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## GERMANS IN TRENCHES BEG MERCY FROM CANUCKS ALLIES WAIT DRY SPELL TO COMMENCE GREAT DRIVE

### GERMAN LOSS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 18,000

Official Computation of Result  
of British Victory.

PRISONERS NUMBER 1,700

Including 30 German Officers,  
Who Were Captured.

FLYING CORPS' SUCCESS

Doing Good Work in Spite of  
the Hindrance by  
Fogs.

[Canadian Press.]  
London, March 15.—The regular semi-weekly report on the progress of the fighting was given out today by the British authorities. It is dated March 15, and reads as follows:  
"Since the last announcement of March 11, the operations in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle have continued. The line captured March 10 and 11 to the east of that village has been consolidated, and held in spite of repeated efforts on the part of the enemy to retake it. During the night of March 11-12 and in the early morning of the 12th several counter-attacks to the east of Neuve Chapelle were repulsed, and sixty prisoners were captured."

Captured Lepinette.  
"The same night a skillfully executed enterprise to the east of Neuve Chapelle, resulted in the capture by the British of Lepinette, with small loss. The possession of this village advanced our lines in this quarter 300 yards on a front 200 yards wide."  
"Fighting in the Neuve Chapelle area was very severe March 12. A strong counter-attack by Germans in the afternoon was repulsed, and 612 more prisoners were taken. The Germans continued to deliver minor counter-attacks during the night of March 12-13, and throughout the 13th, in no case did they succeed in recapturing any of the ground they lost."

"March 14 the fighting was confined mainly to the artillery."  
German Loss About 18,000.  
"The prisoners in our hands taken since March 10 number 1,700, of whom 26 are officers. Judging from the number of dead counted on the ground, the total German losses during the operations from March 10 to March 13 on the Neuve Chapelle, cannot be less than 17,000 or 18,000."  
"During the evening of March 14 the enemy rushed some of our trenches to the south of St. Elloi, after a heavy bombardment and the explosion of a mine. The greater part of these trenches were recaptured this morning. The fighting in this area continues."

"The royal flying corps secured further successes during the last few days, although the fog at their work. March 12, the railroad junctions at Don and Douai were attacked with bombs and damaged, and on March 13 a train in the Don station was blown up."

"GHOSTS" IN FORM  
OF OVERDRAFTS

They Haunt Civic Legislators  
as Estimates Draw  
Near.

TODAY THE FINAL CALL

All Appropriations by Civic  
Departments Must Be  
in Shape.

Members of the finance committee of the council and of the board of control are getting ready to doff their "red" coats and the decks for action and to wrestle with the year's estimates. All estimates from the various spending bodies of the city were to have been in by today. Some are still unfinished but indications would point to the fact that they will all be in shape for the pruning knife immediately.

The problem of reducing the city's expenditures to a limit that will enable it to pay its bills and to meet its obligations at the same time, while providing for the enormous heavy overdrafts, left as legacies by the administration of last year, is one that will give the members of the council an exceptionally busy time.

STAMPEDE OF HORSES

C. M. R. Mounts Get Loose and Have  
To Be Rounded Up.

A large number of horses belonging to the 7th C. M. R. broke out of their quarters and stampeded over the parade ground. The men turned out quickly and soon rounded the animals up and drove them back to their enclosures.

### Veteran Miller Has Passed Away



Advertiser Illustration.  
J. D. SAUNBY, for many years head of the Saunby mill, which went out of existence after long litigation with the city.

### HUNS FLED SCREAMING AT TASTE OF CANADIAN STEEL

Others Fell On Knees and Pleaded For Mercy When the  
Cannocks Entered Their Trench—Patent Hand-  
Warmer Found Among Belongings

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]  
London, March 16.—Describing how the Canadians captured the trench recently mentioned by Sir John French, Corporal John P. Bolt, of Princess Patricia's, says the heroic Huns were afraid of cold steel, and fled from them screaming like little children. Others fell on their knees and pleaded for mercy, which, adds the writer, in true British fashion was granted to them. "Just before dawn on that memorable day," he says, "we were ordered to force one of the German trenches in front of us. As we climbed over the parapet, the enemy, by means of magnesium flares, spotted us and immediately opened a withering machine-gun fire. We lost men, but on we kept, plodding through a quagmire of mud, and when we jumped over the enemy's parapet into their trenches we had to tramp over dead bodies."

