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THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17.

Canadians at the Somme

Now that the Canadian troops have been moved from Flanders to the Somme, we must steel our hearts to bear our part as the brave boys at the front are bearing theirs. There may be deadly work in the next few weeks in the Somme valley. In the charges that swept away the first series of trenches of the German defences the losses, the less than the losses in the Champagne attack, are in the aggregate of the fighting six armies employed, very heavy. It is said that Belfast, a city not so large as Toronto, lost 14,000 men in casualties in the charges which so heroically penetrated to the fifth German trenches. Fourteen thousand of a casualty list for Toronto would stir us to the depths. But such figures make us the more keenly realize what a tremendous issue is being decided on the banks of the Somme. Our Canadian troops have been taken out of Flanders as veterans, tried and true, to stand in the breach with the most valiant of the empire. There is cause for stern rejoicing here, and they are unhappy who have neither part nor lot in that glorious field. These fearful days may bring some sorrow, but they will write the name of Canada in the heart of human history, and the story of the progress and the liberties of the race.

Bush Fires or Settlers?

In spite of the views published by Mr. Englehart concerning the merits of the north country as a region for settlers, and of the value of the timber there to those who can go in with a broad axe and a strong right arm, a great many people still remain unconvinced, and unfortunately a large number of those who have attempted settlement are among the unconvinced ones. We do not for a moment dispute the fact that what Mr. Englehart has stated is true of some districts, and that part of it is true of others. But it is also a fact that there is a great part of the north country to which most of the settlements would not apply. In that greater part of the north country it remains the fact, as we asserted, that the scrub timber is a liability and not an asset. The man who goes up with his axe and his ax must expect until he clears ground enough to raise a crop upon, which will support him, and he must build a house in which to live and then he must take the risk of the bush fires in summer. A correspondent not unfavorably located within reach of the National Transcontinental writes us that whatever may be the case in the jack pine country, there were no proper bush fires in the region described.

"There is too much sap and green leaf in the bush," it is asserted, "for any very large areas of green bush to burn. Nor is it one great fire. Almost every settler puts out fire in July here, the month in which we get our drive the fire into the bush as far as it will go. These fires follow the roads, the clearings and the slashes. They run thru the bush where pulpwood fire-wood and logs have been taken out, along river banks, and dry ridges, and here and there cutting a swath thru the green bush."

"The fire law allows the settler to burn at any time of the year, merely stipulating that he use due care and precaution. It might be very difficult to convict a man under that clause. But the whole truth is this. If this land is to be cleared up and burned without danger, it must be done at that time of the year, and with an amount of labor which brings the cost per acre from \$70 to \$100. Good land under cultivation with good buildings can be obtained elsewhere for that price."

This has been our whole contention. The government tacitly admits by its own laws that the scrub timber is a liability, and we believe that if it is to be removed or burned before a settler can use the land on which it stands, the government should attend to the burning of it. Our correspondent supports this view as follows:

"So it would seem that this fire horror will continue till some other settlement policy is evolved, for clearing the land safely puts it out of the reach of most of the settlers who come here. And so long as there is no guarantee of safety for the property of those who have got a little bit ahead, so long will the settlement of this country be slow. And it is very slow, in spite of the figures the government, every now and then, hands out, a large percentage of the lots are vacant, their locates having left. Whether the problem can be solved with ready-made farms, I cannot say. It will require a great deal of thought by men with brains—not politicians. And they are talking of sending our returned soldiers up here. Have they not gone thru enough already?"

There is any quantity of testimony of this kind and we can assure those in charge of the crown lands that this is not mere capricious criticism, but the result of experience, emphasized by two great tragedies in which hundreds of lives have been lost. If the north country gets a bad name it will lose all chance of settlement until the western prairies are full.

Mr. Englehart is a man of brains and we believe that he will find the root of the matter in the above statement. He ought to be able to provide a solution. One certainty is there should be no isolated settlements. Only one township should be opened at a time, and a clearing policy was adopted and townships filled up one at a time by bona-fide settlers, and the settled areas thus gradually extended, progress might be possible.

