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FRENCH CAPTURE CHAULNES AND OCCUPY THIRTY VILLAGES; ONWARD SWEEP CONTINUES

Indications of a German Retreat on Wide Front Beyond Roye—British Advancing East of Arras and in Flanders.

CANADIANS TOOK 2,000 PRISONERS YESTERDAY

With the British Forces in France, Aug. 28—British troops today completed the capture of Trones Wood, north of the river Somme; Canadian troops in their advance astride the Somme yesterday captured more than two thousand Germans.

SENATOR JAMES, DENOUNCER OF GERMANY, DEAD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Senator Ollie James, a popular and picturesque Kentucky Democrat and vigorous denouncer of Germany, is dead.

SUB SANK SCHOONER OFF NEWFOUNDLAND

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 28.—The Newfoundland three-masted schooner, "Blanca," was captured and sunk by a German sub on Saturday night. The crew has safely landed here. The submarine crew told the "Blanca" captain they had sunk an oil tanker and would sink more ships now bound for this port.

EMPEROR OF GERMANY TAKES TURN FOR WORSE

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The Emperor of Germany, who has been ill for some days has taken a turn for the worse, and the Kaiser is unable to leave her bedside at Wilhelmshohe Castle.

HUNS AND BOLSHEVICS SIGN THREE MORE SCRAPES OF PAPER

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 28.—German and Russian Plenipotentiaries on Tuesday signed three treaties supplementary to the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

GERMANS ABOUT ROYE PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT

With the French Army, Aug. 28.—In the region east of Roye, which was captured by the French yesterday, the Germans today appear to be preparing for an eventual retirement on a broad front.

CHAULNES OCCUPIED; 30 VILLAGES TAKEN

PARIS, Aug. 28.—(Official)—Chaulnes has been occupied by the French troops. Progress towards the Somme was continued this morning by the French, the statement says. Since yesterday 30 villages have been taken by them.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES RETIRING BEFORE ALLIES

LONDON, Aug. 28.—On the Osmar front, north of Vladivostok, the Bolsheviki have retired six miles before a general advance by all the allied forces.

BRITISH ADVANCING IN TWO SECTORS OF FRONT

LONDON, Aug. 28.—British forces fighting east of Arras have reached the outskirts of Haucourt, Remy and Bony. The British have been advanced on a front of four miles astride the main Arras-Charleroi road. South of the Somme the British have taken Foucaucourt, while north of the Somme they have attacked and taken the greater part of Trones Wood.

FRENCH TAKE ROYE AND SEVEN VILLAGES ON 12-MILE FRONT AND FORCE ENEMY TO HASTEN HIS RETREAT FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AVRE RIVER

PARIS, Aug. 27.—In an advance reaching two and a half miles at certain points on a twelve and a half mile front today the French captured Roye and seven villages, according to the war office announcement tonight. The statement says: "The enemy was forced today to hasten his withdrawal on both sides of the Avre."

On a front of twenty kilometres our troops advanced more than four kilometres at certain points. We occupied Hallu, Franzart, Cremery, Gruny, Carrapul, Roye, Bancourt, Lancourt, and Crapau-Mesnil. The artillery fighting continued lively in the region of Lessigny and between the Oise and the Aisne."

(Early Morning Despatches)

CANADIANS BAGGED PRISONERS AND SEVERAL TOWNS

With the British Army, Aug. 28.—Canadians in their operation south of the Scarpe took two thousand prisoners and captured towns of Cherisy, Visen, Atois and the Roish Busart.

TURKISH GOVT. CALLS TO COLORS MEN FROM 17 TO 45

ZURICH, Aug. 28.—Turkish Government has called to the colors all able men from 17 to 45.

ADVANCE CONTINUED BEYOND ROYE

With the French Army, Aug. 28.—After capturing Roye the French army is continuing the pursuit of the enemy on a line from Hallu to the region south of Roye.

