

## Ulstermen in Somme Battle

Parties Entered Fifth Line of Enemy's Trenches—Eyewitness Describes Advance on First Day of Offensive

An Eye-Witness of the attack made by the Ulster division on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, describes in the London Times what he saw as follows:—

"I am not an Ulsterman, but as I followed the amazing attack of the Ulster Division on July 1, felt that I would rather be an Ulsterman than anything else in the world. My position enabled me to watch the commencement of their attack from the wood, in which they had formed up, but which, long before the hour of assault, was being overwhelmed with shell fire, so that the trees were stripped and the top half of the wood ceased to be anything but a slope of bare stumps, with innumerable shell holes peppered in the chalk.

"It looked as if nothing could live in the wood, and, indeed, the losses were heavy before they started, two companies of one battalion being lightly reduced in the assembly trenches. When I saw the men emerge through the smoke and form up as if on parade, I could hardly believe my eyes.

### "No Surrender Boys!"

"Then I saw them attack, beginning at a slow walk over no-man's-land and then suddenly let loose as they charged over the two front lines of the enemy's trenches shouting 'No surrender, boys!'

"The enemy's gun fire raked them from the left and machine-guns in a village enfiladed them on the right but, after a few minutes, the enemy's line of the awful wood assailed as I have seen them at Ballykinler, (Dandoboy or Shane's Castle. The enemy's third line was soon taken, and still the waves went on, getting thinner and thinner, but without hesitation.

### The Fifth Enemy Line

"The enemy's fourth line fell before these men, who would not be stopped. There remained the fifth line. Representatives of the neighboring Corps and Division, who could not withhold their praise at what they had seen, said no human beings could get to it until the flanks of the Ulster Division were cleared. This was recognized the result of men deserting them. To the attack on the last German day warrants were sworn out for the line was counter-manded. The order men at the Court House and the arrived too late; or perhaps the

Ulstermen, mindful that it was the anniversary of the Boyne, would not be denied, but pressed on.

"I could see only a small portion of this advance, but I could watch our men work forward, seeming to escape the shell fire by a miracle, and I saw parties of them now much reduced, indeed, enter the fifth line of the enemy's trenches—our final objective. It could not be held, as the Division had advanced into a narrow salient. The corps on our right and left had been unable to advance, so that the Ulstermen were the target of the concentrated hostile guns and machine-guns behind and on both flanks, though the enemy in front were vanquished and retreating.

### Prisoners Killed.

"The order to retire was given, but some preferred to die on the ground they had won so hardily. As I write they still hold the German two first lines, and occasionally batches of German prisoners are passed back over the deadly zone; over 500 have arrived, but the Ulstermen took many more who did not survive the fire of their own German guns.

"My pen cannot describe adequately the hundreds of heroic acts that I witnessed, nor how a relieving force was organized of men who had already been fighting for 36 hours, to carry ammunition and water to the gallant garrison still holding on.

"The Ulster Division has lost very heavily, and in doing so has sacrificed itself for the Empire. The Ulster Volunteer force, from whom the Division was made, has won a name which equals any in history. Their devotion, which no doubt has helped the advance elsewhere, deserves the gratitude of the British Empire."

### THE FLORIZEL ARRIVES

The S.S. Florizel, Capt. W. Martin, arrived here at 11 a.m. to-day with a full freight. She had a fair run down from New York to Halifax, but from the latter port, which she left at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, she met much fog and had a N.E. stiff breeze, which caused a lumpy sea. She brought one of the largest passenger lists yet, which included 101 round trippers, 49 others. Amongst the Newfoundlanders who came were Mr. Fred J. Canning (of Barr's), Mrs. Gibbs and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. McNabb, Master McNabb, J. J. St. John (grocer), Jos. Power and several others.

### AFTER DESERTERS.

Two ships are now held in port as a result of men deserting them. To the attack on the last German day warrants were sworn out for the line was counter-manded. The order men at the Court House and the arrived too late; or perhaps the

### YOUNG WOMAN BADLY SCALDED

Monday last Miss Lillie O'Dea, daughter of Mr. John O'Dea, the lineman with the Reid Nfld. Coy., at her residence Woods Street, met with a most serious and very painful accident, which has since confined her to her bed. While working in the kitchen at her residence a portion of Miss O'Dea's clothing caught in a large skillet of boiling water steaming on the range and as she passed she pulled it off and upset the whole boiling contents over the nether portion of her body. She was practically parboiled about the legs and side, was attended by Dr. Anderson and is since confined to her bed.

### REID'S STEAMER REPORT

Argyle left Burin 3.30 p.m. yesterday, inward.  
Clyde arrived at Lewisporte at 1.50 p.m. yesterday.  
Dundee arrived at Port Blandford at 10.45 p.m. yesterday.  
Ethie left Humbermouth 5.40 p.m. yesterday.  
Glencoe left Fortune 5.55 p.m. yesterday, inward.  
Home arrived at Lewisporte at 6.15 p.m. yesterday.  
Lady Sybil arrived at Port aux Basques 7.45 a.m.  
Kyle left Port aux Basques 2.30 a.m. to-day.  
When arrived at Clarendville at 3 p.m. yesterday.  
Meigle at Placentia.  
Sagona north of Grady.

### MAGISTRATE HEARS FROM SOX.

Magistrate P. F. Power, of Bell Island, informs us to-day that he has news from his Private P. F. Power, of "Ours." Though only 17 he saw some of the hardest of the fighting which preceded the big drive. He could not be in that for the very good (or bad) reason that he was in bed in Hospital. The dug-out which he occupied with some comrades had been hit with a shell and young Power was completely buried, the rest fortunately all were dug-out, but he was one of those most hurt in the company.

