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British Hold Their Positions In Ypres Region

CANADIANS FOUND COMRADE CRUCIFIED BY THE GERMANS

MANY MEN OF THE C. M. R. WHO ENLISTED IN LONDON

STOCKYARDS PROJECT HAS NOT YET DIED

Sufficient Money To Buy the Property Named As Possible Site May Be Subscribed by Aldermen Interested—Will Hold It For City Until Next January.

Although there will be no vote on the stockyards question on May 27, the project is not yet dead. It is true that the option on the selected site will expire shortly, but those who are favoring the scheme believe that sufficient money will be subscribed by the aldermen themselves to purchase the property and hold it for the city until next January.

Just how this financing question will be worked out is not yet known. Ald. George H. Haney, chairman of the stockyards committee, father of the scheme and the man who secured the options, is out of the city today, having left early this morning on a business trip to the east. After the council meeting last night, however, when the third reading of the bylaw to take the vote had been decided, several offers were made by the aldermen, and even by controllers who opposed the scheme, to go down in their private pockets and make up the money necessary to buy the land.

"I think that we will be able to buy the land all right," declared Ald. C. H. Merryfield, one of the members of the special committee who fought hard to secure the vote. Ald. Merryfield was inclined to take a charitable view of the opposition to the vote.

"I think that the majority of those who voted against us last night were really in favor of the stockyards project," he informed The Advertiser. "They thought, however, that it would not be wise to spend the \$1,500 required for a special election at this time. For my own part, I know, or I feel assured, that this \$1,500 would have been speedily made up to the citizens in general by the reduction in meat prices that would follow the establishment of a stockyards in this city."

A legal impediment. Although the purchase of the land by the aldermen themselves seems to be the only way that it can be held for the city, there is a legal impediment in the way of its being successfully carried out. It is contrary to bylaw for any members of a council or city body to sell anything to the corporation while they are in office. It is only natural to suppose that some at least of the men who put their own names into the stockyards election to the city in a legal manner. It is claimed that the only way that this could be done would be for the aldermen to turn the property over to an outsider, and then to arrange that he in turn sell it to the city at cost price.

JAPS' ULTIMATUM GIVES 48 HOURS

Consuls Ordered To Be Ready To Leave Their Stations.

PEKING REMAINS QUIET

Decision As To China's Policy Will Be Left To The President.

[Canadian Press.] London, May 5.—3:16 p.m.—"A Japanese ultimatum to China," cables the Tokio correspondent of the Central News, "grants a delay of 48 hours."

[Canadian Press.] Tokyo, May 5.—All Japan has focused its attention on the Chinese situation which is believed to be full of historic possibilities. It is reported that the foreign office has sent telegrams to all consuls in China, instructing them to prepare their nationals for possible departure. Japanese at Mukden have been asked to hold themselves in readiness to withdraw to places near the South Manchurian Railroad.

Forty-Eight-Hour Limit. Lieut.-Gen. Count Terauchi, governor-general of Korea, has held a conference with the general staff of the army.

The decisions of the cabinet and elder statesmen are expected today. The press says forty-eight hours will be the limit of the proposed ultimatum. Newspapers characterize as insulting the insistence of China that Japan offer to restore Kiaochow to reduced to writing.



Top Row, From Left—Pte. (E. T.) Baldwin, Pte. Nelson, Pte. O'Connell, Pte. P. Langford, Pte. Hallowell, Pte. Mesa, Pte. Odell, Pte. G. Carroll, Pte. R. Wood, Pte. (Lyle) or (Lille), Pte. Long, Pte. Cuff, Pte. Spicer, Pte. Duffy. Second Row, From Left—Lance-Corp. Tucker, Pte. McGuire, Pte. P. Fitzgerald, Pte. L. Greensies, Pte. W. Lloyd, Pte. Gates, Pte. O'Brien, Pte. Whittle, Pte. H. Walker, Sergt. Miller, Drummer Bliss, Pte. White. Third Row, From Left—Pte. Matthews, Pte. Beechell, Lance-Corp. Lewis, Pte. Dunn, Pte. R. Wick, Pte. E. Ward, Lieut. White, Pte. E. Coombes, Sergt. Trumpler, Neffin, Pte. Holmstead, Pte. Sutton. Fourth Row—A 33rd man, Pte. Harrison, Lance-Corp. Ashton, Pte. L. Fisher, Pte. J. Spillbury, Pte. Ozard or (Osard), Pte. S. Winters, Pte. Booth, Pte. Campbell, Pte. Green, Pte. Springer, Pte. Walmisley, Pte. Hunter. Bottom Row—Trumpeter Anderson, Trumpeter Bennett, dog "John Bull."

