

## HEAVY FIGHTING TO WREST WOODS FROM HANDS OF GERMANS

Foe Desperately Defending  
Third Line From British

TOP OF RIDGE AT STAKE

Germans Bring Troops From  
Verdun in Attempt to  
Stem Advance.

[Canadian Press Cable.]  
London, July 22.—12:38 a.m.—Some idea of the huge forces now engaged in the battle on the Somme in Northern France is given in the official statement from Berlin tonight, in which it is stated that more than two hundred thousand French and British troops attacked the German lines north and south of the Somme Thursday, on a front of twenty-seven miles. Today's news from the battlefield, which has been contested bitterly since July 1, shows no great change in the relative positions of the Franco-British and German forces.

British Move Forward.  
The British have again pressed forward to the German third line in the Fourneau wood, northeast of Longueval. This wood is an important strategic point, the capture of which would bring the forces of Gen. Haig to the highest point on the ridge commanding the German positions in the less hilly country beyond, which is not so much broken up and not wooded, lending itself not so well to defence. This probably explains the desperate attempts of the Germans to hold the wood, where the heavy fighting continues.

Bringing Men From Verdun.  
The Associated Press correspondent at the front states the Germans are bringing masses of troops from Verdun and guns from other points in an endeavor to stem the Allied advance. Meantime, the indications are that the Allies are testing the strength of the German line at other points. The trench raid by Australian troops in the neighborhood of Arras attracted much interest in this connection.

Germans Driven Back.  
The Germans in an attack on the British on the northern edge of the Leisepic salient, succeeded Friday in occupying British front trenches. The enemy was driven out, according to the British official communication issued at midnight. Elsewhere along the British front comparative calm prevailed.

The statement says:  
"Except for local encounters there has been a comparative lull in the main battle area (Friday), and there has been no change in the situation since the last report."  
"The enemy's military operations on the north edge of our positions in the Leisepic salient, and succeeded at one point in entering our front trenches but at once was driven out."

Flying Men in Action.  
"Taking advantage of the fine weather the Royal Flying Corps yesterday continued their bombardment of enemy positions with great success. The enemy aircraft were inactive until evening, when a good deal of fighting took place between the German lines. One of our offensive patrols encountered eleven German machines and, as a result three German machines were shot down, one bursting into flames."

"Another encounter between four of our machines and six of the enemy lasted 45 minutes. One of our machines was shot down and another badly damaged. The remainder fled."  
"During other air combats a fifth German machine was forced to the ground. One of our machines was shot down and another badly damaged. The remainder fled."

It has been established that the enemy's assault on July 18 on the Deville wood area over a front of 2,000 yards, was made by at least three battalions, drawn from four different divisions. The enemy's losses were correspondingly great."

## CANADIAN CAVALRY WAS IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Fort Garry Horse First Through the German Line.

LONDON, July 21.—Gen. Seely has received a letter from the general officer commanding the cavalry brigade, which carried through the operations on the 14th of July, when the British cavalry got to work as cavalry for the first time since Mons. The Fort Garry Horse had the honor of supplying the advance guard for both brigades. The whole regiment came into action for the first time, although they had been up to the line before, but were not used.

They were fortunate to get off lightly, losing only five men wounded and eleven horses. The troops of each side, though, suffered severely. The Fort Garry were the first cavalry through the line.

## JOHN PERRATT OF DORCHESTER KILLED

DORCHESTER, July 21.—Miss Perratt of this district has received word that her brother John was killed in action on June 14. John Perratt lived for a number of years in the vicinity of Dorchester, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He went to the front with one of the first Canadian contingents.

## BODIES OF TORONTO WOMEN YET LYING IN ST. CLAIR RIVER

Dragging for Two Drowned  
Continues.

TUNNEL AGAIN CLEARED

Trains Start Running at 5  
o'Clock on Friday  
Morning.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
SARNIA, July 21.—The work of dragging for the bodies of Mrs. Edgar Fletcher and Miss Ellis, both of Toronto, the two young women who were drowned yesterday morning while bathing in the River St. Clair at Corunna, still continues, under the direction of Officer William Stringer of the provincial police force. Yesterday the work of hunting for the bodies was interrupted by the heavy thunderstorm and the workers decided to quit until today.

