

MAJOR HANSON'S THRILLING STORY

Former St. John Man Talks
of Langemarck

SURPRISED THE ENEMY

Fearful Slaughter When Cana-
dians Opened Fire at Point
Blank Range — Major Now
Moving on Crutches

(John Kidman in Toronto Mail and Empire)
London, May 11.—Major P. R. Han-
son, 14th Royal Montreal, was one of
several Montreal officers who were re-
ndered hors de combat in the early stages
of the famous effort around Ypres about
April 22nd. After lying in a hospital at
Vimeux, France, for the past fortnight
he reached London at the beginning of
this week and is an inmate of Mrs. Ar-
nold's Nursing Home for officers at 47
Roland Gardens, South Kensington. Ma-
jor Hanson's narrative has been called
in brief to The Mail and Empire, but
is sufficiently interesting to be given at
greater length.

"We had come out of the trenches the
night before, (meaning April 21st). Our
regiment (Royal Montreal) had gone
back to St. Jean. Next afternoon my
company (No. 2) left as a reserve for
the firing line. This we saw about 4.30
p. m.; there were dense clouds of green
smoke rolling up from the line.

Held at Crossroads

"There had been heavy artillery all
the afternoon and we realized there was

going to be an attack when we saw the
gas clouds of which we had already
heard. I was instructed to take the com-
pany to some cross roads above St. Ju-
lien and hold them. We got nicely en-
trenched in a stream with about 200
feet frontage, and the enemy had no
idea we were there. They came down to
the cross roads and got within 80 yards
of us before we opened up. Right be-
hind the stream was a hedge and, on
seeing that there was a big wedge of
Germans, I decided to back up 100
yards. Holes were cut in the hedge and
the men began to go through in single
file. Capt. Knabbe, at whom the enemy
fired, got through as the shots raised
him; then I followed and was about
two yards on the way through when a
bullet caught me in my right thigh. It
went clean through. I told the company
to go forward and take up their new po-
sition and in the meantime, a little bu-
dler (whom I did not recognize) assisted
me to crawl to a shell hole, where I lay
for two or three hours. The Germans
were for the moment non-plussed and
Private Matthews came back and helped
to get me back to St. Julien. When I was
taken off the field Captain Broder-

hood was in command he, too, was hit
and is missing. Captain Steele and
Captain Knabbe were shot later on; in
fact, as you may know, every officer of
our company fell a victim. Lieut. Stairs
had just come over from Shorncliffe to
replace Lieut. English.

Major Hanson is able to move about
with the aid of crutches, but is suffer-
ing exceedingly severe pains below the
knee, though the bullet traversed the
thigh.

Others at the Hospital

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McCombe, Major Ballantyne, Major
Moberley, Major Nammyth, Lieut. Parks,
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EDDIE CONNOLLY'S LITTLE WORK-OUT

Visit of Roses to Dartmouth and
a Fistic Altercation Recalled by
Nova Scotian Writer

(Amherst Guardian)

Once upon a time—though this is no
fair tale—the old St. John Roses went
to Halifax to play baseball. With them
as right fielder was Eddie Connolly,
who was both a ball player and a box-
er of ability. The team was in the Gar-
rison City for several days and, natu-
rally, the boys devoted part of the time
to seeing the sights. One fine evening they
took the ferry to Dartmouth with the
intention of spending a little while on
that side of the harbor. Just how it
came about isn't a matter of much im-
portance but, somehow or other, one
member of the party became mixed up
in an altercation with a Dartmouth man.
Blows came and the ball player got the
worst of the argument. That didn't end
matters, so the story goes.

Next evening, having suffered no ill
effects from their first trip on a harbor
that always has water in it, the group
of ball players went back to Dartmouth
again. But this time, there was an ex-
tra one in the party. Arrived at Dar-
mouth, the St. John people wandered
around until they met their "friend" of
the evening before. Another altercation
was started, and again there were blows.
This time, however, it was the extra one
in the party who did the scrapping for
the visitors. After he got
through his Dartmouth opponent had re-
ceived about all he could stomach, and
scarcely knew how it had happened, either.

Mr. Connolly went back to the ferry
feeling better for the little work-out he
had been through.

SCRIBES AND ACTORS

A Novel Attraction on Marathon
Grounds Tomorrow Afternoon

The baseball fandom will be pleased
to hear that through the efforts of "Nat"
Farnum a game has been arranged be-
tween the Thespians of Mack's Musical
Revue, and the invincible scribes. The
latter aggregation is well known having
on former occasions demonstrated their
skill on the diamond, and when they
meet their bold challengers, on the
Marathon grounds on Friday afternoon
they will strive to retain their enviable
record.

McClintock, a famous spit ball artist
will in all probability be on the mound
for the Scribes and with his rare as-
sessment of twisters should cause no
end of trouble for the poor challengers.
"Dutch" Irvine will be in readiness to
fill in any gap and his position will de-
pend upon the hitting ability of the "un-
knowns." Louis Sherry will give a
free demonstration of big league style
when he is placed as custodian of the
initial sack.

Ray Davidson, that Scotch fielder will
be somewhere in the outer garden, and
if he displays the same style as on
former occasions the Thespians are sure
to win.

