

Side Lights on The Somme Drive

Nothing Too Good to be Said of the Canadians Who Fought From Amiens into the Old Somme Battlefields

(By Lacey Amy, special correspondent of the Times)

With the Canadian Forces, France, Aug. 16—There is nothing too good in the English language to hand to the boys who fought from a few miles front of Amiens into the old Somme battlefields without more than a momentary pause, and their commanding officers are the first to insist that they be given the credit.

But I have collected from the plethora of detail where the trails cross, how the commanding officers were the guiding stars by which the boys shaped their course. Already I have told of Lieut. Colonel Jones of the 21st, who paid with his life for his refusal to remain on the front on account of an injured leg and arm. One other battalion commander was killed by my knowledge, and a number more or less wounded. In every case that I can trace the colonels of the battalions were right on with the boys, usually in the lead, always keeping an eye on the trend of operations, and often lending a personal hand in the tightest places.

One brigadier donned a new suit and cap for the event. And he was in front his gilt-braced cap was a spur to lagging spirits, an incentive to do and dare. His scheme of attack was laid out beforehand, with times and places, and his colonels saw to it that he should not be disappointed, though obstacles often considered insuperable had to be overcome.

The Colonel Went On. One town, a German headquarters, with stores and equipment complete, was strongly held by machine guns which could not be ousted except by infantry attack. What tanks were available were busy in other parts, and the guns had been outstripped in the advance. Bullets were falling from the western side across the open fields, and rushing tactics would be suicide. For it to lie down to save themselves from the hail or raze. The colonel warned his way to the front. At the front rows he inquired for their platoon commander and was pointed backwards to where the officer lay waiting for the guns to slow up. "Tell him," said the colonel, "that his colonel is going into the town and he'd better come along, too." Then he proceeded to carry out his promise by rolling forward.

Thus Queued one of the most important towns in the Canadian area fortified to the limit was carried up to its very outskirts. From his headquarters in one end of the town he cleaned the Germans from the other.

The colonel of another battalion in the same sector ran against a woods from the edge of which the enemy was showering him with field and machine guns. Rolling into a shell hole with two of his runners he began to develop a plan. Suddenly one of the runners leaned against him and said he felt queer. An examination showed a piece

of shell in the back of his head, having just gone through his helmet. A few moments later he complained that he could not see, and he was laid down apparently to die. He begged for his colonel's hand, and holding it, seemed to sleep, the colonel having promised not to leave him. Then he awakened his eyesight restored. The other runner carried him out and down to the ambulances and handed back to his colonel. Falling to find him, he leaped to his feet in the face of the storm of bullets and ran from shell hole to shell hole. "Where's the colonel?" he shouted to all who were alive. And the dead or wounded he pulled over to see their faces. And in the end he came within hearing of the colonel's voice. It was a devotion that pays better tribute than words.

In a pause of the gunning the colonel crept to the nearest shell holes organized a party, led the way up the flanks into the woods, and cleared it himself of the obstacle.

One senior officer was in a small hamlet with his headquarters before Friday had left the other end of Amiens until half an hour had to move back until the village was thoroughly mopped up.

Padres Right There. The padres, too, fell in with the spirit of the fight. One plodding forward with the front lines to be with the first of the wounded. Another was found in a town that was in possession, entering the houses in search of his own wounded. The blood was streaming from a machine gun bullet wound in his leg, but he was unconscious of it.

The tale of the tanks is a series of individual adventures. There was a plan of attack, of course, but conditions determine that each tank shall work practically on its own initiative. The German has built his defenses with a view to stopping tanks, and the experiences of these ugly chunks of metal are a series of difficulties, successes, crashes, thrilling escapades, fatalities. But they did their work to the last man and inch of power.

Two Lewis gunners who were put out in a woods were wounded and captured by the enemy and placed in a hospital in a village at that time to the German rear. In a few hours our victorious lads swept up to the borders of the village and a long and bitter fight raged. The two gunners, despite their wounds, managed to creep into a cellar, whence they were rescued when their comrades rushed the streets through to the east side.

The difficulties which the tanks have to overcome make their casualties in material seem heavy, though they accomplish incredible things in the process and save innumerable casualties to the infantry.

The German Fare. Of the evidences in captured dugouts and other quarters of the fare of the German army there is varied report. On

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The whole it seems certain that there is no suffering, and that even luxuries are often obtainable. Yet I have seen more than one pot of raw wheat, as it was picked from the surrounding fields, standing on the stove as it was being cooked when the diners had to leave suddenly. The bread found is very black, but our soldiers consider it good to eat. In a brigade headquarters were found wheat burned for coffee, eggs, and "appelmuse," resembling a thin apple butter. A food luxury appreciated by one of our battalions was a cage of German pigeons. Having decided not to return the pigeons with insulting notes, the pigeons were sent to the front as an unintentional present from the enemy was a field kitchen that drove through into our lines with steaming soup. The soup was served to Canadians while still hot—and then the diners went on and captured the enemy for whom it was intended.

