

THE FRENCH SCORE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS AT VERDUN
The Threatened Strike on the Canadian Pacific Railway is Averted

SWEEPING OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BY FRENCH UPON SOMME FRONT

Forces of General Petain Take Douaumont and Other Positions, and Capture 3,500 German Prisoners

Dreams of Crown Prince Destroyed, and Kaiser Hastens to Spot Where His Troops are Fast Weakening

London, Oct. 25.—Verdun, where the German Crown Prince sacrificed half a million men in vain, is now the scene of a powerful French offensive. Smashing through a front of four miles, General Petain's troops have captured portions on the right bank of the Meuse for a depth of two miles. The village and fort of Douaumont, which have changed hands many times since the German drive began in February, the Thiameurt work and farm, strongholds of the Tenth advanced line, and the Hautmont quarries, north of Thiameurt, have fallen before the French onslaught. The Germans captured Douaumont on February 25, and held it until May 22, when the French recaptured part of the fort. The Germans again occupied Fort Douaumont on May 24 after a violent struggle. Germans Completely Surprised. More than 3,500 prisoners have already been passed back by the French troops, and the action is still in progress. Large quantities were captured in the charge, for the suddenness with which it was carried through gave the Germans little time to withdraw their guns and material to the rear. (Continued on page three.)

THE GERMANS WERE TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE

Not Even at One Point Were They Able to Stop the Rush of the French at Verdun.

Paris, Oct. 25.—The French attack at Verdun apparently took the Germans completely by surprise, and not at one point did they succeed in stopping the impetuous rush. In three hours the French recaptured ground, to gain which required months of patient effort by the Germans, including such positions as Douaumont fort and Thiameurt work, which in the past were won and lost repeatedly. The official French account of the attacks, every word of which was weighed carefully, does not say the German line was forced back, but that it was "burst." Latest details of the French victory show that its extent was much of a surprise to the French as it must have been to the Germans. General Petain regarded the front and suggested to General Nivelle, the commander of Verdun, that he give himself more elbow-room. With that end in view infantry was sent up to reinforce the French and artillery was ordered for the establishment of new batteries. The aviation department was commissioned to make an exhaustive survey of the positions of the German batteries and points of assembly. This work was carried out and the secret was kept so well that to all appearances the Germans never had an inkling of what was in prospect. Furthermore, they evidently believed the...

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WEST LAND REGULATIONS. THESE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a vacant lot...

WEATHER BULLETIN. 25.—Local rains have occurred in S. a s Katchewan, Manitoba, Northern Ontario and the lower St. Lawrence valley. Elsewhere the weather has been fair. A disturbance which developed yesterday in the southwest states is moving north-eastward across the great lakes. Forecasts. Strong winds and gales from southwest and west, local showers but partly fair. Thursday—Fresh to strong west to northwest winds, fair and cooler.

NEWS FROM PARIS

Talk of a Switch for the Lake Erie and Northern. Paris, Oct. 25.—(From our own correspondent.—) We understand that officials of the C.P.R. were in town yesterday interviewing the members of the Council, Board of Trade and the manufacturers in connection with the providing of a switch and goods yard for the Lake Erie and Northern Railway. It would seem that the proposed route will enter Paris along the river road into the town under the Grand Trunk bridge and cross the head gates at the railway on the flats, in all probability taking along Elm street, would enter the Fair Grounds, a portion of which would be used for their freight sheds. It is also said that the railway people expect the manufacturers to provide the site for switching and other purposes. The Fair Grounds is the only place left in Paris where any games or recreation can be held and it is to be hoped that as little ground as possible of the only breathing space left to the people will be taken by the company. The annual Fall meeting of St. James A.Y.F.A. was held in the Parish Hall last evening, and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Annie Mussen; vice-president, Mr. George Hambleton; Secretary, Miss Annie Ellis; Treasurer, Mr. A. White; pianist, Miss K. Wright; assistant, Miss Stella Wright. Next Monday a Halloween social will be given in the evening, and a hearty invitation is extended to all the young people in the church. (Continued on Page Four)