This morning better grappling devices were secured and work was resumed.

## FOUR DISTRICT MEN KILLED IN ACTION

Young Sarnian Reported Slain  
at Ypres Is in Hospital.

KILLED IN ACTION.  
GEORGETOWN.  
Pte. Harry H. McKeay.  
EMERO.  
Pte. David McKay.  
MITCHELL.  
Sgt. Wm. F. Thwaites.  
DORCHESTER.  
John Perratt.

DIED OF WOUNDS.  
STAFFORD.  
Pte. Frank Davis.  
MISSING.  
STAFFORD.  
Pte. Jas. H. Schmidt.

PRISONER OF WAR.  
SPRINGBANK.  
Pte. Percy Sherman, (at Dulan).  
Pte. Wm. Sherman, (at Dulan).  
SARNIA.  
Pte. Denshaw.

WOUNDED.  
LONDON.  
Pte. Victor A. Swartz, (London Asylum).  
COMBER.  
Pte. Bertram C. Smith.  
THORFORD.  
Pte. Roy H. Green.  
NORWICH.  
Pte. Fred L. Croxford.  
BOTHWELL.  
Corporal G. Miller.

GUERLPH.  
Pte. Leonard McEwen, (third time).  
SARNIA.  
Pte. John Foster, (in hospital; was reported killed at Ypres last year).  
Pte. Roy Murphy.  
Lance-Corp. F. James.

WOMAN GOES FREE  
Charge of Poisoning Laid Against Mrs. Warren Falls.

[Canadian Press.]  
ANNAPOLIS, N.S., July 21.—Mrs. Anne Warren, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of poisoning Mrs. Amos Taylor, was set at liberty today at the preliminary hearing by Mrs. Justice Vroom, at Clementsport. Pte. Finn of Halifax, who had held a post-mortem examination after the body of Mrs. Taylor had been exhumed, testified that owing to the state of decomposition he was unable to find any trace of poisoning. The accused woman had lived with the deceased.

LIGHTNING HITS HOUSE  
AND DOES SOME DAMAGE

ALISA CRAIG, July 21.—John Twiddle's house at Wests Corner, McGillivray, was struck by lightning on Wednesday, and considerable damage done, but luckily no one was injured.

Austin Matthews of Sarnia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Matthews of this town and an old Alisa Craig baseball "star," has joined the Tigers of the Sarnia League.

## A British Heavy Gun in Action on West Front



Advertiser Illustration.

## A GRIPPING BOOK

Boyd Cable's "Action Front" a Fitting Sequel to "Between the Lines."

BOYD CABLE, author of the remarkable book, "Between the Lines," in which a vivid picture is drawn of life and action right on the firing line, has made still another and, perhaps, even more striking contribution to the notable war literature of the year.

"Action Front," which is the suggestive title given to his new book, reveals all the virility, the keenness of insight and the exceptional descriptive power of the earlier effort. It reveals still something more, a broader grasp of the situation, a more intimate knowledge. The war correspondent's viewpoint, the viewpoint of the literary artist, making graphic sketches for the public, is replaced by that of the soldier in "Action Front." There is such a thing as grim necessity, which is all a part of the day's work on the battle front. So wholly has it become recognized by Boyd Cable, so much has it become a part of his experience, that it steps forth, frankly, fearlessly, perhaps even a bit savagely in "Action Front."

The author in his work has taken dry bones, clothed them with flesh and blood and made them live, move and have a being. He has, in other words, used as his text short extracts from official dispatches, which, having passed through the mill of the censor, are about as juicy as evaporated apples. He has shown the unfaltering heroism, the indomitable spirit, the faithfulness to duty, the pathos and the unquenched humor which are hidden beneath the brief official messages.

