

BRITISH DRIVE HAS GREAT VICTORIES IN FRANCE Allies Deliver Important Blows to Clear Northern France of Germans FRENCH TAKE ADVANCE ON ROAD TO LILLE

TWO IMPORTANT VICTORIES WON BY BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS IN COMBINED ADVANCE

Sir John French Captures Considerable Ground on Road to Fromelles and General Joffre Gains Important Success on Road to Lille—Pushes on to the Rhine.

LONDON, May 9.—The first British army delivered this morning another ponderous stroke on the German lines, striking the enemy between Bois Grenier and Festubert and gaining "considerable" ground in the direction of Fromelles, the advance being the Germans back on Lille. While fighting is still proceeding in this direction, it is said that Sir John French has gained another important victory exceeding any of those since the first battle of Ypres.

Airmen Destroy Junction.
To prevent the rapid bringing forward of reinforcements, British aviators, who have secured the command of the air, made successful attacks on Sir John French's road, on the St. Andre railway junction and on the canal bridge at Bok. The St. Andre junction is north of Lille and forms an important point in the German scheme of troop concentration, being a pivot whence reinforcements can be hurled in several directions where the German line is most in need of them. The aviators also bombarded with good effect Herles, Illies, Marquelles, and La Bassee, where considerable bodies of enemy troops have been stationed and so caused great consternation to the Germans.

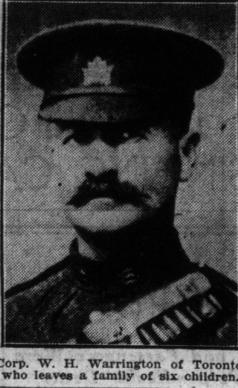
Heavy Battle East of Ypres.
Heavy attacks were delivered by the Germans east of Ypres, both last night and this morning, and the British and French staid their ground and repulsed the attackers with tremendous losses.

French Gain Big Victory.
While the British have begun an advance towards the Rhine, the French allies are making progress from the southeast, gaining an important victory at Lens today, where they captured at some places two and a half miles, in this operation they captured over 2,000 prisoners and six pieces of artillery.

March on Rhine.
The French troops are also rapidly pushing forward towards the Rhine, their latest advance being over two-thirds of a mile on the right bank of the Focht River, and giving them an important line of heights overlooking that stream. Their progress is on a front of nearly a mile and they are heading straight for Metzlar.

West of Lens a French battalion also carried an important German fortified work, making 1,000 prisoners.
Sir John French's Report.
The official statements follow:
"Field-Marshal Sir John French sends the following report of Sunday's operations:
"Last night the enemy continued his attacks east of Ypres, and made further attacks today which have been repulsed with heavy losses. Our line there is firmly established.
"This morning our first army attacked the enemy's line between Bois Grenier and Festubert and gained ground south and east toward Fromelles. The fighting in this area continues.
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KILLED IN ACTION



Corp. W. H. Warrington of Toronto, who leaves a family of six children.

of the Argonne forest. At Bagatelle we were able to verify the extent of the losses sustained by the enemy in yesterday's attack. The Germans had used, without any success, asphyxiating bombs and burning fluids.

Took Hundred Prisoners.
The French war office this afternoon issued the following report:
"In the German position captured yesterday near Lens we took about 100 prisoners.

Advance Towards Rhine.
The following was issued last night:
"There have been artillery engagements along the whole front. One of our battalions by a sudden attack captured a fortified work held by the Germans west of Lens.

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Father Was Not Allowed in Lifeboat, So Both Perished.

CANADIANS IN LONDON

Survivors, Completely Exhausted, Describe Thrilling Experiences.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, May 9.—Several Canadian passengers from the Lusitania reached London this morning, arriving at an early hour. All of them were bereft of personal belongings, save the clothes they were wearing at the time the vessel went down. Many of them were physically and mentally exhausted to give any account of their experiences.

With the rest of the passengers still in Ireland is Lady Allan, suffering from injury to her hip, which prevents her from travelling. She has been taken from the Queen's Hotel to Admiralty House.

Prominent Citizens Present.
The relatives of the late officer who attended the service were: Mr. and Mrs. Braithwaite, father and mother of Mr. Warren; Mrs. E. D. Warren and Harold and C. H. Band.

Impressive Sermon Delivered to Congregation in St. James' Cathedral.

At last we're to have our chance," wrote Capt. Trumbull Warren in his last letter from the front. This stirring message was given by Rev. E. C. Carley, M.A., D.D., in his sermon at the memorial service held on Sunday afternoon in St. James' Cathedral. The edifice was crowded, the band of the 48th Highlanders was seated at the front part of the cathedral, near the pulpit. Capt. Warren's old company of the 48th was present in full strength. Several hundred employees of the Gutta Percha Co., of which Capt. Warren was president, were present, and also many members of the boy scouts.

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LATE CAPT. WARREN WAS PROVED HERO

Prominent Citizens Paid Tribute to Dead Officer Yesterday.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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PROTESTS ARE MANY

Many Telegrams, Some Demanding War, Are Pouring In.

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said, in deep thought undisturbed for hours. Secretary and Mrs. MacAdoo dined with him tonight, but it was understood no reference was made to the war situation. It was the first time Mr. MacAdoo had visited the white house since he was operated on a few weeks ago.

