

LOCAL WATER SITUATION GROWS ACUTE

FRENCH PIERCE THE ENEMY'S SALIENT IN CHAMPAGNE

BRITISH CLEARING WAY TO RENEW OFFENSIVE

HEAVY GUNS OF CROWN PRINCE ALONE ACTIVE

No Infantry Attacks on French Along Somme or at Verdun.

BOMBARDMENT UNCEASING

Works Before French Fortress Subjected to Heavy Shelling.

FOE'S SALIENT PIERCED

Paris Official Reports a Success in the Champagne Fight.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, July 13.—(Noon).—There was no infantry fighting of importance last night on the Verdun front or over the portion of the Somme front held by the French today's official report says. Intermittent artillery engagements occurred in the Somme sector. In the vicinity of Souville, Chenois and La Lauffe, before Verdun, a heavy bombardment was maintained by the Germans.

In the Champagne the French penetrated a salient of the German front and took prisoners. Two German raids in the Argonne were stopped by the French fire.

The French statement follows: "There have been intermittent artillery exchanges along the front of the River Somme."

"In the Champagne district we penetrated a salient of the German line in the vicinity of Prosmes and brought back some prisoners."

"In the Argonne two surprise attacks delivered by the enemy upon the northern and eastern portions of the Bolante salient failed under our fire. At La Fille Morte we caused the explosion of a mine and they occupied the southern side of the crater."

"On the right bank of the River Meuse there has been no infantry fighting. During the night, however, there was an intense bombardment in the sectors of Souville, Chenois and La Lauffe."

"In the Vosges an attack by the enemy upon one of our trenches to the south of Caracul has been repulsed after a spirited engagement with hand-grenades."

No Canucks in Somme Attack; Artillery Helps

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

London, July 13.—No Canadian or Australian infantry have taken part in the Somme offensive thus far, but the few Foundland troops have distinguished themselves, according to reports from British headquarters.

Canadian artillery has aided in bombardment it is believed here.

SHACKLETON AGAIN WILL TRY TO RESCUE

Leaves for Elephant Island About 70-Ton Wooden Schooner.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 13.—In a message to the Daily Chronicle from Punta Arenas, Chile, dated July 12, Sir Ernest Shackleton announces that he planned to leave there yesterday aboard the 70-ton wooden schooner Emma, provided and equipped by the British Association, to make a further attempt to rescue his comrades on Elephant Island. The schooner will be towed as far south as possible by a steamship lent by the Chilean Government.

The complete results of the London entrance examinations were announced today by Public School Inspector C. B. Edwards. They show that 81 per cent of the local students were successful in passing the entrance to the high school. The complete list of successful students appears on Page 12.

MEDAL WINNERS OF PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS OF LONDON IN RECENT HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS.



MISS FRANCES SMITH, St. Mary's school, Murphy medal for separate school highest standing.



MISS BLANCHE MCKENZIE, Lorne avenue school, Robb medal.



MISS MARIE LOUGHLIN, Sacred Heart school, winner of Dromedary medal for second highest separate school highest standing.

BRITISH STEADILY CLEAR PATH FOR NEW ATTACK ON GERMAN SECOND LINE

Haig Fights Off Enemy Counter-Attacks, While He Brings Up Heavy Artillery to Batter Down Defences Before Sending His Infantry at Foe.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 13.—3:32 p.m.—Fighting continues at various points along the battlefield in the region of the River Somme in France, but there has been no change in the situation on any part of the British line, says an official statement issued by the British war department this afternoon. Attempts of the Germans to raid trenches west of Wyschaete and south of La Bassee Canal were frustrated.

[Canadian Press.]

London July 13.—The British troops are holding all ground gained, beating off heavy counter-attacks, while the big guns are brought up and turned on the German defences in order to clear a path for renewal of Allied offensive.

BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

London, July 13.—The official statement, which is timed 2 o'clock this afternoon, says:

"Heavy artillery duels were in progress in certain sectors of the battle area since the last report, and fighting continues at various points on the front, but there was no damage in the situation on any part of our line."

"West of Wyschaete and south of La Bassee Canal the enemy attempted to raid our trenches, but he was driven off in each case by our fire."

"Despite unfavorable weather our aeroplanes have been constantly at work. Hostile machines were active, but all their attacks on our aeroplanes operating over the German lines were driven off. One of our aeroplanes is missing."

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 13.—12:05 p.m.—The recovery of the Russian armies since their defeats of last year, and the apparently inexhaustible supply of guns and ammunition with which they are provided, continues to be a source of wonder to military writers. At least six great armies are engaged against the Austrians and Germans on Russia's western front. All of them are using great quantities of ammunition, even those not definitely on the offensive.

The forces under Grand Duke Nicholas in Armenia and Persia have been fighting vigorously against the Turks for months. A few weeks ago parts of these forces, particularly those west of Erzerum, were compelled to fall back in the face of a stronger Turkish army. Early this week the grand duke resumed the offensive in this region and recaptured Mamakhatum, 50 miles west of Erzerum. Some of the Turks have fallen back some 25 miles from the furthest point reached in their counter-offensive.

