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A CHEERING REVIEW

The review of British operations on the western front which is printed in the Times today is of a most cheering character. It shows how surely if slowly the British have gained the ascendancy in artillery, in air service and the power to inflict losses upon the enemy. The British losses in men are now much smaller than those of the Germans, although three months ago they were heavier. The splendid air service, which robs the enemy of his eyes while it directs the operations of the British, with the big guns in great numbers and the armored tanks, has placed the enemy at a disadvantage; while the morale of the British army was never so high as now that it is distinctly on the offensive. At a time when the Central Powers are making desperate efforts to gain a temporary decision in their favor in the east the cheering news from the western front is all the more welcome.

If the British are meeting with steady success, and are developing an ever increasing military effectiveness, the French are no less successful. Their strategy, their steadiness, and the brilliant work of their armies are beyond praise. The successful defence of Verdun for so long a period against terrific German attacks has been followed by an advance on the Somme which cannot be stayed by the enemy. That it is a slow advance, on both French and British fronts is merely evidence that the war will extend into next year, and already plans are being made for the winter and for such a drive next summer as the weakened and dwindling German forces will find irresistible.

THE WAR NEWS.

The situation in Dobrudja, Roumania, is less satisfactory for the Allies. Von Mackensen has forced the Russian and Roumanian troops to retire, and they are still falling back. Unless the Russians can give the needed assistance, a further advance by the enemy seems inevitable.

On the Transylvania front the Roumanians have also yielded ground at one point, though they are fighting with great determination, and have prevented the enemy from making any material gains. For the most part the lines are firmly held.

The Germans claim a victory over the Russians in Galicia. The Russian report does not admit it, but says severe fighting is still in progress. It is evident, however, that the enemy is striking hard against both Russia and Roumania, and with a measure of success. That the pace can be kept up for any lengthened period is doubtful, but for the moment the enemy appear to have the advantage, and this is a further evidence that the war is to be prolonged.

On the western front the advantage is with the Allies. The British have made a further advance on a four mile front, and the war office tersely says: "Our attack was very successful; and the whole of our objective was gained." The French not only repulsed repeated attacks on their front, but "won a brilliant success in the region of Chaulnes." The positions gained both by British and French were consolidated and held. No doubt the Germans have somewhat weakened their western armies to make their drive in the east more formidable, and the British and French are able to take advantage of that change in the situation.

The assassination of the Austrian premier is an incident that may or may not have serious consequences in relation to the war. The man who committed the crime is a well known writer and a Socialist. He says the premier's political policies prompted the deed. We would not expect this incident to have any serious effect upon popular sentiment regarding the war, whatever the political effect in the country may be. The London Times says there is acute discontent among the lower classes in Austria, and another observer describes the assassination of Premier Stuergkh as a result of "the rebellion of the modern thinker against the feudal, militaristic and clerical organization of Austria." If this is true, there is a possibility of far-reaching consequences in the politics of Austria.

German submarines continue to take toll of British and neutral shipping, without, however, causing any serious interference with British trade and the transportation of men and materials. There is still no indication of a renewal of indiscriminate submarine warfare, and the Zeppelin campaign has proved a failure, so far as any military results are concerned. The winning of the war by the Allies goes slowly but steadily on, and the time is coming when, in the words of Mr. Hilaire Belloc, the enemy wil be brought to "a state in which they no longer can keep in the field organized armed forces capable of meeting their opponents."

REV. M. E. FLETCHER

The death of Rev. M. E. Fletcher ends a life of great usefulness while he was yet in his prime. Since the war began, one of the most earnest members of recruiting committees was Mr. Fletcher, who gave two sons to the service and was ready to go himself if he had been accepted. He was ever ready to go on the recruiting platform, in the city or anywhere in the province, and his earnest and striking appeals always made a deep impression. A man easy of approach, and ready to make himself one of any company in the advocacy of a good cause, he made friends wherever he went. The news of his death will be a severe blow to his sons, but who can measure the sorrow of the wife who has lost her husband and whose only children are the two lads at the front? Mr. Fletcher saw service as a missionary in Burmah, and has been pastor of churches in several parts of New Brunswick. His fine business ability marked him out for the post of financial agent for the Baptist denomination, which he has ably filled for some years. The citizens of St. John, regardless of creed, pay tribute to his memory, and join in profound sympathy for the bereaved family.

The gallant Serbians have continued to carry on a successful offensive on their portion of the Bulgarian front.

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There is now a rumor that the 140th Battalion may be broken up into drafts for other battalions at the front.

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The famous Sportsmen's Battalion, the 180th, will be given a hearty welcome when it arrives in St. John tomorrow.

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Is the Standard more worried over the scarcity of female labor than the scarcity of desirable jobs for returned soldiers?

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The correspondence between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Borden in regard to the proposed parliamentary committee is printed in today's Times. The editor of the Standard should read it.

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The Montreal Financial Times observes—"If these predestined Presbyterians really want to stop the merger of the Presbyterian Church with the Methodists and Congregationalists, they should get Sir Thomas White interested right away."

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Once more it is necessary to remind the Standard that the Ottawa Free Press is not a Liberal newspaper. It proclaimed its change of attitude some time after the war began, and has since been for the most part an unfriendly critic of the Liberal party.

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A report of Chief Supt. Carter's address at the recent teachers' institute in Moncton says: "Dr. Carter said that while many subjects were in the school curriculum and many demands were made upon the teacher's time and attention, we were apt to overlook fundamentals. He then dwelt more particularly on the teaching of the subjects, reading, writing and arithmetic, and urged the necessity of keeping in view the purposes of those subjects, and the necessity of making work in them practical."

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Attacks by the Conservative press upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier are neither wise nor patriotic. Attempts to make partisan capital by such attacks must fail. The voice of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been heard too often in appeals for recruits, and he and his party have been too vigorous in their support of all war measures to make such partisan appeals by his political enemies effective. What Canada needs now is harmony and not discord, patriotism and not partisanship; and Sir Wilfrid Laurier is first of all a patriot and the advocate of a united Canada.

QUERY BY BRITISH M. P.

Wants to Know Whether Canadian Firm Has German War Contract

London, Oct. 23—In the, House of Commons Sir Henry Dalzel asked the secretary for the colonies if he could state what quantities of iron ore were exported by the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company to the Krupp and other German firms in the year prior to the war, and whether contracts with Krupps contained any war clause extending the term of the contract by a period equal to that of the war or having any other effect, and whether the iron ore mines had been shut down in consequence of the loss of the German market, and whether any use can be made of the output of these mines in connection with the production of munitions in this country or by the allies.

Bonar Law referred the questioner to his answer of last January, when he was questioned regarding the exact relationship between the Canadian owners of hematite ores of Belle Island and German munition makers. He replied then that the ores were owned by two Canadian companies, one of which, before the war smelted the whole of its ores in Nova Scotia, and the other only part, a quantity of ore being sold to Germany. In 1912-8 out of a total production of iron ore in Newfoundland of 1,200,000 tons, 46,000 tons were exported to Germany and 98,000 to Holland.

He had no information regarding contractural relations between these Canadian and German firms.

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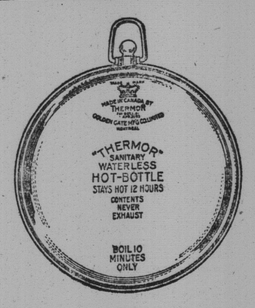

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Local Officers Reach the Front

Lieut. W. J. Brown to 26th and Lieut. James Holly to 25th; News of the Soldiers

That Lieutenant W. J. Brown, of the 140th Battalion, has been transferred to the 26th Battalion, was the word received by his wife, Mrs. Brown, on Saturday.

Lieutenant James Holly, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Holly, of this city, has been attached to the 25th Battalion, now in France. He is the first officer that qualified at the R. S. I. which was conducted here last fall, to arrive at the firing line. After completing his course here, he was attached to the 106th Nova Scotia Rifles and crossed to England with that unit. In all probability he passed through the big engagement following Courcelette.

Pte. A. C. Ellis Wounded.

Word was received yesterday by Mrs. A. C. Ellis, 81 Kennedy street ,to the effect that her husband, Private A. C. Ellis, had been admitted to No. 4 Field Ambulance Hospital, France, on October 1, suffering from gunshot wounds in the chin. He went overseas with the 55th Battalion and after arriving in England he was transferred to another unit.

Lieut. Reynolds Killed.

On Saturday word was received in the city from Mrs. Reynolds, now in England, to the effect that her son, Lieut. Ernest Reynolds, who was recently reported missing, had been killed in action on October 8. He was attached to the 76th Battalion. While in St. John Lieut. Reynolds was for several years in the branch of the Bank of British North America. From St. John he went to Hamilton, Ont., and later manager of the Bank at St. Catharines, where he enlisted.

Two Recruits.

W. J. Twist and H. H. Ferguson, both of Fredericton, signed on for overseas service with No. 8 Field Ambulance Train on Saturday.

A new organization borne of the war has been conceived in St. John and will probably be known as the "Fathers of the Empire." The organization was effected on Saturday night at a meeting in the Empire Hall, Brussels street. All those who have relatives at the front are eligible for membership and the purpose of the organization is to look after the returned and wounded soldiers and their dependents, as well as the dependents of those killed on the field of battle. The organization will also use its influence toward the securing of positions for returned soldiers.

Dr. J. James Manning was elected chairman pro tem and A. O. H. Wilson, secretary. It was decided to form a permanent organization and any who may have relatives at the front will be permitted to ally themselves with the association. It was suggested that the association be known as the "Fathers of the Empire" but the name was not definitely fixed upon and the final decision left in the hands of a committee which will draw up by-laws and submit them with other suggestions at the next meeting of the new organization to be held on October 26. The executive committee now having the matter in hand is composed as follows. David Hipwell, George Blair, James McKee, A. O. H. Wilson and F. E. Flewelling. "Bud" Tippets, of Fairville, was elected an honorary member as well as a member of all committees.

