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**HUGHES SEES
AND IS WON BY
3 FINE UNITS**

Minister of Militia Pays Un-
expected Visit.

MEN ARE IN FINE FORM

Not One Regiment Has Dishon-
ored Country.

GENERAL CHATS ABOUT WAR

To Officers and Scribes He
Praises the Spirit of
Volunteers.

"You men who will form the second overseas Canadian contingent are the best product of our country. You will go to the front of battle and will make a name not only for yourselves but for the country you will represent so gloriously. I am proud of you. Canada is proud of you. The whole world will come to hear of you and the Germans will tremble with fear when you get into action. The men of the first contingent have already proved their worth. Canadians need never fear but that the other men who soon will be on French soil will not make names as glorious."

So declared Major-General Sam Hughes to the officers of the 18th Battalion, the 33rd Battalion and the 7th C. M. R., at the conclusion of an official review at Carling Heights this morning. The men, some 2,500 strong, marched past in splendid order. Each company officer saluted the major-general as he came opposite him, and the courtesy was returned by the Minister of Militia. The review was really fine as they moved along in exact precision; straight as dies were the lines, and the men's faces, while not exactly grim, displayed a determination which showed they fully appreciated the responsibility which rested on them.

He Was Impressed.

Heads erect, shoulders squared, eyes right—they have become soldiers, and they showed this morning to such good advantage that although the Minister of Militia did not say so in words he clearly displayed by his face the thoughts that went through his mind—that the men of the 18th, the 33rd and the 7th C. M. R. were the salt of the earth as men go.

The 15th band made a decided hit with Canada's chief military man. When they had come opposite his point of vantage an orderly was dispatched to the bandmaster with the result that the men were halted, faced about and made to remain opposite where the minister was standing. "Rule Britannia" was played while the soldiers walked past.

Review Unexpected.

The arrival of the Major-General had been unannounced. The officers of various regiments only learned this morning that there was to be a review, the men likewise. Few volunteers were present. Not more than 50, which was just as the powers that be desired. The men were there for duty not for public inspection.

At the conclusion of the review proper Major-General Hughes shook hands and cordially chatted with the various officers. There was nothing formal about his talk with each man. They enjoyed it and so, apparently, did he. When the review was over the round of hand shaking he spoke to the officers.

His Heart Rejoiced.

"This second contingent that is soon to leave for the real fighting area is composed of a body of men that rejoices in the war."

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Reviewed Volunteers Here Today



Major-General Sam Hughes saw every man of the 18th, 33rd and 7th C. M. R. march past this morning at Carling Heights. He was much pleased with the splendid showing of the men.

ENEMIES' TRENCHES COMPLETELY CHOKED BY THEIR CORPSES

Allies Remodel Works Captured at Les Esparges, Repel
Counter Attacks and Capture New Trenches—
British Repel Fierce Onslaught.



[Canadian Press.]
ARIS, April 9.—Via London, 2:40 p.m.—The official communiqué from the war office this afternoon follows: "British troops repelled during the night of April 7-8 a German attack."

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LINER SHELLED BY SUBMARINE

Theseus Chased 57 Miles By
German Raider, But
Escapes.

ROUGH SEA ASSISTED HER

Mainmast Damaged and Fire-
men's Quarters Wrecked
By Five Shells.

[Canadian Press.]

Liverpool, April 9.—The captain of the Blue Funnel Line steamer Theseus, which left Liverpool March 27 for Java, has sent back a report of an exciting chase by a German submarine. The Theseus managed to make her escape, but she was subjected to and damaged by shell fire from the submarine.

Ignored Signal.

March 29 at 7 o'clock in the morning the Theseus sighted the submarine at a point forty miles southwest of Bishop Rock Lighthouse. The submarine signalled her to stop and abandon ship, but this order was ignored, and the Theseus put on all steam and started zigzagging on her course. The submarine opened fire, and continued throwing shells at the Theseus at intervals. The chase continued until 10:30, when the submarine abandoned the pursuit and appeared to turn her attention to a small steamer flying the Norwegian flag.

Five Shells Hit.

Of the seven explosive shells fired by the three-inch guns on the submarine, five struck the Theseus and did considerable damage. The mainmast was badly cut, and the quarters of the firemen in the poop were wrecked. The distance covered during the chase was about 57 miles. The Theseus maintained a speed of about 17 knots. From time to time she fired explosive distress signals in the hope of attracting the attention of a British warship.

No One Injured.

The captain of the steamer is of the opinion that had it not been for the rough sea the submarine would have overhauled her. No member of the crew of the Theseus was injured. All the damage to the vessel was above the water line, and only temporary repairs were required.

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TREMENDOUS ATTACKS BY FRENCH CORPS ALL ALONG LINE REPORTED BY GERMANS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE FRUSTRATED ALL

Releases a Man For War Duty



Miss Stella Hay, the first woman motor van driver in London. She is taking the place of a man who has joined the army.

Norway Routs Out German Submarines

Aviators Find Several Skulking In Behind Cliffs On Bergen Bay, and Order Them To Leave At Once Or Be Interned.

[Canadian Press.]

Copenhagen, April 9.—A group of Norwegian air-men who have been scouring the coasts of Norway, investigating rumors that a German submarine base was located in some sheltered spot of these neutral waters, found several German submarines gathered behind the cliffs at Bergen Bay.

The submarines were ordered to leave immediately, or else be interned for the remainder of the war.

