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Partly Fair

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CANADIANS ROUT ENEMY NIGHT PATROLS HAIG REPORTS MORE GROUND GAINED ON THE SOMME FURIOUS BATTLE ON FOR POSSESSION OF FLEURY

CANUCKS EVER ON THE ALERT; ROUT PATROLS OF THE HUNS

Busy Last Week Harassing the
Enemy During Night.

FIGHT FOR LISTENING POST

Hand-to-Hand Encounter That
Was Won by the
Canadians.

[Canadian Press.]
Canadian Headquarters in the Field.
Via London, Aug. 4.—During the past
week several successful night opera-
tions were carried out by Canadian
battalions. One night at 11 o'clock a
listening post occupied by Privates
Donovan and Ward of a Nova Scotia
battalion, was approached by an enemy
patrol. Two of the enemy were al-
lowed to come within bayonet dis-
tance, when a hand-to-hand encounter
took place. One of the Germans was
killed and the other was captured. The
prisoner was brought back to the lines
and died shortly after being brought into
our trenches.

Forced to Withdraw.
Another night an enemy patrol of ten
men came within a few yards of an
advance post held by Lance-Corps.
Thurgood and five men of the same
battalion. The Germans were at once
attacked with bombs and quickly
forced to withdraw, carrying with them
two wounded men and abandoning a
quantity of grenades. Under the com-
mand of Lieut. Wise two members of
this battalion, each consisting of five
men, made a reconnaissance of the
German trenches. Lieut. Wise and one
party made their way through the
enemy's entanglements. Several Ger-
mans were seen manning the parapet,
but once clear of the wire entangle-
ments our men threw bombs and
rushed forward.

Outfought Germans.
At this moment they were attacked
from the right by an enemy patrol of
eight men. Three of our party were
wounded, but the hostile patrol in its
turn was attacked successfully by our
second party and every man of the
patrol was either killed or wounded.
In the meantime Lieut. Wise, followed
by Sergt. Anderson and Pte. Johnson
entered the enemy trench. Three dead
Germans were seen. Shortly after-
wards Sergt. Anderson was wounded.
Lieut. Wise attempted to lift him out
of the trench, but was himself wound-
ed in three places. Pte. Johnson threw
bombs until his supply was exhausted
and then returned to our lines for re-
inforcements. All our wounded were
brought back with the exception of
Sergt. Anderson, who could not be
found. The next day the German
trench was taken by our men and it
is feared they wished by this
means to signify that Sergt. Anderson
had been buried.

One morning in co-operation with
the artillery a daring and most suc-
cessful daylight raid was carried out
by a Toronto battalion. During the
preceding week a careful reconnais-
sance of the ground had been made
by Lieuts. Hooper and Burnham.
Shortly before daylight the enemy wire
was cut through by Ptes. Headon and
Rule. A covering party of machine
gunners and snipers under Lieut. Bur-
ham and Sergt. Jackson took up posi-
tions from which they could command
the trench which it was intended to
attack.

Crawled to Parapet.
At 8 o'clock the raiding party, con-
sisting of Capt. Kilmer, in command,
Lieut. Pepler and eighteen other men
left our line and crawled to within 45
feet of the enemy trench.

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest
temperatures recorded in London during
the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night: Highest, 89; lowest, 59.

The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 86; lowest, 63.

TOMORROW—PARTLY FAIR.

Forecast.
Today—Moderate southerly winds;
fair and decidedly warm.
Saturday—Moderate to fresh south to
southwest winds; thunderstorms in
many localities, but partly fair.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and
lowest temperatures during the 24 hours
previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria..... 68 50 Clear
Calgary..... 66 40 Clear
Winnipeg..... 72 40 Clear
Port Arthur..... 70 56 Cloudy
Port Stanley..... 82 68 Cloudy
Buffalo..... 78 62 Fair
Toronto..... 88 65 Clear
Kingston..... 76 70 Fair
Ottawa..... 78 64 Clear
Montreal..... 74 64 Clear
Quebec..... 76 64 Cloudy
Plover Point..... 68 50 Cloudy

Weather Notes.
Showers and thunderstorms have oc-
curred throughout the Western Pro-
vinces, while a few light scattered show-
ers or thunderstorms are reported from
Ontario and Quebec.

A shallow depression is approaching
Lake Superior, attended by numerous
thunderstorms.

