

# SIR JOHN FRENCH THANKS OFFICERS AND MEN

## BRITISH OPERATIONS MOST SUCCESSFUL, FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH REPORTS

### King George Sends His Congratulations to Officers and Men for the Gallant Work in Great Offensive.

British Headquarters in France, via London, Oct. 3.—The following special orders of the day have been issued by Field Marshal Sir John French:

"The field marshal, commander-in-chief, has received the following message from the King dated the 29th of September, 1915:

"I heartily congratulate you, and all ranks of my army under your command, upon the success which has attended their gallant efforts since the commencement of the combined attack. I recognize that this strenuous, determined fighting is but the prelude to greater deeds and further victories. I trust the sick and wounded are being well cared for."

"The following reply has been sent to His Majesty:

"To His Majesty, the King, Buckingham Palace:

"Your Majesty's forces in France are deeply grateful for Your Majesty's most gracious message. There is no sacrifice the troops are not prepared to make to uphold the honor and traditions of Your Majesty's army, and to secure a final and complete victory."

"D. P. French, Field Marshal, commander-in-chief, has received the following message from Earl Kitchener, dated the 27th of September, 1915:

"To Sir John French, general headquarters:

"My warmest congratulations to you and all serving under you on the substantial success you have achieved and my best wishes for progress in your important operations."

"Special order of the day by Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British army in the field:

"We have now reached a definite stage in the great battle which commenced on the 25th inst. Our allies in the south have pierced the enemy's last line entrenchments, and effected large captures of prisoners, guns and tents."

"The French army on our immediate right has been heavily opposed, but has brilliantly succeeded in securing an important position, known as the Vimy Ridge."

Capture of Hill 70

"The operations of the British forces have been most successful, and have had great and important results. On the morning of the 25th the first and fourth corps attacked and carried the enemy's first and most powerful line of entrenchments, extending from our extreme right flank at Origny to a point north of the Hohenzollern ridge, a distance of 6,500 yards."

"This position was exceptionally strong, consisting of a double line which included some large redoubts and a network of trenches and tombarrow shelter. Dugouts were constructed at short intervals all along the line, some of them being large covers, thirty feet below the ground."

"The 11th corps in general reserve and the 3rd cavalry division were subsequently thrown into the fight, and finally the 25th division. After the vicissitudes attendant upon every great fight the enemy's line and second line positions were taken. A commanding position known as Hill 70, in advance of Loos, was finally captured and a strong line established and consolidated in close proximity to the German third and last line."

"The main operations south of La Bassée Canal were much facilitated and assisted by subsidiary attacks delivered by the 3rd and Indian corps and the troops of the second army. Great help also was rendered the operations by the 5th corps east of Ypres, during which some important captures were made."

"We also are much indebted to Vice-Admiral Buxton and our naval comrades for the valuable co-operation of the fleet."

"Our captures have amounted to over three thousand prisoners and some 25 guns, besides many machine guns and a quantity of war material."

"The enemy has suffered heavy losses, particularly in many counterattacks, which he has endeavored to wrest back captured positions, but which have all been gallantly repulsed by our troops."

"I desire to express to the army under my command my deep appreciation of the splendid work they have accomplished, and my heartfelt thanks for the brilliant leadership displayed by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, and the corps and divisional commanders who acted under his orders in the main attack."

"In the same spirit of admiration and gratitude I wish particularly to comment upon the magnificent spirit, indomitable courage and dogged tenacity displayed by the troops of the old and new army and the territorials, who have with you another in the heroic conduct displayed throughout the battle, and by the officers and non-commissioned officers."

"I feel the utmost confidence and assurance that the same glorious spirit"

### BRIG. GEN. MORRISON IN COMMAND OF ARTILLERY 2ND C.D.

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes last night received the following cable from Sir Max Aitken, general representative of the Minister of Militia in France:

"Canadian Headquarters in France, Oct. 3.—During the latter half of the period of Sept. 29-30, a combined British and French offensive has been steadily developing. Fierce fighting has taken place at various points along the Allied line in weather alternating brilliant sunshine and torrential rains."

"Progress has been made on our front. Hostile fire has been somewhat heavier than usual, and the enemy's artillery has been most aggressive, but with little net results. The enemy's aeroplanes and snipers have been particularly active."

"On the morning of Saturday, Sept. 25, a demonstration was carried out by our division. The German trenches were heavily manned, and our artillery machine gun and rifle fire are believed to have caused numerous casualties. The enemy's official communication stated that an attack had been made by us and had been repulsed with heavy loss. This, of course, is false."