City Might Impose Few 'Extra' Rates on Phone Company

Alterations On City Streets, If Company's Policy Were Applied by Municipality, Would Cost Pretty Penny.

Suppose Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones agree to trade houses. Both have telephones, and they want the installed phone in each house to remain in its place.

Do you suppose the Bell Company will simply change the numbers and leave the telephones on the walls? No chance.

The benevolent Bell Company will proceed to remove each telephone, and will charge each subscriber \$5 for the transfer. It keeps men working at a fair profit, and is a part of the company's system.

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Kaiser's Official Statement Claims Recapture of Village of Drei Grachten—French After Rheims—Charges Asphyxiating Bombs Were Used by Allies.

[Canadian Press.]

BERLIN, April 9.—Via London, 3:40 p.m.—The official statement given out today by the German general headquarters staff says:

"In the western theatre the Belgians again have been driven out of the demolished hamlet of Drei Grachten, on the Yser Canal. Two Belgian officers and 100 men and two machine guns were captured."

"In retaliation for the bombardment of villages situated behind our positions, the city of Rheims, in which large assemblings of troops and batteries were observed, has been bombed with incendiary shells."

Took Trenches.

"North of the village of Beauséjour, northeast of Les Mesil, we took from the French last night several trenches and two machine guns. Two attempts to recapture the position during the night were repulsed."

"A French infantry attack in the Argonne Forest, during which the French again employed asphyxiating bombs, failed."

"The battles between the Meuse and the Moselle rivers continue with increased fierceness. The French suffered the heaviest losses, but again were completely unsuccessful in their attacks."

Still No Success.

"In the plain of the Woëvre they also unsuccessfully attacked. During the morning and the evening they continually brought up new forces for the occupation of the Meuse hills, near Combrès."

"An attack from the Forest of Selouse, north of St. Mihiel, broke down before our entanglements. In the Forest of Ailly we are progressing slowly. A French advance to the west of Apremont failed."

"French attacks to the west of Flévy died out under our fire, but north and northeast of this place they led to bitter hand-to-hand fighting, in which our troops gained the upper hand and drove the enemy back."

All Failures Claimed.

"Night advances by the French in this district were unsuccessful."

"In the Bois le Pretre the French also failed to gain any ground."

"An attempt of the enemy to capture the village of Bezange la Grande, southwest of Chateau Salins, which we have occupied, failed."

"Artillery duels have taken place on Hartmannsweilerkopf."

"In the eastern theatre of war, engagements have developed to the east of Kalvarya, north of Suwalki, which have not yet been decided. Otherwise nothing transpired."

ADAM KILLED BILL'S BILL; NOW BILL HAS A BILL OF \$57,000 TO HAUNT HIM

Mr. Gray's Friends Say Sirre Knight of Hydro Circulated "Knocks."

Bitter as has been the Beck-Gray feud of the past, it is of a more intense character now than ever before.

Sir Adam, it appears, has just "nicked" Mr. Gray and his friends who were promoting a radial railway for the Eastern Townships to the extent of \$57,000.

Further than that, it is charged by the friends of the Toronto politician that an article attacking Mr. Gray's line which appeared in a Toronto weekly was instigated by Sir Adam Beck, and that the article was sent out from the hydro-electric office at Toronto were circulated among local Conservatives with the intention of injuring Mr. Gray.

Killed Bill's Bill.

Sir Adam Beck was instrumental in having killed the bill which would have permitted an extension of the charter of Mr. Gray's road. Before

he made his attack upon the bill on the ground that it would interfere with hydro-radial policy, the article appeared in the Toronto paper, in which it was alleged that certain men whose names appeared on the board of directors of the road had not given permission to use the names.

A close friend of Mr. Gray stated to The Advertiser yesterday that Mr. Gray and his company, which included other Conservative members of Parliament, had gone ahead and spent \$57,000 in surveys and preliminary work, through which the road was to run had granted a free right-of-way.

Member Vs. Member.

It is charged that Beck attacked the road because his old enemy was connected with it, and further circulated the paper which attacked it in this city to assist in the "killing off" process which Sir Adam has planned for the man who holds the seat for London in the Dominion House.

The party is split into Beck and Gray factions, and there are plenty of threats of a reckoning on the part of the latter.

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, 66; lowest, 26.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 49; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Forecast.

Moderate to fresh southeast shifting to southwest winds, fair and very mild today. Showers during the night and on Saturday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station High Low Weather

Victoria 54 40 Clear

Calgary 52 36 Clear

Winnipeg 52 40 Cloudy

Port Arthur 46 35 Cloudy

Perry Sound 48 38 Cloudy

Toronto 50 44 Cloudy

Quebec 58 34 Cloudy

Montreal 58 36 Cloudy

Quebec 50 32 Cloudy

Weather Notes.

The shallow depression which was in the southwest yesterday is now centred in Iowa, indicating showers for Ontario, together with a few local thunderstorms. Showers of rain or sleet have been almost general in Saskatchewan.

THE DIARY OF MARS

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On both the western and eastern fronts, battles are in progress which may affect vitally the future course of the war. In the French territory between the Meuse and the Moselle rivers the Allies are attempting to force back the German wedge. The Paris war office claims that a large amount of ground has been won. The loss of life is probably heavier than that in any other segment in the west since the battle of Soissons.

In the east the struggle is being carried on furiously along the Carpathian front, particular importance attaches to the fighting in the Beskids, over which the Russians are attempting to force back the German wedge. The Paris war office claims