GERMANS HEAVILY REINFORCING ABOUT BAPAUME

With the British Army, Aug. 28.—Large reinforcements are being thrown in by the Germans in the neighborhood of Bapaume and especially at the town itself.

HUNS HAVE USED 70 DIVISIONS TO TRY TO STOP BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The Germans have been compelled to use 70 divisions since the British offensive started. Allied casualties are reported as very light.

3.30 p.m. Despatches

FRENCH TROOPS CROSS THE ALLETTE RIVER TODAY

Paris, Aug. 28.—General Mangin's troops began crossing Allette river today it was announced here afternoon. French troops have reoccupied Mt. Renaud, 2 miles south west of Noyon according to Temps, which says that the French are approaching Noyon which is probably in their possession.

CADET KILLED AT DESHERONTO

Deseronto, Aug. 28.—Cadet A. B. Spooner, R.A.F. of Moosimin, Sask., was killed in airplane accident at Marysville, near here at ten o'clock this morning.

CLONE ON GERMANS' HEELS

Paris, Aug. 28.—The German re-

Italian Pulls Off Gun Play; Crowd Melts

Brantford, Aug. 28.—Two Italians are under arrest here as a result of gun play on the Brantford market square at an hour Saturday morning when the market was thronged with people.

Thomas Ponesso, who hails from Prince Edward is charged with firing with intent at Nick Bimonte, while the latter is charged with carrying fire-arms, an automatic having been seen when he was arrested. Ponesso let go three shots on Dalhousie street at Bimonte, who escaped down a lane. No one was struck, but a panic ensued among women and children endeavoring to get to cover.

Came from Hamilton.

Both came on the radial from Hamilton in the morning and Bimonte said he was going to Norwich to get his wife. This is said to have caused the trouble, as it is alleged that Ponesso had previously eloped with the woman and that Bimonte had brought her back from Point Edward.

The local police were recently warned from a border town that both Italians were carrying guns and to be on the alert for them.

Urges all Liable to Respect Order

Dr. Beland Calls for Obedience to THE M.S.A.

Quebec, Aug. 28.—L'Esclairer de Beauveville weekly, in its last issue publishes the following message from Hon. Dr. Beland to the people of the district of Beauve.

"St. Joseph, August 23, 1918. My dear fellow Canadians: Last week I received the visit of a large number of monks of the province of Beauve and Dorchester, who wished to secure my advice on an explanation in connection with the enlistment of young men coming under the draft ages (19 to 23), in accordance with the order-in-council of the month of April.

"I naturally in each instance advised these honest people to report before the 24th of the month.

"And as I presume in this vast district hundreds would have come to see me but for the great distance which separated us, I seized the opportunity which is afforded me through the medium of L'Esclairer to communicate with these people.

"To those who do me the honor of asking my advice, I say to them without hesitation, with the religious and civil authorities, that the law must be respected, and that it is desirable from every point of view that all the young men called report for duty. I cannot as a representative of the people abstain from the duty which devolves upon me to direct you to what seems to me the only clear and certain course in the critical period through which we are passing.

"With the assurance of my entire devotion.

(Signed) HENRI BELAND."

Pte. John Edgar Canniff Killed

Well Known Belleville Boy Slain in Battle on August 10th.

Pte. John Edgar Canniff, a well-known native of Belleville, has paid the supreme price of liberty. For he was killed in battle somewhere on the western front in France on Saturday, August 10th. The news was conveyed in a telegram from Ottawa received by his brother, Mr. J. Lyle Canniff, this morning, stating that 1093324 Pte. J. E. Canniff, infantry has been officially reported killed.

"Jack" Canniff, as he was best known in the city, was about 23 years of age. He resided on Yeomans street in West Belleville. He was at various times engaged in plumbing, lockmaking and railroad-ing. He received his education in the schools of Belleville. He was a fine companion and his death is mourned by a wide circle of friends.