NO CHANGE FOR WASTED ENERGY

Sir John French Even Provides Ladders To Leave Trenches.

RESULT SOON APPARENT

Neuve Chapelle Taken in 90 Minutes Instead of Ten Hours.

[Copyrighted by United Press.] Headquarters of British Army in France, April 19.—By mail to New York. On the battleground back of Neuve Chapelle the fields are dotted with small white signal boards. They were placed there long before the battle, to show regiments where to go when the battle began. I noticed many short ladders in the trenches which the British had left when they rushed on Neuve Chapelle. "We made lots of those and put them into our trenches, so that our men could climb out easily when the charge began," explained an officer.

On the battlefield one sees small bridges placed over ditches, so narrow that any soldier could jump them with ease. But Gen. French didn't want any waste motions or waste exertions in that battle. "We're going to do this the best it can be done," he said. The result of this quiet efficiency was that Neuve Chapelle fell in one hour and a half, instead of within ten hours, the time that had been calculated.

Great Self-Possession. The only thing that spatters in this British army is powder; the only noise comes from guns.

This self-possession of the British officers sometimes almost passes belief. I sat at a table with officers of the flying corps recently, and they chatted about the most everyday things. But at this time they knew that one of their mess was up in the air over the German lines, within range of the German snipers. He came in soon after, and it wasn't until I noticed that they were slapping him on the back with unusual cordiality, that I realized how well they had hidden their anxiety during the great.

Great Air Efficiency. Perhaps the height efficiency of the flying men was reached in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle. An aviator had been ordered to hover over a certain spot during the battle. If he saw movements in a certain place he was to send a certain signal to headquarters. It was a cold, cloudy morning on March 10. The flying man took his place in the sky and the battle was soon under way. His few over the appointed spot and found a mat below him. He climbed down and down to catch a glimpse of the movements. If possible, he couldn't see the earth from a height greater than 400 feet, and so for over an hour he sped in a circle around the spot. The busy Germans from time to time potted at him, but he stuck to the job until he saw what he wanted, and then made his signal and climbed into the sky again.

Pin Money Now Ready For Winners

The pin money prizes for the Panama-Pacific trip contestants who last week made the greatest gain in votes in their districts are now in the Advertiser office awaiting the owners. The four winners are invited to call and claim their ten-dollar gold pieces.

"From Halifax to Vancouver"

Toronto Telegram (Con.)

Where does Sir Robert Borden keep his ears? If Sir Robert Borden's ear is to the ground, Sir Robert should know that from Halifax to Vancouver, Conservatives are protesting that they do not want an election, and vow that they will either vote Liberal or not vote at all if an election is brought on.

CANADIANS ENRAGED AT FINDING ONE OF SOLDIERS CRUCIFIED

General Vouches For This Fact, Says Correspondent—Former Londoner, Listed as Missing, Found at Boulogne—Two Others Discovered.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.] London, May 5.—The Morning Post says a lieutenant-colonel writing on April 29 says: "The Canadians have done splendidly. They are mad with rage because they say they found one of their men crucified. This is not mere camp gossip, a general vouches for the fact." Col. Eyreton writes from Paris he has located Lieut. O'Grady at Boulogne; Lieut. Ballard at Rouen; Pte. Edgar Cook at Paris. These were originally posted as missing.