List of Members of 125th. Battalion Who Have Been Drafted to France

- Ex-Mayor Spence, chairman of the Patriotic League, to-day received from Lt.-Col. Cutcliffe a list of the members of the 125th Battalion who have been drafted to France as follows: Pte. Alexander, Gerald V. 772311 Pte. Aspinall, Thomas. 772388 Pte. Badoock, William. 772531 Pte. Balkwill, Harold G. 772363 Pte. Balfour, Peter A. 772416 Pte. Barnes, Thomas. 772321 Pte. Beattie, Harry. 773129 Pte. Beech, Walter H. 772516 Pte. Bell, William. 773101 Pte. Bell, Wilfred, Allan. 772327 Pte. Bell, William H. F. 225525 Pte. Beney, Amos E. 772322 Pte. Beney, Edmund, A. 772543 Pte. Benson, Ernest, John. 772251 Pte. Benton, Alfred Bert. 772286 Pte. Biddle, Walter. 772354 Pte. Bishop, Harry, Jos. 772323 Pte. Bolton, Richard Sims. 772879 Pte. Bolton, John David. 772280 Pte. Brown, Clement J. 772521 Pte. Brown, Frank, H. 772478 Pte. Brown, Gordon A. 772008 Pte. Browne, Ernest. 772307 Pte. Burley, Arthur C. 772250 Pte. Burrows, James E. 772336 Pte. Byatt, John. 773041 Pte. Campbell, James, G. 772071 Pte. Carpenter, Horace. 772244 Pte. Chandler, Edward H. 772129 Pte. Charlton, John. 772258 Pte. Cherry, Claud. 773081 Pte. Churchward, Arthur. 772501 Pte. Churchward, H. J. T. 772609 Pte. Clarke, Robert. 772127 Pte. Conlon, Wm. B. 773072 Pte. Cook, William. 772455 Pte. Cooper, James, S. 772450 Pte. Corby, Fred. 772085 Pte. Cromwell, Richard E. 772357 Pte. Crowley, John A. 773097 Pte. Cutmore, Vincent. 772052 Pte. Dalken, Arthur. 772357 Pte. Davies, Walter. 772133 Pte. Davis, Hebron. 772473 Pte. Davis, Lorne. 772921 Pte. Dawson, William S. 772105 Pte. Denholm, Edward. 772425 Pte. Dransfield, George. 772445 Pte. Draper, Joseph, W. 772134 Pte. Draper, Richard B. 772346 Pte. Draper, Thomas. 772446 Pte. Duffy, Albert Ed. 772346 Pte. Duxbury, Vernon. 772020 Pte. Eccles, George. 772075 Pte. Edwards, Albert C. 772087 Pte. Edwards, Ernest. 772074 Pte. Edwards, Ford. 772353 Pte. Elliott, Harry. 772503 Pte. Ellis, Fred. G. 772263 Pte. Emswiler, Oscar J. 772087 Pte. Fern, William Reid. 772141 Pte. Ferris, Lloyd. 772278 Pte. Fish, Buryl. 772317 Pte. Fish, Warren. 772055 Pte. Fisher, Herbert R. 772043 Pte. Fitness, Percy. 773046 Pte. Foster, Arthur John. 772351 Pte. Foster, Elwood, G. 772900 Pte. Fraser, James. 772103 Pte. Frost, Herbert, Bert. 772253 Pte. Frost, Jack Edward. 772289 Pte. Fuller, Bertram. 772289 Pte. Gardner, Thomas. 772434 Pte. Green, Herbert D. 772345 Pte. Gillen, Wilfred. 772286 Pte. Gillies, Robert. 772638 Pte. Gilmore, Chester. 772022 Pte. Ginn, Walter Sidney. 773066 Pte. Girdlestone, E. V. 772537 Pte. Gleason, Thomas A. 772008 Pte. Good, Charles W. 772982 Pte. Good, John A. 773074 Pte. Goyitt, John H. 772838 Pte. Green, Herbert D. 772345 Pte. Griffiths, Edward. 772829 Pte. Gullen, William R. 772521 Pte. Guy, James. 772384 Pte. Hall, Henry. 772077 Pte. Hamilton, Henry D. 772389 Pte. Harris, Simon Peter. 772281 Pte. Harrison, James T. 772535 Pte. Harrop, Reginald. 772260 Pte. Heath, Frederick, J. 772960 Pte. Henderson, Robt. J. 772057 Pte. Henson, William E. 772148 (Continued on page three.)