VERDUN DANGER ENDED; HUN DIVISIONS BROKEN SAYS FAMOUS EXPERT

Definite Strategic Vantage Now Held by the Allies, Asserts
Lord Sydenham—Third Year of War Opens With the
Entente Unshaken in Its Determination To Win, With
Morale Never Higher, and Resources Unlimited.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 4.—Lord Sydenham, in
an article in the Times reviewing the
military situation after two years of
war, says:
"For the first time since trench war-
fare supervened in the west a posi-
tion of definite strategic vantage has
been won by the Allies, opening out new
possibilities. Violent counter-attacks,
in which some of the best German di-
visions have been shattered and the
withdrawal of troops from other sec-
tors are significant signs of the
enemy's estimate of the new situation."
"A pause may follow this tremen-
dous effort, but the danger to Verdun
has ended. Allie in the west and east
lines of immense strength have been
broken. French and British infantry
have again proved their superiority.
The artillery of the enemy has been
dominated, and in the air the Allies
have won the ascendancy."
"The third year of the war opens
with new hopes for the Allied powers,
whose stern resolve is unshaken, whose
morale never stood higher, and whose
resources have not yet all been brought
into play."

"Austria Desperate."
"Austria has been twice heavily de-
feated and her military and economic
position is becoming desperate. Turkey,
shorn of Armenia, and faced with an
Arab revolt, which she is powerless to
stem, has almost ceased to be a valid
ally."
"In Germany there is hardship deep-
ening into distress. Locally political
rifts are opening out, and the war
tends to become a fight for existence
on the part of the dynasty and ruling
classes, who will before long find
themselves face to face with a people
whom they have cruelly deceived."
"Only victory in the field can bring
a decision, but the effects of victory
may be immensely enhanced by psy-
chological factors, and the armies of
Russia, France and Britain have learned
in two years that they can best
the Germans on equal terms. The su-
periority of German material has been
destroyed in the workshop, and every-
thing will see an increase of equip-
ment of the Allies. More efforts and
sacrifices will be demanded, patience
and fortitude, of which our troops have
given such shining examples must be
national watchwords, but the end
should not be far distant."

"Wet" Candidate Is To Have Support of Hearst Government

Norris To Be Indorsed by Ministers for Southwest Toronto
By-Election.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, August 4.—It is learned
on good authority that James A.
Norris, who was unanimously nomi-
nated in Southwest Toronto last
night as Conservative candidate for
the vacancy in the Legislature,
caused by the death of Hon. J. J.
Poy, will be indorsed by the Ontario
Government. Mr. Hearst will prob-
ably be in England at the time of
the election, but it is understood
that the other cabinet ministers will
take part in the effort to return Mr.
Norris. The Conservative candidate,
in accepting the nomination, de-
clared himself in favor of wine and
beer licenses.

Premier Hearst declined this
morning to make any statement re-
garding the selection of Mr. Norris.
"I will have something to say, but so
far I have not had an opportunity of
preparing it," said he.

HEAVY CASUALTIES AMONGST OFFICERS BY BIG OFFENSIVE

From July 1st to July 15th
Losses Totaled 2,634.

Grand Total of 36,058
Twenty-Four Canadian Offi-
cers Killed and 49 Wound-
ed in Fortnight.

[Canadian Press.]
London, July 24.—(Correspondence
of the Associated Press.)—Officers' casu-
alty lists for two weeks from July 1,
to 15, show the severity of the fighting
since the great offensive began on the
western front. The British army in a
fortnight losing 580 officers killed, 1,
764 wounded and 290 missing—a total
of 2,634. This makes a total loss of
British officers since the beginning of
the war, 9,577 killed, 29,220 wounded,
2,581 missing—a total of 36,058.

The percentage of killed to wounded
is smaller during the fortnight at one
to three against one to two previously.

Heavy Losses.
Here are the regiments which have
lost heavy during the two weeks: York-
shires, 40 killed, 120 wounded, 12 miss-
ing; Northumberland, 24 killed, 128
wounded, 13 missing; Lancashire, 21
killed, 79 wounded, 22 missing; Lanca-
shires, 22 killed, 86 wounded, 21 miss-
ing; Irish Rifles, 25 killed, 80 wounded,
15 missing; Field Artillery, 22 killed,
78 wounded, 4 missing; Warwickshire,
24 killed, 67 wounded, 11 missing;
Canadians, 24 killed, 49 wounded; Man-
chester, 21 killed, 45 wounded, and of
the Staffords, 11 killed, 47 wound-
ed, 15 missing.