The Fight For Kovel. Meanwhile the armies directly south of the Pinsk marshes are fighting a pitched battle with the Austro-German forces of Gen. Von Linsingen, along the line of the Stokhod River. It probably will be some days before the decision is reached, as the Teutons have brought up very strong reinforcements in the hope of retaining possession of Kovel, of which would necessitate a regrouping over a long stretch of the front. North of the Pinsk marshes the fighting at present is largely with artillery. In Galicia the Russian armies are reforming for continuation of the offensive.

In the West. In the west the renewed efforts of the Germans before Verdun, in the seventh great onslaught with dense masses of troops since the operations began some five months ago. The Germans have made a slight gain, but apparently this has not lessened the confidence of the French in their ability to hold fast. They still have three solid lines of defence which must be penetrated before

WAS COMMISSION GREATER THAN COST OF LAND?

Purchase of Camp Borden Develops an Interesting London Story.

CASH AID SOUGHT IN CITY

Loan Company Approached to Finance Deal Growing From Purchase.

DIRECTORS "KEPT OFF IT"

Farmers Reported to Have Got \$3 an Acre, While Agent Received \$9 for Work.

Financial men in London are relating a story in connection with the purchase of the property for Camp Borden which is arousing much interest.

Some time ago, according to the statements made, a man interested in the purchase of the camp for the Government came to London and interviewed several Londoners of means regarding the financing of certain projects in connection with the camp. It is stated that he produced evidence to show that those who owned the land purchased for the camp had been paid \$2.75 and \$3 an acre, while the man who made the purchase secured \$12 for every acre secured, out of which he paid the landowners. His "commission," therefore, would have been from \$9 to \$9.75 an acre, if the information received is correct.

Did Government Pay Direct?

Another feature of the story is that those who sold the land received their checks direct from the Government, and the agent received his "commission" in a separate check. The landowners thought they were dealing direct with the Government.

The man interested is said to have made other land deals in the vicinity of Camp Borden on which to build bungalows for officers' families to be rented at a considerable figure. The same plan had in mind the erection of a hotel in the vicinity. The agent came to a London loan company, according to the information received, in order to secure financial assistance in the handling of his prospects, but was not accommodated, because of the attitude which the directors took toward the matter.

Frank Statement Urged. The story has had a broad circulation and it has been urged in this city that an investigation should be forthcoming.

MUNITIONS WORKERS TO FOREGO AUGUST HOLIDAYS

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 13.—The Government has decided to ask workers to forego their August holidays, owing to the demand for munitions in France. Some trades unions already have suggested that this be done, so that no difficulty is looked for. When a similar request was made to forego the whitsuntide holidays it was said they were to be postponed and taken in conjunction with the August holidays.

COMMISSION ORDERS WATER CONSUMPTION BROUGHT TO MINIMUM

CONSERVATIVES ALL READY TO MAKE "ANDY" BROWER SHERIFF; "BANG!" WENT NORTH PERTH

The Saddest Words of Tongue or Pen Are These: "I Might Have Retired for Life, but We Dassen't Open East Elgin Right Now, Boys."

The election in North Perth on Monday cost "Andy" Brower, M.P.P., for East Elgin a fine job, for the present at least, and there is some among his friends. Some months ago, Sheriff McCall, St. Thomas, died, and the Government at Toronto have been considering the appointment of a successor. Andy Brower has been a very faithful servant of the Government. His speeches in the Legislature have never made his fellow members tired, as they were conspicuous by their absence. However, he could always be counted on to vote the party straight, and give no trouble.

Anxious for a Change. When the vacancy occurred in the sheriff's office, it was decided that Mr. Brower should get the appointment. He had been faithful, was a very decent fellow personally, and was desirous of quitting. The government decided that he should be rewarded, and his appointment was agreed upon. And then came the election. North Perth simply turned things upside down. A deputation from East Elgin hastened to Toronto, and informed the powers that be that East Elgin would follow the lead of North Perth, if there should be an election. Some Conservatives spoke right out in meeting, and declared that they would assist in driving the Heast Government into political limbo, if the appointment was made, and Brower given a life's job. Not Exactly Pleased.

The result is that the job is still vacant, and will remain so for some time. In the meantime, Mr. Brower and hers are not tickled to death with the results of the North Perth election.

BOLT OF LIGHTNING HITS BUFFALO PLANT; BUILDING IS RAZED

[Canadian Press.]

Buffalo, N. Y., July 13.—Three men were killed, six seriously injured, and several were reported missing, as the result of the collapse today of one of the main buildings at the plant of the Smet Solway Company on the Niagara River road, two miles from Buffalo city line.

The building went down just as a storm broke over the river, and it was said by some of the workmen that a bolt of lightning struck a tall chimney causing it to collapse.

PRESS OF LONDON HARD ON HALDANE OVER LORD'S SPEECH

Must Clear Himself of Certain Grave Charges, Says Post.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 13.—The Daily News parliamentary correspondent says: Lord Haldane's great speech on education opened with a dignified reply to a ducal insult and ended amid cheering such as is seldom heard."