PTE. E. TAYLOR DEAD OF WOUNDS Pte. Bert Blues Killed in Action; Other Local Casualties.

Mrs. Humble, of 176 Darling St., has received a letter from the brother of Pte. Ernest Taylor, stating that the latter died of wounds in France. He was a single man and boarded at Mrs. Humble's. While in the city he worked at his trade as plumber with C. Taylor and Wm. Minnes.

KILLED IN ACTION. Word was received this morning by Mr. George Brown, King Street, to the effect that Bert Blues, a former well-known Brantford boy, had been killed in action. Previous to the outbreak of war he went to England, and soon after became identified with the Motor Transport Corps. He was employed in this city as chauffeur to Mr. T. J. Fair.

SHELL SHOCK. Word has been received that Pte. R. D. Hawkes whose name previously appeared in the Courier, is suffering from shell shock, and is in a military hospital at Chatham.

PT. H. ELLIS. Pte. Horace Ellis of the 19th Battalion, is listed in this morning's casualty list as wounded, it being his first injury in over a year spent at the front. Pte. Ellis left Brantford in November, 1914, with an active service quota of the Dufferin Rifles, he had previously served for three years in the 25th Brant Dragoons; was unmarried, employed as a machinist at the lockshop, Plow down street, and resided at 10 Brighton Road.

STRIKE IS OFF PERCY MARTIN FACES CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER AT WINTER ASSIZES

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 25.—There will be no strike on C.P.R., according to advices received by the Labor Department this afternoon, the two sides have come to an agreement which is promised to be executed in a few hours. This, of course, will avert the strike which was timed for 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Department has received no particulars of the settlement. Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—The strike is off.

THE FUNERAL OF THE MURDERED PREMIER OF AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Oct. 24.—via London. Oct. 25.—The funeral of Count Karl Stuerghk, the late Austrian premier, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Cathedral of St. Stephen. Archbishop Piffli officiated. Emperor Francis Joseph was represented by Archduke Leopold Salvator. Tonight the body will be taken to Salzburg, the premier's former home, for burial in the family tomb.

NO DIVIDENDS. New York, Oct. 25.—The Sun this morning has the following despatch from Detroit, Mich.: Because of the large expenditures for additions and the payment of approximately \$750,000 war tax to the Dominion Government, it was decided at the annual meeting yesterday of the shareholders of the Canadian Ford Motor Company that no dividend action be taken at this time.

EXPLOSION OF BOMB At a Subway Station in New York.

New York, Oct. 25.—Explosion of a bomb or dynamite at the 110th street station of the Lenox avenue subway line early to-day, did considerable damage to that station, smashed the ticket agent's booth, injured four persons slightly, broke the electric lamps and windows in the kiosks, tore off a portion of the sidewalk overhead and broke the windows in some of the apartment houses nearby. There was no train at the station or near it at the moment. Traffic in the subway was suspended for half an hour or more as the result of the blast.

FLOUR REACHES HIGHEST POINT.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—The wholesale price of high-grade family flour was advanced to \$10 a barrel to-day, the highest point since the civil war. This is an increase of thirty cents within two days.

EVACUATED. Petrograd, Oct. 25.—Via London, 2.30 p.m.—The Rumanians and Russians have evacuated the Danube town of Tchernavoda, in Dobruja, the War Office announced to-day.