Several other units lost over 50 of-
ficers. Among the officers of high rank,
Brig.-Gen. Prosser died, two other
brigadier-generals were wounded, and
one colonel and twelve lieutenant-
colonels were killed.

In the last two weeks of July the
British army lost 4,450 officers in
killed, wounded and missing. This
brought the total for the month up to
7,084 and the grand total since the
outbreak of war to 35,503.

HAIG REPORTS ANOTHER GAIN NEAR POZIERES

Success as the Result of Minor
Operations Last
Night.

SOME PRISONERS TAKEN

British Have Better of En-
counters Northwest of
Delville Woods.

RAIDERS DESTROY SHAFT

Mine Exploded on Ypres-
Combes Line and Crater
Occupied.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 4.—Min-
or operations last night
by the British on the
Somme front resulted in
the gain for them of
some ground west of Po-
zieres, the war office an-
nounced today.

The text of the British
official statement says:
Last night as result of
minor operations to the
west of Pozieres we gained
some ground. In other
minor operations north of
Bazentin Le Petit and
northwest of Delville
wood we captured a few
prisoners.

"During the night
there was a considerable
artillery fire on both
sides at various portions
of the British front."

"A raiding party de-
stroyed an enemy's mine
shaft to the east of Loos.
Near the Ypres Combes
road we exploded a small
mine in the enemy's lines
and occupied the crater."

BRITISH, ITALIAN AND JAP VESSELS VICTIMS OF SUBS

[Canadian Press.]
London, August 4.—(1:10 p.m.)—The
Italian steamship Clitta Di Mesina, 2,484
tons gross, has been sunk, according to
an announcement made at Lloyd's today.

The Clitta Di Mesina was 300 feet
long, 40 feet beams and 15 feet deep.
She was built at Sunderland in 1894.
Another Italian steamer of the same
name which has been fitted out as an
auxiliary cruiser was sunk by a Tou-
tonie submarine in the Strait of Otranto
last June.

SUNK IN CHANNEL.
[Canadian Press.]
Havre, Aug. 4.—Two British schoo-
ners were torpedoed in the English
Channel on Wednesday night. The
crews were rescued and brought here.

JAP SHIP SUNK.
[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 4.—The Japanese
steamer Kohina Maru and the British
schooner G. C. Gradwell, have been
sunk.

The Kohina Maru was a vessel of
1,162 tons. She was last reported sail-
ing from Barry for Bizerta, Tunis,
July 14.

SARMENT STRIKE SETTLED AFTER FOUR MONTHS' FIGHT

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Aug. 4.—The garment
strike, which has virtually paralyzed
the women's suit and cloak industry in
this city for nearly four months, was
declared settled last night at a general
meeting of the strike committee of the
union.

It was predicted that the 60,000 work-
ers affected by the strike and lockout
would be back at work Monday.

REFUSES TO ACCEPT ANY APOLOGIES FOR CUTTING OF WIRES

Manager of London Electric
Says Case Up to Directors.

BUCHANAN MADE "GOAT"

Head of Commission Accepts
Responsibility, But Is Not
Considered Real Offender

The charge of the London Electric
Company that its wires had been tap-
ped by the city hydro-electric system
on Tuesday evening to supply light to
the postoffice created a sensation local-
ly, and is a vital topic of discussion
about the city today.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan of
the utilities commission, who super-
vised the connecting of the postoffice
service from the London system, is the
victim of circumstances, it is claimed,
and that parties higher up, who will not
accept the responsibility, are endeavor-
ing to make him "the goat" in the
language of the street. Mr. Buchanan
says that he did connect the lines, with-
out permission.

Accepts Responsibility.
"I am responsible," he said to The
Advertiser. "I cut the wires, without
permission. I did not do it surrepti-
tiously, as has been charged, but I did
it because the postoffice needed the light,
and had to have it from some source
or another. I accept the responsibility."
Mr. Buchanan was questioned as to
what part Sir Adam Beck had to play
in the whole transaction, whether or
not he had ordered the London Electric
wires cut to supply the postoffice, but
to all such questions he had no answer
to make.

Mr. Buchanan went to Manager
Barnes of the London Electric Com-
pany today to apologize for cutting the wires,
but was informed by Mr. Barnes that
the matter was in the hands of the To-
ronto directors, and they would have to
deal with it. Mr. Barnes does not hold
Mr. Buchanan responsible, figuring that
persons higher in authority were to
blame, and that the whole weight of the
responsibility is on others.

