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## BRITISH LAUNCH ANOTHER OFFENSIVE ON WIDE FRONT THIS MORNING

### Troops Reported to be Making Excellent Progress--Another Air Raid Over London Last Night Causes Some Further Loss of Life--Os- tend Bombarded by British--Gen. Maxwell Killed in Action.

#### BRITISH ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT THIS MORNING.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The war office announces that the British attacked on a wide front in the sector northeast and east of Ypres at 5.50 this morning. The troops are reported to be making good progress.

#### ANOTHER AIR RAID LAST NIGHT.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—An official announcement says that six persons were killed and 15 others injured in the southeastern section outside of London in last night's air raid. The district bombed was inhabited chiefly by the poorer classes and the property loss consequently was small. The first group of raiders

were driven back by gunfire, only to penetrating the city defences. The second group, which approached the city, half an hour later, were driven off.

#### OSTEND BOMBARDED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Admiralty announces that British naval forces bombarded Ostend, the German naval base on the Belgian coast yesterday.

#### NOTED OFFICER KILLED IN ACTION

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Brigadier General F. A. Maxwell, V.C., D.S.O., a member of the late Lord Kitchener's Indian staff, has been killed in action.

## DRASTIC CUTTING OF PRICES RUINOUS POLICY, SAYS CONTROLLER HANNA

Food Controller, in Warm Reply to Critics, Declares Multiplicity  
of Middlemen Causes High Prices, and Urges Reduction of Pro-  
ducers or Middlemen Who Practice Extortion.

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—An excessive number of middlemen is the greatest obstacle to the reduction of prices, and under present conditions the adoption of a drastic policy of arbitrary price cutting would mean "temporary ruin to every city and town in the country," according to a statement tonight by Hon. W. J. Hanna, food controller, in an interview with the Canadian Press, Limited. The statement was made following the return of the food controller to Ottawa after a study of the situation extended over a period of several weeks. Mr. Hanna has made personal inquiries in all parts of the Dominion, and has just returned to Ottawa after a conference with Mr. Hoover at Washington. In the interview with the Canadian Press he discussed the whole question of high prices and the factors responsible therefor with frankness. He stated that his policy was "to bring all the powers of the food controller against any producer or middleman whom we find in our present investigations to be making an undue charge for his services—an unfair spread."

Mr. Hanna proposes to issue additional statements from time to time discussing phases of the economic situation which he is trying to solve.

#### Grave Misconceptions.

"I find," said Mr. Hanna, "and the gentlemen who ably, earnestly and disinterestedly are assisting me find, that very grave and mischievous misconceptions of the duties and powers of the food controller exist in the minds of a number of Canadians. This number is not large, and I had hoped that with the passage of time most of the misconceptions to which I refer might of themselves have been cleared away. Since, however, they persist, and appear at times even to be fostered by writers who have perhaps been too busy to give sufficient thought to the problems they discuss, I deem it a duty to the public to make the following statement:

#### Would Mean Disruption.

"Unless the consumers in the cities of Canada signify their willingness to face a complete disruption of all trades, a total breakdown of real estate values and the utter demoralization of labor conditions in their cities, the food controller cannot possibly accede to the demand made in some quarters to 'cut prices down,' to 'sell food at cost,' or, as it is otherwise expressed, to 'do away with the middleman.' Such goals may be partially achieved. How much or how little can be done will be made known to the public from time to time as I find necessary. But, however, great may be the hardship of present food prices, however popular would be the movement to have the government sell fish or any other commodity at cost, however overburdened Canada may be with the class of people known as middlemen—radical measures cannot be promised, except upon such terms as I have indicated.

#### Factors Governing Prices

"I must remind those Canadian who are perhaps unaware

of the facts that seven main factors may be said to govern the present prices of food:

First—The disproportion between demand and supply, consumption and production. Food cannot be cheap while there is such a growing disparity between the numbers of producers and the numbers of consumers.

Second—Unrestrained competition between great foreign buyers of foodstuffs in our markets.

Third—Unequal distribution of the available supplies, surplus production in one province being unavailable for provinces in which there are shortages.

Fourth—The food speculator.

Fifth—The grain middleman.

Sixth—The superfluous, unnecessary and inefficient middlemen, and

Seventh—The waster.

#### Measures in Prospect.

The first of these is a world condition and can scarcely be affected by the efforts of one food controller in a short period of time. The second has been corrected by the creation of central buying offices for the entente powers.

The third is being overcome by close co-operation with the railway companies. The fourth is vigilantly guarded against. The fifth is being checked as rapidly as our committees and staff can gather correct information as to costs, and devise remedies and penalties. The seventh we are also hoping to eliminate by appeal and by education. But the sixth, the superfluous, unnecessary and inefficient middleman, whose presence in the community is one of the most serious economic wastes of the day, whose low standards of efficiency set the standards of the whole community, is beyond any but the mildest principle of the food controller. This, one of the most serious aggravations of the high price situation, cannot be removed without precipitating disaster upon the whole country.