The Morning Post says: "Many people will feel with the Duke of Buccleugh that the Duke of Devonshire, to take any part in public debate until he has cleared himself as to certain grave matters. The public at present believe Viscount Haldane's influence was used either wittingly or unwittingly to disturb the entente with France with the object of some new balancing arrangement with Germany. Of his visits to Berlin and what happened there we only had a brief and belated account unsupported by the papers, but one thing is certain—Germany, which before had given no reason to doubt the sincerity of our engagements with France, was filled in 1914, and probably in 1915, when her preparations for immediate war began, with absolute confidence that we should stand fast of the war."

The Daily Mail says: Lord Haldane's eponymy is extraordinary, but it is really too much that he should seek to obtrude his unwelcome advice on the House of Lords before he has answered the grave charges which have been brought against him out of his own mouth."

SIR JAMES AIKENS TO SUCCEED CAMERON

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, July 13.—It is announced in the Government newspaper here that Sir James Aikens, president of the Canadian Bar Association, and millionaire lawyer, is to be appointed governor of Manitoba, succeeding Sir Douglas Cameron on August 1. Manitoba Conservatives will hold a convention here July 19 to select a new leader.

Holds Special Meeting Today to Deal With Acute Shortage of Water Here, and Decides on Immediate Action to Secure Additional Supply at Once—All Lawn Services Ordered Off.

The utilities commission, at a special meeting held at 11 o'clock this morning, decided to cut off lawn services within the city in the evenings, to cut off lawn services of outside residents at all times, and to take steps at once to increase the supply. To this end, tests will be made of the Macgregor wells on the Base Line, and Driller Harvey of St. Catharines, will come at once to sink more wells.

This action was taken as the result of a pronounced shortage in the water supply in the city. For some days, it has been acute, but this morning it was quite serious. There was no water at the military camp for two hours. Few citizens were able to get water on the upper stories in their homes. Those who had hydraulic pumps, to pump soft water, were unable to get little or no water. Street sprinkling was cancelled altogether. There were many complaints.

The reason for the lack of pressure, in fact, the almost entire lack of water this morning, was because General Manager Buchanan cut off Springbank entirely for some hours. As a result, the Horton street plant was called upon to furnish the supply. Although the pumps handled at the rate of about 6,000,000 gallons of water a day, it was found impossible to get more than 15 pounds' pressure, with the result that the majority of citizens had no water.

A hurried meeting of the utilities commission was called to discuss the problem, and for more than an hour, the commission discussed ways and means of conserving the supply until the drought was ended.

Pumping 6,000,000 Gallons. "We have been pumping over 6,000,000 gallons of water for some days," said Mr. Buchanan. "Our average for a week, which includes last Saturday and Sunday, when the consumption was light, is 5,660,000 gallons a day. Of this, 2,600,000 came from the wells, and the balance from Springbank. We are losing ground all the time, as we cannot keep up with the demand. Something will have to be done. I am arranging for another compressor, which will be in service on Saturday. That will give us about 300,000 to 400,000 gallons more. There is a flowing sulphur well at Springbank that can be turned in. By the time it gets to the consumer, there will be the trace of sulphur. That can be used for a few days until such a time as the heat wave is passed."

No More From Springbank. "We can get no more from Springbank. We have reached our capacity there."

"The limit of our resources is about 400,000 gallons additional," declared Commissioner G. Mitchell. "That is not the brightest prospect. We must conserve what we have, and take steps to get more water."

"It has been suggested that we cut off lawn services, both those who have meters, and those who have not, may use the lawn service from 6 to 8 o'clock in the morning, no more."

In the suggestion of Commissioner Mitchell, it was decided to cut off the lawn services of those living outside the city at all times. Citizens must be protected first.

"If they do not agree to that, we must cut them off altogether," he declared.

All-Night Service Off. After some discussion, it was decided to cut off all lawn services at night. The citizens, both those who have meters, and those who have not, may use the lawn service from 6 to 8 o'clock in the morning, no more.

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Taps Left Running. General Manager Buchanan outlined some of the reasons for the large consumption of water. Taps are left running day and night. Lawn services are never turned off. Water is used for cooling butter, and the like.

"The citizens are wasteful," he declared. "We should warn the people to be careful."

After some further discussion, the question of increasing the supply was brought up, and Chairman Pocock suggested that Driller Harvey, who put down the Horton street wells be engaged to sink two or more wells at once.

"His charges are reasonable, and we can increase the supply materially," he added.

Instruction were given the general manager to secure Mr. Harvey immediately, and sink more wells.

May Purchase Macgregor Wells. The Macgregor wells were brought in to the discussion. It was pointed out that there were 2,000,000 gallons of water available there, and the property could be purchased at a reasonable figure.

General Manager Buchanan was instructed to secure a pump, and test the capacity of the well at once. If there is enough water there, negotiations for the purchase of the property will be entered into at once.

POWDER HOUSE EXPLODES; FOUR PERSONS KILLED

[Canadian Press.]

Pompton Lakes, N. J., July 13.—One of the powder houses of the Dupont powder works, near here, blew up at 11:20 o'clock today, shaking the surrounding country. Four persons are reported killed and three injured.