Beck Refuses To Talk.
Sir Adam Beck, when questioned, re-
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DEAD BY FLAMES IN NORTHERN ONT. INCREASE TO 171

Much Uneasiness as to New
Fires Reported.

MOTHER LOSES CHILDREN

Seven Little Ones Perished
While She Was at
Settlement.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Aug. 4.—The representative
of the registrar-general of the Province
of Ontario, who has gone to the fire
district to look after the listing of the
dead, today made an announcement to
the effect that the dead so far found
numbered 171.

There is still uneasiness as to the
situation in the places reported yes-
terday as threatened by fires. Only a
few fires have been reported, but the
prospectors are getting out of the
woods everywhere to the clearings,
and the railway trains pick them up
along the line.

Refugees Going Back.
Today more refugees arrived in this
city. Most of them have lost every-
thing. They are going back. Some of
them even say the fire is a good thing,
and that settlers will pour into the
burned districts. It is said the fire
has cut great swaths several miles
wide in the bush in some districts,
and these cleared areas will make safe
areas for settlement.

A. Ballock, a farmer from the Cro-
cus Mine district, saved some 25 peo-
ple by driving them in his wagon to the
lake where, with 40 others, they
went out and by splashing water on
one another kept the fire off.

J. B. Mitchell, of Kelso, came in this
morning. Mrs. Ryan of Ingoquo Falls,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stover and baby,
and Mrs. Harding and daughter
Matheson also came in. Stover and his
father ran a motor launch on the
river between Kelso and Matheson, and
Twin Falls, picking up people who had fled
to the river bank. The boat became
overloaded and at last they had to get
out of it and stand in the water, but
all their lives were saved. Among those
picked up was a woman with a 13-day-
old baby.

Seven of Family Burned.
Mrs. J. K. Kert of Englehart said that
town was full of people, who told ter-
rible tales of suffering. One woman
put a child in a go-cart, ran back into
the house for something, and when she
came out the child's clothing and cart
were on fire, and it died. Another woman
left seven children and went to
make purchases in a neighboring vil-
lage. When she got back all had perished.

The burned-out people have now all
the food and clothing needed.

French and Huns Divide Fleury; All-Night Struggle for the Village; Furious Conflict Rages at Verdun

GOVT. TO PLACE TAX ON FOREIGN BONDS SOLD IN CANADA

Action Will Be Taken to Con-
serve Resources During
the War.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, August 4.—The Canadian
Government proposes to control the sale
in the Dominion of non-Canadian
securities. The action will be taken
to conserve Canada's resources for war.
Stocks or bonds of other than Cana-
dian issues can be sold in Canada only
under government special license. At
the next session of parliament foreign
securities issues will be made subject
to taxation.

Canada's revenue is increasing. For
the first four months of the fiscal
year the revenue is \$50,000,000, which
is \$2,000,000 greater than for the same
period of a year ago. Of Canada's war
expenditure of \$1,000,000 a day, \$700,000
is spent in Canada.

RUSSIAN BAYONETS DRIVE ENEMY FROM STRONG POSITIONS

Carry Fortified Works on
Heights of Stovak.

TAKE VILLAGE BY STORM

Now Hold Point Only Nine-
teen Miles From
Kovel.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, August 4.—Via London, 2:10
p.m.—Russian troops have captured the
village of Rudka-Mirynskia on the
River Stovak, a left tributary to the
Stokhod, it was officially announced to-
day by the Russian war office. Rudka-
Mirynskia is 19 miles east of Kovel.
The text of the Russian official state-
ment follows:

"Western front: In the region of
Lubieszow (northwest of Kovel), our de-
tachments crossed to the left bank of
the River Stokhod and took a series
of heights on which they fortified them-
selves."

Used the Bayonet.
"On the River Stovak, a left tributary
of the Stokhod, our detachments fought
their way to the river, where an ob-
stinate engagement took place for the
village of Rudka-Mirynskia. Bayonet
fighting took place in the streets, and
although the village changed hands sev-
eral times it finally remained in our
possession. All enemy attempts to dis-
lodge us ended in failure."

"The enemy was forced back behind
the River Stovak, and we took 600 Ger-
man prisoners and captured twelve ma-
chine guns."

"In the region of Korytnik an enemy
attack was repelled by our fire. On the
rest of the front the usual artillery duel
is proceeding."

"Caucasian sector: There was nothing
of importance to report."

WHAT GERMANS SAY.

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, July 4.—Austro-German troops
have gained all the territory which they
had lost in the region of Rudka-Miryn-
skia, the east of Kovel, according to
the official statement issued today
by the German army headquarters.