The state of mind of the educated German is revealed by a captured sergeant-major, formerly a consulting chemist. Up to a month ago, he said, the Germans were confident of winning. Now they don't know. They believed that only 100,000 Americans were in France, as labor troops. There was no suggestion of a rising against militarism in Germany. This man had been in the war since his fifth day, with but three leaves. He said it was admitted in Germany that the Canadians were the most formidable fighting unit.

So fast did the Canadians overrun the country that a few Germans sinking in 10000 were picked up a few days ago in a complete Canadian uniform. Suspicion was aroused at his attempt to ignore the fall of a Canadian officer.

Daylight Saving Time Abandoned On October 27

Ottawa, Sept. 23—Canada will resume ordinary time at 2 a. m. Sunday, October 27. All clocks will at that hour be put back sixty minutes.

Canada Adopts Allied War Loaf for Households

Ottawa, Sept. 23—Canada has adopted the Allied war loaf, twenty per cent. of substitutes must be used with wheat flour. Announcing this policy, an official memorandum says:

"The Canada Food Board, after full consideration of the matter, has adopted the policy of the allied food controllers' resolution, so far as wheat products are concerned, and will use the allied loaf. This means that twenty per cent. of substitutes must be used with wheat flour. The government heartily approves this policy. While the crops in Europe and the United States have been, considering everything, excellent, this year, and while there is a sufficiency of food in sight to meet our requirements for the next twelve months, nevertheless there is the greatest need for conservation, particularly in flour and wheat for the purpose of creating a reserve sufficient against widespread unfavorable harvests or other unfavorable food conditions next year. The government, therefore, hopes the people of Canada will heartily and loyally assist to this end by using in their households the amount of substitutes required under the regulations."

JOHN A. CALDER, LIBERAL, ELECTED TO ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 23—In nominations held this afternoon for North Oxford vacancy in the Ontario legislature, John A. Calder, the Liberal nominee was the only candidate proposed, and was declared duly elected for the seat by the deputy returning officer, E. L. Sutherland.

THE K. OF C FAIR

The Knights of Columbus fair carried on with a flourish last night after having postponed its activities on account of the rain. More than 1,500 people attended the fair and keen enjoyment and a thriving trade were the keynote of the evening. The door prize, a silver percolator was won by No. 48,984, the pair of chickens by Vincent McCrossin, and the gentlemen's bean toss, prize an umbrella, by B. Gallagher. The total receipts amounted to more than \$1,000, double the receipts of the first evening. Tonight is the last evening of the fair.

INTESTINAL PARALYSIS

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UNVEIL TABLET TODAY.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the county court house, Sydney street, there will be unveiled a bronze tablet to the memory of Elias Hardy, second common clerk of the city of St. John. Chief Justice McKeown will be the chief speaker. The tablet is placed in the county court in fulfillment of the wish of the last of his descendants to bear his name. Jane L. Hardy, of Ithaca (N. Y.), who died last year, leaving a special bequest to defray the cost of the tablet. Her bequest to the New Brunswick Historical Society to see to the carrying out of her wishes, and they decided on the court house as the most appropriate place to erect the memorial. Mr. Hardy resided Northumberland county in the first provincial assembly, and in the second house was one of the representatives of St. John city and county. He was born in London and practiced law in England and in New York previous to his coming to St. John in 1784. He held the office of common clerk from 1790 till 1798, when he died. His remains are interred in the Old Burying Ground, Sydney street.

G. W. V. A. MEETING.

A regular meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association was held last evening in their rooms, Wellington Row, with Joseph P. Dryden in the chair in the absence of the president, Major Gordon Johnston. C. F. Bishop, who acted as secretary of the G. W. V. A. St. Andrew's Rink, submitted a financial report stating that about \$300 was the net proceeds. The benevolent committee reported itself in a flourishing condition. There are six members of the organization on the sick list. They are being visited by members of the committee and generally looked after. It is understood that about \$800 was taken at the meeting, and the association did not see its way clear to make them known at present.