Today's Casualty Lists

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, May 5.—The following list of casualties was issued today:
First Battalion.
Wounded—Pte. P. E. King, London, Ont.
Pte. William Barrie (formerly 9th Battalion), Soo City, Iowa.
Second Battalion.
Wounded—Bugler Charles Henry Banks, Huntville, Ont.
Pte. Leonard Haynes, North Westbury, Eng.
Fourth Battalion.
Wounded—Pte. E. Walter Barrett, Hamilton, Ont.
Pte. James Frame (formerly 9th Battalion), Windsor Mills, Que.
Seventh Battalion.
Wounded—Sergt. Herbert Weeks, Windsor, Eng.
Corp. Arthur E. Grindell, Hull, Eng.
Lance-Corp. John C. Anderson, Wooler, Eng.
Pte. Albert George Miller, Devonport, Eng.
Pte. Frank D. Martin, Durham, Eng.
Pte. Frederick Morrison, Glasgow, Scotland.
Pte. William Givilyn Tait, Wattleton, Scotland.
Pte. Samuel Aker, Wigan, Eng.
Pte. Samuel McDowell, Ballymoney, Ireland.
Pte. James Watson Hetherington, Moy, Ireland.
Pte. Harold Martin C. Shaw, Paris, France.
Pte. Frank Gardner, Birmingham, Eng.
Pte. James Porter (formerly 12th Battalion), Lanarkshire, Scotland.
Pte. William Lidicost (formerly 12th Battalion), St. Austin, Eng.
Eighth Battalion.
Wounded—Pte. James Alex. Green, Fort William, Ont.
Tenth Battalion.
Wounded—Pte. John Frederick Duff (laceration and loss of index finger of right hand and middle finger of left hand), Montreal, Que.
Pte. George Bonn, Quebec, B. C.
Thirteenth Battalion.
Seriously Ill—Pte. James Asta Thyer, Montreal, Que.

33RD BATTALION MAN HAS BRAIN CONCUSSION

Corp. Aiken, of "D" Company, 33rd Battalion, was taken to his home on Grey street last night suffering. It was found, from concussion of the brain, the result of a fall. Major Becher, regimental physician, is attending him.

LINE IS STRONGER BY READJUSTMENT

Sir John French Has Cut Off a Threatening Salient.

GAINING IN DARDANELLES

German and Turkish Attacks Repulsed With Very Heavy Losses.

[Canadian Press.] London, May 5.—The Russian reports concerning the recent fighting in Western Galicia are being accepted by British military circles as reducing the German claims of victory in this battle to mere just proportions. Following his custom, Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief in the field, has not hesitated to admit a reverse and confesses the German statement that his antagonists have succeeded in breaking across the Dunajec River. But the grand duke adds that he is holding them fast on the bank of this stream, and he seems to intimate that he has little anxiety concerning the ultimate outcome of these fighting which has been going on in this region for a week past.

London's Opinion. Observers in London are of the opinion that the fact that the Russians have not been diverted from their objective elsewhere, and that the battles in the Stry region continue with unabated energy, is good evidence that the situation of the Russians is not so critical as has been painted, and the idea is being advanced in London that political reasons may have had something to do with the German statement that the Austrians were their chief opponents.

Progress at Dardanelles. It is admitted that the readjustment of the British line in Flanders, with the consequent abandonment of several positions east of Ypres, marks the extent of the advantages won by Germany from her victory between Ypres and Dixmude. By straightening this line, however, Sir John French, the British commander-in-chief, has cut off a salient which threatened military advantage should the Germans attempt another thrust with the reinforcements said to be rushing through Belgium.

Driver A. J. Wheeler, Recommended For V. C., Talks To Advertiser Correspondent.

[Special to The Advertiser.] London, May 5.—How the guns of the 3rd Ontario Artillery Brigade were saved in the terrific battle of Langemarck was told The Advertiser correspondent who interviewed at Cliveden Hospital Driver Alfred J. Wheeler, of that brigade, who was reported wounded in an official list recently.