An official message has been given out as follows: "A violent counter-attack was delivered, but was successfully repulsed at every point, with heavy losses to the enemy."  
Boyd Cable says: "And so it was that our New Armies had a little glimpse of what the old 'Contemptible Little Army' has seen and faced so often, the huge, grey bulk looming through the drifting smoke, the packed mass of the old German infantry attack. . . . The guns took their toll, and where death above missed, death from the level came in an unbroken torrent of bullets sleeting across the open from rifles and machine guns. On our trenches shells were still bursting, maxims and rifle bullets were still pelting from somewhere in half-enfilade at long range. But our men had no time to pay heed to these. They hitched themselves well up on the parapet to get the fuller view of the mark; they officers for the most part had no need to bother about directing or controlling the fire—what need, indeed, to direct with such a target bulking big before the sights? . . . At these times the fire died away along a part of our front, and the men paused to gulp a drink from a water-bottle, to look round and tilt their caps back and wipe the sweat from their brows, to gaily joust remarks to one another about 'gettin' a bit of our own back,' and 'this pays for the ninth of May,' and then listen to the full deep roar of rifle-fire that rolled out from the further line, and tried to peer through the shifting smoke to see how 'the lot next door were firing.' . . . A scattered remnant of the attackers ran back, some

whole and some hurt, thousands crawled away wounded to reach the safe shelter of their support trenches, some to be struck down by shells that still kept pounding upon the death-swept fields. The counter-attack was smashed—hopelessly and horribly smashed."

Titles of some of the chapters, for example, "In Enemy Hands" (by the way, Macalister made a good escape and took his captor back with him), "The Fear of Fear," "A Night Patrol" and "A General Action," give some idea of the contents.

A characteristically gripping bit is the story of Pte. Wally Rutledge, who was knocked out by bursting shells. "It's all right, my lad," the doctor said, soothingly, "I'm not going to hurt you."

The clown cleared for an instant and the eloquent eyes appeared to smile, as, indeed, the lad might have smiled at the thought that anyone could "hurt" such a bundle of pain.

Wally had something on his mind. He was conscious, though he couldn't speak. Was it pain? A girl? A comrade? At last the nursing sister solved the problem. Did we take the trench?

The signaler, being a very unimaginative man, might have told the blunt truth, that the regiment had been cut to pieces. He caught just in time the appeal of the sister. He lied promptly and cheerfully. "Yes," he said, "we took it." "I think," she said quietly, "that's all that Wally wants to know. Isn't it, Wally?" The lids lifted slowly, and the sister could have cried at the glory and satisfaction that shone in them. . . . Wally died an hour afterwards.

"Action Front" is a book which every Canadian citizen should read, telling as it does the story of what the men at the front are undergoing for the peace and comfort of the people who have stayed at home, for the honor and liberty of the Empire, and for the cause of righteousness and liberty. It is a book which should be in the hands of every young man who is letting the other fellow do the fighting for him. If "Action Front" can't muster recruits, then the spirit of humanity and patriotism is very dead.

## ENGLAND'S WOMEN POLICE RAPIDLY MAKING GOOD

[Canadian Press.]  
London, July 22.—Women police are making good, according to the chief officer of the women's police force. They are employed in munition factories very largely to search the incoming and outgoing women workers for contraband, keep order in trains, to inspect passports and to patrol the lanes and yards. They get \$10 weekly with railway fares; sergeants receive \$11, and inspectors \$12. The chief officer says school teachers are particularly wanted for the force, as their training fits them admirably for police duties which require good temper, patience and tact with firmness.

The girls in the factories appear to be very fond of the women police, and the Government are asking for more to be appointed at various munition works throughout the country.

## ITALIANS TURN GUNS ON TRENTINO TOWNS

Bombard Riva, Alce and Rovereto Because of Shelling of Ala by Austrians.

ROME, July 21.—Via London.—The war office made public today the following announcement:  
"In view of the persistent shelling of Ala and other places in the Adige Valley by the heavy artillery of the enemy, our artillery yesterday bombarded Riva, Alce and Rovereto. We caused fires, and by our certain fire prevented their extension."  
"In the upper Posina small forces of the enemy made persistent attacks to prevent consolidation of our new positions, but were in all cases repulsed with heavy losses."  
"We captured further trenches on the northern slopes of Monte Mato. The enemy's artillery used asphyxiating shells against our positions at the head of the Cosetana, in the region of the upper Boite, without doing any harm."  
"On the Isonea front there were artillery engagements. There were artillery engagements. We replied by bombarding Doberto, Janiano and St. Giovanni."

## HUNS FORCED BACK TO SOUTH OF KOVEL, DEFEATED ON STYR

Double Victory Strengthens  
Russian Lines.