It is desired that all male relatives of those in khaki should attend the meeting on Thursday evening, October 26, at eight o'clock in the Empire Club hall, Brussels street, near the corner of Union street.

Private Hawker Killed.

That their son, Private Herbert William Hawker, had been killed in action was the sad news received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hawker, of 50 Queen street.

Private Hawker went overseas with the 27th Winnipeg Battalion, having been in the service of the C. P. R. in that city as an electrician, before the outbreak of war. He enlisted in Winnipeg's crack unit, and has been on the firing line over a year. Through all the heavy fighting of the past twelve months he went without a single scratch, although he was ill at one time and spent a few weeks in England recuperating.

He is twenty-four years of age, and unmarried, and the official telegram stated that he had been killed on Oct. 8. He has a brother, Arthur, now in training in England with an imperial unit. Besides his parents he is survived by five sisters, Hettie, Mabel, Lillian and Winnifred, all at home, and Miss Louise, of Portage La Prairie; and three brothers, Charles and Benjamin, both of Winnipeg, and Arthur, in the king's service in England. His father is well known in St. John, and is superintendent of the C. P. R. Bay of Fundy service.

Sergeant Rees.

That her husband, Sergeant William Rees, was missing, was the sad tidings conveyed officially to Mrs. William Rees, 118 Pitt street, yesterday afternoon.

Sergeant Rees enlisted with the 6th C. M. R.'s as a private and gradually worked his way up, winning his stripes on the field of battle. He had been on the firing line for several months, and through the heaviest fighting and recently wrote very interestingly of the battle of Courcelette, in which the Canadians won such undying fame. Sergeant Rees was a Welshman, and was underground manager of a colliery there before coming to this country a few years ago. He then worked at Minto and at the outbreak of war the spirit of his race was upon him and he finally enlisted. Hope is entertained by his relatives that he is a prisoner in Germany or has been wounded and taken to a French field hospital from whence his presence has not yet been reported.

His wife, three sons and a little daughter reside in this city. He was well known here and and his many friends concur in the hope that it will be found that he is a prisoner in Germany or is suffering from wounds in some hospital on another part of the line.

Petitcodiac Boys Killed.

Word was received by Arthur Bournes, of Petitcodiac, last week that his son, William, had been killed in action "Somewhere in France." He had been in the west for eight years and enlisted from there. Before joining his regiment in Halifax he spent a few days with his parents. Arthur Bournes, of the 104th Battalion, is a brother.

On Thursday of last week, Azar Jonah also received a wire conveying the sad intelligence that his son, Private Ernest Jonah, had been killed in action. He was a member of the 26th Battalion, and is survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. J. Esty, of Dumphries, York county, and Miss Hazel, at home. He was a member of Leinster street Baptist church, where his name is on the honor roll.

Carleton County Boys Killed.

Two Carleton county homes have been saddened within two weeks by the loss of sons at the front. On Oct. 7, Samuel Havens, of Jacksonville, received word that his son, Clarence, had been killed in action on Sept. 30, while on Thursday, Oct. 19, Mrs. Henry Briggs, of Wakefield Centre, received a similar message concerning her son, John W. Judkins, who fell on Oct. 9.

115th Band Coming Back.

The 115th Battalion's Brass Band, one of the finest military musical organizations in this province during the war will return from England and become part of the New Brunswick Kilties.

The 115th Band which was formed largely from the 62nd Fusiliers Regiment Band of St. John were presented with a fine set of instruments by James F. Robertson, of St. John, and these will be brought back by the men from England.

A cable from London which gives the names of Canadian officers recently arriving in England wounded from the battle line includes the name of Captain F. H. Elliott of this city, who is reported to be in Manchester at the present time suffering from shell shock. Captain Elliott went overseas with the 26th New Brunswick Battalion, but did not cross to France with that unit. It is evident that he was in France, however, during the past few months with some C. E. F. unit. He is a well known North End man, the son of James Elliott, and a former alderman of the city.

In a list of officers given out from London announcing the different places where Canadian officers are now being held in Germany, it is noted that Lieutenant R. P. Steeves, of the 7th Battalion, of this city, is at Kriegsgefangenlager, Train, Kaserne (army service corps barracks), Kishofswerda, Sachsen, Germany, and that Captain M. A. Scovil, of the 4th C. M. R.,'s, also of this city, is at Kriegsgefangenlager, Gutersloh (Crx.) Germany. Brigadier-General V. A. Williams is reported to be Kriegsgefangen, Husaren, Caserne (Hussar Barracks), Crefeld, Germany.

Council of Women.

At a meeting of the executive of the Local Council of Women on Saturday the resignation of the president, Mrs. T. H. Bullock, was tendered on account of illness and accepted with sympathy and regret. Mrs. Harold Lawrence spoke on conservation and Mrs. R. B. Hooper on the registration of women. Mrs. David McLellan was appointed convenor of a committee to share in the work at the Soldier's Club.

May Return to London.

It is reported that F. W. Sumner of Moncton will return to England to take up the duties of agent general of New Brunswick again.

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