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BRANTFORD LADS NEVER ONCE FLINCHED AT THE HAIL OF DEATH

"I Believe They Would Follow Me Any- Capt. Mac's where Now,"Writes Captain Colquhoun-Story of How "G" Platoon Led in the Attack.

The little graphic story of dauntless daring appended comes from the hand of Captain "Mac." The Germans had broken the line; the French troops were in retreat; at 1 o'clock in the morning, the chilly dawn of a European day, the Canadians received the order to stop that advance, and at 5 o'clock, after moving forward, to quote the letter, "I was ordered to lead our advance with my company. Over 1,000 yards of unbroken field, no cover, death hurtling through the air, in open order, 'G' platoon spread out to the attack." Captain Colquhoun led the firing line, and Captain Collins of the 36th York Rangers the supports. Through death and inhuman circumstance, strewing the ground with their fallen, the Brantford lads went grimly on, and at 400 yards from the German trenches received the order to dig themselves in and await their supports. Under a heavy fire they entrenched themselves and held fast until 9 o'clock that night, and were then relieved by the West Kent Regiment. No food had crossed their lips for over 48 hours, and, pitifully played out by their awful task, the remnant of the first company to leave this city retired in good order to their billets in the rear. Briefly, there is the first story of the local lads in action—a story that will never die: "Somewhere in France.

"We were in the thick of the fighting for two days and two nights. The Germans broke the line held by the French the very line we were going to take over. We received an order at 1 o'clock in the morning to stop the German advance. At 5 I was ordered to lead our advance with my company. The Germans had entrenched themselves only 1,000 yards in front, and we had to advance in open order, with no cover at all. I led the firing line, and Captain Collins of the 36th York Rangers, private secretary to Sir Henry Pellatt, Toronto, led the supports. We advanced to within 400 yards of the Germans, when I received orders to go no further until reinforcements arrived. I only had about one-half of my company by that time. We dug ourselves in the best we could under a very heavy fire, and held the line until 9 o'clock that night, when we were relieved by the East Kents. We had had nothing to eat all day and all night, and the boys were feeling pretty well played out.

"In the action our battalion was cut to pieces. As for myself, I came through it without a scratch. I had a man shot down on my right and on my left at the same time. All I can say is that it must be the prayers of you people at home that

"Where we went through it was almost impossible for a man to live. I believe two-thirds of my company were killed or wounded. I have not had time as yet to find out the exact number, as we are still at it. Lieut. Jones got buried by a 'Jack ohnson,' and it took three men to dig him out. He is all right now, however.

"I cannot speak too highly of the Brantford boys. I feel sure now that they would follow me anywhere. They have faced the hardest attack of the war, and not a man flinched. I just feel terrible over my losses, but I had no chance to save themwe just had to face that fire all day. It was as thick as hail, and the artillery fire was fearful. To put it in plain words, it was a

"I am afraid you are not receiving my mail. We lost our censor stamp. Colonel Bule had it, and it got lost in the fight. We can't send our mail without first stamping it.

'The people here have assumed quite a different opinion of the Canadians now. They want to have them in the fight all the time. We are classed now among the very best troops.

"I was interrupted in writing this letter by receiving orders to be in readiness, as the Germans were making another attempt to break through. They are still using gas, and we met hundreds of men returning who were completely knocked out by it. We were there all night, but they did not succeed in breaking through. I did hope they would, as we were waiting for them. am anxious for a chance to get square since I lost so many of my good men. I cannot speak too highly of the splendid discipline of all ranks of my company.

"I wish you would extend my sincere sympathy to all the pereaved ones at home, as I will not get time to write to them II. Tell them that I feel most highly honored in commanding such a brave lot of men. It nearly broke my heart to see so nany of them go down."