FLOODS HELP THE ENEMY

Austro-Germans Released for  
Action Elsewhere—Hinden-  
burg Heavily Attacked.

[Canadian Press Cable.]  
London, July 21.—The flooding of the Danube River is delaying the operations on a large section of the Russian front to the advantage of the Austro-Germans, but Russia was able to announce two successes today. Gen. Von Linsingen, commanding the Austro-German forces south of Kovel, has been obliged to retire further in the face of strong attacks by the forces under Gen. Sakharoff. The Russians also secured the crossings of the River Styria and compelled their opponents to retire from the salient of the Styria and Lupa Rivers toward Berestechko, where a battle is now going on.

By this advance Gen. Sakharoff gives greater protection to the operations of greater protection to the operations of the Russian Gen. Kaledines on the Volynsk line in the region of Brody. In the Caucasus the Russians have taken the town of Gumushenen, between Trebizond and Erzincan.

Effect of Floods.  
The floods along the Danube are of benefit to the Austro-Germans as they liberate troops with which to reinforce at least temporarily, the Kovel-Vladimir-Volynsk and Bukovina-Transylvania front, where, consequently, the Russian peris expect there will be more heavy fighting, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

The summer floods in the Danube rise frequently to a height of many feet, covering wide expanses of adjacent country and making military operations impracticable for about a month.

Cessation of Fighting.  
The recent cessation of the fighting in the Danube region on the roads from Bucovina and Kolomee, therefore, was to be expected.

A former town councillor of Vladimir-Volynsk, who escaped, says the town was depopulated except for women, children and aged persons. All able-bodied persons, he reports, were compelled to work on the defenses or were deported to Austria. The population is starving, and the cheapest black bread is sold at one rouble a pound, and there is no meat. There is much typhoid and other diseases are epidemic.

The London Times publishes the following from its correspondent on the Kovel front, dated July 13:  
"According to prisoners, the enemy's losses including prisoners, during the last ten days, have been extremely heavy. If I estimated them between 10,000 and 100,000 this would probably be no exaggeration."

Hindenburg Losing Heavily.  
NEW YORK, July 21.—A Rome dispatch says:  
"The forces of General Kuropatkin, on the Dvina, in the northern section of the German line in Russia, have smashed the German front with artillery fire lasting three days, according to dispatches here from Petrograd today. The Germans suffered what are described as 'colossal' losses."

General Kuropatkin has attacked the German defensive works with furious artillery fire for several days, and has succeeded in destroying the enemy's position to such an extent that the Russians are now ready for infantry attacks.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is directing in person the German defense.

## GERMAN REPORT ON EAST FRONT.

BERLIN, via London, July 21.—Today's war office statement says regarding the eastern theater:  
"South of Riga the enemy made only a weak attack, which was wiped in the bud. Russian attempts to cross the Dvina on both sides of Friedland were prevented. North of Deveten a small detachment reached the west bank."

"Northeast of Smoronsk our advanced pickets gave way before superior hostile attacks."  
"Army group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria: The situation is unchanged."

"Army group of Gen. Von Linsingen: After Russian attacks between Werben and Korsen had been brought to a standstill, the German front was toward Verben was withdrawn, in the face of an expected enveloping attack."

"Army group of Gen. Count Von Bothmer: Apart from small advance guard encounters, there is nothing to report."

## VIENNA DENIES HAVING SECRET PACT WITH BERLIN

[Canadian Press.]  
London, July 22.—The report that a secret treaty had been concluded between Austria-Hungary and Germany, providing for the unification of armies and conduct of foreign affairs, is emphatically denied by the Hungarian press bureau, according to the Vienna correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The bureau characterizes the report as a pure invention.

## GOLD GOING TO GERMANY

Deutschland's Delay Said To Be Due to Shipment.

BALTIMORE, July 21.—Negotiations now said to be pending between the Eastern Forwarding Company and one of the largest American banking institutions for a big consignments of gold, to be sent back to Germany on the submarine merchantman Deutschland, were given as the cause for the delay in the undersea liner's departure from Baltimore, according to an official of the submarine's American agents today.

