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YPRES.

The period of suspense over the battle of Ypres may now safely be regarded as past. Not only has the German offensive been checked, but the allies have regained all the lost ground, and with strong reinforcements are continuing the battle. The Germans have already lost the fruits of their initial surprise, and are again fighting on the defensive. A full story of the battle is still lacking, but various accounts convey the impression that it will prove the bloodiest single engagement of the war. The Germans are admitted to have shown brilliant strategy. They chose for the chief point of attack the joint in the lines of the French and Canadian forces. Their sudden offensive seems to have come as a surprise, and their use of asphyxiating bombs gave them their first success. Sir John French in his first report of the battle stated that the quantity of gas bombs used made it evident that the attack had been fully prepared. The fact that they should have done this, and at the same time concealed the circumstance that they had massed immense reserves for the attack must be counted as a score in their favor. The Canadian forces were not prepared for such a sudden attack in force. The Germans appear to have got through the joint in the lines, and then turned against the Canadian flank. The next stage in the battle is not quite clear. Whether the Canadian forces were first withdrawn and then advanced, or were all at once involved in a furious battle is not quite clear. There are reports that at one time some of the Canadian regiments were surrounded, and the men fought back to back against overwhelming numbers. One regiment drove through the suffocating gases, and after facing an inferno of shrapnel and machine gun fire, actually charged clean through a superior German force. It is at least abundantly clear that they found themselves at the most critical hour of the battle and saved the day. Whether or not they held the ground they won by their magnificent dash and bravery they stopped the Germans until reinforcements were brought up. With these reserves the Germans are being hammered back and the Kaiser's third desperate drive has been foiled. It would have been honor sufficient had the Canadian contingent merely participated in this great battle. But they are the heroes of the day and to them belongs the glory and distinction of having saved the situation. We are still without a definite idea of the price we shall have to pay for it, but Canadian heroism turned the day in Britain's favor. It only remains to be noted that the Germans were not content with the mere use of asphyxiating gases. Canadian officers state that the Germans bayoneted scores of men as they lay overcome by the poisonous fumes. Before saying anything as to this it will be best to wait until it has been officially confirmed.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

The provincial government has decided that at present it is unable to help the city in the paving of Halliburton and other streets. While from the local view point of a citizen of Nanaimo we regret this decision, we are hardly surprised at it. There may have been precedents for the action taken by the Council, but if ever the government has gone to the assistance of municipalities for purposes such as this it must have been under happier and more prosperous times. There are two main facts to consider. The first is that the government is doing well by any city when it constructs and maintains in good condition a highway to the limits of any city. It is true that if a highway passes through a city it

will be used by others than the citizens of that city. Would the citizens have it otherwise? The bigger the number of people who come into the city over the highway the better it is for the city. In the case of Nanaimo for instance, the government could have found another way to the Comox Road and dubbed it the highway. It could have done this with very little expense, and the city would have been the poorer for all the traffic thus diverted. In other words it is an advantage for a city to have a public highway connected with its streets. The second chief consideration is that the paving of a city street is a purely local improvement, and it is hardly fair to look to the people of the province to help pay for it. There may be some difference of opinion as to how the cost of this paving should be borne by the city, itself, but there is surely very little reason for extending it to the people of the province. Exceptional circumstances may arise in which it may be necessary for the government to do something towards the upkeep of a highway running through a municipality. The circumstances at all events would have to be exceptional to justify it. We would naturally have liked the city to get assistance in this matter, but it is only fair to regard the question squarely. The government has dealt energetically and generously with the local situation as developed from the strike. It has distributed relief, opened relief work, and advanced money to the city to enable it to carry on works of improvement. Had it agreed to the request of the City Council for help towards the paving of Halliburton street, there isn't a city in the province but what would have made the same appeal, and demanded the same treatment. Wherefore the decision of the government is not at all surprising.

It has been decided to leave the arrangement for the 24th of May celebration to the Athletic Club. The Club has just been reorganized, and with the new management, there is little doubt that the celebration will be properly organized. We believe that the decision to hold the demonstration as usual will be approved by all citizens. The 24th of May has always been peculiarly Nanaimo's great day, and while times are hard and the war is a constant distraction, a successful demonstration can still be carried out. It depends upon the scale on which the celebration will be carried out. In former years the club has been loyally backed up by the public, and there is no reason why it should not be so this time. Now that it has been decided to celebrate as usual it is the duty of all citizens, as far as they can, to help make the day a success.

The City Council were well advised in doing up the matter of the railway crossing on Comox Road. The question should have been taken up long ago, and if we have any suggestion to make it is that it should be pushed more vigorously than the terms of the resolution adopted by the Council would lead one to expect it will. The crossing is positively dangerous, especially for rigs and motors, and a subway offers a natural and inexpensive remedy. We know of no crossing on the E. & N. which is at once so dangerous and yet so easily remediable. The Council should see that the matter is not allowed to drop.

After the many years the ownership of the parks and squares in the city has been in dispute it is all to the good that there is now a chance for an amicable agreement by compromise. It is a much more reasonable and economical way of settling the dispute than to take it to court.

NANAIMO BOYS MET GEN. BADEN POWELL

Albert Brown writes from the front to his father, Mr. J. M. Brown, as follows:

"Somewhere in France" March 31, 1915.