"The scene was awful, though we were successful."  
"In the captured trench we discovered plenty of food and clothing, and also some patent hand-warmer, which served to show they are fairly comfortable."

Mock Officer  
IN POLICE TOILS

Port Arthur Captures Man  
Wanted by Local  
Merchants.

GAVE WORTHLESS CHECKS

Wore Uniform and Asked the  
Chief For Permit To Carry  
Revolver.

Chief of Police W. T. T. Williams received word today from the Port Arthur authorities that J. C. Gillespie, the man who some weeks ago is alleged to have passed a number of bad checks here, had been arrested there, and was now being detained for trial.

Gillespie, using the name of Collins, passed a number of checks in Toronto and Port Arthur prior to his arrest. He is wanted in Toronto on a fraud charge. While in this city Gillespie wore a military uniform, and posed as a United States officer, and he applied to Chief Williams for a permit to carry a revolver. His request was refused by the chief, because the man was unable to get the necessary credentials from the military authorities.

Later complaints were received at police headquarters that a number of businessmen had received bad checks from Gillespie. When the police visited the hotel where the man was staying they learned that he had left there.

### NINETEEN MISSING OF DRESDEN CREW

The Auxiliary Cruiser Orama  
Lands Survivors at Val-  
paraiso, Chile.

[Canadian Press.]  
Valparaiso, Chile, March 15.—Nineteen members of the crew of the German auxiliary cruiser Orama, sunk off Juan Fernandez Island on Sunday by three warships, are missing. This was made known on the arrival here today of the British auxiliary cruiser Orama, having on board the survivors from the Dresden, some of whom were wounded.

### PALL OF 12,000 VIOLETS COVERS BIER OF DEAD CANADIAN WHISKY KING

Windsor, March 16.—A pall of 12,000 violets, the memorial offering of the employees of all the Walker interests, covered with a beautiful blue and green mantle the coffin of Edward Chandler Walker, distiller, Walkerville in all its great and little industries was silenced during the funeral. Not only the Walkerville mills, but the stores and shops, the schools and the public offices were closed for the afternoon. Like his father before him, Edward Chandler Walker had laid his purpose on every phase of the development of Walkerville, and the whole city gave its testimonial of appreciation.

### ALL CHARGES FOUND PROVEN AS FIELDS DRY

Toronto Fire Chief and Deputy  
Held Responsible For  
Conditions.

IGNORANCE NO DEFENCE

Deputy Chief Noble Comes In  
For Severe Censure  
by Judge.

[Canadian Press.]  
Toronto, March 16.—Judge Denton's report on conditions at Portland street fire hall issued today finds that all the charges have been proven. He charges the responsibility for lack of discipline primarily on the fire chief and next on Deputy Chief Noble. He holds that Noble is more directly responsible than Thompson.

"It is no defence to say they did not know what was going on. Negligence is no less a breach of duty than neglect."  
He finds that Noble is acquainted with the worst of the loose women who frequented Portland street fire hall, and knew very well what kind of a woman the one in question was. His final sentence is that the fire department is lacking in discipline.

The judge intimates that in the wider inquiry which is to follow he may go into the unnamed charge against Noble, which he has investigated in camera. He finds evidence substantiating all the charges of drinking, betting, drunkenness, and the like, which the city of Toronto letters on Noble's buggy being covered up.

BRITISH GAINING  
GROUND STEADILY

Drive Enemy From Trenches  
Southeast of St. Elvi  
Village.

FRENCH REGAIN LOSSES

Take Part of Forest of Le  
Petre Lost Monday  
Morning.

[Canadian Press.]  
Paris, March 16.—Via London, 4:50 p.m.—The events yesterday on the Franco-Belgian front are described in a statement from the war office this afternoon as follows:  
"The Belgian army has consolidated its gains of the past few days. The British army after having retaken St. Elloi, has also recaptured trenches to the southwest of the village and compelled the enemy to evacuate trenches to the southeast of the same point, which have been completely demolished by the artillery."