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## MUNICIPALITIES TO PROTEST AGAINST CAMP BORDEN AT THE NEXT MEETING, SAYS T. L. CHURCH

Toronto's Mayor Says He Has Had Hundreds of  
Complaints About the "Sahara Desert"—Hopes  
for Parliamentary Investigation.

TORONTO, July 21.—Mayor Church gave out a statement today regarding Camp Borden. He says he has had hundreds of protests from parents of boys at the camp, says the units should be sent back to London, Niagara and the other original training quarters, and declares an investigation should be made into the camp from first to last. The statement says:  
"Camp Borden is a second Newmarket Canal. No modern Valcartiers were wanted in Ontario. If one-quarter of the money sunk in Camp Borden had been spent on Niagara and other district camps, better results would have been obtained. The selection of the site of the camp, and the massing of such a great army there before the place was ready, was nothing short of an outrage. They left Niagara, one of the finest military camps in the world, the natural site for over one hundred years, to go to such a 'Sahara Desert.' I am surprised at Sir Robert Borden being a party to allowing his name to be misused to perpetrate such a state of affairs on so splendid a body of civilians, who have enlisted to enter this fight against the Hun."

Hundreds of Complaints.  
"I have had hundreds of letters and complaints from the parents of those at the said camp, and on July 12 was waited on by a deputation of the men, many of whom said that the officers had been urged to stop the complaints, and 'boost' the place. Notwithstanding what the militia department and one of the officers say, the place has given recruiting the biggest black eye it has had since the war started. There should be an investigation made as to who is responsible for the whole matter."

"I do not blame the officers or headquarters for carrying out orders, Ottawa, not them, is to blame. Headquarters cannot do impossibilities. They have already done splendid work to eliminate the intolerable state of affairs. The camp is a source of great weakness in this district to the Government; it may have been a mine to real estate men, Halifax and Quebec, and other contractors, and the railways, but it has hurt recruiting more than anything else. I am surprised that our M. P.'s have stood for it or tolerated such a condition."

Wants an Investigation.  
"I hope that a thorough investigation into the Camp Borden matter from first to last will be made by Parliament. The relatives of the boys at Camp Borden can't afford to pay the cost of such an expensive trip, and their relatives might as well be in England for all they can see of them. At least I have refrained during the past month from mentioning the hundreds of complaints and protests I have received about this matter, but something should be done to stop that recruiting in not further interfered with here by such mistakes."

"The camp is solely to please the vanity of certain militia people. They will be a source of surprise because we do not understand the waste of money in these big camp features at the annual meeting of the union of Canadian municipalities. The municipalities of Canada have been loyally helping the Government since the war started, and feel the money might have been better expended on the various existing military divisions in the country."

## ARGUMENT CONCLUDED IN THE KELLY CASE

Application for Bail Awaited Decision on  
General Issue.

WINNIPEG, July 21.—Argument in the Kelly reserve case was concluded today, and judgment was reserved. An application for bail in the event of a new trial being allowed, was made on behalf of the prisoner by H. Hartley Dewart, K. C. Chief Justice Howell said he preferred to consider that question after dealing with the general issue.

At least a week, and probably a longer time, will elapse before judgment is rendered.

## WHY METHODISM DECLINES

Because People's Minds Are Preoccupied, Says Richard Moss.

[Canadian Press.]  
London, July 22.—The retiring president of the National Conference of British Methodists, the Rev. Richard Waddy Moss, discussing the reasons for the "decline of Methodism," as shown by a loss in the total membership of the church during the year, said yesterday:  
"The church's position is not due to the absence of the spirit of God, but merely to the fact that the people's minds are preoccupied. There is a great difference in the spiritual atmosphere of today as compared with the period of the late Victorian era."

At least a week, and probably a longer time, will elapse before judgment is rendered.

## Tan, Red or Freckled Skin Is Easily Shred

To free your summer-soiled skin of its mudiness, freckles, blotches or of the best thing to do is to free yourself of the skin itself. This is easily accomplished by the use of ordinary soap and water, which can be had at any drug store. Use at night as you use cold cream, washing off the entire surface of the face, neck and arms. Gradually the skin becomes smoother, without pain or inconvenience. The second layer of skin now in evidence presents a spotless, healthy appearance. It is a fact that the skin, making you look years younger.—Adv.

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