Besides his brother he leaves three sisters, Mrs. James Storrs, Mrs. H. H. Leavens and Mrs. Isaac Frost.

A Daring Theft on Princess Street

Man Walked Past Mrs. A. Tye With Stolen Bottles of Two-Per-Cent Last Night.

Kingston—Last night a daring theft was committed at the premises of Mrs. A. Tye, Princess street, when a man entered the premises and walked away to a waiting auto with about a dozen bottles of two per cent. The culprit on his way out walked right past Mrs. Tye, who was entering her home, and in this way she was able to get a good description of him.

The man hurriedly walked to an auto which was waiting a short distance away, and made good his escape, but not before Mrs. Tye secured the number of the auto. It is likely that a police court case will result. The man who perpetrated the offence was evidently well acquainted with the premises and knew that Mrs. Tye was away, as is proven by the manner in which she entered the building and wrapped up the bottles. Mrs. Tye was much alarmed by the sudden appearance of the man, but she rapidly grasped the significance of his presence and will be able to identify him.

Attempted to Kill Policemen When Cornered in Alley

Arthur Leblanc, 1101 Rochester street, a sixteen-year old boy, who claims to be a member of a gang of young desperadoes, who have prepared plans for a reign of terror in Ottawa, was captured by Constable M. Feehey in an alleyway of Wellington street at about 9:30 Sunday night after he had attempted to kill two policemen.

Field Crop Competition

Following is the list of prize winners in the Standing Field Crop Competition conducted by the Frankford Agricultural Society:

- 1st Prize—Milton Vandewater: O. A.C. 12 variety.
- 2nd Prize—D. E. Coon; Banner.
- 3rd Prize—Lorne Badgley.
- 4th Prize—Fred Mallory; Banner.
- 5th Prize—Clem H. Ketcheson; O.A.C.
- 6th Prize—Thos. H. Ketcheson; Early Yielder.
- 7th Prize—D. I. Rose; Mammoth Barley.
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- 7th Prize—George Pollard; O.A.C. 21.

BELLEVILLE FAIR OPENS MONDAY

Next Monday, Labor Day, Belleville Fair opens and lasts five days. Mr. R. H. Ketcheson informs us that the entries this year will far exceed those of last year. A special feature will be the exhibit by the Returned Soldiers' War Display Co., of Hamilton, consisting of souvenirs collected on the battlefields of Flanders. The spending events also will be a special feature, as great interest is centred on the Wolfe Island horse, Armande and Dick Bissop. No one should miss the exhibition this year, as no stories are being spared to make it the biggest yet.

No difficulty has been experienced in procuring teachers for Manitoba schools, which opened on August 26.

Heroic Work of a Canadian

Captured German Post Single Handed; Gets V.C.

Canadian army headquarters, Aug. 28.—(By J. F. B. Livesey, Canadian Press correspondent)—A Canadian corporal has been recommended for the Victoria Cross for capturing a strong German post with three machine guns single handed. The guns were unloading his company and the corporal attacked the post, killing three men and capturing the remainder of the gun crew. Later on the corporal collected three men and charged a battery of 15 howitzers, capturing the entire crew. The guns fired pointblank at the corporal and his three men but they rushed through the fire.

Box Social at Bayside

For four years a tremendous responsibility has been willingly shouldered and heroically carried on by women, old and young, in every station of life, no matter where they reside, nor under what circumstances they live. Careful observation convinces one of open mind that as a whole, women have thrown themselves into war tasks with even greater determination and sacrifice of time and convenience than the average man who remains in civil life. It is needless to speak of the promptness and enthusiasm with which women everywhere took up the work of knitting, socks, helmets, sweaters, etc., for the Red Cross, often financing their own expenditures.

This has been nobly demonstrated by the Red Cross branch at Bayside. For over three years the ladies have met fortnightly in the home of the members and, save all day on garments called for by the Canadian Red Cross. As a consequence considerable sums of money have been required and various have been the methods resorted to, to raise them. This has entailed a great deal of extra work on the part of the ladies but never has a meeting been cancelled for lack of material.