RUSSIANS MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE IN SHAVLI REGION

etrograd Issues Long Report Condemning Aus- by the British forces, and other large service on the western frontier. trian Report as Untrue—Russians Taking Offensive at Some Points.

acks southeast of Rossijeny were lau we continue to hold both banks of

The battle in the region of the left fresh desperate attacks of the enemy ank of the Upper Vistula and along he entire Galician front continued,

attaining on the 17th extreme inten-Petrograd, via London, May 20—An sity in many regions. In the region of Opatow we repulsed strong enemy columns which on the 17th retreated adquarters of the general staff last rapidly behind Iwaniska, pursued energetically by our troops.

In the Shavli region on the 17th 18th, engagements occurred on Rossijeny-Kurszany front. We Rossijeny-Kurszany front. We with success. In the sector of Jarosptured several enemy points of sup- lau and Lezaysko the enemy succeedhundreds of prisoners and some ed in consolidating himself on the achine guns. German counter at- right bank of the San. South of Jaros-

repulsed with heavy losses to the the San.

"The bombardment of Przemysl continues. In the sector between On the Narew front, and north of Przemysl and the great marsh of the Pilica calm has prevailed.

Dniester we successfully repulsed

(Continued on Page Four.)

Letter to

Captain "Mac" sends the Courier the following cutting on the Cana-dians. It is from the virile pen of Horatio Bottomley, the editor of "John Bull." Talking of the fighting spirit of the troops shown at Neuve Chapelle, he turns to the stand of the Canadians at the Yser:

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But not so wonderful as that last schievement, when the Yser having been forced by the Germans, our left wing-composed of Canada's glorious sons-was left exposed to peril of annihilation. Reluctantly, sullenly, they were forced to retreat, leaving their cherished guns behind them. How he Huns howled with joy! The news was flashed to the Kaiser's dinnertable that the Allies' line was broken the Yser was crossed, and, above all the Canadian contingent were in full retreat-except that portion of it which had been asphyxiated with the nurderous chemical fumes concocted n the laboratories of the land of "culture," and now for the first time in the history of the world requisitioned as munitions of war. Poor Huns Poor Kaiser! How little they knew the boys of the bull-dog breed. Those guns are now back in our possession most of the lost ground regained and, inspired by the example of that handful of Dominion devils, the Allies have set their teeth and steps for the great forward movement, which surey as the sun will dawn to-morrow orning will ere long accomplish its bjective-of hurling the hellish hosts f Prussia out of France, out of Flanders, and out of Belgium, and across the Rhine-whose fortresses, as I told the Clyde workers a few weeks ago will offer a futile resistance to the boom of British guns, and will soon crumble to the earth, as did the walls of ancient Jericho.

Why, then, is there this disposition certain quarters to assume an air of melancholy and misgiving? At no stage of the war have British hopes been brighter. Germany has made her last dash for the coast; her next one will be for the Rhine. She is beinning to learn the difference beween Men and Machinery, between soul-less mechanism and human indiiduality, and perhaps, too, she is beginning to understand better than she mighty Empire, which sits sovereign form a coalition cabinet, together with over all the world. Perhaps in the better news from the eastern front. vinter waiting of the past few months honor and glory to our brave French comrades—and to our Allies in the East! But what I want to do to-day is to ask you to join with me in celebrating the Great Recovery, led by the boys of British blood—sons of Canada, it is true, but boys of Britain

And if any man desires to provoke me, after this, to a breach of the peace -well, let him say a word against the enemy away from his base.

the story of the Great Retreat and the ing 100 miles. Story of the Great Recovery. Only one thing will eclipse them—the story of the Great Victory. Be of good cheer, my readers. All is well. The God of Battles is with us.

New Shell Plant Soon

Brantford's new shell making industry will soon be in full blast. Secord tria has increased the concessions she

The first order has been received which probably would result in the for 25,000 4 1-2 inch shells for use release of more German troops for orders are anticipated.

almost immediately employed.

KAISER GOT WITHIN RANGE

operations in a village near the River car only 15 minutes before.

Lieut. F. Miller. Sergt. E. H. Prior

Pte. I. Bell Cross

Pte. C. H. Dadsv Pte. W. Babcock

Fraser Hamilton Hooper

Pte. M. Lavan Pte. A. Nuttycombe Pte. B. Wright Pte. W. Taylor

Pte. P. Baker Burkhart Edwards H. Laydon

Pte. E. Phipps

Pte. R. Maxwell

Has Confidence in Her Coalition Cabinet.