Betting on the Presidential Election is at Even Money

New York, Oct. 25.—Practically all the election betting in the Wall St. district yesterday was at even money on the presidential candidates. The curb commissioners reported at the close of business that about \$25,000 had been placed, including \$10,000 on Wilson, which was sent down by the Waldorf crowd of speculators in the Stock Markets. Plenty of Hughes money appeared when the situation was firmly established on an even basis. The Wilson men said many thousands of dollars of Democratic money were still held in reserve, with the expectation of holders that the odds of 9 on the president to 10 on Hughes might again appear. There was no sign of this development in late dealings.

ONE! TWO! THREE! AND VOTE OFFER WILL COME TO A CLOSE

What Have You Done? Worked Hard the First Part of This Week, or Idled Away Your Time

SOMEbody said that it couldn't be done. But he with a chuckle replied, "That 'couldn't' couldn't," but he would be one. Who wouldn't say so, 'till he'd tried. So he budled right in, with the trac of a grin. For subscriptions he tried to solicit. He started o'ing as he tackled the thing. That couldn't be done, and he did it. Only three more days of this great vote offer left in which you can store up enough votes to make yourself a winner of one of the beautiful prizes which The Daily Courier is giving away. Many candidates who made a fair start at the beginning of the contest are not living up to their record and it they do not watch out some of the energetic candidates who were so successful in the campaign start will give up enough votes in the next three days to pass them with a walk. This race is not to the spurter but to the stayer, the one who works thru early morning until late until the close of the campaign will be the winner of the beautiful grand prize being car. Are you to be that one? Or are you to be numbered among the percentage crowd or to win one of the smaller prizes? Wake up, candidates, shake the cobwebs that at trying to hem you in and get results, as promises will never get you anything in this world. Make these last three days of this great vote offer put you in the winning class. Work to-day, not to-morrow, as to-morrow never stops coming.

FURTHER RETIREMENT. By Courier Leased Wire. Bucharest, Oct. 25, via London 1.34 p.m.—A further retirement by Rumanian forces on the Transylvanian front is announced by the War Office. The Rumanians near Predeal and Kimpolung, the statement says, were forced to fall back a little. PASS TAKEN BY THE TEUTONS. By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Oct. 25.—By wireless to Sayville—Vulcan Pass, on the Transylvanian front, has been captured by General Von Falkenhayn's army, the War Office announced to-day. In Dobruja pursuit of the Russians and Rumanians continues. Tchernavoda was captured this morning, depriving the Russians and Rumanians of the last railroad communication in Dobruja.

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W. W. COET, C.M.A.G., Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. N.B.—Usual publications of this department will not be held for...

NT relaxed low re T enthus- N. c in. e Sale OPORTY IN NTORRD e of power con- fortage which the time of sale t the auction and Son, No. in the City of ay, the second G. Read, Auc- pts Fifteen and in the Nell's Eagle Place, in l, and as de- gage registered in this is erected by brick house, Rose Avenue. Block Letter the plan made block, and part e the City of parcel is more deed registered on this is erect- ury brick res- ber 156 Alice Ten per cent. sale and the days thereafter origage's soli- this 16th day HEYD, rd, Ont.'s Solicitors, near. PTICE is hereby given Council of the d will on Mon- November, 1916, o'clock in the af- cial Chamber, in in the City of Barry, pass a By- l, is hereunder time and place, in person of by any one whose dicially affected petitions to be No. of the Township expedient and p a certain por- in the Village of wnship of Brant- southward and the Brantford Road to the On- which portion of reinafter more ed, and to pro- of the same. ORE ENACTED of the Township ouncil assembled, portion of the the Village of g to registered rided as follows: that part of the hich adjoins Lot id Survey on the nd Lots Twenty- said survey on hereof and which dth and extends easterly from ary of the Brant- Stone Road to a from the North- said Lot Thirty orth sixteen di- minutes East, be- eby stopped up as n the said Town- of said highway up as aforesaid to the owners of ning the same, the said lands e portion of said their respective line of said high- and Clerk of the hereby authorized Deed or Deeds lands to the re- solve mentioned. ll take effect on ng thereof. ENCLIL this 10, 1916. Township Clerk ay of October, A. S. SMITH, Township Clerk