IBSEN PLAY AT THE IMPERIAL THEATRE

Elsie Ferguson in Difficult Role Which Tests Her Ability to Its Fullest, Holds Audience Spellbound

Portraying one of the most arduous roles in her screen career, Miss Elsie Ferguson is now appearing at the Imperial in "A Doll's House," a picturization of the famous play by Henrik Ibsen, the distinguished Norwegian dramatist, whose remarkable plays have held the stage for more than thirty years. In this notable picturization of "A Doll's House," directed by Maurice Tourneur, Miss Ferguson appears as a doll wife, who, when her husband falls seriously ill, forges her father's name to a note in order to provide funds so that her husband may undertake a long journey for the preservation of his health. Like Ibsen's ghosts, the evidence of her criminality rises to torment her years later, and it brings about a separation between her husband and herself. During her troubles she has learned to gauge her husband's shallow soul and her doll-like nature is transformed thereby. The role is an exceedingly difficult one and tests Miss Ferguson's dramatic skill to the fullest. The play is one of dramatic interest and great heart appeal. Miss Ferguson is capably supported among whom are several children whose notable performances in this superb play yesterday were spellbound by his strength of story and dramatic sequence, and with appropriate musical setting, not failing to mention a well-executed tarantella "use" by the Imperial's pianist, tarantella "use" by the Imperial's pianist. The drama was actually re-lived on the screen. After all it is a story capably enacted that counts. The male lead role—that of the loving but conscientious husband—was remarkably played by H. E. Herbert, a new screen star to St. John and O. K. Shannon as Krogstad was also splendid. The child players, five of them, were evidently selected for their excellent Norwegian types and precociousness.

"A Doll's House," which is an extraordinary production in every way, will be repeated today at the matinee and at night. There will be only one showing in the afternoon, as the Edison recital and big drive and the capture of Chateau Thierry.

Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, in a telegram to Secretary Smith, denied he did not see any immediate hopes of getting better. I went back to live with my mother in Galt. I thought perhaps the change of air might do me good. My mother saw that I was in a bad state, because my nerves were affected, and every-where I went I used to take dizzy and fainting spells. My hands and limbs would become numb. I would see black specks before my eyes, and cold perspiration would come out on me. My mother had been taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food with excellent results, and she advised me to do the same. But it is hard for me to take pills, so I went to a doctor in Galt instead. However, the treatment did me no good, so I at last decided to follow mother's advice. I began taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and gradually found myself getting better. I soon was able to sleep at night without any difficulty, my appetite came back, and I began to gain back my natural color. After taking about twelve boxes of this medicine, I was able to return to my work in Toronto. My friends there all noticed the improvement in my condition, and I am now stronger and healthier than I have been for a long time.

THE LATEST METHOD

of grafting skin over a severe burn, or scald is by the Zam-Buk process. Zam-Buk contains herbal ingredients that literally grow new skin. How much safer, simpler and cheaper than the old method, which was by surgery! Mrs. George Currie, of 194 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, Ont., writes: "My baby sustained a very severe burn, and although he received medical attention for eight weeks, he got very little better. Finally the doctor told me that skin would have to be grafted." "Meanwhile I had heard of Zam-Buk and decided to try it first. This soothing balm soon drew out the inflammation, and in a short time I could notice a great improvement. New skin began to form, and in three weeks' time the burn was quite healed over, without having to resort to surgery." "Zam-Buk is equally good for cuts and bruises, as well as for eczema, old sores, blood-poisoning and piles. All dealers or Zam-Buk Co., Toronto. 50c. box, 2 for \$1.25.

Zam-Buk

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If you want to keep your hair looking its best, be careful what you wash it with. Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else, that contains too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it. The best thing for steady use is just ordinary modified coconut oil (which is pure and gentle), and is better than anything else you can use. One or two teaspoonfuls will clean the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub in. It makes an abundance of rich creamy lather, which rinses out easily removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is left the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get modified coconut oil at any pharmacy, it's very cheap, and a few ounces will supply every member of the family for months.

WILL FURNISH GAS

Although it is understood that the matter of the refusal of the Fredericton Gas Company to extend their gas mains to the old government house in Fredericton where invalided soldiers are now quartered will be taken up at the meeting of the public utilities commission tomorrow it is learned that the matter is being settled and that the company under certain conditions, will comply with the request made by the hospital.



BELLEVILLE Mrs. A. Lott, 48 Orlor street, Belleville, Ont., writes: "About nine years ago I was a nervous wreck—so bad that my arms and shoulders had to be bandaged, and sometimes my friends had difficulty keeping me in bed. One time I went to the hospital to see my sister, and while there became so nervous that my arms and feet had to be bandaged and I had to be brought home. Through reading of it in the Receipt Book, I was induced to use Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and after taking several boxes I began to recover and get stronger, and now feel perfectly well. I am very pleased to recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to all my friends."