"Reports indicate considerable movement of troops in the rear of the enemy's lines opposite our front. Our working parties have repaired the slight damage to our wire and parapets caused by the enemy's shell fire and have been continuously employed improving the lines. Our patrols continue to be very active everywhere."

"The Hon. Mr. Meighen, D.S.O. (Ottawa), senior artillery divisional commander, now having fully recovered his wound strength, has taken command of the artillery of the Second Canadian Division, while Brig. Gen. Morrison has assumed command of the divisional artillery of the First Canadian Division."

"Major H. H. Methews has assumed command of the Eighth Infantry Battalion."

Fourteen Deaths

"At the Board of Health offices last week fourteen deaths were registered, resulting two each from encephalitis and premature birth, and one each from enteritis, ascites, meningitis, consumption, heart disease, cholera infantum, cerebral embolism, osteomyelitis, carcinoma of stomach and rheumatoid arthritis."

Autumn Excursions to Boston

"As evidence that the low rate excursions to Boston have proven very attractive to the people of St. John and vicinity, the Eastern S. S. Corporation has extended the date of sale until October 29th. October is the ideal month to visit Boston."

East St. John Circles

"A meeting will be held at the Courtenay Bay Mission at 3.30 o'clock on Tuesday, October 5, for the purpose of forming a circle of the Red Cross Society and the Soldiers' Comfort Association. Mrs. John McAvity, president of the Red Cross Society, and Mrs. George McAvity, president of the Soldiers' Comfort League, will be present and tell of the aims of these organizations."

Charles W. Edmonds

"The many friends of Charles William Edmonds will regret to learn of his death which occurred Sunday afternoon. Deceased had lived in St. John the greater part of his life and was well known in the livery business. Besides his mother he leaves one brother, John M., in New York, and three sisters, Mrs. R. E. Plimpton, of this city; Mrs. E. A. Harrison, of Waltham, Mass., and Mrs. W. R. Hargraves of Los Angeles, California."

It which has been so marked a feature throughout the first phase of the great battle will continue until our efforts are crowned by final and complete victory."

"30th of September, 1915.  
Signed, J. D. P. French, Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief.  
"British army in the field."

### WERE BRUTALLY TREATED BY TEUTON CAPTORS

Quebec, Oct. 3.—Privates Barlow and Tikish, of the 5th Royal Highlanders, Montreal, who arrived here with other wounded officers and men today, says that while wounded and prisoners they were struck and insulted and refused cold water. While on the train in Germany little girls spat on them and threw refuse in their faces, while crowds hurled all kinds of vile epithets at them. Had it not been for the Red Cross Society they would have almost died of starvation, says Barlow. On the other hand, after being exchanged, they received the most kindly treatment of their way through Holland.

### DR. MICHAEL CLARKE'S SON PROMOTED; NOW A LIEUTENANT

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Private James Arthur Clark, son of Dr. Michael Clark, M. P., for Red Deer, who has been through every fight with the Princess Patricia since that famous regiment went to France, has been given a commission on the personal recommendation of Major Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia. During the minister's visit to France he sent for young Clark and Alfred McCouprey, who is gallant. Clark is now attached to the 12th Reserve Battalion at Shorncliffe at Leuven.

### ST. STEPHEN MEN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Oct. 3.—Uriah Stanhope and Alfred McCouprey left St. Stephen Saturday morning in Mr. Stanhope's auto for a hunting trip to Poculocan. At Rolling Dam they picked up Joseph and Max Scullin, who were to enjoy the outing with them. When they were four miles this side of St. George, things began to happen. While going down a steep hill, Mr. Stanhope, who was driving the car, glanced over his shoulder for a second, and the next thing they knew the car was cross ways of the road, and all four occupants thrown out. The Scullin brothers sustained but slight injuries, and summoned Dr. Taylor from St. George, who found McCouprey with a dislocated shoulder, and Stanhope with one ear hanging to his head by one muscle. Dr. Taylor put the two injured men in his car and brought them to St. Stephen where their injuries were treated at the Chipman Memorial Hospital.

### CONTRACTOR KELLY TO FIGHT EXTRADITION

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Thomas Kelly, the millionaire Canadian contractor, arrested here yesterday in connection with alleged frauds in the construction of parliament buildings at Winnipeg, declared today that he would "fight extradition, and go back when good and ready."

### FOUR RECRUITS AT PARROD MEETING

Special to The Standard.

