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THIRD YEAR OF THE WAR

Just Three Lines of Defence Taken

LONDON, July 31—After weeks of pent up expectancy, Haig loosed his great 1917 offensive just before dawn this morning. Along a front of 25 miles in Flanders, from just north of Armentieres to Dixmude on the Yser, the British infantry powerfully supported by French troops swarmed over the enemy's first three lines of defence at most points to a depth of from 1,000 yards to a mile and a half.

Eleven villages and towns were wrested from the Germans and more than 3,500 prisoners have been counted so far. All the objections of the first day's assault were attained, General Haig reports, and at several points both the British and the French infantry crashed forward after reaching the lines under attack.

In spite of the fact that for three weeks the opposing batteries in Flanders had been carrying on what was acknowledged by both sides to be the mightiest artillery duel of the entire war, the allied stroke came as a dramatic surprise to all military observers. Its ultimate importance cannot yet be estimated as it is still in its first stages. But, coming at a moment when Russia and her armies at the front are confronted with collapse, it is bound to have a moral effect second to that of no other military movement this year.

Many dramatic events featured the initial assault of the grand offensive. At one point on the line of attack the British troops were forced to charge thru their own barbed wire to prevent the fleeing Germans from escaping.

In other sectors the task of the infantry was made easy by the deadly work of the giant, lumbering tanks which raked the enemy's trenches and dug-outs with an enflaming fire, while straddled, in many cases, across the big ditches.

Never in history, all reports from the front agree, has a battle been preceded by such destructive and sustained gunfire. The roar of the cannon during last night and this morning was distinctly heard in London and throught Southern England. Under this deluge of steel 6 Bavarian divisions were forced to retire and give way to fresh troops. The first and second German lines were laid in ruins and even beyond the ground was torn up as by an earthquake.

Will Land At Pier 2 Today—

Nine hundred civilians and over five hundred furloughed and invalided officers and men are to be landed at Pier 2 this forenoon according to the information given to the returned soldiers reception committee. The landing of another party of returned soldiers, a great number of whom are amputation and other serious cases may be delayed until the following morning. The interruption of traffic caused by the storm in Maine and Quebec is said to have necessitated changes in the plans of conveying the upper province and western soldiers to their homes. Hereafter the troops trains have been given precedence over the trains carrying the women and children arriving from overseas and this plan will probably be adhered to with today's arrivals.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowles of Cambridge have returned from a visit at Paradise.

HALIFAX NEVER MORE ATTRACTIVE.

Censorship forbids the going into details but this much can be said, one of the biggest attractions of the Provincial Exhibition this year, from Sept. 12th to Sept. 20th, will be Halifax itself. Without the violating the strict rules of the censor, it can be said that Halifax was never as interesting as it is at present. It has been made a port of examination by the British Admiralty, and scores upon scores of ships belonging to every maritime nation have been taken into Halifax Harbour and given the closest scrutiny, so that nothing may get to the Huns. So great has been the volume of shipping that only the Harbour but also Bedford Basin has been alive with ships of all shapes, sizes and kinds.

Halifax is today an Empire Port with all the significance, importance and picturesqueness that the name implies. Her streets are thronged with the sailors of many nations, jolly Jack Tars from Britain's mighty fighting ships, soldiers garrisoning the City, soldiers completing their training, and eager to board the troops ships for France, and soldiers back from the Front wounded and covered with decorations.

All this life, activity and picturesqueness will be heightened to a whirl of wonderful attraction when the thousands pour into the City to see the Big Show from September 12th to September 20th. It promises to be one of the biggest throngs ever, for the Fair in Halifax will be the only Exhibition this year in the Maritime Provinces, with the exception of that in Charlottetown later.

And Manager Hall is keenly alive to the situation. He has made a tour of the larger shows of the United States, and secured the biggest Midway attraction that can be bought; the Prize List for the live stock branch has been boosted twenty per cent; all other branches will be made greater yet.

"Bigger, brighter, busier, better yet" is the slogan of the Provincial Exhibition.

MR. PUGLEY'S SOMERSAULT.

In the House of Commons a few days ago Hon. Wm. Pugsley, one of Laurier's ex-Ministers, declared that when last year he voted for an extension of life of parliament he made a mistake which he did not intend to repeat this year, with the anti-war element of Neither did he. He lined up Quebec and voted for an election.

But we remember that in September, 1915, when an election was talked about, Mr. Pugsley held up his hands in holy horror and according to the Manitoba Free Press in the course of an interview in the city of Winnipeg he expressed himself as follows:

"The present circumstances are so grave from the standpoint of Canada and the Empire that it would be deplorable in my opinion to have the people divided upon party questions."

"Another of the reasons why I favor putting off an election until after the war is because I think it would be a great pity to hold one just when the energies of all the people of Canada, and especially the members of the government who are primarily charged with the duty of attending to the recruiting and equipment of the soldiers should be devoted to this one end."

Such good reasons as these in 1915 are doubly more cogent reasons why Canada should not be divided on party questions Canada's energies of every kind should be wholly given to win the war and give assistance to our bravely dying but steadily diminishing forces at the front.

YOUR VACATION.

Would be a complete round of pleasure if you attend the Provincial Exhibition at Halifax, Sept. 12th to 20th.

PUBLIC MEETING

On Third Anniversary of Commencement of War

Tomorrow, Aug. 4th will be the commencement of the fourth year in the titanic struggle now convulsing Europe and effecting the whole world. The present conditions on the war fronts make it more imperative than ever that every effort should be used henceforth to hasten the end of the struggle. To this end the resources in men and means of Great Britain, Canada and all the other colonies must be rallied to the cause of humanity and freedom.

Lieutenant Governor Grant is sending out notices to all centres in the Province requesting that a public meeting be called on the anniversary date and resolutions made or passed showing our determination to continue our efforts in winning the war. Accordingly Mayor Pelton has called a public meeting of the citizens of the Town and all others who can attend from the surrounding country to a gathering to be held at the Band Stand, Kentville on Saturday evening, August 4th at eight o'clock. Short addresses will be given by H. H. Wickwire, M.P.P., W. E. Roscoe, K.C., Lloyd Meyrick, Esq., and other, whose consent has not been obtained in time to place in print Major B. W. Roscoe, D.S.O., and Capt. F. W. Wickwire will be present and the audience will have a chance to greet and perhaps hear from these men who have so distinguished themselves in the war. A band will be present, probably the 246th from Aldershot. If fine there will no doubt be an immense concourse of people present.

Major Cutten has also consented to give an address. If stormy the meeting will take place in Pastime Hall.

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The Rossley's have presented many attractions during their stay in Kentville, but none that will equal the famous "Blackbirds," the bill to be presented tonight and Saturday night.

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The show will be prefaced by a Famous Players five reel feature "The Travelling Salesman." Altogether it will be a big fun show from start to finish.

DELEGATION TO OTTAWA

On Tuesday a delegation left for Ottawa to interview the Government in reference to the fruit embargo. They were: A. E. McMahon, manager representing Central Fruit Co. Manning K. Ellis, secretary, representing N. S. Fruit Growers.

W. H. Chase, Esq., representing exporters. Sam Chute, representing Fruit Shipping Co. of Berwick.

There seems good reason to expect that even with shortage in shipping for exporting produce that the Dominion Government will be able to arrange for some relaxing in the fruit embargo this fall so as to allow some of our good crop of apples to reach the European market. This delegation will do all in its power to further that end.

Mrs. William Muir of Dalhousie East has received the very sad intelligence that her son Pte. J. Lawrence Muir was killed in action on July 5th.

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