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13TH AND 14TH CANADIAN BATTALIONS COMPLETELY WIPED OUT IN FIGHT FOR ST. JULIEN

Montreal Regiments Wiped Out or Have Been Taken Prisoners

Militia Headquarters at Ottawa Manifest Great Anxiety Over Wording of Official Report, Which Makes It Appear That 13th and 14th Battalions Are No More, As Units.

By Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, May 1.—Great anxiety is manifested at militia headquarters over what is feared to have been the complete annihilation of 13th and 14th battalions at the fight for St. Julien in the battle of Ypres. These are both Montreal regiments, the former being the 5th Royal Highlanders.

The official story is that when it became evident that St. Julien exposed from right to left was no longer tenable in the face of overwhelming numerical superiority, the Third Brigade, of which the 13th and 14th are units was ordered to retreat further south, "but it was found impossible, without hazarding far larger forces, to disentangle the detachment of the Royal Highlanders of Montreal, 13th Battalion and of the Royal Montreal Regiment, 14th Battalion. The brigade was ordered and not a moment too soon to move back.

"It left these units with hearts as heavy as these with which his comrades had said farewell to Capt. McCuaig."

Then the official story goes on to say that the German line rolled over the deserted village of St. Julien, but for several hours after the enemy had become master of the village, the sullen and persistent rifle fire which survived, showed that they were not yet master of the Canadians' rear guard. If they died they died worthily of Canada.

In the view of officials at headquarters here, the 13th and 14th are no more as units. They were either wiped out or taken prisoners. These may be for the most part the thousand prisoners the Germans claim to have taken.

H. A. CONRAD KUHN DEAD AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, May 1.—H. A. Conrad Kuhn, left inside wing of the Ottawa football team, and known over the Big Four circuit as one of the cleanest players in the game, died in a local hospital today from an operation made necessary by an injury received on the gridiron last fall.

The sudden death came as a great shock to the athletic and sporting fraternity of the capital.

At the time the injury was received, it was thought to be of serious consequence, but latterly troubled the big wing back, a consultation with a New York specialist resulted in Kuhn being operated on a few days ago.

For a time he rallied and appeared to be recovering, but his death came suddenly this morning.

The Bravest of the Brave

"The case of Captain McCuaig of the Royal Montreal Regiment was not less glorious, although his death can claim no witness. This most gallant officer was seriously wounded in a hurriedly constructed trench. At a moment when it would have been possible to remove him to safety, he absolutely refused to move from the discharge of his duty. But the situation grew instantly worse, and preceptor orders were received for an immediate withdrawal. Those who were compelled to obey them were most insistent to carry with them, for whatever risk to their own mobility and safety, an officer to whom they were devotedly attached. But he, knowing it may be better than they, the exertions which still lay in front of them, and unwilling to inflict upon them the disabilities of a maimed man, very resolutely refused and asked them one thing only, that there should be given to him, as he lay alone in the trench, two loaded coil revolvers to add to his own, which lay in his right hand as he made his last request. And so, with three revolvers ready to his hand to use, a very brave officer waited to sell his life, wounded and racked with pain in an abandoned trench."

—From despatch by "Eye witness."

LOYD GEORGE CAUSES GREAT INDIGNATION

Resentment Against Proposed New Liquor Restrictions Grows in England

RUSH TO BUY SPIRITS

Retail Stores Besieged by People Getting in Supply Before Increase

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, May 1.—After a day of reflection the general resentment against the proposed new liquor restrictions grows in intensity. Lloyd George has risked his political career and faced unpopularity many times, but it is doubtful whether even he imagined that he would raise so great a storm of anger against himself. Not that one hears a single word about war necessities in all these protests. We won't pay for our whiskey, seems to be the song of Londoners, these days. The general question is still entirely ignored. Restrictions are regarded solely as a further injustice towards unfortunate beings who continue to be accused either of complicity or of millions in the war and the fate of millions of their countrymen. Meanwhile opposition is undoubted, and the force, it is beyond human nature to expect the Tories not to inwardly chuckle at the present outcome of events. So far they have had no official meeting on the point, but a meeting of the leaders will be held on Monday.

Irish infuriated.

