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LOCAL WATER SITUATION GROWS ACUTE

PIERCE THE ENEMY'S

RENEW OFFENSIVE RITISH CLEARING WAY TO

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 Suscess 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 of ficial report says. Intermittent artillery engagements occurred in the Somme sector. In the vicinity of Souville, Chenois and La Laufee before Verdun, a heavy bombardment was maintained by the Ger-

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

ent 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 Prosnes and brought back some prisoners. "In the Argonne two surprise attacks

delivered by the enemy upon the northern and eastern portions of the Bolante lient failed under our fire. At La Fille Morte we caused the explosion of a mine and then occupied the southern side of the crater. "On the right bank of the Rive

Meuse there has been no infantry fight-ing. During the night, however, there was an intense bombardment in the sectors of Souville, Chenois and La

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

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 ew 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 Aboard 70-Ton Wooden Schooner,

[Canadan Press.]

London, July 13 .- In a message to the Daily Chronicle from Punta Arenas, dated July 12. Sir Ernest Shackleton announces that he planned 70-ton wooden schooner Emma, pro-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 MARIE LOUGHLIN, Sacred Heart school, winner of Dromgole medal for second highest separate

school highest standing ISH STEADILY CLEAR PATH FOR NEW ATTACK ON GERMAN SECOND LINE

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

school, Murphy medal for separate avenue school, Robb medal,

(Canadian Press.)

London, July 13 .- 3:32 p.m. Fighting continues at various points along the battlefront 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. [Canadian Press.] 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 "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

"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."

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.

Nicholas Moves Ahead. The forces under Grand Duke Nicholas Armenia and Persia have been fighting vigorously against the Turks for months. A few weeks ago parts of these eral offensive can be renewed. 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 recapto leave there yesterday aboard the tured Mamakhatum, 50 miles west of vided and equipped by the British fallen back some 25 miles from the furthest point reached in their counter-

> 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, loss of which would necessitate a regrouping over a long stretch of the front. North of the Pinsk marshed front. North of the Pinsk marshed arfighting at present is largely with arfighting at present is largely with arCalgary
> Calgary are reforming for continuation of the Winnipeg

offensive. In the West. In the west the renewed efforts of the Germans before Verdun, is 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 Father Point has not lessened the confidence of the French in their ability to hold fast. They still have three solid lines of de-

the German objective can be gained. The British are still engaged in clearing the Germans from fortified positions which must be taken before the gen-

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest Some of the Turks have temperatures recorded in London during night: Highest, 93.5; lowest, 71. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 82.5; lowest, 72.

> TOMORROW-COOLER. Today -- Moderate to fresh winds. gradually shifting to north and northeast; local thunderstorms, but mostly

> tomorrow and on Saturday. Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Clear Clear Fair Fair Port Stanley. Buffalo

Ottawa

Montreal Cloudy Weather Notes. A few thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, but the weather over the Dominion has fence which must be penetrated before been mostly fine and very warm-

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 relatin 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 in-

formation 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 to take any part in public debate until 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 visits to Berlin and what happened German forces barely reached the posi-bungalows for officers' families to be there we only had a brief and belated tions behind the Stokhod before the rented at a considerable figure. The same plan had in mind the erection of a hotel in the vicinity. The agent the sincerity of our engagements with came to a London loan company, ac- France, was filled in 1914, and probabcording to the information received, in ly in 1913, when her preparations for order to secure financial assistance in the handling of his prospects, but was of the war." not accomodated, because of the attittude 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 answered the grave charges which have

MUNITIONS WORKERS TO FOREGO AUGUST HOLIDAYS

[Canadlan Press.] 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 toba Conservatives will hold a convenpostponed and taken in conjunction with the August holidays.

COMMISSION ORDERS WATER CONSUMPTION BROUGHT TO MINIMUM

CONSERVATIVES ALL READY TO Holds Special Meeting Today to Deal With Acute Shortage of 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 Mon- sirous of quitting. East Elgin a fine job, for the present at least, and there is sorrow his friends. Some months ago, Sheriff considering the appointment of a successor. Andy Brower has been a very faithful servant of the Government. never made his fellow members tired, ounted on to vote the party straight, made, and Brower given a life's job.

Anxious for a Change. When the vacancy occurred in the sheriff's office, it was decided that Mr.

and his appointment was agreed upon. And then came the election. Perth simply turned things upside McCall, St. Thomas, died, and the down. A deputation from East Elgin Government at Toronto have been 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 Conserva-His speeches in the Legislature have tives spoke right out in meeting, and declared that they would assist in as they were conspicuous by their driving the Hearst Government into However, he could always be political limbo, if the appointment was

The result is that the job is still vacant, and will remain so for some time. In the meantime, Mr. Brower Brower should get the appointment, and others are not tickled to death He had been faithful, was a very with the results of the North Perth

Not Exactly Pleased.

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 Semet Solvay 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 col-

PRESS OF LONDON HARD ON HALDANE OVER LORD'S SPEECH

Must Clear Himself of Certain Grave Charges, Says

[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 seldon heard."

The Morning Post says: "Many

people will feel with the Duke of Buccleuch that Viscount Haldane ought not he has cleared himself as to certain one thing is certain-Germany, which before had given no reason to doubt immediate war began, with absolute confidence that we should stand out

The Daily Mail says: Lord Haldane's effrontery is extraordinary, but it is really too much that he should seek to obtrude his unsought advice on the House of Lords before he has an investigation should be forthcoming. been brough against him out of his

SIR JAMES AIKENS TO SUCCEED CAMERON

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, July 13 .-- It is announce in the Government newspaper here that Sir James Aikens, president of the Canadian Bar Association, and millionaire lawyer, is to be appointed gov ernor of Manitoba, succeeding Douglas Cameron on August 1. Mani tion here July 19 to select a new

Retired From Pinsk Swamps With Russians Right Behind.