Parrodo, N. S., Oct. 2.—A well attended recruiting meeting was held in the Opera House last night. Mayor Salter presided and the meeting was ably and eloquently addressed by Lieutenant J. L. Ralston and Hance J. Logan. As a result four young men enlisted in the Eighty-Fifth.

Walter Shaw of Wall street, who was in the employ of the I. C. R. for nearly twelve years, has resigned to accept a good offer from the Boston & Maine Railroad. He will leave in the near future to enter upon his new duties as freight tracer with headquarters in Boston. His many friends are congratulating him on his appointment and wish him his every success.

### HON. MR. MEIGHEN NOW MEMBER OF THE CABINET

Member Without Portfolio Until Parliament Meets and Office of Solicitor General is Made a Department.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Hon. Arthur S. Meighen, Solicitor General, was on Saturday sworn in a member of the cabinet. Until parliament meets and the position of Solicitor General becomes a department, Mr. Meighen will rank as a minister without portfolio. Therefore the salary of the Solicitor General cannot be increased to the usual cabinet salary of \$7,000 until then.

Since he came into parliament in 1908 as one of the youngest members of the House, Mr. Meighen has taken a prominent part in the debates but since the Conservatives came into power in 1911 he has been detailed the duty of presenting the case of the government on many of the important issues.

Mr. Meighen, who represents Portage La Prairie, Man., is 39 years of age. He is a native of Perth County, Ont., and a graduate of Toronto University. He was married in 1904.

### Dr. Jackson's Roman Meal The Only "Money Back" Food

This is a fact. It is all very well to make claims and let the other fellows take chances. Roman Meal Co. does not ask you to take chances. It asks you to try Dr. Jackson's Roman Meal or Roman Meal Nuggets for constipation, which, if they do not relieve completely, naturally, delightfully, will give you your money back. Because it does this naturally by the brain and tasteless flavoured contained in it, stimulating the bowel muscles and lubricating the bowel canal, it strengthens the wasted muscles through exercise and overcomes the drying of the lining of the bowel which has resulted from the foolish use of drugs. Unlike all drugs, it thus removes the cause of constipation instead of making it worse. If you take a drug your bowels may move but your constipated habit will be lessened. Dr. Jackson's Roman Meal Nuggets can be carried in the pocket or handbag on outing trips or sports. Carry a pocketful. They prevent fatigue. Ask your doctor. At all grocers, 10 and 25 cents.

### FORD TO REPLY THROUGH THE PRESS

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Major General Sir Sam Hughes received a telegram today from the secretary of Henry Ford, the American automobile manufacturer, saying: "A reply to your telegram will be made through the Toronto newspapers."

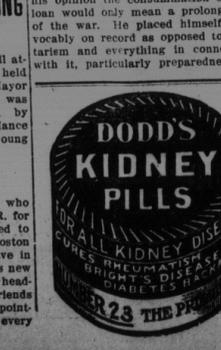
On Thursday last General Hughes wired Ford asking if it were true as reported in the press that he had declared himself opposed to the Franco-British loan, that he would withdraw his patronage from any bank which took part in the loan and that if he saw this way he would tie a tin can to the commission and send them out of the country.

General Hughes today made no comment upon the fact that he had had no reply for several days and then only an intimation from Ford's secretary that the answer would be made through the press.

### Another Alleged Interview

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 3.—In an accredited interview this evening, Mr. Henry Ford, head of the Ford Motor Company, while saying he neither cared to affirm or deny the statement attributed to him, and which was said to have been made in New York recently, to the effect that he was opposed to the Anglo-French war loan, said in his opinion the consummation of the loan would only mean a prolongation of the war. He placed himself irrevocably on record as opposed to militarism and everything in connection with it, particularly preparedness.

### DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS



### 119 OFFICERS IN BRITISH CASUALTY LIST

London, Oct. 4. (3.10 a. m.)—Casualty lists published today include the names of 119 officers and 3,607 men. A list under date of Sept. 26 gives the names of 85 officers from the western front, of whom 20 are dead. The dead include many prominent officers, among them Lieutenant-Col. John R. E. Stanfield, commander of the Second Gordon Highlanders; Lieutenant-Col. Arthur Parkin, commander of the Seventh Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment; Lieutenant-Col. Godfrey Morris, of the Eighth Gurkhas, and Lieutenant. Browne, son of the Earl of Kenmare.