Deputations From Berlin

A deputation from Berlin waited on the Ontario Government yesterday with the hope of having the ministers carry out their promise at the closing of the last session of the legislative chamber to change the name of Berlin if the people decided to do so by vote. The conditions were fulfilled, but the ministers have contracted a bad habit of not respecting votes of the people. The annual election of school board trustees is a local instance. The present hydro dispute in which Mr. J. W. Lyon of Guelph stated some plain facts is another. The people of Berlin carried out the conditions of the stipulations by the government, but the government dabbles and delays, and gives the Ottawa Government the excuse of not having legal grounds to work upon. A Berlin deputation goes to Ottawa today on the same mission, but unless the provincial government can remember its promise of last spring the deputation may deplore in vain.

ASSURED GOVERNMENT HELPING DEVELOPMENT

Board of Control Get Letter From Premier Regarding Hydro Extension.

In a letter to the board of control, Premier Hearst assured them that the government is helping the Chippewa development work along in every way. His letter is as follows:

"I note particularly the resolution relating to the Ontario Government, in which that government is requested to proceed with the further development of power from the Niagara River. This resolution was evidently passed without a full knowledge of the facts, the government is proceeding as rapidly as possible with the Chippewa development scheme, to which no doubt this resolution refers. All the necessary steps that can be taken by the government at the present time have been taken, and the work is in the hands of the Hydro-Electric Commission, whose engineers, I understand, are completing the plan for the work and advancing the scheme in every way as rapidly as possible."

"That's news to me, as the thing is tied up by facts here at Ottawa," said the mayor. "It will probably be tied up until after next election."

FURNISH PROTECTION OF OWN PROPERTY

Board of Control Decides Cost of Protecting Lake Front is Too High.

The cheapest possible method of protecting the lake front opposite Kew Road will cost the city \$41,000, according to the joint report of Commissioners Harris and Chambers and Engineer Cousins of the harbor board. This would provide weighted mattresses. A more permanent protection by means of groynes, would cost \$70,000. The strength of the report the board of control decided that property owners must furnish the protection themselves.

"The Rideau" and "The York" From and to Toronto Union, Ideal Trains Between Toronto and Ottawa. The Canadian Pacific day trains, "The Rideau" and "The York," afford an opportunity to spend a half day in Toronto or Ottawa, returning by the midnight train. The route is via the "Lake Ontario Shore Line" through Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Cobourg, Trenton, Belleville, etc. "The Rideau" leaves Toronto (Union Station) 1:45 p.m., arriving Ottawa (Central Station) 10 p.m. The "York" leaves Ottawa (Central Station) 1:15 p.m., arriving Toronto (Union Station) 3:30 p.m. Most modern equipment. Particulars from Canadian Pacific ticket agents, or W. B. Howard, district passenger agent, Toronto, 1234.

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DECLARES CAMP BORDEN HAS KILLED RECRUITING

Mayor Church Writes Letter Protesting to Hon. F. B. McCurdy.

Mayor Church has written to Hon. F. B. McCurdy, acting minister of militia at Ottawa, protesting that Camp Borden and the methods of transportation up there have killed recruiting. He says, in part: "Recruiting in Toronto has been very seriously injured by the method of transporting troops out of the city from Camp Borden. As you know, the Union Station has not the facilities for handling troops trains. Many of these arrive at the rush hours at the Union Station, between 4 and 9, when the trucks are taken up with the ordinary passenger business. The result is that women and children have to go out among freight cars and other shunting trains to see their friends off. In many cases they have gone to the wrong station. "It may say further that recruiting has been killed here by Camp Borden. Nobody will enlist here if they know they will be sent to a military camp as a winter camp. It has killed recruiting in the interest of the government and in the interest of recruiting if the units were allowed to complete their training in the city."

ALL AUTO DRIVERS SHOULD BE LICENSED

Motor Accident in High Park Tuesday Brings Matter to a Head.