BARELY ESCAPED CAPTURE

Falling Back of Germans Is Called Strategic by the Enemy.

LITTLE NEWS AT BERLIN

Kaiser's Capital Hears That Fighting in Picardy Is

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, July 13.-Via London.-The Austro-German retirement from the Czartorysk salient, just south of the Pinsk swamps, having been completed, the opposing armies have come grips all along the line of the Stokhod River, where Von Linsingen has elected to stand and cover the approach

Heavy fighting is already in progress along the Stokhod, but apparently it is merely an earnest of what later may be expected in the persistent and desperate campaign of the Russian commander, Gen. Brussiloff, to reach this warning has come in plenty of time, and it is being considered by the comimportant railway junction regardless of losses.

Almost Caught.

The retirement, according to advices from Austrian headquarters, was for strategic purposes, and achievement is considered one of high grave matters. The public at present degree. The Russians had worked well believe Viscount Haldane's influence around the flanks of the old position, was used either wittingly or unwitting- and if material and units were to be ly disturb the entente with France saved, the retirement over an almost with the object of some new balancing roadless country had to be effected at arrangement with Germany. Of his a good pace. As it was, the Austroaccount unsupported by the papers, but Russians were hammering at the crossings.

> rest of the eastern front. The Russian request for a short armistice in order to bury the dead at Baranovich was granted, and heavy fighting has ate relief in sight, according to the weanot yet been resumed. Battling of the ther forecaster, and with five deaths and mediately, and sink more wells most desperate nature is going on more than a score of prostrations realong the front in Picardy, but the only ported in the last 24 hours, indications news available here is that contained at noon were that this would be the in the German official bulletins. The hottest day thus far this year. The German correspondents at headquar- temperature at that time was 861/2, but ters are studying the bulletins as in-Continued on Page 4, Column 8. street thermometers registered above 100 in many instances.

GERMAN GUNNERS WERE

Water Here, and Decides on Immediate Action to Secure Additional Supply at Once-All Lawn Services Ordered

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 day cost "Andy" Brower, M.P.P., for decided that he should be rewarded, 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. 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

All lawn services cut off in

The citizens are warned to

Taps must not be left run-

Outsiders must not use laws

Citizens may sprinkle their

More wells will be sunk at

The Macgregor wells on the

Street sprinkling off until fur

Special meeting of the utilities

commission called to deal with

ADEQUATE SUPPLY

OF WATER AT ONCE

the evenings until further notice.

economize the water supply.

lawns from 6 to 8 a.m.

Base Line will be tested.

LONDON MUST HAVE

to prevent the waste of water.

age of 100 gallons per capita.

comprised the city's supply.

pected of them, and more.

LY AS POSSIBLE.

More than 6,000,000 gallons a day has

It is shown that there is no failure

of the sources of water which have

and wells are giving all that was ex-

But it is demonstrated at once that

London's supply is inadequate, and IT

MUST BE AUGMENTED AS QUICK-

There is no occasion for alarm. The

or two our supply will be more than

But it has been proved that the city

LONDON SHOULD HAVE SOURCES

FROM EIGHT TO TEN MILLION

GALLONS A DAY. We must have

SUPPLY THAT WILL YIELD

SUMMER'S HOTTEST DAY

[Canadlan Press.]

has not a water supply capable of

meeting the maximum need,

generous margin of safety.

CHAINED TO GUNS

(Canadian Press.)

London, July 13 .- British soldiers on the fighting

line, and those wounded on the Somme, say that they

found German machine gunners chained to their guns

to prevent them from retreating.

It is possible that in a day

heen consumed in the city, or an aver-

services.

ther notice.

the problem.

needs of the city.

the supply.

A hurried meeting of the utilities commission was called to discuss the problem, and for more than an hour. the commission discussed ways and The Water Situation means of conserving the supply until in Brief. 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 week, which includes last Saturday and Sunday, when the consumption was light, is 5,660,000 gallons a day. Of this, 2,000,000 came from the wells, 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 from 300,000 to 400,-000 gallons more. There is a flowing

days until such a time as the heat No More From Springbank.

sulphur well at Springbank that can be

turned in. By the time it gets to the consumer, there will be no trace of

sulphur. That can be used for a few

bank. We have reached our capacity "The limit of our resources is about 400,000 gallons additional," declared sioner F. 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 lays has been insufficient to meet the "I think we could do that, and we would save quite a bit of water. An emergency meeting of the utilities "We have laid down a rule that lawn commission was held this morning to services could be used three nights a consider ways and means of adding to and three mornings," Mr. Buchanan, "That rule has been Lawn services were at once ordered roken repeatedly. The citizens are cut off, the water at the military camp was shut off for two hours, and a using the lawn services every night and many in the morning as well." general call was made to the people

> After some discussion, it was deided 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. On the sugestion of Commiss Mitchell, it was decided to cut off the lawn services of those living outside the city at all times. Citizens must

All-Night Service Off.

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

Taps Left Running

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

clared. "We should warn the people to be careful. After some further discussion, the question of increasing the supply was brought up, and Chairman suggested that Driller Harvey, who put down the Horton street wells be engaged to sink two or more wells at

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

manager to secure Mr. Harvey im-May Purcase Macgregor Wells. The Macgregor wells were brought into the discussion. It was pointed out that there were 2,000,000 gallons of water available there, and the proper

ty 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 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.