The Teutons also gained ground in
the Carpathian Mountains in the region
of Kopolia.

THREE AMERICAN VESSELS ON BRITISH BLACKLIST

Are or Have Been Engaged in Unneu-
tral Service.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 4.—The latest blacklist
of neutral shipping issued today by the
trade division of the admiralty repre-
sents 152,655 tons of steamers and
sailing vessels unavailable to British
charterers on the claim that they are
now or have been engaged in unneu-
tral service.

The latest list contains, in addition
to those published in a previous list,
the names of the following ships flying
the American flag: Clara Davis, Fan-
nie Palmer and Oakley C. Curtis, all
sailing vessels.

French Swoop Upon Village From Two Sides, Storming With
Bayonets, and For a Time Occupying the Entire Town
—Germans by Furious Counter-Attacks Throughout the
Night Secure a Footing, But Fail to Drive Out French—
Desperate Fighting in Progress for Possession of Thiau-
mont Farm.

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, Aug. 4.—Via London, 3:35 p.m.—The village of Fleury, north
of Verdun was regained by the Germans this morning. It was officially
announced today by the German army headquarters.
The situation at Fleury and in its vicinity, the statement adds, is
now the same as it was before the French attack.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Aug. 4.—Attacking simultaneously from
the northwest and from the southeast, French troops
yesterday stormed the village of Fleury, three miles
north of Verdun, and captured several hundred Ger-
mans. In the evening, however, the Germans launched
a furious counter-attack, and after several violent at-
tempts succeeded in getting a footing in the southern
part of the village. The French today continue to hold
the northern section of the place, and heavy fighting
still is in progress.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Aug. 4.—Noon.—On the right bank of the River
Meuse, north of Verdun, the battle continues along the
front of Thiaumont-Fleury, the Germans attacking sev-
eral times during the night with great fury, it was an-
nounced officially this afternoon by the French war
department.

At one period of the fighting the French entered
Thiaumont earthworks but withdrew, owing to the in-
tensity of the German bombardment, taking 80 prisoners.
THE BATTLE FOR FLEURY.

Around Fleury the struggle was equally violent, the
statement adds, the Germans attacking the village several
times and succeeding finally in getting a footing in the
south part of the village. The French still are holding the
northern section of the place and fighting is still going
on.

All the attempts made by the Germans to drive the
French from the station southeast of Fleury were frus-
trated.

The French positions at Vacherauville also were at-
tacked during the night, but the French war department
declares the Germans were thrown back with severe losses.

Verdun again is in the centre of the
war stage. The capture by
the French of the greater part
of the village of Fleury,
which had been held by the Ger-
mans for more than a month, has
caused great elation in France. It
is the first fruit of the French slow
and methodical offensive begun
three days ago and seems, in the
opinion of French military obser-
vers, to mark an epoch in the six-

month's battle for the great fortress
on the Meuse.

French Getting Initiative.
The Germans appear to be less
and less capable of operating on
their old, overwhelming scale and
the initiative, military men here
think, is about to pass to the French
for good.

While the German artillery con-
tinues to be as powerful and as well
aimed as ever, it is less effective.
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SHIPPING ON SUEZ BOMBED BY PLANES WITHOUT RESULTS

Hostile Aircraft Attack Is-
maïla 40 Miles South of
Suez.

ALL BRITISH ISLES OBSERVES SECOND WAR ANNIVERSARY

Resolutions Declare Determi-
nation To Fight on For
Victory.

[Canadian Press.]
London, August 4.—Every town and
village in the British Isles as well as
places throughout the Empire today ob-
served the second anniversary of Great
Britain's declaration of war. Meetings
were held, and resolutions passed, de-
claring a "determination to continue to
clear a victorious end the struggle in
the maintenance of those ideals of liberty
and justice which are the common and
sacred cause of the Allies."

Three meetings had been arranged
for London. In the afternoon, Sir
Francis Lloyd, general officer command-
ing the London district, spoke to 4,000
wounded men at the London hospitals.

SALE TREATY SIGNED.
Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—It was
announced by the state department to-
day that the treaty by which the
United States is to purchase the Danish
West Indies from Denmark for \$25,000,000
was signed at New York this morning
by Secretary Lansing and Minister Con-
stantin Rijn.

PTE. GOLDIE WOUNDED.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Stratford, Aug. 4.—Pte. John Goldie,
Mounted Rifles, is officially reported ad-
mitted to the hospital with gunshot
wound in the leg.