Then the Irish are becoming more infuriated every moment, declaring that Ireland can take no part whatever in manufacturing war munitions, and despite this the chancellor is killing their greatest industry. Labor organizations are enraged, considering George's speech and unmerited slur on their members if they produce the figures they promise, providing that they are not to be overstrained rather than overworked, then their opposition undoubtedly will have a great moral effect because practically all the trades union leaders and a large percentage of their members are total abstainers.

Meanwhile rumors to the effect that the proposal with the exception of the entire prohibition in restricted areas, will be dropped entirely, grow momentarily, while in political clubs it is openly stated that the cabinet never hopelessly split on the matter.

Trade in Panic.

One of the directors of the Joan Dewar Company told The World today that George's speech has undoubtedly caused a panic in the trade, and at the present moment it is impossible to judge its effects. We have a good deal of hope that the proposals never will become law. The cabinet is undoubtedly split on the question and many people with inside knowledge believe that George, having failed to pur-

RUSSIAN FORCES TAKE TWO HILLS

Over Thousand Prisoners and Several Machine Guns Taken at Stry

ADVANCE CONTINUES

Official Statement Announces Several Successes in Western War Theatre

PETROGRAD (via London), May 1. 1:52 p.m.—The official statement issued today by the Russian war department said:

"On the left bank of the Niemen River the advance of our troops continues successfully. We captured a number of prisoners and some machine guns.

"On the Osawetz front the Germans at 9 o'clock in the evening of April 29 made two attacks on our positions at Sosna, but were repulsed with great losses. On the following day they made fresh attacks on our troops between the Rivers Plesna and Sikwa, which were also repulsed.

"Our aviators successfully dropped bombs on the enemy's batteries in the region of Drobin and Racozin (north-east Poland).

"In the district of Rawa (southwest of Warsaw), yesterday, the German artillery fire increased very considerably.

"In the Carpathians the Austrians, on the night of April 23, developed an offensive in the region of Polesin, in the direction of Uzkok Pass. They were beaten back with heavy losses.

"In the direction of Stry yesterday, we carried two hills to the south of Koszowka, and Zolowatzko. In this affair we took more than 1000 prisoners and several machine guns. Our offensive continues.

"In the direction of Wyszok (Carpathians), we successfully repulsed German attacks.

"On the other fronts there were no changes of importance."

ARRESTED FOR THEFT.

Two Shoe Clerks Alleged to Have Pocketed Cash Sales.

Edward Newman, 1021 Bathurst street, and Frank Bennett, 147 Langley avenue, were arrested by Detective Murray Saturday, charged with the theft of about \$15 from the Robert Simpson Co., where they were employed as salesmen in the shoe department.

According to the police the two clerks failed to turn in the cash they received when the customer handed them the exact amount of the sale. Murray watched them pocket the proceeds of a couple of sales Saturday morning.

His state purchase scheme for the liquor trade is now riding for a fall. Today, with a full knowledge that prices everywhere advance on Monday, Londoners are making a wild rush to buy a stock of spirits at the old prices. Early this morning some retailers in Central London were practically besieged and by midday the old stock was practically cleared everywhere.

ELECTION DATE HAS BEEN FIXED BY CABINET AS MONDAY, JUNE 28

CASUALTIES

FOURTH BATTALION.

Wounded.
Pte. Harry Riding, Chorley, Lancs, Eng.
Pte. E. Melanhan, Yorks, Eng.
Pte. Archie Main, Gourloch, Scotland.
Pte. W. H. Lahaque, Plymouth, Eng.
Pte. James White, Southampton, Eng.
Pte. Allan Ginn, Fotton, Beds, Eng.
Pte. John Hester, Govan, Scotland.
Pte. Edward Easton, Hooper, Istlington, Eng.
Pte. A. Rodger, Glasgow, Scotland.
Pte. Charles William Terrill, Plymouth, Eng.
Pte. C. T. Williams, Stonebridge, Birmingham, Eng.
Pte. Arthur Vintiler, Keppston Bedford, Beds, Eng.
Pte. Frederick Freeman, Redditch, Eng.
Pte. Arthur Fred Lockyer, Somerset, Eng.
Pte. Walter Harold Mason, Bristol, Eng.
Pte. Alfred W. Elvidine, Lincoln, Eng. (Formerly 9th Battalion).
Pte. B. James Lovies Walthall, (Formerly 9th Battalion), Aspath, North Wales.
Pte. John Gow, (Formerly 9th Battalion), Ayr, Scotland.
Pte. Robert Gray, (Formerly 9th Battalion), Edinburgh, Scotland.
Pte. George Crane, (Formerly 9th Battalion), Liverpool, Eng.
Pte. G. Rayner, (Formerly 9th Battalion), Stornaway, Scotland.
Pte. James E. Higgins, (Formerly 9th Battalion), London, Eng.
Pte. A. Watson, Old Banford, Notts, Eng.
Pte. Ernest Phipps, Ayleston, Leicester, Eng.

