg at Battle of Neuve Chapelle

George Percival, who is well known in North Dunwich, having been employed by John McPherson, has sent the following letter from Litchfield Military Hospital, Litchfield, England. Mr. Percival offered his services in the first Canadian Contingent, but was rejected, and forthwith sailed for England where he joined the Second Northampton Battalion:

DEAR FRIENDS,—Just a line to let you know I am back from the front with a bullet through my right leg, between the knee and the hip, but glad to say I am getting along fine. No doubt you have read in the papers of the great advance made by the British at Neuve Chapelle. Well, it was in that area a death that I stopped a bullet. It was a victory, sure enough, but they don't print all in the papers. It was simply murder, nothing else. How in the world I or any one else got out alive, God only knows; I don't. We lost thousands. My regiment was almost wiped out. We went into action over 800 strong, and in three days we were less than 50 strong, losing 17 officers among the number. So that will give you an idea what it was like. Of course we slaughtered a few Germans, but it was the bombardment which did most of that. It was the heaviest bombardment ever known, 407 British guns being engaged. The noise was terrific, for the Germans had artillery as well. Our aeroplanes did a lot of good work for us. They would give our gunners the range of the German guns. Only two of our aeroplanes were brought down of the fifteen or twenty engaged. It was after the bombardment that they drove us to slaughter. We underestimated their strength but eventually came out on top.

There's no country like Canada and if I ever live to get back I shall have some news for you. I may have to go to the front again, I don't want to, but if I have to I'll go back like a man, but there's none of us, if we tell the truth, want to go back a second time.

APPRECIATED THE TOBACCO

Gunner Mitton Says French Tobacco Was Not Made to be Smoked

G. N. Giddy, who sent a package of tobacco to W. R. Mitton at the front has received acknowledgement of the same. The letter is dated April 11th "Somewhere in France" and says:

DEAR SIR,—Just a few lines to thank you very much for your kindness in sending the tobacco. It arrived O.K. to-night and you may take my word that it was simply a godsend. We are well fed and clothed and in fact in need of nothing but tobacco, as our allowance is very small and French tobacco was never made to be smoked.

We all hope the war will soon be over, but guess we will have to go through some warm places before we come back. Everybody in this battery is feeling fine and so far we have had no casualties, and hope our luck continues.

Well, thanking you again and hoping to be back and having the pleasure of thanking you personally, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
W. R. MITTON.

INFERIOR LIGHTNING RODS

Again I wish to warn the farmers of Ontario against inferior lightning rods. One of the same companies that buncoed the farmers with iron-centred rods last year is reported to be selling the same rod this year. Watch out for them.

There is no difficulty in spotting these rods. The outside covering is a thin sheet of copper. Inside of the copper is a strip of galvanized steel or iron one-half inch wide and two galvanized steel or iron wires about No. 10. The copper sheath is twisted around the strip and wires, giving the rod a corrugated appearance. The steel or iron will rust out in from five to ten years.

An Illinois firm is circulating the trade and others promoting the "Mast" Lightning Rod System. They declare that twisted cables are positively dangerous, claiming they act like "choke coils," that tubes only should be used, etc. For concentrated essence of error these circulars surpass anything else I have seen. Beware of the man with the iron-centred rod and the man who claims that twisted cables are dangerous.

WM. A. DAY,
Physicist, Dept. O. A. C., Guelph.

BELLE ISLE BRIDGE IS A TOTAL LOSS

Detroit, April 27.—Belle Isle bridge, connecting Belle Isle and Detroit at East Grand Boulevard and Jefferson Avenues, was destroyed by fire late this evening. The fire is said to have caught from a tar wag crossing the bridge. No loss of life is reported.

A city engineer estimated the total damage at \$250,000 and said the bridge, the only one which links Detroit to Belle Isle, will have to be entirely rebuilt.

Don't scold the child if she is cross; give her Rexall Orderlies, as the trouble is probably with the bowels. Sold only by the Rexall Store, 10c., 25c., 50c. boxes.

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