As a result of the motor accident in High Park yesterday, in which Mrs. Bastable was killed, Mayor Church introduced a motion at the board of control meeting yesterday, asking the Ontario Government for power to license drivers of all motor cars. It was laid over pending a report from the chief of police as to the advisability of such traffic regulations. According to the mayor, there is no difference in killing a man with a pistol or a motor car. He protested to the board that he was too easily scared by offending motorists, a small portion of whom seemed to have gone mad.

CITY HALL NOTES

A soldier's wife deposited on the table before the board of control yesterday a memento of the soldier which it was stated had been issued to the 16th Battalion. She also informed the board that she was charged for a pint of milk. "Who gets the rakes off?" asked the mayor.

"The condition of the Lake Shore highway around Long Branch is a disgrace," said Mayor Church yesterday at a board of control meeting. There was unanimous concurrence from the members, and pending a report from George H. Goodham, M.L.A., the city treasurer will withhold all payments to the highways commission.

The question of an over-stuffed jail was again before the board of control yesterday. Commissioner Chisholm reported that there were 78 inmates, and Mayor Church said that there was a staff there sufficient to look after 1000. Controller Foster wanted the salaries stopped, and a motion was finally passed asking the petty commissioner to report on the whole matter.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD MEETING IN TORONTO

Some Are Dissatisfied With Action of General Assembly on Church Union.

The large number of Presbyterians who are not satisfied with the action of the General Assembly at Winnipeg regarding the question of church union yesterday, will hold a meeting in Toronto this fall. A meeting of the committee which had this matter in charge was held on Tuesday afternoon at the 15th street, in the central executive offices, 804 Kent Building. The date of the convention was fixed to open on Oct. 17th.

"The convention is to be representative of the church and will provide an opportunity for the expression of Presbyterianism and the Dominion, which it stands through the Dominion. Very great interest is manifest already regarding the meeting."

GIVEN HIS FREEDOM IF HE LEAVES CANADA

George W. Dillon Found Guilty of Wounding Richard Drake.

George W. Dillon, a telegraph operator, was found guilty of having wounded Richard Drake, by Judge Denton in the criminal court yesterday, but was given suspended sentence. Drake, who was a friend of Dillon's until the two were involved in a quarrel, was stabbed, the not seriously wounded, by an American, had an arm broken.

MUNITION FACTORIES WANT WOMEN WORKERS

Requests for Hundred Forwarded to Women's Emergency Corps.

Requests for over a hundred women workers in munition factories have been received by the resources committee. The names of the firms applying have been forwarded to the Women's Emergency Corps.

BAKERS MUST STOP SALE OF LIGHT WEIGHT BREAD

Provincial Police Issue Warning and Declare Prosecution Will Follow.

Bakers have been warned by the provincial police department that the sale of light weight bread will be followed by prosecution. "We are determined to stop this fraud," said Superintendent Rogers yesterday.

DRUNK WHILE DRIVING.

Shannon Green was sentenced to 30 days in jail by magistrate Denison in the police court yesterday morning on a charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and knocking John Rutherford off his motorcycle.

There are a number of short stories in this week.

ABSENTEES LIABLE TO HEAVY SENTENCE

New Order From Ottawa Says Two Years' Imprisonment is Limit.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Eighteen Men Signed Up Out of Thirty-One Who Applied.

Recruiting results fell below the average yesterday, when 18 were attested out of 31 who came up for examination. The only infantry unit to increase its strength was the 201st, and the 238th Forestry Battalion secured exactly one-half of the men who were declared to be medically fit. The other units gained as follows: 69th Battery, 1; 70th Battery, 1; Military Police, 3, and the C.A.S.C.

A second recruiting office is being opened in Toronto by the Canadian Mounted Rifles which will be in West Toronto and in charge of Lieut. J. A. Kell. The unit, the headquarters of which are in Hamilton, is reported throughout the province, and has opened offices in Belleville, Napanee, St. Catharines and London.