### HE'S ALL RIGHT.

Mr. Rd. Colford, New Gower St. had the welcome intelligence yesterday by means of a letter from his son, Pie, Geo. Colford of "Ours" telling him he was all right and came out of the "push" without a scratch. George is one of the boys of the Gallipoli campaign, and a well-known C.C.C. lad also. We congratulate him.

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### MR. NEWMAN VISITS OUR BOYS

Mr. John Murphy of the Reid Nfld. Freight Department, had a letter yesterday from his son, one of our brave lads now at Wandsworth, in which the wounded soldier boy said that Mr. R. L. Newman visited them a few days before he wrote, talked with great kindness to each one and asked all, when they had convalesced, to be his guests at his country residence for three or four days. This Mr. Newman was here about four years ago on a visit, is one of the English Newmans of port wine fame whose premises in the West End, until recently, was occupied by Councilor J. J. Mulally.

### INTERESTING SOUVENIR OF BATTLE.

In Bowring Bros. grocery window to-day can be seen an interesting souvenir of the big fight in which our boys took part. It was sent home by Private Syd. Wheeler to his father, Mr. Sydney Wheeler, the well-known sailmaker, and certainly is of deep interest to passers by. A diagram with the piece shows that it entered the brave lad above the arm and came out at the wrist. We are glad to say that young Wheeler is making good progress in hospital.

### TRAIN NOTES

Tuesday's No. 1 arrived at Port aux Basques 2 a.m.  
Yesterday's No. 1 left Gambo 7.40 a.m.  
Yesterday's No. 2 due at St. John's 3.45 p.m.  
To-day's No. 2 left Port aux Basques 8.50 a.m.

### \$25 STOLEN FROM SHIP.

Yesterday some thief or thieves visited the S.S. Lyngfjord and got away with \$25 belonging to one of the men on board. The police will likely track the bold bad burglar in a hurry.

Miss Flossie Pike (Boston Conservatory of Music) daughter of Mr. Mark Pike, of Steer Bros' grocery left by train yesterday for Bay Roberts. Miss Pike, who is one of our best known and most accomplished instrumentalists, works hard and deserves her vacation.

### NEEDED AN INTERPRETER.

About 12.30 to-day a foreign seaman, a Swede evidently, entered the Police Station and tried to make guard Carow aware of the fact that he had lost something. Sgt. Oliphant was soon about and between them they elicited at last one outstanding fact that there had been robbed of \$20, that the man had been robbed of \$20, on board a ship, with his discharge papers which are generally invaluable to a sailor of any nationality. Whether this has any reference or not to the case of the larceny from the seaman of the Lyngfjord referred to elsewhere we know not.

The schr. Nellie M. left Cadiz for St. John's yesterday with salt for this port.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Courses of lectures covering the requirements of the Licentiate in Arts of the Council of Higher Education and of the Second or Sophomore year in certain Canadian Universities will be organized for the next Academic year, beginning October 1st, 1916, and ending April 30th, 1917. The following and possibly other subjects will be included: English, Mathematics, Latin, French, Physics, Chemistry, Geology and Mineralogy. Candidates passing successfully through such of these courses of lectures as are required for the Second Year in Arts in the Universities, will be admitted as Third Year students in the Universities, provided they are otherwise qualified. Each of the lecture courses will be open to qualified students, whether they have graduation in view or not.

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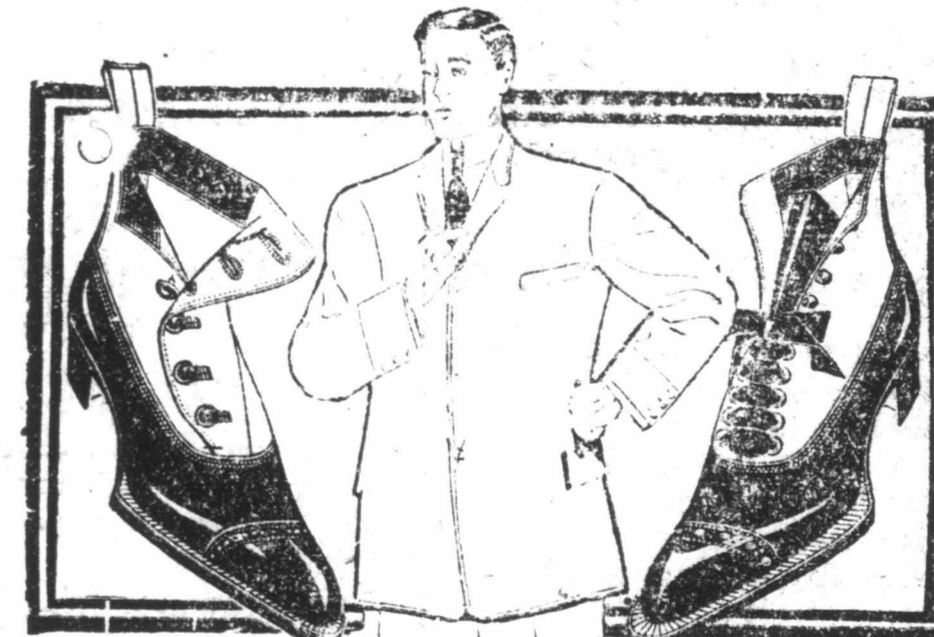
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