

ITALIAN DECLARATION EXPECTED SOMETIME TODAY LONDON WILL HEARTILY WELCOME THE 34th BATTALION

LONDONERS AND W. ONTARIO BOYS SAVED THE ALLIES AT YPRES

Letter From Lieut.-Col. E. W. B. Morrison Says Their Holding Steadfast When French Forced Back Held Long Undeclared Gap.

WORK WAS MAGNIFICENT

Infantry Went Forward Game as Wildcats—4th Battalion, Under Lt.-Col. Becher of London, Is Given High Praise.

London and Western Ontario should take great glory to itself for the saving of the battle of Langemark to the Allies after the deadly gas fumes of German bombs had forced the brave French soldiers to give before the enemy.

The first detailed account of the work of the Canadian artillery in the battle of Langemark has arrived in the form of a letter from Lieut.-Col. E. W. B. Morrison, formerly director of artillery at the militia department, and now commander of the 1st Artillery Brigade. The letter is dated May 1, when the artillery had been in continuous action for ten days, and coming from the post of a former well-known newspaperman (for Col. Morrison was at one time editor-in-chief of the Ottawa Citizen) is one of the best "eyewitness" reports of the fighting which has been received.

The feature of the narrative is the information that half of the 1st Infantry Brigade, of which the 1st Battalion was part under Gen. Mercer, of Toronto, and one battery under Lt. Morrison, were all that filled a mile and half gap. They kept this position and made possible an allied stand, which eventually resulted in the line holding steadfast and in the German onslaught being repulsed.

The letter follows:
"I am writing in the trenches under a heavy shell fire, but we are not being ourselves this morning, and I thought it might be interesting to put on record the experiences and service of the little old 1st Brigade in this terrible battle, which has now lasted about ten days and nights, as nearly as we can keep track of time."

"You know how I have always predicted that when 'Der Tag' came our gunners would show the world some fighting that none but the British could equal. You all used to laugh at me, but my expectations have been fulfilled."

"But to return to my own brigade. When the French were routed on that Thursday afternoon northeast of Ypres, I think it was April 8—two were going forward. The 1st Brigade went to the trenches before Ypres. Two half batteries under Lieut.-Col. MacLaren, of Ottawa, were already in the trenches with the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Brigades near St. Julien. I was on the road with a battery and the ammunition column two miles from Ypres, and the 1st and 4th Batteries, under Major Blanton and Major Sherman, were at Poperinghe, preparing to come up."

"As I approached Ypres tremendously firing could be heard about two miles to our half left, and it seemed to be coming nearer, preceded by a great cloud of dust and smoke. It was about 5:30 in the afternoon. I halted my column and rode ahead to reconnoitre. I had not gone half a mile when I saw broken troops streaming across country ahead of the dust cloud, mounted and on foot."

"Then came ammunition wagons without artillery, horses with men, and then no guns behind them, baggage wagons, infantry in broken groups and singly, all heading to Quebec Poperinghe."

"I rode back and selected positions for my guns beside the road and waited, expecting every minute to see the Germans following the shells that were following the retreating French and beginning to flash near by, then came the saddest sight of all, the miserable inhabitants of Ypres, chiefly women and children and very old men, streaming along the road, many (Continued on Page Three.)

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night. Highest, 64; lowest, 38. The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 38.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Forecast: Tomorrow May 20—8 a.m. Forecast: Today—Moderate to fresh easterly winds; fair today.

Friday—Southeasterly winds; some showers, but very little rain. Temperatures: The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations:	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	36	Clear
Calgary	54	36	Clear
Winnipeg	54	36	Clear
Port Arthur	54	36	Clear
Parry Sound	54	36	Clear
Toronto	54	36	Cloudy
Ottawa	54	36	Cloudy
Montreal	54	36	Clear
Quebec	54	36	Clear
Thunder Bay	54	36	Clear

The area of high pressure is now centered north of St. Lawrence Valley, and the Texas low area is moving slowly northward, with diminishing energy toward the Great Lakes. The weather is fine throughout the Dominion, with a tendency towards higher temperature in Ontario and the Western Provinces.