Hard Sentence For Absentees. A recent order from Ottawa regarding soldiers who absented themselves from their battalions reads as follows: "Every man of the active of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force who without leave of his commanding officer absents himself from his unit, is guilty of an offence under the criminal code, and on conviction thereof, under provision of Part 15 of that code, is liable to imprisonment with or without hard labor for a term not exceeding two years."

A despatch from Ottawa yesterday states that an absentee from a Canadian unit has been charged with desertion. Captain Sinclair, the provost marshal, is of the opinion that such a case is not a military matter, but a civil one. The matter states that all proceedings in such cases are cancelled by it. The opening paragraph as quoted makes the position of a man who illegally absents himself from his battalion perfectly clear.

A guard room down town in which to place the offenders taken by the military police is being arranged for by the provost marshal. The men have been stationed in the guard room of Stanley barracks and in the police cells of No. 1 and 2 stations, and no provision has been made for feeding them while waiting an escort to take them back to camp. The place chosen will likely be a room in the armories, where the prisoners can be cared for by the standing guards of the place.

The funeral of Pte. A. Mills, of the 17th Battalion, who died at Camp Borden on Tuesday, was held yesterday at the funeral home of the 17th Battalion. The funeral was held at the funeral home of the 17th Battalion. The funeral was held at the funeral home of the 17th Battalion.

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MISSIONARIES IN INDIA ARE SOURCE OF DANGER

Britain Takes Steps to Guard Against Pro-German Propaganda.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Persons who are not British subjects and who desire to go to India to undertake missionary or educational work, must in the future obtain permission from the Indian authorities, according to an official notification today.

"In order to avoid misunderstanding," the notification explains, "the new arrangements are not intended to discourage the important and self-sacrificing work done in India by many American and other neutral missionaries, but as a safeguard against missionaries in active sympathy with the empire, or lacking in good will towards the government of India."

DENIES MAYOR'S STATEMENT.

Soldiers' Aid Commission Says "Every Returned Man Able to Work."

"Every returned soldier in Ontario who is able to work is employed," it was stated emphatically in the office of the Soldiers' Aid Commission yesterday. "The books of the commission are open to inspection."

While the officials of the commission declined to enter any controversy with Mayor Church over his statement in an evening paper that all the work of providing for returned soldiers had fallen on the shoulders of the municipality and that the government was doing nothing, it was intimated in a particularly ill-informed quarter that the mayor simply did not know what he was talking about.

RUSSIANS CHECK TURKS IN PERSIAN OFFENSIVE

Troops Frustrate Movement South of Kalapavass Region.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16, via London, 10:20 p.m.—An official statement issued this evening by the war department reads as follows: "Caucasus front: An offensive by several enemy detachments south of the region of Kalapavass, in Persia, was frustrated by our troops."

CONCERT RECEIPTS FOR RED CROSS.

The Canadian Red Cross Society are in receipt of the sum of \$97.20, being the net proceeds of a concert given recently at the Ojibway Hotel, Ojibway Island, Georgian Bay.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

John Gorman, a taxi driver, charged with seriously injuring Mrs. Annie Hozack, while speeding west on Bloor street, was committed for trial in the police court yesterday. Judge Dayton, in the sessions, granted bail of \$2000.

RACING YACHT SENECA NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED

Now in Shipyard at Charlotte Undergoing Repairs.

On his return from Rochester, Aemilius Jarvis, who has been looking after the sailing of his racing yacht the "Seneca" from a sandbar of Holland Cove, near Charlotte, where it was abandoned by the men who stole it from its moorings at the R.C.Y.C. stated that it was not much damaged. She is now in the shipyard at Charlotte undergoing repairs, and will then be returned to Toronto. The boat is not leaking, despite the fact that for several days she was pounded by a heavy sea while abandoned on the bar. Her rudder is gone and some of the sails and rigging require attention.

FOUR TORONTO MEN KILLED IN ACTION

List Yesterday Included the Names of Thirty-Two Local Soldiers.

ELEVEN WOUNDED

Others Are Reported as Prisoners, Missing and Died of Wounds.