"In Champagne fresh progress has been to the northeast of Soissons. Forest of Le Petre was recaptured from the Germans the remainder of the trenches won by them yesterday morning; or, to be more precise, the site of the trench alone were smashed by heavy fire. The trench alone were completely shattered by mine explosions."

"On the southern slope of Great Reich Akerkopf an attack by the enemy yesterday morning carried a trench. We have retaken it and made some prisoners."

"SAVVILLE" REPORT.

[Canadian Press.]  
Berlin, March 16.—By Wirepress to Savville.—The German war office gave out today a report on the progress of the war, dated March 16, and which reads as follows:  
"The British position on the height near St. Elloi, south of Ypres, has been taken by the Germans. Fighting for the possession of this terrain has been going on since the day before yesterday."

In the Champagne district several partial attacks delivered by French troops broke down in the face of the German fire. The French losses were heavy. To the north of Beaumont German troops took possession of several French trenches.

Engagement Continues.  
"An engagement continued yesterday in the Argonne continues today. Also in the Vosges there are several places where the fighting still is going on."

"On the Orzys, to the northeast of Przemysl, Russian attacks everywhere have been repulsed. There was an especially violent engagement for the possession of Jedynowice. Two thousand Russian were taken prisoners. "South of the Vistula there is nothing to report."

### ONTARIO REFUSES TO ALLOW LICENSE REDUCTION TO PASS

Private Bills Committee Holds Up Clause and Rev. Dr. Macgregor Says Members Shielded Selves Behind Technicality—Up Against Too Strong a Combination, He Adds.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Toronto, March 16.—By vote of 21 to 16 the private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature today refused to allow the clause of the city of London bill validating the recent license reduction to remain as part of that bill. The majority of the members declared that in view of the fact that the bylaw was in the courts at present, the Legislature should have nothing to do with it, and they voted accordingly.

In Judge's Hands Now.  
This action leaves the fate of the bylaw entirely in the hands of Justice Middleton. If he throws out the appeal of the license holders to quash the bylaw, which passed on January 1 by a majority of 150, the six hotels will have to close on May 1. If, on the other hand, he quashes the bylaw on the technicalities advanced by the license holders, there will be no other redress for the temperance people.

It was to secure validation of the bylaw, even if the judge quashed it, that the temperance people petitioned to have the clause included in the bill. After the vote had been taken, Rev. D. C. Macgregor, pastor of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, who appeared on behalf of the temperance people, made the declaration that the majority of the committee were apparently out of sympathy with the temperance movement.

Too Strong a Combination.  
"They hid behind the technicality that the case was in the courts, and consequently refused to allow the clause to pass," said Mr. Macgregor. "We were up against too strong a combination to defeat."

In presenting the claims of the temperance people to the committee, Mr. Macgregor urged that they owe of the people on the bylaw was quite definite and a proper mandate to the Legislature, apart from the sufficiency of the petition that forms the basis of the liquor claim to have the bylaw quashed. A. H. M. Graydon, attorney for the License Holders' Association of London, on the other hand repeated his previous claim that the petition had not been sufficiently signed, and that the case was in the courts and would be very unusual to have the Legislature pass on such a question.

"Unfair," Says Crawford.  
When the question was put to the vote, a show of hands opposed the inclusion of the clause. Hon. Mr. Crawford insisted on the point and says, declaring that the action of the committee was not treating the people justly. On the vote was declared lost by a vote of 23 to 16.

Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Pratt and various rural members, supported the clause, but George H. Gooderham, E. W. J. Owens, Mark Irish, Dr. Godfrey and others protested against it being passed.

With the exception of this clause and those referring to the waterworks extension and the stockyards the remainder of the city of London bill passed with very little comment.

Opposes Waterworks Loan.  
The first clause dealt with was that giving the city power to pass a bylaw to borrow \$20,000 for new hydraulic pumping equipment for the Springbank pumping station. Sir Adam Beck opposed the clause on the principle involved. He declared that it was wrong that the surplus of the city water system should go into the general city treasurer, while the utilities commission had to borrow money for waterworks improvement.

T. G. Meredith, K. C., counsel for the city, urged that the clause be adopted first, and then the principle of payment out of revenue could later be adopted by legislation. This suggestion was agreed to, and the clause carried.