In order to offset this disadvantage he
will be supported by Wild Bill Owens and
"Slick" Herman and between them
they ought to be able to find where the
ball alights.

The Actors' line-up will be:—
Catcher—"No Count," Charles Love.
Pitcher—"Charlie Chaplin," Shepard.
First base—Magretta Smith.
Second base—Ratus Alleyway White-
bones.

Third base—O. B. X. Farnum.
Shortstop—Newlywed Swinestanley.
Left field—Sachet Ox De Louisa.
Centre field—Velvet McCloskey.
Right field—Oscar Hamerstein Mc-
Kay.

Umpire at large—Morton L. Harri-
son.

A collection will be taken up at the
game and the proceeds will be donated
to patriotic funds.

MORNING NOTES OF THE WAR

The British battleship Triumph was
torpedoed and sunk yesterday in the
Dardanelles. The majority of the offi-
cers and men were saved. The submarine
is believed to be German.

The Italian government yesterday de-
clared a blockade of all the Austro-
Hungarian coast, cutting off all neutral
trade by sea with the enemy.

British aviators have destroyed the
big railway bridge over the Scheldt at
Ghent and have wrecked the railway
station and freight depots. This is be-
lieved to have spoiled the German plans
for a new railway centre at Ghent.

King Victor Emmanuel has assumed
supreme command of the Italian army
and navy and left incognito for the
front last evening. The Duke of Genoa
(Prince Thomas of Savoy) lieutenant-
general of the kingdom, will carry on all
the duties of the state in the name of
the king.

So far the Vatican has remained sil-

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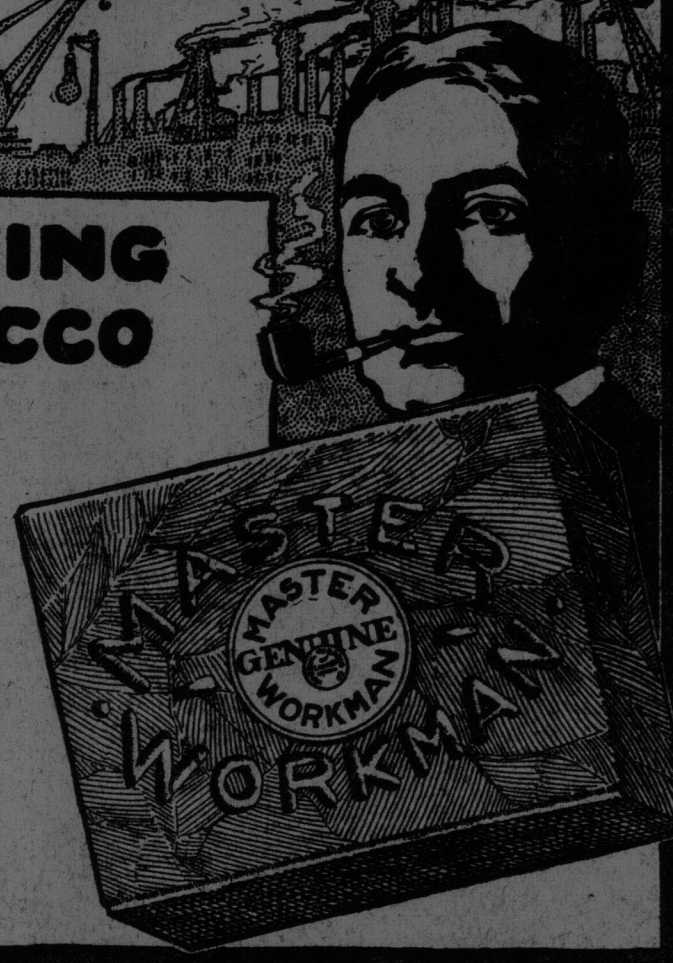
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Canadian Mechanics Too Busy.

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Great Britain is not likely to meet with
great success in Canada, as most of the
men qualified for this work are now
already employed on such work. In ad-
dition to other forms of war supplies
tobacco, a material used in the manu-
facture of high explosives, is now being
made in Sydney, N. S., and other steel
plants will begin its manufacture.

Green Released.

Archie Green, who was arrested re-
cently for having liquor on his prem-
ises was released yesterday. The Magis-
trate found that the liquor had been in
his possession the last time he was ar-
rested for selling and that he had not
violated the law since. The liquor will
be sold and the proceeds given to Green.

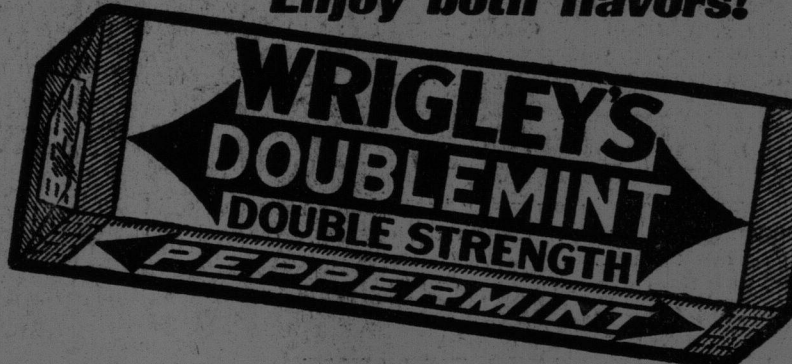
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