PETERBORO' Mrs. C. French, 104 Lansdowne street, Peterboro', Ont., writes: "I was troubled with nervousness, headaches and indigestion. For many years I was troubled with a twitching and restless feeling about my limbs after retiring, causing me much loss of sleep. If I wakened up out of my first sleep, even had I been asleep for only five minutes, I would lie awake for hours and could not get to sleep again. Any sudden noise or a door slamming would set my nerves going, and I would fear that something dreadful was going to happen. I had tried different remedies for this trouble, but without success. A friend asked me one day why I did not try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, so I thought I could at least give it a trial. I secured some and commenced using them, and found they benefited me so much that I have taken fully a dozen boxes. My nervousness or fidgety feeling in the limbs is entirely cured, I can now eat and sleep well. I can recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food strongly, and would advise anyone suffering from nervous trouble of any kind to use them according to directions."

BRANTFORD Mrs. A. North, Grand street north, Brantford, Ont., writes: "Both my husband and I can speak very highly of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, having used it with splendid results. My husband suffered from weakness and a rundown system, and became so bad he finally had to give up work. He also had spells of melancholia. He commenced using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and the treatment of this medicine I never saw such a change in anybody. He is now able to attend to his work, and is enjoying splendid health. "Before I started taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I was troubled

How the Good Word is Passed Along

It is over the teacup that women exchange confidences. Not infrequently "Health" is the subject, and this often leads to the discussion of the merits of Dr. Chase's medicines, and more particularly his Nerve Food. The doctor had a fine appreciation of the needs of the feminine system, and had this in mind when developing this great restorative treatment for the nerves. More blood—and always more blood—is required in order to make up the periodic loss and to supply the nourishment required to sustain the delicate and complicated nervous system. Because no treatment ever seemed to meet this need so nicely as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, this food cure has attained wide popularity and enormous sales. There is sure to come times in every woman's life when such restorative, blood-building treatment is required. It is a blessing to know just where to turn for help. Ask your friends about Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and then give it a chance to build you up with new energy and vitality.

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LONDON

Mrs. S. Meathrel, 23 Hyla street, London, Ont., writes: "I was very ill with anæmia, could not sleep at night, and my appetite seemed entirely gone. I suffered in this way for nearly three years, and had treatment from two doctors in Toronto, where I was living at the time, but did not get any relief. I was completely run down, and as I did not see any immediate hopes of getting better, I went back to live with my mother in Galt. I thought perhaps the change of air might do me good. My mother saw that I was in a bad state, because my nerves were affected, and every-where I went I used to take dizzy and fainting spells. My hands and limbs would become numb. I would see black specks before my eyes, and cold perspiration would come out on me. My mother had been taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food with excellent results, and she advised me to do the same. But it is hard for me to take pills, so I went to a doctor in Galt instead. However, the treatment did me no good, so I at last decided to follow mother's advice. I began taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and gradually found myself getting better. I soon was able to sleep at night without any difficulty, my appetite came back, and I began to gain back my natural color. After taking about twelve boxes of this medicine, I was able to return to my work in Toronto. My friends there all noticed the improvement in my condition, and I am now stronger and healthier than I have been for a long time."

WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Lydia MacKay, 285 Hunter street, Woodstock, Ont., writes: "I suffered from a weak and rundown condition of the system. I also had spells of melancholia. My friends recommended Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and I took a good treatment of this medicine, and the results were most satisfactory. I feel much stronger now, have got rid of the headaches, and am able to do my own work without any difficulty. I have recommended the Nerve Food to many of my friends, and would recommend it to anyone suffering from nervousness of any kind."

GALT, ONT.

Miss Alice Howes, 21 Haddington street, Galt, Ont., writes: "I was very ill with anæmia, could not sleep at night, and my appetite seemed entirely gone. I suffered in this way for nearly three years, and had treatment from two doctors in Toronto, where I was living at the time, but did not get any relief. I was completely run down, and as I did not see any immediate hopes of getting better, I went back to live with my mother in Galt. I thought perhaps the change of air might do me good. My mother saw that I was in a bad state, because my nerves were affected, and every-where I went I used to take dizzy and fainting spells. My hands and limbs would become numb. I would see black specks before my eyes, and cold perspiration would come out on me. My mother had been taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food with excellent results, and she advised me to do the same. But it is hard for me to take pills, so I went to a doctor in Galt instead. However, the treatment did me no good, so I at last decided to follow mother's advice. I began taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and gradually found myself getting better. I soon was able to sleep at night without any difficulty, my appetite came back, and I began to gain back my natural color. After taking about twelve boxes of this medicine, I was able to return to my work in Toronto. My friends there all noticed the improvement in my condition, and I am now stronger and healthier than I have been for a long time."