Pte. Edward Vincent, Truro, Cornwall, Eng.
Pte. Wilfred Millen, Sittingborne, Lincoln, Eng.
Pte. John H. Pidd, Hockington, Northumberland, Eng.
Pte. Abraham F. Walker, Ludbyhill, Northumberland, Eng.
Pte. Charles Frederick Bennett, Plymouth, Eng.

PRINCESS PATRICIAS.

Seriously Wounded.
Corporal Michael McKay (gunshot wound in head), Sutherland, Scotland.

NO. 2 FIELD AMBULANCE.

Wounded.
Pte. John Dalton, Leeds, Eng.

THIRD FIELD AMBULANCE.

Wounded.
Pte. Richard Neilson, Copenhagen, Denmark.
Pte. Axel Nelson, Stromberg, Sweden.
Pte. John Smith, Edinburgh, Scotland.
Pte. A. E. Newton, Yorkshire, Eng.
Pte. Charles Bernard Tomkins, London, S.W., Eng.
Missing.
Pte. George Richardson Carr, Newport, Pagnell, Eng.
Pte. Frederick M. S. Fox (formerly divisional supply column), Worcester-shire, Eng.

TWENTY-THIRD BATTALION.

Seriously Ill.
Pte. Lewis F. White (pneumonia), Isle of Wight.

Cabinet Decided on Saturday That Immediate Appeal to the Country is Advisable, and Many Members Already Have Left to Open Their Campaigns—Government Expects to Make Gains in Nearly Every Province.

OTTAWA, May 1.—Parliament will be dissolved next week and the announcement made of general election on June 28 with nominations one week earlier, June 21.

The dates of the general election have not been formally ratified by the cabinet, but after careful consideration of the situation it has been decided that the best interests of the country will be served by an immediate appeal to the electorate.

June 28 is the earliest possible date and this has been agreed upon by the members of the cabinet.

Many of the leading Conservatives from east and west have been in the city during the last few days, including John Stanfield the chief government whip, and most of them have left for their homes this afternoon to begin their campaigns at once.

Talking with prominent Conservatives from various parts of the country, today, The World learns that the government expects to make gains in the maritime provinces, to hold its own in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia and to make gains in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The government expects to be returned to power by a majority of between 60 and 70. The majority now is 40.

CANADA COULD AVENGE DEATH OF LONSDALE

German Prisoners Who Tried to Escape Will Be Court- martialled

OTTAWA, May 1.—General Hughes states positively that if Private Lonsdale is shot by the Germans there will be reprisals in Canada, and the victims will be the mutilous German prisoners at Kingston, Ont.

By a Staff Reporter.

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JUDGE DENTON MAKES MANY SUGGESTIONS

Lack of Discipline is Chief Fault of Fire De- partment

Drinking Not Carried on to Excess, Many Men Be- ing Abstemious

Judge Denton yesterday completed his report on the fire department investigation and handed same to the mayor. The summary of the judge's report is as follows:

There is a lack of discipline. A fire commissioner should be appointed. There should be no position of deputy chief. That many men in the brigade are total abstainers or drink only little. Charge of Negligence. Negligence is charged in connection with the Parkdale Canoe Club fire. A department doctor should be appointed. A school for training firemen should be established. Proper records should be kept. The most important recommendation is regarding the reorganization of the department. A commission with three members is suggested, or else a single commissioner, with sub-departments as follows: Fire chief to take charge of the fire fighting; district chiefs as at present; secretary having charge of administrative work; superintendent of fire alarms; superintendent of repairs and construction; superintendent of stores; department of fire prevention and inspection.

No Drinking.

The report says that it has been shown that liquor drinking is not indulged in in the fire halls, but that all the facts have not been forthcoming. Loose women have not been frequenters of the halls, as it is shown that only in one instance did this happen.

ASSAULTED GUARDS

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