## ULSTER KEEPS OUT OF HOME RULE SCHEME

Speeches of Leaders Give Reason Still to Expect Settlement—  
Convention at Cork—Grand Committee Will Endeavor to  
Harmonize Conflicting Proposals.

CORK, Ireland, Sept. 25.—The Irish Convention reassembled here today, the members being the guests of the harbor board at luncheon, and visiting local factories and places of interest. As many of the southern and western delegates were never in Belfast before until the convention visited that city, so some of the northern delegates never had been in Cork. The northerners expressed themselves as delighted with the decision to hold some of the sittings of the convention here.

Though no definite arrangement yet has been reached with the Ulstermen, it is said that the speeches of some of their leaders, couched in very eloquent and friendly language, have given good grounds for hope of a peaceable settlement. Some apprehension on the part of Sinn Fein leaders in Cork was felt, but John Neil and Arthur Griffiths, the Sinn Fein leaders, urged their followers in this city to follow the example of their compatriots in Dublin and leave the convention alone.

About ninety delegates attended the first sitting here, with Sir Horace Plunkett in the chair. At the luncheon given by the harbor board, Chairman Plunkett and other delegates spoke

guardedly and hopefully of the convention's prospects.  
Grand Committee.

An automobile plant being erected by an American concern was one of the points of interest visited during the afternoon's tour of the city.

Tomorrow the delegates will sail down the River Lee and out into the Atlantic Ocean, where the mayor of Cork will drop a dart into the water to indicate his jurisdiction as the admiral of the port.

The following motion was carried unanimously by the delegates at their business meeting:

"First, that on the conclusion of the debate at the present sittings of the convention the various schemes which have been submitted will be referred to a grand committee, in order, if possible, to prepare a scheme for submission to the convention which would meet the views and difficulties expressed by different speakers during the course of the debate.

"Second, that the convention stand adjourned after this week's sitting until the grand committee is in a position to report." The convention then adjourned until tomorrow.

## HAROLD PREST KILLED IN ACTION

West Belleville Boy Pays Supreme  
Sacrifice—Was Member of the  
77th Battalion

Alfred N. Prest, 45 Herculim St. received the sad intelligence from Ottawa this morning that his youngest son, Harold, had been killed in action.

Harold enlisted at Kingston with the 55th Battalion and was after-

wards transferred to the 77th, Ontario. He was born in Belleville 23 years ago. After graduating from school he took a position as salesman with S. A. Hyman & Co., then with Quick & Robertson, clothing store. Later he joined the mechanical staff of the Grand Trunk Railway at the local shops. He was married to Miss Harrow, and she, with one young daughter, survives. He is also survived by his parents, two brothers, Clarence, of Syracuse, N.Y., and Miles, of this city, and four sisters, Mrs. James McKenna, of Syracuse, Ethel, Clarice and Evelyn, at home. He was a young man of great pro-

mise and dominated by a no-spirit of patriotism. While there is a sense of pride and satisfaction that he has met so gallant a death in fighting the enemies of his nation, yet to his family and friends there must inevitably come a deep feeling of loss and bereavement.

#### CHECKER CHAMPION IN THE CITY TODAY

Mr. Phil Sanders, of Boston, juvenile checker-playing champion of the world is making a brief visit in Belleville today, en route from Vancouver and the West to the Maritime provinces where he will play a series of games. He is not playing in Belleville. He visited this city a year ago March when he played a series of sixty-five games. On that occasion he lost to one of Belleville's skilled experts but as the champion was playing 18 men simultaneously, the loss was easily accounted for. Mr. Sanders speaks of his achievements in the checker world in a very unassuming manner. He is more of a natural genius at the game than a book-made champion, having learned the game indirectly by playing with men who knew the books.

Upon the conclusion of his Canadian tour Mr. Sanders will leave for Boston where he will enlist with an aviation corps for service overseas.

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Ostrich Ruffs are to be much worn this season and you'll find just the kind to exactly please you here. They are in Plain White or Black, also combinations of Grey and White, Black and White, and Purple and White. Various lengths, priced \$2.50 to \$4.00.

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"Nemo" Corsets are now made in Canada and we are now featuring many more "Nemo" Models than formerly, for with duty eliminated they represent exceptional value. Come in and see the New Models and have a trial fitting.

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A lovely sheer quality for Dresses and Blouses shown in all the New Shades of Mauve, Ivory, Old Rose, Pink, Nigger, Green, Navy, Grey Copenhagen, etc., very specially priced at \$1.50 yd.

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