NOW COMMANDS 18TH BATTALION

MAJOR MILLIGAN

IS COMMANDER

18TH BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. Wigle Promoted—

Made Staff Officer of British Army in England.

18TH MEN AT THE FRONT

Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, who left

London as commanding officer of the

18th Battalion, has been promoted

to staff officer, attached to the British

army in England, while Major

H. L. Milligan, of the 18th, has taken

over the command of the 18th Battalion

in England today. The writer is an

18th Battalion man.

The letter also tells of the return

to England of many wounded from

the 18th Battalion, which left Nova

Scotia about the same time as the

18th Battalion, which had been

at the front for about ten days, and

a detachment of men was being

chosen from the ranks of the 18th

camp at Hylton, when the letter

was written. These are presumably

at the front by this time, and the

men of the 18th second contingent

have probably by now received their

hospitals of care.

His Wrong Quarry.

"A German war plane passed over

our camp a few days ago, followed

by two French planes," the writer

states. "The forts and the guns of

the battery opened fire, and in trying

to bring down the German, he came

down about two miles away. Yesterday

he continued, "another German

plane flew over us. We can hear the

drill and bayonet fighting instructor.

He is a fine fellow, and went to the

front with his regiment of 1,150 men,

of whom only 70 survive," Sergt.

Dixon writes.

Girls Like Canadians.

The writer has visited Folkestone,

only about three miles distant, the

city, he says, of about 8,000. "What

amused me was that the Canadian

boys—nearly all of them had for

company a young lady. It looked

strange to me. They look twice

and three and four times at the

Canucks," he says.

The boys have spruced up in

their appearance and dress, but no

so with the British soldiers. They

are careless. We keep our buttons

and badges and uniforms all polished

up; our tan shoes are attractive

here. The British boys wear black

shoes—about two sizes too large for

them. Our uniforms, too, fit much

better and look better. Just the

day before we left London we were

all served with new uniforms, shoes,

caps, puttees, etc., so the boys have

two outfits now."

TOKIO SHIPPING GOLD.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, May 20.—Announcement

of the engagement of \$1,000,000 gold

to Tokyo, for shipment to this country

tomorrow, was made today. This

total of \$1,000,000 gold taken from the

Orient since January 1.

"Self-respect requires that we should

be prepared to protect that which we

cherish, which not only includes our

material possessions but that intangible

something which makes us a distinct

and active nation in the eyes of the

world."

GOV. SIMCOE THOUGHT THAMES FORKS FINE PLACE FOR CANADA'S CAPITAL; CITY IGNORES RIVER

Mr. Len. G. Westland Makes Fine Plea For Fine Old Stream.

BANKS ARE SCARIFIED AND WATERS POLLUTED

Writer Recalls Trip He Made in Home-Made Boat To Windsor.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I was indeed glad to see your editorial about the condition of the river, on account of the sewage being emptied into it. Our river is worthy of every effort and care to keep it pure and maintain its natural beauty.

I do not think the citizens of London have ever appreciated the river as they should, nor considered it as an asset to the city. To me it ever appeals from an historic, sporting, sanitary and more important than either, an artistic point of view.

The Governor's Vision.

In 1792 Governor Simcoe decided that London was to be right where it is because of the many advantages presented to him by the river from a utilitarian point of view, also the high point of land embraced by the two arms of mother Thames, on which the main part of our city is built, appealed to him by the beauty and charm of its situation. And when he chose this site it was with the intention of making the city the "capital" of all Canada, and back and forward over the waters which flowed from the junction of the two branches he saw great possibilities for transporting the trade which would be sure to come between his capital and the other cities along the Great Lakes.

Things have not turned out just the way he expected, but some day we may see this watercourse used as he foresaw. In any case the beauty of the Thames remains, as I, who have travelled its course almost from its source to its mouth, can vouch.

An Historic Voyage.

It is more years ago than I care to think that I embarked in a twelve-foot rowing, homemade boat beside the old sulphur bathhouse and after days and days of very pleasant hardships landed at the docks in Windsor. A never-to-be-forgotten journey over cool depths, through rushing waters, beside grassy banks, behind which I went were many tree-dotted landscapes and high hills from which Indians waved frantic good wishes. All this, mixed with sunburned hands and face, heavy portages around mill dams and timber booms, jaunts into the villages for bread and cheese, falling to sleep under the upturned boat to the incessant calling of the whippoorwill, lingers in one's memory as a very pleasant experience along the beautiful river.

Is It Shiftless?

My complaint is that the citizens of London, who benefit by it, not only do not appreciate the river, but as it passes their doors carry its banks and pollute its pure waters, and I trust your timely editorial will call forth letters from other lovers of nature and that a new policy will be inaugurated in reference to our treatment of the river and its banks throughout the city, also that citizens may be induced to frequent its pleasant places for their own pleasure and lasting good.

LEN. G. WESTLAND.

London, May 19, 1915.

INQUIRY BEGINTO SINKING OF FALABA

Shame and Disgrace To Those Responsible For Torpedoing, Says Solicitor-General—Crew Sneered As People Struggling in Water.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 20.—Lord Mersey, president of the board of marine arbitration, opened in London today an inquiry into the sinking of the British steamer Falaba by a German submarine off St. George's Channel, March 23. On this occasion over 100 persons lost their lives.

Solicitor-General Buckmaster, opening the case for the board of trade, outlined the story of the loss of the Falaba, as already published, and continuing:

"Shame and Disgrace. A defenceless, unarmed, unoffending

SHORT MAIL AMID RAIN OF BULLETS

In Recent Engagement German Shells Shattered Billets.

Their billets blown away by German shells, members of the Postal Corps are now writing letters from the front in an open field with bullets and shrapnel whistling over their heads, according to a letter received by a relative of Sergt. "It was in one of the recent engagements," writes Sergt. Taggie, "that German shells completely shattered our billets, despite the fact that we are eight miles from the firing line."

"Many of the corps had narrow escapes, but all came out safely, and until we find new billets, the mail is being sorted and arranged by us in an unsheltered field."

HANGED HIMSELF BEFORE CONVICTION

German Spy Commits Suicide in His Cell At Brixton, England.

LEAVES HIS CONFESSION

Says He Had Fair Trial, But Could Not Face the Scaffold.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 20.—10:14 a.m.—Anton Kuiperle, who claimed to be an American citizen, and who has been on trial charged with giving military information to the enemies of Great Britain, committed suicide last night in Brixton Prison. He is reported to have hanged himself.

He was hanging clear of the floor. Warden Cook cut the scarf and summoned the prison doctor. The man's body was still warm, but he could not be revived.

Was Watched.
When court opened this morning for the resumption of the trial of Kuiperle, the attorney-general, Lord Reading, announced the death of the prisoner on the gallows.

"Since the rise of this court last night," the attorney-general said, "this man Kuiperle has committed suicide in his cell. He was in a special observation cell under practically continuous observation, but during one of the short intervals he seized the opportunity of taking his own life."

Used Silk Scarf.

Chief Warden Cook, who is in charge of the prison, has testified that last night the prisoner, a war prisoner, named Perry, came to him and said: "I cannot see the prisoner." Warden Cook immediately arose and opening the door, he saw the prisoner hanging by the neck from a ventilator in a corner behind the door. He had used a silk scarf to commit suicide.

Warden Cook produced the scarf on which the prisoner had written his message. His communication followed: "To Whom It May Concern: My name is Kuiperle, and I was born in Rastatt, in Baden. I am a soldier, with a rank I do not desire to mention. (Continued on Page Three.)