Dear Dad.—We are now having a rest after being within range of the enemy's shells for five weeks, part of the time in the trench and most of the time under rifle fire. We have had all kinds of commendation from the "powers that be." I am able to do all my shopping now without the aid of an interpreter. There were two French Canadians in one shop I went into yesterday and the saleswoman had not sufficient change. She could manage it if they would take a candle as part, but she could not make them understand. I explained, and they said that French as spoken in Canada and as it is spoken here are two different things. I only know a few words so far, but what they are are very useful. The trouble is if you know enough to ask for something, they take it for granted that you are a master of the language and fire off a string of rapid talk that fairly makes your hair curl, then you look cheap and explain that you are not very good at the language.

Yesterday we had a route march of five miles in the afternoon, fell in again at 9 p.m., marched about five miles to the front and dug reserve trenches. We were well back from the firing trench, but owing to the Germans' habit of shooting high, the bullets were buzzing all around us. No one was touched, however, although one of the men who were working at it before us was hit, then we marched back in the early morning (I was asleep most of the way).

Today General Baden Powell came and addressed all ex-scouts, scoutmasters and assistants, presented each of us with a cigarette case full of chocolate and wished us each "good luck." I tell you I did feel honored, a personal gift from a general is worth having, and now I must stop for the present with best love to all,

ALBERT.

CANADIANS PAY HEAVY TOLL.

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Durham, Eng.

Pte. H. Baker, Bournemouth, Eng.

Pte. C. R. Brown, London, Eng.

Pte. W. Farrington, Cullingford, Hants, England.

Pte. R. M. McGregor, Exalls Hospital, Surrey, England.

Pte. W. Frank Workman, Gloucester, England.

Pte. James Beaumont, Burghfield, Leeds, Eng.

Pte. A. T. Phillips, San Francisco, Cal.

Pte. H. Baird, Calgary, Alta.

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SCENE FROM "THE BARRIER" at THE OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT.

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Pte. S. Foote, Hants, Eng.

Pte. E. P. Cooke, Altrincham, Eng.

Pte. D. E. Gordon, Greenock, Scotland.

Pte. C. Drew, Woodborough, Wilts, Eng.

Thirteenth Battalion

Wounded—Company Sergt. Major W. Chalmers, Port Burr, Ireland.

Fifteenth Battalion

Dead—Pte O. Lewis, Clydachvale, Wales.

Seriously ill—Pte. A. Johnson, Stafford, Eng.

Dangerously wounded—Pte. Bruce Carruthers, Toronto.

Sixteenth Battalion

Wounded—C.Q.M.S. Loven Burns, Lane, Scotland.

Lance Sergt. D. Fyvie, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Corp. H. L. Landrey, Bromley, Kent, Eng.

Pte. J. Donald, Dufftown, Banffshire, Scotland.

Pte. J. Campbell, Ullapool, Scotland.

Pte. J. Barrie, Glasgow, Scotland.

Pte. J. A. C. Seales, London, Eng.

Pte. A. D. Martin, Glasgow, Scotland.

Pte. J. H. Stirling, Kirkcubrecht, Scotland.

Pte. A. S. Rae, Glasgow, Scotland.

Pte. J. Robb, Banff, Scotland.

General Hospital

Death—Corporal F. Slater, Brighton, England.

Divisional Cyclists Corps

Wounded—Pte. S. L. Williams, Seven Oaks, Kent, England.

Third Field Artillery

Slightly wounded—Gunner G. E.

Had ship's anchor fall on my knee and leg, and knee swelled up and for six days I could not move it or get help. I then started to use MINARD'S LINIMENT and two bottles cured me.

PROSPER FERGUSON

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Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest of any tender.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS
Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa
April 19, 1915.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department. —73.27.

Hodley, South Shields, Eng.

Second Field Artillery

Wounded—Battery Sergt. Major K. Carruthers, Darlington, Eng.

REPORT NOT BELIEVED.

Winnipeg, April 27.—Persistent reports were current today that Captain George G. H. Ross, of the 79th Cameron Highlanders, Winnipeg, was dead of wounds. Happily there appears no foundation for the report, no official cable to that effect having been received here.

BOMBS ON OBERDORF.

London, April 27.—Reuter's Stuttgart correspondent sends the following telegram by way of Amsterdam: "The war minister announces that this afternoon (Tuesday) a hostile biplane from the west flew over Oberdorf and dropped four bombs on the arms factory. The airmen were shelled from machine guns. "Six civilians were killed and seven severely wounded by splinters. The material damage done was slight. The operation of the factory was not disturbed. The airmen escaped."

A HINT TO GREECE.

London, April 27.—A Reuter despatch from Sofia says that the Ger-

man emperor recently sent to his sister, the Queen of Greece, a telegram in plain language describing the German successes both on the western and eastern fronts and affirming his conviction of eventual victory for Germany and Austria, adding that "this will serve as a warning to any countries venturing to join Germany's enemies."

THREE QUEENS ATTENDED.

London, April 27.—Three Queens, Queen Mary of England, Queen Alexandra, and Queen Amelia, widow of King Carlos of Portugal, attended a royal matinee at the Drury Lane Theatre this afternoon for the benefit of the American Women's War Hospital at Paignton.

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