London, May 20.—The wave of de-pression which has been sweeping England for the past few days, following the receipt of war news regarded as unfavorable, was checked has ever done before why it is that to-day by the definite announcement the Anglo-Saxon race has built up a of the decision of the government to

she had tried to forget that sudden change of tactics which, almost at the where the line of the forces of Emgate of Paris, turned, in a moment, what she was regarding as a triumphant entry into a wild retreat. All honor and glory to our brave French vance in the vicinity of Przemysl, across the River San.

The military writers in the morning newspapers claim that only one out of 14 Russian armies has been in deadly danger, and that Grand Duke Nicholas, commander in chief of the Russian forces in the field is playing his usual strategic rame of drawing

Petrograd mantains that forty Yes, when the story of the war is finally told, two things will stand out been used during the fighting of the with burning lustre amid all the glory past fortnight against the center of of the annals of the British arms- the Russian line along a front measur-

Reports from Athens set forth that the allies have occupied the Turkish position of Kilid Bahr, on the European side of the straits and opposite Chanak. Occupation took place after the position had been reduced by a bombardment of the fleet. On the western front, the only in-

dications of activity is the continuance of artillery duels. Italy's parliament meets to-day. It is generally felt that the momentous decision of war or peace can hardly be postponed beyond this sitting, although reports are current that Aus-

try will soon be in full blast. Second and Son have the contract for the addition to the Ker and Goodwin machine shop, Colborne street and they are pushing the work at top speed.

Yeseterday about half the machinery arrived via the T. H. and B. and its installation is now taking place. The balance will be here within a few days. separate peace with Russia, a course

The trial of Anton Kuepferle, which It is the intention to run day and promise! to be as celebrated a spy tion that over seventy men will be case as the trial of Carl Lody, came tion that over seventy men will oe to a dramatic end to-day with the suicide of the defendant in his cell.

OF THE RUSSIAN ARTILLERY

Capt. Colquhoun's Casualty List FIRST RESULTS OF COALITION A

CASUALTY LIST.

Pte. J. Hawke. Pte. G. Huggins. Pte. F. Ellis

Pte. G. Howell, WOUNDED. Corp. B. West Lance-Corp. J. Dockray.

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Freeman

McLaren

Corp. H. Orr Lance-Corp. W. Blacker Lance-Corp. H. D. E. Coppin

Atkins

Harrington G. Holway Houlding

Pte. W. Kerr Pte. W. G. Lahque

portation committee of the Board of Trade and Commissioners C. H. Hartman, Turnbull and Bunnell.

Important

Railway

committee of the City Council, Board

of Trade and Street Railway com-

missioners took place yesterday in the

City Hall, Mayor Spence presiding.

Mr. Todd of the Preston, Galt and

Hespeler Railway and newly appoint-

ed manager of the L. E. and N. was

not present, being called to Montreal

A lengthy discussion took place

with regard to Mr. Todd's letter which

was submitted to the City Council at their last regular meeting, and at length a resolution was adopted voic-

ing the opinion of the meeting that

it was desirable to acceed to the request of the L. E. and N. Railway for

the land and points required, provid-

ing they will pay the fair value of the

line from Paris to Galt, at the time

the city took the railway rover plus

the amount expended by the commis-

sion in improvements since the time,

and it embodied the sentiments of

Mr. Todd, it is understood will be in the city on Friday when it is pro-

bable that he will meet the commis-

ell, President of the Board of Trade,

and Glen Ellis, chairman of the trans-

those present admirably.

This was the gist of the resolution

prior to the meeting.

Meeting

Serious Outbreak of American Tent Caterpillar-Are at Work.

of the decision of the government to form a coalition cabinet, together with better news from the eastern front.

It is believed here that the Russian It is believed here that the Russian It is possible to the complete of the caterpillar, whose nests, now fill the Board of Agriculture and the Board of Education, the postmaster-in large numbers on both the orchard general and other posts. The posts of Commons, for Earl general and other posts. caterpillar nests are also in evidence.

is much the same, pass the winter as is much the same, pass the winter as egg-masses on the twigs. In the spring they hatch out and form a web about the branches, from which they emerge during the day and feed upon the foliage. As many as 30 nests have been found on a single tree. When at all numerous they completely deat all numerous they completely debeen found on a single tree. When at all numerous they completely defoliate the trees. This not only temporarily injures the tree and decreases the yield of fruit, but the tree usually leafs out again, which causes the wood to be unripened when winter sets in. The result is winter injury, which is

often followed by canker. All fruit growers should make special effort to combat these at once. Many are not spraying this year be cause they are doubtful as to apple prices. This is a mistake and may permit of much loss through the rav ages of the tent caterpillar. TREATMENT.

lons of water, depending on the size of the caterpillars. When over half grown they are much more difficult to

control. Orchards sprayed for codling moth are seldom affected. If only a few nests are observed they may be destroyed by holding under the nests in the evening a burning torch made of old rags or asbestos fibre and soaked in kerosene.

Further information may be had by writing Dept. of Agriculture, Paris, or send for Dominion Circular No. 1.

Gen. Birdwood Commander-in-Chief, is Dead

By Special Wire to the Courier London, Maay 20.—A British casualty list issued to-day includes the names of 170 officers and 1,400 men. Nine hundred casualties in the Australian ranks on the Gallipoli peninsula are reported as we'll as naval losses of 150 in the same area. The list of wounded is headed by the name of General Sir William Birdwell, the commander in chief of the Australian forces in the Dardanelles.

General Birdwood's miltary career began in 1833 when he was appointed lieutenant in the Royal Scots Fusil iers. He has seen service in South Af rica and India, and several times has been mentioned in despatches for Geneva, May 20.-The German En- away. It fell among some automobiles peror and his staff had a narrow es- destroying several machines, includcape on Sunday while watching the ing the emperor's, and killing his heroism. He was severely wounded in chauffeur. The emperor had left his South Africa. From 1912 until the First—The cession of the entire outbreak of hostilities, he was secre-San, in Galicia.

According to a dispatch from Budapest, which reached here by indirect route, a heavy shell burst 500 yards

As more Russian shells were falling in the neighborhood, the emperor and his staff left hastily in machines of the government of India in the army department, and a member of the governor-general's legislative council.

Reorganization of British Government Foreshadows Many Changes-Plan for Nationalization of Labor and Supplies Will be Put Forward.

SCHEME FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

London, May 20.—The Daily Telegraph regards the following appointments to the coalition

A. J. BALFOUR, first lord of the admiralty.
BONAR LAW, chancellor of

the exchequer.
AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, secretary for the colonies.
WINSTON CHURCHILL, sec-

retary for India. EARL KITCHENER AND DAVID LLOYD -GEORGE, secretaries for war, Lord Kitchener performing the military, and Lloyd-George the civil duties of

the war office. London, May 20.—The cabinet crisis, according to the usually well in-Huge supplies of shells had been sent

Among those present yesterday were: The Mayor, Ald. Bragg, Ryer-son, Suddaby and Gress; H. H. Pow-Opposition leaders who were in the House of Commons to prove their up to the age of forty. accuracy. Such a debate would have probably would have meant the downthis solution to avert a worse crisis.

REDUCED CABINET. cabinet will be reduced in size, the war council. The nearest parallel to reduction being effected by the ex- the new coalition, adds the paper, can clusion of certain ministers whose of- be found in "the ministry of all the This year there promises to be a fices only within recent years have latents" formed by Fox and Grenville very serious outbreak of the American carried cabinet rank, such as Secre- in 1806.

will be constituted for the sole end of carrying on the war.