Funds again running low and the need for the continuance of such work being greater than ever a box social was held on Friday evening last on the school lawn. The night was ideal, warm and moonlit. After a program ably handled by R. J. Graham, Esq., the boxes were put up by Mr. Norman Montgomery, auctioneer, Brighton, who, in his inimitable way added much to the amusement of the crowds and incidentally to the funds of the society. The fish pond was in great favour and the ice cream and candy booth was liberally patronized. Perforce the crowd was in high humour and the opportunity for social intercourse was embraced by all. Former residents present were, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Graham, Hampton, Virginia; Prof. W. B. Graham and family, O.A.C. Geoph. Mr. and Mrs. Redner Finkle, Los Angeles, Misses Mary and Susie Brown, Toronto; Driver Fred Wilson, Petawawa Camp and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Finkle, Belleville. A jolly hay rack party from Willow Camp made their presence felt.

Mrs. Donald Gunn, Sr. and Mrs. Percy Boulton had previously each donated a centre piece, and which tickets had been sold to the members. The lucky numbers were drawn and it was found that Mr. R. J. Graham and Mrs. Coon were the winners.

Great credit is due the ladies in charge who in one short week and within a limited territory arranged the affair so successfully. The executive consists of Mrs. Chas. Hall, 1st Vice President, Mrs. Harvey Hogle, 2nd Vice President and Mrs. Geo. Gunn, Secretary Treasurer. Though returns are still somewhat incomplete the net proceeds to date are \$150.

Gemassallo, a foreigner, who was arrested in Timmins in connection with the discovery of a complete still there for making liquor, was fined \$500 and costs.

At Bowman, Man., where potatoes had been broken down, they are again green and many of them in blossom.

WILD CLAIMS IN BEHALF OF MEMBER FOR WEST HASTINGS ARE SCATHINGLY REPUDIATED

Civil Service Commission for Canada Issues a Statement in Regard to Government Appointments in West Hastings.

The following statement handed out yesterday by the Civil Service Commission of Canada, in behalf of the member for West Hastings: "The statement is so plain and straightforward that it needs no comments of ours. This is easily one of the most scathing attacks handed out by a public body in Canada. Little wonder the prayer went up, 'Let's forget all about it, Old Top!'"

The Commissioner's statement follows: "The attention of the civil service commission was directed, through an editorial which appeared on 29th June in a prominent Canadian daily newspaper, to statements which it was alleged had been published in the columns of the Belleville Intelligencer, that local members of parliament were still exercising political patronage in the appointments being made to the public service of Canada and particular cases cited in the constituency of West Hastings. As the matter was one that gravely reflected on the commission in the exercise of the duties imposed upon it by parliament, steps were at once taken to investigate the charges."

The secretary of the commission acting on instructions, wrote on 2nd July to the editor of the Belleville Intelligencer, calling attention to the allegations quoted as having been made in that journal "that local members of parliament still exercise patronage in government appointments", and intimating at the same time that "the commission will be glad to investigate such cases if you will be good enough to state what appointments have been made in this manner, and to furnish any further information which might be useful in connection with such investigation."

In answer to this, the following, dated 3rd July, and bearing signature of C. J. Bowell, was received:

"Your favor of 2nd July received. In reply I beg to say that the Intelligencer, which is my paper, made no such statement and there is nothing to investigate as far as I know."

Nothing could be more explicit than this repudiation; but an examination of the files of the Intelligencer revealed that on 20th June a few days before it was made, an editorial had appeared in its columns containing the very charges alleged, under the significant heading "Essau's Hamlets, but Jacob's Vipers."