### NEARLY 700 FIRES CAUSED BY CHILDREN PLAYING WITH MATCHES

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—No fewer than 683 fires, one million and a half dollars damage to property and the loss of thirty-eight lives occurred during the year 1914 in Canada as the direct result of children playing with matches. The conservative commission today issues a warning to mothers of the Dominion.

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### PERSONAL

W. C. McKay, manager of the Opera House, will leave this morning on a short business trip to Boston.

Willard S. McIntyre, son of the late Dr. W. E. McIntyre, arrived home yesterday on the C.P.R. from Vancouver. Mr. McIntyre is a signaller with the 47th Battalion situated in Vancouver and enlisted only a few months ago. He had heard of his father's illness and was coming home to see him but did not know of his death until he reached Revelstoke. He continued his journey nevertheless and will remain in the city for a short time.

Mrs. R. W. Churchill (wife of Lieut. Churchill of the 64th Battalion) and Mrs. Clarence Yeaton of Hantsport, N. S., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Armstrong.

The Misses Kathleen, Helen and Margaret Lydon, of Lakewood, are visiting at the home of their aunt, Mrs. M. A. Walton of North End.

W. E. Stavert was re-elected president of the Spanish Pulp and Paper Mills, Limited, at the annual meeting at Montreal on Thursday.

### FOR THE RED CROSS

Highfield, Queens county, Oct. 2.—An enjoyable concert was held at the Highfield Hall on Wednesday night in aid of the Highfield branch of the Red Cross Society. The accompanist for the evening was Mrs. Medley Pearson; cashier, John S. Gamblin; stage manager, David Pearson. About thirty dollars was realized and a programme including choruses, vocal and instrumental music, readings, sketches, etc. was rendered. The following took part: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mitchell, Emily Fulton, Ada McManus, F. W. Eleanor McLean, Eva McManus, Laura Thorne, Nina Thorne, Medley Pearson, John Gamblin, Jr., Robt. Ward, Chas. Plummer, Arta Pearson, Lulu Smith, Thomas Stevens and Stewart McManus.

Safe in France.

John Keefe has received a card from his son, Captain Keefe, who writes from somewhere in France of his safe arrival there with the 26th Battalion.

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## Quality! Quantity! Variety!

All three are well represented in the merchandise to be offered for sale.

There are no expenses to be deducted—the cost is being borne by the Daughters of the Empire, so that EVERY DOLLAR goes to the

## Patriotic Fund

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### Biggest Enterprise of Dropped on German Struck—Moving craft — Germans

Paris, Oct. 2.—A squadron of 60 bombers of the railway station at Valenciennes, according to the text of the communication. "Our heavy artillery has co-operated in the bombardment of the German batteries. In Artois the enemy directed, ville-St. Vaast and the wood to the north to which we very energetic. "An intense bombardment by Berry-Au-Bac, in the direction of the direction of Sapigniewil. "On the Champagne front the sides, in which the enemy has again focusing gases. "Between the Meuse and the Marne has been several outbreaks from trenches, but our batteries put a stop to them. "In Lorraine a new and strong, repulsed and dispersed to the south. "In Champagne one of our balloons, which dropped to the earth. "A squadron of sixty-five aeroplanes at Vouziers, the aviation group at Chalons. More than three objects aimed at, which were at in two a moving train near the station."

## EVEN CROSS, SICK CHILDREN LOVE SYRUP OF FIGS

If feverish, bilious, constipated, give fruit laxative at once.

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign his little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste. When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throats sore, doesn't sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeiters sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

## SUED FOR LIBEL ON MAYOR OF MONTREAL

Montreal, Oct. 3.—Mr. Jules Fournier, editor of the French weekly of this city, L'Action, was arrested Saturday, charged with criminal libel, at the instances of Mayor Mederic Martin, and he will appear for a hearing on Wednesday. He is out on bail, \$1,000. The criminal action is the outcome of an article published in L'Action, in connection with alleged offers of an asphalt company to corruptly influence the Mayor and some other members of the City Council in favor of a civic awarding of contracts.

## QUEEN'S COUNTY MACHINE GUN FUND

Contribution by Loyal Orange Lodge No. 150, Brigg's Corner, Queens Co., \$182.00, bringing the total receipts to date from the Parish of Chipman to \$898.75.

It has been suggested that some of the successful men who are natives of Queens, but doing business outside of the county, might well join in bringing this fund up to an even \$4,000.00. It will require less than \$340.00 to do this.

Who will be the first? What's your bid? \$50,000 in a week!