CAMERONIA IN BRITAIN WITH CANADIAN TROOPS

Steamer Arrives Safely After Passage of Eight Days.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, May 20.—The militia department announced today that the steamship Cameronia has arrived safely in England carrying the 24th Battalion, of Montreal, and other Canadian troops. She sailed on the 11th and arrived in England yesterday.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 20.—The troopship Cameronian had on board Col. Landry, of Quebec, with his headquarters staff; Col. Gunn and the 24th Regiment; the Bermuda Rifles, numbering about 200, and Major Arnold, with a 150 remount men. There is also a party of civilian doctors, who are responding to a call for medical men sent out by the British Government.

Major William Sheppard, officer commanding the 7th Regiment, was equally enthusiastic over the welcome idea, when it was suggested to him by The Advertiser.

"This is what the city ought to do," he said. "I don't know why, but the city seems cold to the soldiers, and I think that we ought to do everything in our power to change this attitude and let the soldiers know they are welcomed here. It is, of course, too late to do anything now, but many of the officers being present."

Major F. W. Farncombe, officer commanding the 7th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, made a similar statement.

CENTENARIAN KILLED

WHILE WALKING TRACK

Halifax, N. S., May 20.—Wesley Bent, 100 years old, was killed by a Dominion Atlantic train at Port William yesterday. Mr. Bent was walking on the track when he was struck.

When the first sections of the 34th Battalion arrived in London, via C. P. R. special train at 4:30 this afternoon, they will be officially welcomed to the city in which they will remain until leaving for the front.

Last night Guelph, although less than 100 miles from the front, gave them a great send-off, and London is determined to give them an equally good welcome in order that they may know that this city is just as hospitable as the one they have left.

Mayor H. A. Stevenson has the program for welcoming the latest additions to London's military camp in hand. This morning he notified every member of the council and board of control to be present at the Quebec street station of the C. P. R., and has made arrangements for officers of the local garrison as well as the board of trade to be present.

D. O. C. Sanctions Reception.

At noon today the mayor saw Col. Shannon, D. O. C., and secured the latter's permission for the official reception. The colonel also promised to co-operate with the city, and gave the plan his official sanction.

While the notice was short and arrangements have been perforce hurried, it is confidently believed that London will be able to show the officers and men of the incoming battalion that the city is proud to have them here.

The mayor getting in touch with the various members of the council and board of control, while Secretary Gordon Philip and President T. W. McFarland, of the board of trade, were equally busy recruiting the members of the board welcoming committee.

All Promise To Be Present.

That the idea of a welcome appealed to all approached was more than apparent. Every member of the council promised that if at all possible they would be present, and the local militia officers were equally eager to do their share. Major Spittal, of the 7th Regiment; Lieut.-Col. H. R. Abbott, of the 1st Hussars; Major F. W. Farncombe, of the 7th Field Company, Canadian Engineers; Capt. Arthur Keene, of the 16th Army Service Corps, and other local unit commanders were all notified, by order of the mayor, of what was planned, and it is believed that there will be a representative showing of the local militia officers present when the specials steam in.

First Special At 4:30.

There was some doubt as to the exact time the 34th would arrive, and it was only at noon that it was officially learned that the first special train would be in at 4:30 and the second one ten minutes later. This doubt naturally handicapped the arrangements to some extent, but the universal enthusiasm displayed by all concerned will, it is believed, be more than sufficient to make up for it.

According to the information now available, the specials left Galt, where the battalion paraded this morning, at 2:30 and are expected to make the run to London in two hours.

Enthusiastically Received.

When The Advertiser called T. W. McFarland, president of the board of trade, and made the suggestion of a union welcoming committee, it was enthusiastically received.

"A splendid idea, you can count on the board doing all that it can in this connection," declared President McFarland.

Later Mr. McFarland announced that the council of the board of trade, and as many members as possible would be present to assist in welcoming the 34th. He also announced that the public utilities commission would hurry its meeting this afternoon and as many members of that board as possible would also attend the welcome.

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