The following excerpts are fairly indicative of the tone and temper of the editorial, as well as of its manner of approach to the subject under consideration: "Government appointments are still being made upon the recommendation of the representative of the government, the member of parliament for the constituency, notwithstanding any fine-spun theory to the contrary; and as yet no better system has been devised of making government appointments. Who would the minister go to for information as to the fitness of applicants for positions if not to the sitting member? The reform of the patronage system does not mean that the member of parliament will not be consulted as to the best men available for public office within his own constituency."

"Mr. Porter has recommended a number of returned soldiers for government positions and THEY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED. Mr. Porter who has recommended returned soldiers, including his own constituency, as to positions along the Trent Valley Waterway, with SOLDIERS PREFERRED and his recommendations will no doubt be as favorably received by the department now as they have always been in the past."

Other Allegations.

These do not appear to have been the only allegations of the kind made by the Intelligencer; others were quoted in the columns of a local contemporary on the 5th July.

For example, in its issue of 13th May, the Intelligencer's report of the appointment of Lieutenant Geop as collector of customs at Belleville is quoted as stating that the local member "had to fight hard against strong opposition to have the appointment confirmed to his wishes. The strong influence now exercised at Ottawa in favor of making appointments coming through the Civil Service had other plans for the Belleville customs office than the appointment of a retired soldier."

After careful inquiry, the commission finds nothing to warrant these allegations, either in the file of the commission or the department of customs, the promotion on the contrary, being made as a matter of course on the grounds of seniority and merit, in accordance with the well-defined policy of the commission. Accordingly, acting on instructions, the secretary wrote on 12th July to the editor of the Intelligencer, asking whether the statement was made as alleged; and if so, on what information or grounds the statement was based?

To this letter, no reply has been received, nor, as far as is known, has any reference to it been made in the columns of the Intelligencer.

The Trent Canal

With reference to the definite allegations made as affecting the appointments on the Trent canal, the information on which the commission acted in approving of these appointments was that the men were experienced and that in the public interest and for safety in the operation of the canal system men with experience should, where possible, be given the preference. In order that the matter might be thoroughly probed, the secretary wrote on 11th July a communication to the acting deputy minister of railways and canals inquiring "whether or not any of the names submitted by department for appointment on the House of Commons or Senate?"

The reply of the acting deputy minister was that those appointments were "not put forward by any political organization or any member of the house of commons or senate of Canada, but were recommended by the superintendent engineer and superintendent and concurred in by the chief engineer of the department, on the basis of efficient services." Accordingly, acting on instructions, the secretary of the commission on 12th July wrote a second letter to the editor of the Belleville Intelligencer, which, after giving as citations the extracts already quoted from the editorial of 29th June, proceeded as follows:

"The commission assumes that the Intelligencer must have been in possession of definite information upon which to base such definite allegations, information of which the commission is entirely ignorant; and as it is the very determined policy of the commission, acting under imperative instructions from the government, to eliminate all such influences in permanent, it is hoped that every co-operation will be given by the press and all classes of citizens in the furtherance of this purpose. I am therefore to ask again that you will be good enough to submit any evidence or information in your possession that will assist to that end."

To this letter also no reply has been received, nor, as far as is known, has any reference to it been made in the columns of the Intelligencer. The facts above recorded speak for themselves.

Standardization of Wages

The war policies board is conferring with representatives of trade unions and employers concerning the national standardization of wages. In announcing this movement Chairman Felix Frankfurter of the war labor policies board indicates that country-wide wage standardization is in accord with the Government's policy because it taxes profits and regulates prices of commodities. He says: "Congress through the taxes on excess profits, the war industries board through its price fixing, the President through the veto of \$2.40 wheat, have paved the way for standardization of wages."

"All these measures, past and pending, have revealed the determination of the American people to let no one make money out of the war." Mr. Frankfurter also says that additional methods "of keeping down the cost of living" are being investigated.—Railroad Telegrapher.

Nursing Sisters H. M. C. Laphan and H. D. Darling have been transferred from Queen's Military Hospital to the Ontario Hospital at Cobourg.

W. FORAN