PENALIZED FOR OTHERS. The Daily Cronicle agrees with this view, explaining that many Liberal ministers will thus be penalized, not for any failures of their own, but for the shortcomings and errors of others. In fact, says The Chronicle, Premier Asquith will have virtually a

clean slate to begin upon SHORTAGE CAUSED CRISIS It is claimed by The Times and by The Daily Mail, that what actually precipitated the sudden crisis was a despatch from The Times' military correspondent in Northern France, re-

vealing that a shortage of high explosives was hampering operations in a serious manner, and that when the formed parliamentary correspondent friction arose between Winston Spenof The Daily News, was precipitated cer Churchill, first lord of the adby Lord Kitchener's failure to keep miralty, and Lord Fisher, first sea lord the ministry informed regarding supmiralty, and Lord Fisher, first sea lord plies of ammunition sent to the front. to take action. These papers and The Morning Post express the conviction but the proportion of shrapnel is re-ported to have been greater than that new departure will be some scheme of high explosives, whereas the army for national service not merely for required a preponderance of high ex- actual fighting, but for provisions, munitions and employment

ALL UP TO FORTY Opposition leaders who were in possession of these facts, says the Daily News, threatened a debate in war office, calling upon men to enlist

accuracy. Such a debate would have undermined gravely the authority of the government. Coupled with the adiplement of the resignation. This paper says that the miralty quarrel and the resignation whole administration, from top to of Lord Fisher, the paper asserts, it bottom, will be changed, re-appointments not being limited to the cabinet. fall of the government which would The new plan, says the Times, is that have been considered lamentable in there should be a fair division of ofthe midst of war. The moment was ficers, both small and great, between seized, therefor, by representatives of the several political parties, according both sides anxious for a coalition cab- to the ratio of their representation i inet, and the government assented to parliament; that instead of the forner council to conduct its affairs, the The Morning Post says that the new cabinet will in effect be a real

says these officers will cease to sit fice, but most of the other papers These two pests, whose life history in the new coalition cabinet, which point to David Lloyd-George.

Act immediately by destroying the nests or by thoroughly spraying with lead arsenate, 2 to 4 lbs. per 40 gal-Between Italy and Austria--It is Said That Von Buelow Sought for Peace With the Allies.

NEARING THE BRINK.

Rome, May 20, via Paris, 6.45 .m.—Premier Salandra introduced a bill this afternoon in the chamber of deputies conferring on the Government extraordinary powers in case of war. A committee was named to give this project immediate consideration.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, May 20, 11.30 a.m.—The Gaulois to-day publishes a curious despatch under a Turin date, which makes mention of a very extraordinary alleged devlopment in the Italian

This message declares that Prince Von Buelow and Baron Von Macchic, the German and the Austrian ambassadors at Rome, as a last request of the Italian Government, asked it to tined as another step to bring about a act as a mediator for peace between closer union of all parties in the coun the central empires and the allies. This report has not been heard from any other source.

MINIMUM DEMANDS.

Rome, May 19, 10.15 p.m., via Paris, May 20.—The minimum demands made upon Austria in behalf of Italy province of Trent (part of the Austrian Tyrol), according to the frontier of the Kingdom of Italy

Second-Eastern Friueli, com-

prising Malborgeth, Plezzo, Tol-mino, Gradisca, Goritz, Monfalcone, Comen, and as far south as Nabresina.
Third—Triest, Capo Distria and Pirano (the last two in Istria) to

form a new state independent from Austria;
Fourth—The Islands of Curzola, Lissa, Lesina, Lagosta, Cazza and Meleda (off the coast of Lower Dalmatia) to be ceded to

Fifth-The abandonment by Austria of her interests in Albania, acknowledging Italian sover-eignty over Avlona.

GRANTED PARDON. Rome, May 19, 11.15 p.m., via Paris, May 20.—King Victor Emmanuel, it is asserted, has decided to grant a

general pardon to all railway em-ployees who were punished for the part they took in the strike of May, 1914. This action is said to be des-

Reports received from every university in Italy are to the effect that the students of each will volunteer in a body if war is declared.

Despatches from Verona say that Italians whose homes are in Austria and Istria are pouring across the frontier by thousands every day because they are fearful of reprisals in the

The authorities at Genoa have been (Continued on Page 5)

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