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RUSSIANS HALT GERMAN DRIVE

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TORONTO MAN'S STORY

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were no other women standing on the liner where we were. Our position I should think was the last boat but one from the stern of the ship. We dropped into the water and for a few minutes we were all right. Then the liner went over. We were not far from her. Whatever the cause may have been, perhaps the effect of the suction, I don't know, but we were thrown into the sea. Some occupants were wearing lifebelts, but I was not. The only lifebelt I knew about were in cabins, and it had not appeared to me that there was time to risk going after lifebelts. It must have been about 2:30 when I was thrown into the water. Here is my watch which I was wearing and you will see it stopped at that time." As he said this Rogers produced a watch from his pocket, which indicated it had stopped at 2:30.

Terrible Scenes there were around me. It is harrowing to think of the men, women and children struggling in the water. I had the presence of mind to swim away from the ship and made toward a collapsible boat, upon which was the captain and a number of others. For this purpose I had to swim quite a distance. This boat began rocking. Every moment it seemed as if we should be thrown into the sea. The captain did the same thing after me. I did not see him, but I understood he was picked up. Before entering the water from this boat I had taken off my boots. Swimming around, I looked for something which might support me. People around me were drowning.

"I remember seeing a young child with a lifebelt on, calling 'Mama,' but she was not saved. I had seen her on the liner before and noticed her sister on a collapsible boat. I saw an old cupboard, towards which I swam and managed to support myself until I saw a boat. I shouted and was taken on board, and from there I was transferred to a trawler, where I found four other survivors. Eventually we were placed on the Flying Fish (ferry boat) and reached Queenstown about half past ten. I was soaking wet and went into a small hotel where a lady was kind enough to give me a pair of pyjamas and socks. In the morning I went into a clothing store and purchased a suit. All my belongings were lost. On Saturday I left Queenstown and came straight to Toronto.

Gave Up His Lifebelt.
"It is quite possible that some of the people went down while in their cabins, because after lunch it was customary with some to go down for a rest. Friends of mine on the liner have told me they saw Vanderbilt on give it to a woman. It seemed to me that the seriousness of the situation was scarcely realized when the boat was torpedoed. It was all so sudden and so unexpected. The recollection of it all is terrible."

Libau in German Hands.
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REGIMENTAL PAPERS SEIZED BY POLICE?

Rumors of Dissatisfaction in the 109th Regiment May Be Aired in Court.

Although no official confirmation is forthcoming, it is understood that certain important papers of the 109th Regiment have been seized by the police, and it being suspected that money due to pay to several members of the over-seas contingent of the 109th to look after his interests. Mr. Heyd last night refused to say anything about the case.

SEV. MICHELEN WOUNDED.
Special to The Toronto World.
ST. CATHARINES, May 9.—Sergeant H. A. Michelen, reported wounded in action, has a wife and seven children in St. Catharines. He is an Englishman, but has lived here several years. He has several times won prizes for best shooting in the 10th Lincoln Regiment, this city.

Friends in Toronto last night received a cable from George Compling stating that both himself and his wife had escaped from the Lusitania disaster.

HOTEL TECK
When you desire to entertain your friends royally and at a reasonable expense, invite them to dine at Hotel Teck. Luxurious appointments—ideal in every respect—excellent cuisine.

Four Firms Lose IN MORNING FIRE
Seven Thousand Dollars Damage to Bay Street Building.

Four business firms suffered considerable loss early this morning in a fire which gutted the upper stories of the Joe Fur Company's building at Bay street. The total damage is about \$7,000, partly covered by insurance. The firms, from top to bottom, publisher, first floor; Jno. Whyworth, agent, second floor; H. Heese, Jeweler, third floor; and Hubble Electric Co., fourth floor.

The fire started in the premises of the electric concern and before it was extinguished spread down to the next floor occupied by Heese. About \$1,000 damage was done to the electrical stock in the building and the same amount to the building. Water caused the balance of the damage to the stock in the underneath floors.

Despite the hour a huge crowd was on hand and officer 43 kept them back unaided.

Hamilton's Best Hotel
HOTEL ROYAL
AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PLANS
Every room furnished with new beds, new carpets and thoroughly redecorated during 1914.
Best Sample Rooms in Canada.

Prize Winners
GAS RANGE
Guessing Contest

Toronto, May 8, 1915.

We, the undersigned, acted as judges of the Guessing Contest organized by the Consumers' Gas Co., and hereby certify that the number contained in the sealed envelope, purporting to be the number of ranges in use in the City of Toronto on March 31, 1915, was 45,044.

We also certify that we examined the guesses recorded and find that the following persons are entitled to the various prizes according to the rules of the contest.

1st Prize—Otto Pram, 32 Ridley Gardens, 45,026.

2nd Prize—D. Spence, 620A Bloor street West.

3rd Prize—Hattie H. Palmer, 29 Soraura avenue.

4th Prize—C. W. Mann, 627 Gladstone avenue.

5th Prize—Mr. Hulme, 419 Nina avenue.

6th Prize—Mrs. Palm, 102 Quebec avenue.

7th Prize—S. Bradley, 91 Wardell street.