Twenty-two names of men who went overseas from Toronto, including three officers, are reported as wounded, and the men four have been killed in action, one is missing, 11 are wounded, and two previously reported as missing, are now given as prisoners of war. Pte. A. F. Eldridge, who went overseas with the 74th Battalion, is reported killed in action. He went to England last March and went to the trenches in June with a battalion of the first contingent. His relatives are in England.

Had Previous Experience.

Pte. R. W. Button, who is reported killed in action, joined the first "All Toronto" Battalion in June, 1915. His next of kin lives in Cambridge, England. Before coming to Toronto he had previous military experience with the Territorials.

Lieut. C. E. MacDonald, 274 Walmsley road, has officially been reported wounded. He went overseas with the second contingent as a sergeant and received his commission in England on being transferred to a pioneer battalion. He was a third-year student in the mining branch of the S.E.S. Rugby team. His wound consists of a fracture of the thigh, caused by a shell.

Lieut. H. S. Cleverly has been reported wounded for the second time. He enlisted with the 19th Battalion as a recruit from the Q.O.R., and went overseas in May, 1915. Before enlisting he was employed as a salesman for Gunns, Limited, of the St. Lawrence Market. He is 26 years old and a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Pte. H. R. Stone, 26 Applegrove avenue, was severely wounded on Aug. 10, at the left arm. He is now in a Sheffield hospital. He enlisted with the 58th Battalion and afterwards was transferred to another unit. His wife and four little children reside in Toronto.

Suffering From Shell Shock. Pte. C. N. Millard, 1283A West Queen street, has been admitted to hospital suffering from the effects of shell concussion. He went overseas with the 15th Battalion, and transferred in England to a first contingent unit. He was born in Toronto and is a member of the Church of England.

Corp. L. W. Whitney, 64 Sullivan street, is reported seriously wounded on July 26. He is a Canadian by birth, 25 years of age and unmarried. He enlisted with the 19th Battalion, but transferred in England and has been continuously at the front for 18 months without accident till now.

Pte. J. J. Wilson, 374 Doel avenue, is a prisoner and wounded at Delmen Camp, Westphalia. He went to the front with a C.M.R. unit in the second contingent. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Zillebeke.

In Trenches Three Months. Pte. F. J. Derrick, whose wife lives at 34 Redwood avenue, was reported wounded. He enlisted with the 7th Battalion about a year ago, and had been in the trenches three months. He was formerly a plumber by trade.

Trooper J. H. Jones, whose sister resides at 685 Spadina avenue, has died of wounds while a prisoner in Germany. After the battle of Zillebeke he was reported missing, and this information received yesterday was the first news learned of his fate. He was formerly employed by the T. Eaton Co.

PROHIBITION POLICY IS BOUND TO FAIL

So Declares Gordon Waldron Who Views Law With Alarm.

DEMANDS REFERENDUM

Was Very Small Gathering at Occident Hall Last Night.

Thirteen people, not including the speakers and four reporters, assembled at Occident Hall, Bathurst street, last night to hear the addresses of Gordon Waldron, the independent Liberal candidate in the Southwest Toronto by-election, and his supporters, Sam Wicks and George F. Collins of the 238th Forestry Battalion.

Ward Six Liberal Association, president. Mr. Waldron based his remarks almost entirely on prohibition, which he declared to be the leading and, in fact, the only issue in the present election. He declared that the present policy of the government in regard to the liquor question was bound to fail. The passing of a policy which would wantonly destroy property and individual liberties must be viewed with alarm. It is a settled policy, if it were a settled resolution passed by the people, it would be some reason for passing the prohibition measure, but the present plan of putting it into effect is a disgrace to the government, and at the end of that time any man who would support it would be a traitor to the people.

He advocated the presentation of a referendum according to the sound British practice to the people, who would use their vote to give expression to their opinion on the liquor question. He said that the government of the public wish not only that prohibition be passed, but that it should be passed in a way that would not be a source of trouble to the people. He said that the government of the public wish not only that prohibition be passed, but that it should be passed in a way that would not be a source of trouble to the people.

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