Stock Yards Vote Necessary.  
Sir Adam Beck put himself on record again on the clause providing for the expenditure of \$5,000 for the establishment of a live stock market without a vote of the people, on the score that it was a new principle, and should receive the sanction of the ratepayers. The committee agreed with him, and the cattle market project must be voted upon.

IN TRENCHES A WEEK  
LONDON BOYS HAD  
FINEST OF MEALS

William Clarke Witnessed in  
Brutal Assault by M.  
Caravella.

ONE ROWDY GETS MONTH

George Bennett, Participant  
in Slugging, Drew Remark-  
ably Light Term.

William ("Lashy") Clarke, charged with assaulting and wounding Ver-  
nary Surgeon William MacDonald, was today committed for trial by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd, while George Bennett, who played guitar to the rowdy, was sentenced to a month in prison.

Clarke said to me, "You are not going to see me get a thumping, are you?" So I stepped in and gave Macdonald a couple of punches," said Bennett.

Bennett Attorney James B. McKillop stated that an investigation by his department proved that it was not Bennett who cut up MacDonald.

Had a Close Call.  
His lecture, after giving Bennett a severe lecture in which he pointed out the seriousness of the crime, said that it was only the testimony of the crowd and the fact that he took a minor part in the fray which saved him from a lengthy term.

Frank Burke, who was taken into custody as a witness, and detained at police headquarters, was discharged by His Worship after he was told that he would receive a term in Central Prison if he were arrested here again.

Michael Caravella, the principal witness for the crown, in the witness box said that he was standing on the southeast corner of Dundas and Talbot streets when he saw a number of men fighting. Two of the men were fighting with a man in the middle of the road who wore a fur coat. After the fight had lasted a few minutes the man with the fur coat was taken away.

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MAJ.-GENERAL STEEL  
PROBABLY NEXT LEADER

South African Veteran Likely  
To Command Second Ex-  
peditionary Force.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, March 16.—Major-Gen. S. B. Steel will probably command the second Canadian expeditionary division when it goes into action.

Gen. Steel commanded the Canadian Mounted Rifles through the South African war, and showed himself to be a man with capacity for handling troops. He has been in the service ever since that time, and at present is the Canadian inspector-general for the western forces.

The second expeditionary force is now being mobilized in England, four thousand men having recently landed there to join the ten thousand left when the first Canadian division crossed the Channel.

As a result of an investigation by several aide men into the property qualifications of one of their fellow council members, it is expected that proceedings will be instituted at once to secure the removal of this alderman from the council board.

One of the investigators announced today that he expected to have sufficient evidence by night to complete his case. It is claimed that while the alderman, under investigation, has sufficient property assessed in his name to complete the requisite, mortgagee, mortgagee, estate to such an extent that he is legally barred from occupying a council seat by British warships after a bombardment Sunday, says a special dispatch from Athens.

[Canadian Press.]  
Paris, March 16.—Several batteries of Turkish field artillery posted above Kum Kale at the entrance to the Dardanelles were discovered and silenced by British warships after a bombardment Sunday, says a special dispatch from Athens.

BRITISH WARSHIPS  
SHELL BATTERIES

Turkish Guns Discovered At  
Kum Kale and Soon  
Silenced.

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THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FINE AND COLD.

Toronto, March 16.—8 a.m.  
Fresh northerly wind; fine and rather cold today and on Wednesday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours:

| Stations    | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|-------------|-------|------|----------|
| Toronto     | 44    | 28   | Clear    |
| Calgary     | 38    | 24   | Clear    |
| Winnipeg    | 38    | 24   | Cloudy   |
| Port Arthur | 38    | 24   | Clear    |
| Party Sound | 38    | 24   | Clear    |
| Toronto     | 44    | 28   | Cloudy   |
| Ottawa      | 44    | 28   | Cloudy   |
| Quebec      | 44    | 28   | Cloudy   |
| Father      | 44    | 28   | Cloudy   |

Weather Notes.  
A small disturbance which was centered in Indiana yesterday has moved southward to North Carolina and developed into quite an important storm. The weather continues cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and has turned colder in Ontario. It continues mild in the Western provinces, now stand.