Driver Alfred J. Wheeler, who was reported recommended for the Victoria Cross, is a little, brown-faced, cheerful warrior, now resting at Cliveden with a smashed right arm.

Only Three of Them. "There were three of us," he said, "Johnston, Brown and myself. We were with ammunition in reserve and saw from rising ground the Germans advance upon our artillery. The shell fire was terrific. Our own boys, standing by our guns were killed where they stood. Then came our infantry advance, and recaptured the guns. All the horses of the 5th (Hamilton) Battery were killed."

WILLIAM STREET WOMAN WANDERS FROM HOME

Mrs. Orndorff's Absence Causing Family Anxiety.

Mrs. Orndorff, 344 William street, wandered away from her home this morning, and her absence has caused considerable anxiety to her family. Mrs. Orndorff, who is an elderly woman, was dressed in black when she left the house. She was wearing a short coat and bonnet. Up until late this afternoon her relatives had been unable to locate her. They have made a request that anyone seeing Mrs. Orndorff communicate with them.

DOMINION FORCES IN BATTLE ONCE AGAIN

Militia Department Has Message Confirming the Report—Fighting Brisk, But Casualties Not Believed To Be Heavy.

(Special To The Advertiser.) Ottawa, May 5.—That the Canadians have been at it again is confirmed by the militia department. The message which has come intimates that, while the fighting was brisk, it was by no means on the scale of the Langemarck battle. The Canadian casualties in the most recent affair are not likely to be heavy compared with the previous losses.

GERMANS SUFFERED HEAVILY. (Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, May 5.—Cables received at the militia department today confirm last night's cable announcement that the Canadians have again been in action. Few details are given, save that the action was nothing of the proportion of that at Langemarck and that the casualties are light, though the Germans in gaining ground suffered heavily. Poisonous gases were again employed against the Canadians.

NO CAUSE FOR DEPRESSION.

Discussing the recent fighting, Major-General Hughes said today: "That is what the Canadians were sent over for. I see no cause for depression. The Germans admit they lost 12,000 killed alone, without mentioning wounded, while our total casualties are only 6,000. The magnificent fight of our boys against such overwhelming odds and against stupefying gases utterly amazes me."

SOLDIER'S WIFE IS PLUCKY CONTESTANT FOR BIG FREE TRIP

BRITISH IN HOT CORNER

Clinging Tenaciously To the Group of Villages North-east of Ypres.

SUFFER FLANKING FIRE

Germans Fighting Furiously To Reap Advantage of Captured Ground.

[Canadian Press.] London, May 5.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Rotterdam telegraphs:

"Furious fighting is reported from the northeast of Ypres, where the Germans are making tremendous efforts to advance south from Gravenstafel, toward which the British have held a wedge, and so to straighten their line from St. Julien to Zonnebeke."

"The British are clinging tenaciously to a group of villages and hamlets in this corner, although several points they are subjected to a flanking fire from the enemy in the positions between Gravenstafel and southward toward Zonnebeke."

"Troop movements in Belgium indicate the Germans are sending all available reinforcements to this small zone of fighting in a desperate attempt to push back the British from the line which, if held, threatens to prevent the enemy from reaping the advantage of the ground captured in last week's advance."

OFFICIAL STATEMENT. [Canadian Press.] Paris, May 5.—2:40 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities, reading as follows:

"To the north of Ypres the Germans, yesterday evening, delivered an attack against the left sector of the British front. They were repulsed, and taken in the flank by the French artillery; they suffered serious losses."

"Nothing has been reported from the remainder of the front."

"CONTINUE RETREAT!" [Canadian Press.] Berlin, May 5, via London, 5:55 p.m. [Continued On Page Three.]

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 46; lowest, 40. The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 46; lowest, 40.

TOMORROW—WARMER. Toronto, May 5.—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh winds, becoming westerly; a few local showers, but mostly by fall today and on Thursday; a little warmer.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: